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2nd Biennial Conference on Islamic Banking and Finance Law

3 November 2010
The Monarch Hotel
Dubai, UAE

Topics include:

- Sharia in Islamic finance
- The applicability of Sharia principles in legal practice
- Islamic Finance – a true alternative to conventional finance?
- Current trends and solutions for Islamic finance in the Middle East and beyond

Who should attend?

All Islamic finance lawyers, whether in private practice or working in-house, and those working generally in the Islamic banking and finance industry.

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Programme

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Wednesday 3 November

0900 – 1030

Sharia in Islamic finance

A general discussion about Sharia in Islamic finance, both in jurisdictions where Sharia is a primary or secondary source of law and in those where this is not the case.

Speakers will discuss efforts to adapt local law to accommodate Sharia principles, either by interpretation or through statutory amendment, in order to pave the way for the operation of Islamic-based financial institutions in their jurisdiction.

Speakers

Dr Mohd Daud Bakar *Islamic Scholar, Dubai*
Ian David Edge *Director, Centre of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law (CIMEL), School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, London*
Andrew Fleming *Ogilvy Renault LLP, Toronto, Ontario*

1030 – 1100 **Coffee/tea break**

1100 – 1230

Applicability of Sharia principles in legal practice

A comparative analysis between England, UAE and KSA with speakers focusing on how Sharia principles are applied and treated in each jurisdiction, including the courts.

Speakers will discuss: whether Sharia principles are generally applied; the adequacy or suitability of laws to Islamic finance; the courts' application of Sharia principles; and the risk of courts misinterpreting Sharia documents/structures and whether that jurisdiction is making any changes to facilitate Islamic finance.

Speakers

Ali Almidhar *Outer Temple Chambers, London*
Patrick Bourke *Norton Rose (Middle East) LLP, Dubai*
Mark Hoyle *Al Tamimi & Company, Dubai*
Alan Rodgers *Hadef & Partners, Dubai*

1230 – 1400 **Lunch**

1400 – 1530

Islamic finance – a true alternative to conventional finance?

Speakers will discuss the challenges facing Islamic banks to match and compete with conventional lenders, and current or possible solutions. For example:

- The flexibility, or otherwise, of Islamic finance products
- Challenges of matching conventional products (eg trade finance)
- Challenges to refinancing/restructuring Islamic finance
- Challenges of securitisation
- Derivatives
- Source of funds
- Corporate governance

Speakers

Dr Mohd Daud Bakar
Madzlan Hussain *Zaid Ibrahim & Co, Dubai*
Mufaddal Khumri *Head of Islamic Banking, Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, Abu Dhabi*

1530 – 1600 **Coffee/tea break**

1600 – 1730

Current trends and solutions for Islamic finance in the Middle East and beyond

A discussion on the challenges facing Islamic finance in the region, with commentary on how these are being overcome by Islamic financial structures.

Speakers will discuss current trends and structures, and how they see Islamic finance progressing as a preferable source of funding.

Speakers

Issam Al Tawari *CEO, Rasameel Structured Finance, Safat*
Geert Bossuyt *Dar Al Istithmar, London*
Samia Rabia *Wildgen Partners in Law, Luxembourg*

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Continuing Professional Development/Continuing Legal Education

For delegates from countries where CPD/CLE is mandatory, the International Bar Association will be pleased to provide a Conference Certificate of Attendance which, subject to the exact CPD/CLE requirements, may be used to obtain the equivalent accreditation in your jurisdiction.

This conference has been accredited for CPD/CLE by the Solicitors Regulation Authority of England and Wales. Delegates should ask staff at the registration desk for information as to how to obtain the hours.

Information

Date

3 November 2010

Venue

The Monarch Hotel Dubai
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UAE
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Language

All working sessions and conference materials will be in English.

How to register

Register online by **26 October** at www.int-bar.org/conferences/conf355 and make payment by credit card, to avail of the ten per cent online registration discount or complete the attached registration form and return it to Angela Chapman at the IBA together with your payment. You should receive e-mailed confirmation of your registration within five days; if you do not then please contact Angela Chapman at angela.chapman@int-bar.org.

