NATIONAL WAQF

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Waqf as permanent capital

Building the UK's Islamic endowment infrastructure



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Old London Bridge, 1616. Funded by the City Bridge endowment.

What is a waqf

An Islamic endowment: cash, property or shares, permanently locked. The principal is never spent; only the income it generates is given, in perpetuity.

Britain knows the model. The City Bridge Foundation has funded charitable work across London for centuries on a medieval endowment, and Oxford and Cambridge universities run on the same principle: permanent capital, income is spent.



Old London Bridge, the City Bridge endowment.

FUNDED BY WAQF FOR CENTURIES

Hospitals	Universities
Public Services	Entire civilizations

£6 Billion

Value of Britain’s Islamic finance sector, yet only a small proportion becomes permanent endowment capital.

Our WhatsApp channel Campaigns and waqf updates

What National Waqf is building

Public waqf

Community funded, grassroots

£2M today

25-year target £100M

Private waqf

Institutions & individuals

£1.6M today

Target £10M

100%

of capital invested and preserved

50%

of returns to grantmaking

50%

reinvested into the endowment

100%

of endowment returns from the Private waqf fund our operations, freeing us to build the UK waqf ecosystem.

How the public waqf model works

Four steps, one cycle. The principal is invested and preserved; only what it earns is given away.

01

DONATE

We receive your donation to the National Waqf.

02

INVEST

Our investment committee invests your donation; the principal is never spent.

03

DISTRIBUTE

Our grant giving committee funds verified UK causes and charities.

04

GROW

Your donation keeps growing, year after year.



VERIFIED UK CAUSES AND CHARITIES

Whoever you represent today

Waqf is not a single-audience instrument. There is a route in from every seat in this room.

01

Financial institutions

A waqf component alongside your Sukuk and Takaful offering completes your Islamic finance proposition.

02

Scholars & advisors

Credible infrastructure, so congregations and clients have a trusted route to establishing a waqf properly.

03

Individuals & families

Waqf is not only institutional: build your own legacy, from a modest contribution to a substantial endowment.

The Waqf Pack

Until recently there was no purpose-built framework for establishing a waqf in the UK, consistent with Charity Commission guidance and English law.

SCAN TO OPEN

waqfpack. nationalwaqf.org

The full framework, trust deed and trustee investment guidance.

18

months in development

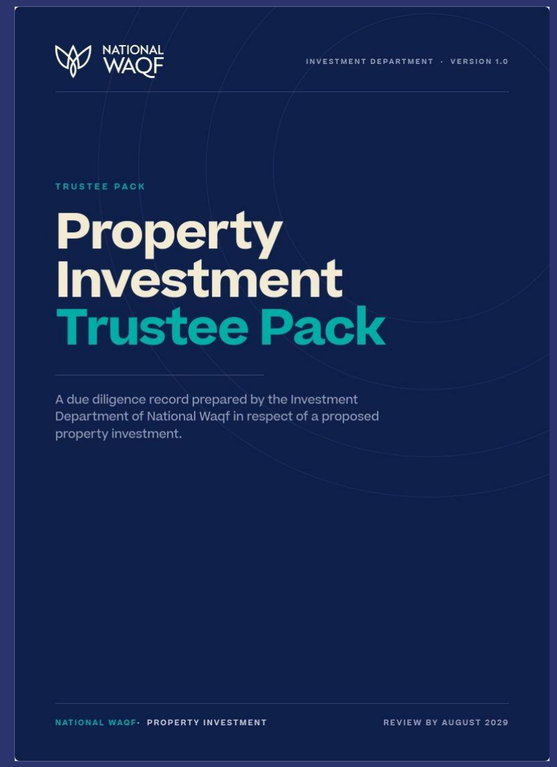
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pages of guidance

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THE WAQF PACK



TRUSTEE PACK

What's missing has never been opportunity. It's been infrastructure.

Find us today

Whether you represent an institution, advise clients, or are here thinking about your own legacy, we are here for the rest of the day.



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