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About AlHuda Centre of Islamic Banking & Economics

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 Awards

The Global Ethical Islamic Finance Excellence Awards 2026, organized by AlHuda Centre of Islamic Banking and Economics (AlHuda CIBE), UAE, are established to recognize outstanding achievements, innovation, leadership, and best practices across the global Islamic finance industry.

The awards celebrate institutions and individuals that have demonstrated exceptional performance, sustainable growth, innovation, governance, customer excellence, and meaningful contributions to the advancement of Islamic finance and ethical financial services worldwide.

The inaugural edition of the awards will be presented during the 2nd London Forum on Islamic Banking and Finance 2026, to be held on 22 August 2026 in London, United Kingdom, bringing together senior executives, policymakers, regulators, central bankers, investors, scholars, technology providers, and industry leaders from across the globe.

The Awards recognize excellence across the entire Islamic finance ecosystem, including Islamic banking, Takaful, capital markets, investment management, Islamic FinTech, digital banking, Shariah advisory, consultancy, education and financial technology.

Objectives of the Awards

The Awards seek to:

- Recognize excellence and outstanding achievements in Islamic banking and finance.
- Encourage innovation, digital transformation, and sustainable growth.
- Promote best practices in Shariah governance, compliance, and ethical finance.
- Highlight institutions contributing to financial inclusion and socio-economic development.
- Recognize visionary leaders shaping the future of Islamic finance.
- Promote global awareness of Islamic financial services.
- Encourage healthy competition and continuous improvement across the industry.
- Strengthen international collaboration among Islamic financial institutions.

Who Can Apply?

The Awards are open to organizations, institutions, and professionals worldwide that have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of Islamic banking, finance, Takaful, ethical finance, and related industries. Eligible applicants include:

- Islamic Banks and Islamic Banking Windows
- Conventional Banks offering Islamic Banking Services
- Central Banks, Financial Regulators, and Capital Market Institutions
- Takaful & Re-Takaful Companies
- Investment Banks, Asset Management Companies, and Sukuk Market Participants
- Islamic FinTech Companies, Digital Banks, Payment Solution Providers, and Banking Technology Providers
- Shariah Advisory, Audit, Accounting, Legal, and Consulting Firms
- Universities, Academic & Research Institutions
- Industry Associations, Professional Bodies, and Development Organizations
- Development Finance Institutions, Multilateral Development Banks, NGOs, FinTech Accelerators, and Innovation Hubs

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Award Categories

Institutional Excellence Awards

- Global Islamic Bank of the Year
- Best Islamic Retail Bank
- Best Islamic Corporate Bank
- Best Islamic Investment Bank
- Best Islamic Banking Window
- Best Digital Islamic Bank
- Best Emerging Islamic Bank
- Best Islamic SME Finance Provider
- Best Islamic Treasury & Liquidity Management
- Best Customer Service in Islamic Banking

Takaful Excellence Awards

- Takaful Operator of the Year
- Best Family Takaful Company
- Best General Takaful Company
- Best Re-Takaful Company
- Best Takaful Innovation

Capital Market Awards

- Best Sukuk House
- Best Sukuk Deal
- Best Islamic Asset Manager
- Best Islamic Investment Fund
- Best Islamic Capital Market Initiative

FinTech and Technology Awards

- Best Islamic FinTech Company
- Best Digital Banking Solution
- Best Core Banking Solution
- Best Payment Technology Provider
- Best AI Solution in Islamic Finance

Leadership Awards

- Islamic Finance CEO of the Year
- Islamic Finance Leadership Excellence Award
- Outstanding Woman Leader in Islamic Finance
- Young Islamic Finance Leader
- Outstanding Shariah Scholar

Professional Excellence Awards

- Best Shariah Advisory Firm
- Best Audit & Accounting Firm
- Best Legal Advisory Firm
- Best Research Institution
- Best Training & Capacity Building Institution
- Best Industry Association

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Evaluation Criteria

All nominations will undergo an independent evaluation by the Awards Committee. The Committee will assess applications based on the published criteria, supporting documentation, innovation, industry impact, governance, and overall contribution to the advancement of Islamic finance. The Committee's decision shall be final.

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Innovation and Product Development
- Financial Performance
- Customer Experience
- Shariah Governance & Compliance
- Digital Transformation
- Sustainability & ESG
- Financial Inclusion
- Industry Leadership
- Market Impact
- Corporate Governance

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 Ceremony

The winners will be honored during the prestigious Global Ethical Islamic Finance Excellence Awards Ceremony, held alongside the 2nd London Forum on Islamic Banking and Finance 2026. The ceremony will bring together regulators, policymakers, central bankers, CEOs, Shariah scholars, investors, academicians, technology innovators and industry leaders from around the world, providing award recipients with a distinguished international platform to showcase their achievements and celebrate excellence in Islamic finance.

Important Dates

- **10 August 2026** – Deadline for Submission of Nominations
- **15 August 2026** – Announcement of Selected Nominees
- **22 August 2026** – Award Presentation Ceremony (London, United Kingdom)

For Nominations & Participation

Organizations and individuals interested in submitting nominations or attending the Awards Ceremony are encouraged to contact the Awards Secretariat or visit: www.alhudacibe.com/uk2026/awards

Awards Nomination Form

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APPLICANT

Entity / Unit: _____

Address: _____

Head of Organization/Director: _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

CATEGORY

Category you are applying for: _____

Specify reasons- why your organization deserves the award? _____

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(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: _____

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Additional/Supplementary Information Attached? Yes ____ No ____

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

_____ Date: _____

Signature & Company Seal

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