Fees

Online registrations received:

| | <i>on or before 24 September</i> | <i>until 26 October</i> |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| IBA member | US\$660 | US\$788 |
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Hard copy registration forms and fees received:

| | <i>on or before 24 September</i> | <i>after 24 September</i> |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
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- (1) Password access to certain parts of the IBA website.
- (2) Receipt of *IBA E-news* and access to online versions of *International Bar News*.
- (3) Pay the member rate for any subsequent conference registrations for this calendar year.
- (4) Take advantage of IBA Special Offers.

If you would like to become a full or general member of the IBA, which includes membership of one committee or more – and inclusion in and access to our membership directory – we encourage you to do so now in order to register for this conference at the member rate. Full details of how to join can be found at www.ibanet.org.

The IBA offers senior lawyers a discounted registration fee. Please contact the IBA office for further information.

Full payment must be received in order to process your registration.

Fees include:

- Attendance at all working sessions
- Conference materials, including any available speakers' papers submitted to the IBA before 18 October
- Access to the above conference working materials from the IBA website (www.ibanet.org) approximately seven days prior to the conference
- Lunch on 3 November
- Tea and coffee during breaks

Please note that registrations are not transferable.

Guests are not entitled to attend the working sessions. No member of the legal profession may be registered as a guest.

List of participants

In order for your name to appear in the list of participants, which will be distributed at the conference, your registration form must be received by **26 October** at the latest.

Registration confirmation

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Promotional literature

Please note that no individual or organisation may display or distribute publicity material or other printed matter during the conference, unless by prior arrangement with the IBA. Organisations and companies wishing to discuss promotional opportunities should contact the Sponsorship Department at the IBA (sponsorship@int-bar.org).

Social programme

A ticketed dinner will be organised for the evening of Wednesday 3 November. Information will be distributed to registered delegates.

Payment of registration fees

Use the exchange rate prevailing at the time of registration.

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If cancellation is received in writing at the IBA office by **Friday 1 October**, fees will be refunded less a 25 per cent administration charge. We regret that no refunds can be made after this date.

Travel arrangements and visas

Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. It is recommended that you check your visa requirements with your local embassy or consulate. **We are unable to dispatch visa invitation letters to support your visa application prior to receipt of your registration form and full payment of registration fees.**

Please apply for your visa in good time.

Hotel accommodation

The IBA has reserved a limited number of guest rooms for the nights of 2 and 3 November inclusive at the Monarch Hotel Dubai at the following rates exclusive of service charge, municipality fee and breakfast:

Single deluxe: 950 AED
Double deluxe: 1,050 AED

Subject to availability, the rates quoted apply if booked by **22 October** via the official accommodation agent, Judy Lane Consulting (JLC). This is a limited block of rooms so please book early as rates and availability cannot be guaranteed. To make a reservation:

Complete the 'Accommodation form' and return to JLC as soon as possible to benefit from the special IBA rate:

JLC

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E-mail: office@judylaneconsulting.com

All reservations will be acknowledged, by e-mail, within 48 hours of receipt. Bookings cannot be made without a credit card number. Any subsequent amendment to your reservation must be made in writing to JLC. If you do not receive e-mail confirmation of your reservation or amendment/cancellation, please contact JLC by telephone.

Cancellations

- Within 20 days of arrival (11 October) cancellations will incur a fee of 50% of the total charges
- Within 14 days of arrival (18 October) cancellations will incur a fee of 75% of the total charges
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Please note that in the event of any cancellations or no-shows, rooms will be charged to the individual guest's credit card given at the time of booking.

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Disabled access

The Monarch Hotel Dubai is wheelchair accessible. Please notify us if you require special assistance.

Registration form

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Please read the 'Information' section before completing this form and return it together with your payment to Angela Chapman at the address overleaf.

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Address _____

Tel _____ Fax _____

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Your details will however be included in the list of participants, circulated at the conference and displayed within the delegate search of the IBA website.

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Special requirements _____

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Members also benefit from excellent working relations with national bars and other local lawyer organisations. A particular focus of interest is the continuing economic importance of the region, including reconstruction and investment projects following peace initiatives.

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