

Editors' Profiles



Professor Humayon Dar Editor-in-Chief

Professor Humayon Dar is Chairman, President & CEO of Edbiz Consulting Limited, a London-based Islamic financial consulting firm. He is a leading spokesman for the Islamic financial services industry, and has played lead roles in a number of global initiatives for the development of Islamic finance. As an Islamic financial innovator, he has helped a number of banks and financial institutions in developing cutting-edge products. His most recent contribution is in the field of Islamic micro savings and investments, which is being used to develop the first of its kind of incentive-based Islamic financial products to promote small savings to be used for long term investments in the Muslim countries. Apart from being Editor-in-Chief of the Global Islamic Finance Report, he is also Editor-in-Chief of Islamic Finance Review (ISFIRE) – a quarterly magazine published by Edbiz Consulting from London, and Founder of www.islamiceconomist.com. He is also Founder of the Global Islamic Finance Awards (GIFA), which have emerged as the most authentic and globally respected awards for the Islamic financial services industry.

Professor Dar holds a BSc (Hons) and MSc (both in Islamic Economics) from International Islamic University in Islamabad, where he studied with a number of top Islamic jurists and Muslim thinkers. He also has an MPhil and PhD (both in Economics) from Cambridge University, where he conducted research on Islamic finance. His post-doctoral research has focused exclusively on Islamic economics, banking and finance. Professor Dar also sits on the Board of Directors of Arab British Chamber of Commerce – a high-level body supported by the British government and the governments of the Arab countries. He has recently been appointed as a member of the Board of Directors of Finance Accreditation Agency, a joint project of Bank Negara Malaysia and Securities Commission Malaysia. In addition to having served on Shari'a Boards of several institutions, Professor Dar holds a number of academic positions, namely Visiting Professor of Islamic Finance at Universiti Teknologi MARA (Malaysia), Adjunct Professor of Islamic Finance at INCEIF (Malaysia) and Research Professor of Islamic Finance at Markfield Institute of Higher Education (UK).

Dr Nursofiza Azmi

Editor

Dr Nursofiza Azmi is one of the most accomplished experts in Islamic banking and finance. Her book *Islamic Finance and Banking System* (published by McGraw Hill) serves as one of the most popular textbooks in Islamic banking and finance in Asia and is widely used as a major textbook in most universities worldwide. The book has been translated into Russian and Chinese languages.

She specialises in policy and strategy in financial services and is widely consulted by government and non-government organisations. Previously, she has served as Head of the Director General's Office at Labuan Financial Services Authority (Labuan FSA) Malaysia, where she was involved in the strategic development of the Labuan International Business and Financial Centre. Dr Nursofiza Azmi was also the pioneering team that established the International Centre for Education in Islamic Finance (INCEIF). As a Research Fellow at INCEIF, she was responsible in the programme and modules development of the Chartered Islamic Finance Professional (CIFP) programme, which is one of the world's first certifications in Islamic finance.

Dr Nursofiza Azmi holds a PhD in Corporate Finance from the University of New England, Australia. She obtained her Master of Science in Corporate Finance and Bachelor of Science in Business Economics from the UK.



Rizwan Rahman

Editor

Rizwan Rahman has enjoyed a diverse career embarking on a path that has seen him work in several sectors. Having completed his Masters in Economics, he worked at the World Bank in Bangladesh, acting as a researcher for the Senior Economist. After returning to the UK, Mr Rahman pursued his legal studies while concurrently working at leading law firms. In 2008, he was introduced to Islamic finance through undertaking an internship at European Finance House (now QIB UK). Mr Rahman then worked at the Islamic Finance Council and BMB Islamic. At Edbiz Consulting, he is jointly responsible for product development, drafting of legal documentation to ensure legal and Shari'a compliance and conducting market research and analysis. He is also senior editor for Edbiz Consulting publications.



Rizwan Malik

Associate Editor

Rizwan Malik is part of the new crop of talented and dedicated professionals within the Islamic finance industry. As a consummate professional with extensive experience in sales and relationship management, Mr Malik has been instrumental in the development and execution of successful campaigns promoting the multiple services offered by Edbiz Consulting. A dedicated, personable character, he has strong ties with international organisations and leading Islamic financial practitioners built from extensive business travels. He has managed relationships with multinational parties for all the transactions initiated by Edbiz Consulting. Leaving higher education, Mr Malik began at BMB Islamic as an Associate. His rapid career development at BMB Islamic led him to become Business Development Manager at Edbiz Consulting. In addition to his day to day managerial tasks, he has profound experience in Shari'a compliant stock screening of equity funds where he liaised effectively with Shari'a scholars and fund managers. He brings client liaison experience to the team and has been integral to the development of the business.

