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Pioneering Growth in Islamic Banking, Finance, and Investment

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Date	Venue	Duration
7 - 11 Dec 2026	**Manchester (UK)**	**1 Week**
Fee	Ref	Language
£5,150 GBP	**BA394**	**English**

Introduction

This course aims to gather professionals, scholars, and industry leaders in Islamic finance to explore the vast landscape of Islamic banking, finance, and investment. Over four days, participants will dive deep into the foundations of Islamic financial principles, examine cutting-edge products and services, navigate the regulatory landscape, and uncover emerging trends and technologies shaping the future of Islamic finance. This event will offer a unique platform to exchange knowledge, build networks, and drive innovation in Islamic finance to foster economic growth and ethical investments aligned with Sharia principles.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand Core Principles: Explore the foundational concepts of Islamic banking and finance, focusing on Sharia compliance and ethical banking practices.
- Analyse Financial Products and Instruments: Gain insights into a wide range of Islamic financial products, including Sukuk, Takaful, and Sharia-compliant investment vehicles.
- Navigate Regulatory and Compliance Frameworks: Learn about the regulatory environment in key Islamic finance markets and best practices for compliance and standardisation.
- Embrace Technological Advancements: Explore the impact of fintech, blockchain, and AI on the growth and innovation of Islamic finance.
- Discover Investment Opportunities and Risk Management: Delve into investment strategies, ethical investing, and effective risk management practices within Islamic finance.
- Foster Global Connections: Build networks among industry leaders, professionals, and scholars to strengthen the global Islamic finance community.

Course Methodology

- Lectures and Expert Insights: Leading industry experts will share their insights and best practices.
- Case Studies: Analyse real-world talent acquisition challenges and solutions.

- Group Discussions: Engage in meaningful discussions and share experiences with peers.
- Role-Playing and Simulations: Practice recruitment scenarios to enhance skills.
- Hands-on Workshops: Gain practical experience in using recruitment tools and techniques.

Target Audience

This course is suitable for:

- Financial and Banking Professionals: Executives, managers, and officers from Islamic banks, conventional banks with Islamic finance divisions, and financial services.
- Investment Managers and Analysts: Professionals involved in Sharia-compliant investment, including asset managers, portfolio analysts, and private equity investors.
- Regulators and Compliance Officers: Representatives from financial regulatory bodies, compliance departments, and audit firms specialising in Islamic finance.
- Sharia Scholars and Academics: Scholars, researchers, and professors focused on Islamic economics, finance, and banking.
- Entrepreneurs and Fintech Innovators: Startups, tech developers, and innovators in fintech solutions for Islamic finance.

Course Outlines

DAY 1

Foundations of Islamic Banking and Finance

- Introduction to Islamic Finance
  - Evolution and global development of Islamic finance
  - Key differences between Islamic and conventional finance
- Core Principles of Sharia-Compliant Finance
  - Understanding Riba (interest), Gharar (uncertainty), and Maysir (gambling)
  - Ethical and social responsibility in financial practices
- Key Islamic Financial Contracts
  - Overview of Murabaha, Mudarabah, Musharakah, and Ijarah
  - Practical applications in modern banking
- Interactive Discussion & Knowledge Check

Day 2

Islamic Financial Products and Services

- Sharia-Compliant Investment Products
  - Sukuk (Islamic bonds)
  - Islamic mutual funds and ETFs
  - Portfolio structuring basics
- Takaful (Islamic Insurance)
  - Principles and models of Takaful
  - Risk-sharing vs. risk transfer
- Case Studies
  - Analysis of successful Islamic financial products
  - Market challenges and opportunities
- Workshop
  - Designing a basic Sharia-compliant financial product

Day 3

Regulatory Frameworks and Compliance

- Islamic Finance Regulations
  - Overview of regulatory environments in key markets (Malaysia, UAE, Saudi Arabia)
  - Licensing and governance structures
- Sharia Governance & Compliance
  - Role of Sharia boards and advisors
  - Compliance processes and auditing
- Standardisation in Islamic Finance
  - Role of AAOIFI
  - Global challenges in harmonisation
- Group Discussion
  - Islamic finance in non-Muslim markets

Day 4

Technology and Innovation in Islamic Finance

- Fintech in Islamic Finance
  - Digital banking and Islamic fintech solutions
  - Opportunities for innovation
- Blockchain and Smart Contracts
  - Applications in Sukuk and transaction transparency
  - Enhancing Sharia compliance through technology
- Artificial Intelligence in Finance
  - Risk assessment and automation in Islamic finance
- Practical Session
  - Identifying fintech opportunities in Islamic banking

Day 5

Investment Strategies and Risk Management

- Islamic Investment Strategies
  - Asset allocation in Sharia-compliant portfolios
  - Ethical and impact investing (ESG, green finance)
- Risk Management in Islamic Finance
  - Managing liquidity, credit, and market risks
  - Unique risk structures in Islamic contracts
- Future Trends in Islamic Finance
  - Emerging markets and growth opportunities
  - Innovation outlook

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