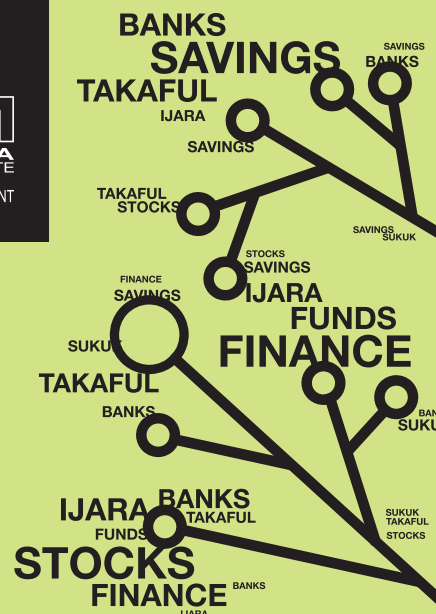


# Malta Islamic Finance Conference: A New Beginning 2010



## Malta Agenda, 27th & 28th of October 2010

### Conference Chairmen:

- 1 Mr. Reuben Buttigieg, Chairman of the Management School of MIM; Managing Director of Eremme Business Advisors
- 2 Mr. Oliver Ali Agha, Managing Partner, Agha & Co, and Co-Founder of Agha & Shamsi, the first Shari'ah Compliant Law Firms

## DAY 1

### PROGRAMME

#### 8.30 AM - Welcome Coffee & Registration

#### 8.45 AM

(Recital of Al-Fatihah (pre-recorded; to be played prior to commencing conference))

#### 8.50 AM

(Reading from the Holy Qur'an & Translation)  
Malta Islamic Call Society

#### 9:00 AM

**Introduction:** Mr. Reuben Buttigieg

#### 9:10 AM

**Opening Speech:** The Minister of Finance, Economy and Investment, The Hon. Mr. Tonio Fenech\*

**Featuring:** Signing of Founding Statute by founding members of Mediterranean Institute for Islamic Finance (MIIF).

#### 9:30 AM

##### "Commercial Ethics in Islam"

Dr. Ahmed Akgunduz, Author, Studies in Islamic Economics (Islamic Banking and Development)

#### 9:55 AM - Coffee Break

#### 10:10 AM

**"Islamic Finance at its Core: Philosophy, Principles & Practice"** Mr. Oliver Ali Agha

#### 11:00 AM

##### Leading Figures in Islamic Finance & Shari'ah Scholars Panel:

**"The Importance of AAOIFI Standards as Reflecting Ijma'a (consensus): 'Can There Be a Material Deviation from These in Future Structures?'"**

**Moderator:** Mr. Oliver Ali Agha

##### Panelists:

Dr. Hussein Hamid Hassan (Prominent Shari'ah Scholar),  
Sheikh Esam Ishaq (Prominent Shari'ah Scholar),  
Dr. Ahmed Akgunduz,  
Mr. Murat Unal, Founder and Executive Board Member, Funds@Work,  
Dr. Azeemuddin Subhani (Shar'iah Scholar and Professor)

#### 12.00 PM to 12.20PM

##### "Question & Answers with Shari'ah Scholars"

**Moderators:** Chairmen. Interactive session with Audience.

#### 12.20 PM - Lunch & Prayer

#### 1.30 PM

##### Panel Session: "Role and Responsibilities of the Leading Conventional Institutions in Islamic Finance: Have the Top Conventional Banks and Funds Molded Islamic Finance in Their Vision?"

**Moderator:** Prof. Abdullah Al-Shami, The Petroleum Institute, Abu Dhabi

##### Panelists:

Dr. Hussein A. Hassan (Deutsche Bank),  
Mr. Anas Osman, (Vice President, Discover Financial Services),  
Mr. Rehan Pathan (Head of International Sales, NCBC),  
Mr. Aziz Hashmi (ABC Islamic Bank),  
Dr. Saqib Awan (General Counsel, Unicorn Investment Bank),  
Mr. Germain Birgen (Managing Director – Global Head of Fund Solutions, HSBC Securities Services (Luxembourg) S.A)



**8:10 AM**

**“Dispute Resolution: The Shari’ah Considerations – Case in Point: The Nakheel Sukuk Default”**  
Interactive Panel with Claire Grainger, Head of Projects & Dispute Resolution, & Partner, Agha & Co

**8:40 AM**

**“North America – Islamic Financing for Home Ownership & Investments”**  
**Presentation:**  
Mr. Pervez Nasim, Chairman, Ansar Financial & Development Corporation

