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2.15pm - 5.15pm

- Understanding the workings of Master Agreements for Treasury Placement (MATP) Initiative
- Examining the Latest Practice and Rulings on Tawarruq

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Briefing Introduction & Objectives

Whilst being an increasingly popular and accessible liquidity management tool, the commodity Murabahah and its associated structures present challenges to market practitioners. The initiative to standardize commodity Murabahah documentation represents a significant step forward that, it is hoped, should allow for the mobilization of resources and permit scholars to devote more time to other more innovative liquidity management tools. The recently issued Master Agreements for Treasury Placement (MATP), an industry initiative led by *International Islamic Financial Market* (IIFM) and its member institutions, will contribute to the standardization of rules for the Shariah compliant commodities market, whilst at the same time facilitating the unification and growth of the Islamic financial services industry. The MATP is a benchmark document and a global first for the Islamic finance industry. It is hoped that the adoption of the MATP will enhance cost, time, and operational efficiencies of Shariah compliant deposit arrangements.

With the global commodity Murabahah market now turning over US\$1.2 trillion per annum, it is clear there are many opportunities on offer. This timely half-day seminar will guide you through the MATP, explaining all you need to know about its relevance to your business. Leading market practitioners will explain the principles of commodity Murabahah, where and how the new agreement fits and what opportunities it presents. Don't miss this chance to understand the MATP in detail and how your organization can put the agreement into practice.

The briefing will also address the important issue of **Tawarruq** and the implications of the recent ruling from OIC Fiqh Academy. What does this mean for the industry and for your business? What are the differences in practice and opinion between the GCC and Southeast Asia? What are the key Shariah issues and what are the main objections to Tawarruq? Can the structure still be used as a viable Islamic financing tool? Such questions will be explored and discussed by our panel. Don't miss this opportunity to discover for yourself the real-life issues.

About Your Briefing Leaders

Dr. Mohamad Nedal Alchaar

Dr. Mohamad Nedal Alchaar is the Secretary General of the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions which is an international organization consisting of over 160 institutional members from over 30 countries. Dr. Alchaar has a vast working experience in financial markets and institutions, in addition to his central banking experience in developing countries. He was Director of Market Performance Analysis at Fannie Mae, and previously Vice President at Johnson & Higgins in Washington D.C. Dr. Alchaar taught for several years at The George Washington University, where he received his Ph.D. Degree in Monetary Economics. He has also advised and given training on financial and securities markets. Dr. Alchaar has published several well-recognized books in the field of banking and financial markets, such as "Financial Markets", "Economic Inquiries" and "Fundamentals of Banking Operations", in addition to other scientific articles in the field of monetary policy and exchange rates analysis.

Ijlal Ahmed Alvi

Ijlal Alvi is the Chief Executive Officer of the International Islamic Financial Market (IIFM). He has more than two decades of industry experience mainly in treasury, capital markets, financial institution set-up & re-organization, strategic planning and policy making.

Mr. Alvi has been involved in several working committees at international level, including drafting committee of the Islamic Financial Services Industry's 10 year Framework, member of Islamic Money Market Task Force and Islamic Financial Sector Development Working Group.

He currently manages IIFM's global working groups covering standardization of Islamic financial documents, products and practices. He has recently overseen the launch of IFSI's first standardized treasury Murabahah documentation.

Qudeer Latif

Qudeer Latif is Partner and Head of Islamic Finance for Clifford Chance. He has worked in London, Dubai and Riyadh with Clifford Chance and his practice covers structuring and implementing Islamic instruments across a number of asset classes including the capital markets, project finance, structured finance and asset finance fields.

Clifford Chance has advised on more than US\$25 billion worth of Islamic finance transactions in 2007 across a number of asset classes including a number of deals in which Qudeer has been actively involved including the US\$2.53 billion Sukuk-al-mudarabah for Aldar (the first true exchangeable Sukuk in the Middle East to date), the AED 7.5 billion Sukuk-al-musharakah for JAFZA and the US\$425 million bai salam acquisition financing of EFC in Egypt.

Qudeer is recognized as a leading global Islamic finance lawyer by a number of independent journals and directories.

Briefing Program

2.15–2.45

Introduction & Welcome

- A reminder of important Islamic finance principles and concepts
- The objectives of today's session

Key Transactions: Commodity Murabahah & Tawarruq

- Key transactional concepts
- Uses, structures and styles; regional differences and Shariah
- Problems and challenges with Murabahah
- The challenge with Tawarruq

2.45–3.30

An overview: the Initiative to Standardize Commodity Murabahah Documentation

- Why and how?
- The work and objectives of IIFM
- Introduction to the workings of the Master Agreements for Treasury Placement (MATP)
- Benefits and advantages of MATP as a benchmark document
- Operational Issues of the MATP
- MATP Interpretations and FAQs

3.30–3.45 Coffee

3.45–4.15

Important Legal and Documentary Issues of MATP

- History and background to the product with developmental timeline
- Structural overview of the two placement structures
- Walk through the various product documents and various clauses contained therein
- Q&A

4.15–4.45

Key Issues with Tawarruq

- Recapping Tawarruq and the recent ruling from OIC Fiqh Academy: what this means for the industry
- Key legal and Shariah issues
- AAOIFI ruling

4.45–5.15

AAOIFI Presentation & Discussion

5.15–5.30

Group Discussion, Q&A

Review of the Day

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