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INTERNATIONAL INTEREST-FREE BANKING AND TAKAFUL AWARDS



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Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Recognizing **Excellence**,
Innovation and **Leadership**
in Islamic Finance



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About AlHuda Centre of Islamic Banking and Economics (CIBE)

Since 2005, AlHuda Centre of Islamic Banking & Economics (AlHuda CIBE) has been dedicated to promoting Islamic banking and finance across the globe. With a strong commitment to excellence, we have established ourselves as a trusted and distinguished service provider, delivering comprehensive, one-stop solutions in Islamic banking and finance.

Our mission is to provide state-of-the-art advisory and consultancy services that support the sustainable growth of the global Islamic financial industry. Backed by a team of highly qualified professionals, we specialize in:

- Advisory & Consultancy
- Research & Development
- Education & Capacity Building
- Shariah Advisory Services
- Publications & Knowledge Resources
- International Conferences, Forums & Events

AlHuda CIBE is supported by numerous national and international strategic partners. Our alumni and participants span across 105+ countries, reflecting our global outreach and impact. We are proud to be recognized among the leading organizations worldwide in Islamic finance capacity building, training and consultancy services.

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About the Interest-Free Banking and Takaful Awards

The International Interest-Free Banking and Finance Awards 2026 are among the most prestigious international recognitions presented by AlHuda Centre of Islamic Banking and Economics (CIBE) to celebrate outstanding achievements, innovation, and leadership in the global Islamic finance industry.

These awards acknowledge the remarkable contributions of Islamic banks, conventional banks with Islamic windows, Takaful and Retakaful operators, Islamic microfinance institutions, fintech companies, regulators, Shariah advisory firms, capital market institutions, development organizations and distinguished professionals who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to advancing the Islamic financial services industry.

The awards aim to encourage innovation, promote best practices, recognize excellence in governance and Shariah compliance, and inspire institutions and individuals to continue contributing towards the sustainable growth of the global Islamic finance ecosystem.



Objectives of the Awards

The Islamic Banking and Finance Awards are designed to:

- Recognize outstanding achievements and excellence in Islamic banking and finance.
- Promote innovation and best practices across the Islamic financial services industry.
- Encourage institutions to maintain the highest standards of governance, transparency, and Shariah compliance.
- Highlight successful products, services, and business models that contribute to sustainable financial development.
- Recognize visionary leadership and professional excellence.
- Strengthen global collaboration among Islamic financial institutions and industry stakeholders.
- Promote awareness of ethical and socially responsible financial practices.

Award Categories

Awards may be presented across a wide range of categories, including:

- Best Interest-Free Bank of the Year
- Best Interest-Free Retail Bank
- Best Islamic Corporate Bank
- Best Islamic SME Bank
- Best Interest-Free Banking Window / Division
- Best Islamic Treasury & Investment Bank
- Best Interest-Free Banking Product
- Best IT Integration & Innovation in Islamic Banking
- Best Islamic Fintech Company
- Best Takaful Company of the Year
- Best Takaful Product Innovation
- Best Retakaful Company
- Best Interest-Free Bank for Financial Inclusion
- Best Financial Inclusion Initiative in Islamic Finance
- Best Women Empowerment Initiative in Islamic Banking
- Best Shariah Scholar / Advisor
- Best Shariah-Compliant Institution
- Best Islamic Microfinance Institution

Evaluation Criteria

All nominations are evaluated through a transparent & merit-based assessment process. The evaluation focuses on:

- Innovation and market leadership
- Financial performance and sustainable growth
- Shariah governance and compliance
- Product development and customer value
- Corporate governance and ethical business practices
- Digital transformation and technological advancement
- Contribution to financial inclusion and sustainability
- Industry impact and strategic achievements

The evaluation is conducted by an independent panel of industry experts, senior practitioners, academics, and Shariah scholars to ensure fairness, credibility, and international recognition.



Who Can Apply?

Nominations are invited from:

- Islamic Banks
- Conventional Banks with Islamic Banking Operations
- Central Banks and Regulatory Authorities
- Takaful and Retakaful Companies
- Islamic Microfinance Institutions
- Asset Management Companies
- Investment Banks
- Stock Exchanges
- Islamic FinTech Companies
- Financial Technology Providers
- Shariah Advisory Firms
- Educational and Research Institutions
- Government Agencies
- Development Finance Institutions
- Professional Associations
- Individual Professionals and Industry Leaders

Benefits of Winning

Winning an Islamic Banking and Finance Award offers significant value to institutions and professionals by:

- Enhancing international recognition and industry credibility.
- Demonstrating excellence in Islamic finance practices.
- Strengthening brand reputation and stakeholder confidence.
- Showcasing innovation and leadership to a global audience.
- Increasing visibility among regulators, investors, customers, and industry leaders.
- Providing international marketing and promotional opportunities.
- Creating valuable networking and partnership opportunities.
- Positioning the organization as a benchmark for excellence within the global Islamic finance industry

Award Presentation Ceremony

The winners will be honored during the prestigious International Interest-Free Banking and Finance Awards 2026 Ceremony will be held alongside forum. The ceremony brings together regulators, policymakers, central bankers, CEOs, Shariah scholars, investors, academicians, and industry leaders from around the world, providing recipients with a distinguished international platform to showcase their achievements and celebrate excellence in Islamic finance.

Important Dates

- Deadline for Submission of Nominations:
August 10, 2026
- Announcement of Selected Nominees:
August 15, 2026
- Award Ceremony Date:
August 17, 2026 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

For those interested in submitting nominations or attending the award ceremony, please email info@alhudacibe.com for further information.

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Nomination Form

APPLICANT

Entity / Unit: _____

Address: _____

Head of Organization/Director: _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

CATEGORY

Category you are applying for: _____

Specify reasons- why your organization deserves the award? _____

(Attach additional Page if required)

CONFIRMATION BY APPLICANT

(Nomination Forms should be signed either by the CEO / CFO / COO / Head of Department of the respective Entity / Unit)

I/We hereby confirm the nomination and acknowledge that I/We will be required to supply relevant information and financial documents for the judging process.

Full Name & Designation: _____

Additional/Supplementary Information Attached? Yes _____ No _____

Company Profile (Maximum 500 words) Attached? Yes _____ No _____

Signature & Company Seal

Date: _____



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