**9:10 AM**

**“Liquidity Management in Islamic Banking”**  
**Presentation:**  
Mr. Aziz Hashmi, Executive Director, ABC Islamic Bank

**9:40 AM Coffee Break**

**9:55 AM**

**Round Up of Morning Session with Panelists**

**10:20 AM**

**“Credit Cards – Is there an Islamic Finance Solution to Meet the Opportunity? What are the Commercial Drivers?”**

**Moderator:** Mr. Oliver Ali Agha  
Market Credit Card Structure Presentation by Siraj Ahmed, Senior Associate, Agha & Co

**Panelists:**

Mr. Tariq Kazim (DGM, Al Baraka Islamic Bank),  
Mr. Anas Osman (VP, Discover Financial Services),  
Dr. Hussein Hassan (Deutsche Bank),  
Mr. Rehan Pathan (Head of International Sales, NCBC),  
Dr. Saqib Awan (General Counsel, Unicorn Investment Bank)

**11:15 – 12:00 PM**

**“Next Steps Forward for Malta and Islamic Finance?”**

**Moderator:** Mr. Reuben Buttigieg

**Panelists:**

Mr. William Portelli (Malta Union of Bank Employees),  
Mr. Kenneth Farrugia (Finance Malta),  
Dr. Arthur Galea Salomone (Malta Stock Exchange),  
Mr. Oliver Ali Agha (Agha & Co),  
Mr. David Zahra,  
Mr. Miguel Borg (Group Risk Consultant, BOV)

**12:00 AM – 12.15 PM**

**Closing Address:** The Hon. Dr. Charles Mangion,  
Main Spokesman on Finance for the Labour Party

**12:15 – 12:20 PM**

**Closing Remarks:** Chairmen

**12:30 PM**

**Lunch & Networking Session,**  
Hosted by the Minister for Foreign Affairs,  
The Hon. Dr. Tonio Borg at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Valletta.

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**2.20 PM**

**Opportunities in the GCC: “Is Islamic Finance the Key to Open the Door to such Opportunities? Is Shari’ah Compliant Ijara Financing the Sleeping Giant in Saudi Arabia?”**

**Moderator:** Mr. Oliver Ali Agha

**Panelists:**

Mr. Tariq Kazim (DGM, Al Baraka Islamic Bank),  
Mr. Paul Melotto (CFO, Deutsche Gulf Finance, Saudi Arabia),  
Mr. Aziz Hashmi (ABC Islamic Bank),  
Mr. Rehan Pathan (Head of International Sales, NCBC),  
Dr. Saqib Awan (General Counsel, Unicorn Investment Bank)

**3.20 PM**

**“Shari’ah Governance Framework: Social Networks and Impact on Corporate Governance in the Islamic Finance Industry”**

**Moderator:** Mr. Murat Unal, Founder and Executive Board Member, Funds@Work

**3.50 PM - Coffee Break**

**4.05 PM**

**“Mortgage Finance: Penetration in the GCC? What Opportunities Exist?”**

**Moderator:** Mr. Oliver Ali Agha

**Panelists:**

Mr. Alex Gemici (Head of RMBS, Middle East & Africa, Deutsche Bank),  
Mr. Tariq Kazim (DGM Al Baraka Islamic Bank),  
Mr. Aziz Hashmi (ABC Islamic Bank),  
Mr. Rehan Pathan (Head of International Sales, NCBC),  
Dr. Saqib Awan (General Counsel, Unicorn Investment Bank)

**5.00 PM**

**Closing Remarks:** Chairmen

**7.30 PM**

**Dinner & Awards Ceremony**

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**Venue:** GRAND HOTEL EXCELSIOR Ballroom

Mediterranean Awards for Global Excellence in Islamic Finance: Under the distinguished patronage of his Excellency Dr. George Abela, the President of Malta

**1. Islamic Banking Award:**

Commitment to Principle, Innovation & Quality

**2. Islamic Advisory Award:**

Leading Mediterranean Advisory Group

**3. Excellence in Shari’ah Mortgage Finance:**

Commitment to Principle, Innovation & Quality

**4. Major Contribution to Islamic Finance Award**

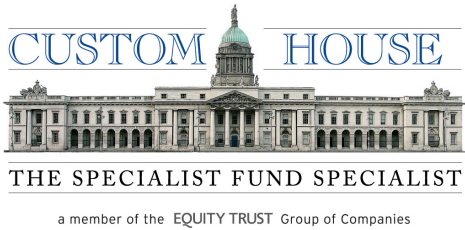
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