

World's Best Islamic Financial Institutions 2018

In May 2018, *Global Finance* will publish its selections for its eleventh annual World's Best Islamic Financial Institutions awards. *Global Finance* will recognize the best Islamic financial institutions in the categories, regions and countries listed on the following pages.

Take advantage of this opportunity to participate in the review process.

ABOUT GLOBAL FINANCE AWARDS

Global Finance's awards and recognition programs are backed by a 31-year legacy of editorial accuracy and integrity. Our corporate and financial readers rely on them as the trusted standard of excellence for the financial industry. Our ratings and rankings are credible, reliable and real. And they have stood the test of time.

THE IMPORTANCE OF GLOBAL FINANCE AWARDS

The proud distinction of being a *Global Finance* honoree is something every winner can and should use to stand out from and above their competitors.

Some of the ways Global Finance award winners have leveraged their status include:

- Advertising
- Annual reports
- Conference signage
- Custom videos
- In-branch signage

- Internal communications
- Investor relations information
- Press releases
- Promotional materials
- Employee motivation programs
- Recruitment efforts
- Social media campaigns
- Stadium and airport signage
- Websites
- Email signatures

Earning a *Global Finance* award also allows individual honorees and entire departments to stand out within their own organizations, leading to higher visibility across their industry sector, improved staff retention and greater professional and personal recognition.

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GLOBAL AWARDS

Best Islamic Financial Institution	Best Islamic Trade Finance Provider
Best Sukuk Bank	Best Islamic Takaful
Best Islamic Retail Bank	Best Islamic Project Finance Provider
Best Islamic Investment Bank	Best Up-and-Coming Islamic Financial Institution
Best Islamic Custodian	DEALS OF THE YEAR
Best Provider of Shariah-Compliant Funds	Sukuk Deal of the Year
Best Provider of Shariah-Compliant Short-Term Investments	IPO/Equity Deal of the Year
Best Islamic Financial Institution for Large Corporates	Real Estate Deal of the Year
Best Islamic Asset Management Company	

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REGIONAL AWARDS	
Africa	Europe
Asia	Middle East
COUNTRY AWARDS	
Afghanistan	Nigeria
Algeria	Oman
Bahrain	Pakistan
Bangladesh	Palestine
Brunei Darussalam	Qatar
Egypt	Saudi Arabia
Indonesia	Singapore
Iran	South Africa
Jordan	Sri Lanka
Kazakhstan	Sudan
Kuwait	Thailand
Lebanon	Tunisia
Malaysia	Turkey
Morocco	UAE

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METHODOLOGY

All selections are made by the editorial team of *Global Finance* after extensive consultations with bankers, corporate finance executives and analysts throughout the world. In selecting these top firms, factors that range from the quantitative objective to the informed subjective are considered. Quantitative criteria include growth in assets, profitability, geographic reach, strategic relationships, new business development and innovation in products. Among the subjective criteria considered are reputation, customer satisfaction, and the opinions of analysts and others involved in the industry.

The mix of these factors yields leading banks that may not be the largest, oldest or the most diversified in a given country, region or product, but rather the best—the firms with which customers around the world would most likely want to do business.

Judgements are based on performance over the period from the January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. (In cases where data may not be available due to different fiscal year reporting, companies have the option to submit data from the fourth quarter of 2016 through the third quarter of 2017.)

An awards ceremony will be held during the IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings in Bali on October 13, 2018.

Time and location to be announced.

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ENTRY PREPARATION

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It is not necessary to enter in order to win, but experience shows entries increase the chance of success. In many cases, entrants are able to present information and perspectives that may not be readily available to the editors of *Global Finance*. Submissions should only include material suitable for the public domain.

Global Finance maintains best journalistic practices to protect the confidentiality of information supplied. Any information provided that is not appropriate for the public domain should be clearly identified in a separate section of the entry.

- 1. Volume, market share and geographical coverage submit data to describe the scale of your Islamic financing operations, including any league tables or other comparisons with competitors
- 2. Financial strength and security please provide data demonstrating the institution's financial strength, security and longevity, such as your latest financial data, annual reports and latest financial statements
- 3. Commitment to the business submit data on the number of employees dedicated to Islamic financing and capabilities in specific products
- 4. Technology examples of leading-edge technology deployment
- 5. Range of products and innovation
- 6. Fees, profits and return on assets
- 7. Please include the following information as a cover sheet to your submission to ensure that it is processed properly:

Bank Name (exactly as it should appear on awards-related announcements) Award(s) Being Submited For Submission Contact Name/Title/Email Communications/Marketing Contact/Name/Title

PLEASE NOTE: If you do not receive confirmation of receipt of this Call For Entries <u>from the contact listed at the bottom of this page</u> within 48 hours of sending, please resend AND notify them to ensure that your entry has been received and is processed correctly.

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