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Enter Global Finance's 18th annual World's Best Islamic Financial Institutions Awards today.

Global Finance's World's Best Islamic Financial Institutions Awards celebrate the institutions driving progress in Shariah-compliant financial services and shaping its growing role in the global economy. Winners will be organizations that exemplify innovation, resilience, and excellence — providing powerful solutions while rigorously adhering to core Islamic financial principles.

Global Finance's awards and recognition programs are the trusted standard of excellence for the financial industry. They are backed by a 39-year history of editorial accuracy and integrity. Global Finance's corporate and financial audience depends on these awards because they are credible, reliable, and have stood the test of time.

The reach and impact of Global Finance's award programs extends far beyond its readership and the banking and financial sectors. Awards are amplified locally, regionally, and globally through social media efforts, traditional media coverage, and the marketing and promotion campaigns of winning organizations.

Global Finance's World's Best Islamic Financial Institutions Award winners will be published in the May 2026 print and digital editions as well as on GFMag.com. Honorees will be celebrated at an Awards Ceremony in Bangkok during the World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings. Date and location TBA.



Arun Jain (left), Chairman and CEO of Intellect, and Khaled AlShamlan (right), Group CEO, Kuwait Finance House, the World's Best Islamic Financial Institution 2025 and multiple other honors.



Hanna Al Khoury (left), Group Treasurer, and Usman Gulzar (right), Head of Financial Institutions, of Qatar Islamic Bank, the Best Islamic Financial Institution in Qatar.



Abdullah Al Tuwaijiri (left), CEO Consumer, Private & Digital Banking of Bouyban Bank, the Best Islamic Bank for CSR and the Best Islamic Bank in Kuwait, and Chris Giarraputo (right), Managing Director, Operations, Global Finance.



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GLOBAL AWARDS	COUNTRY & TERRITORY AWARDS
Best Islamic Financial Institution	Bahrain
Most Innovative Islamic Bank New For 2026	Brunei Darussalam
Best Islamic Bank for Transaction Banking New For 2026	Egypt
Best Islamic Wealth Manager New For 2026	Indonesia
Best Islamic Private Bank	Jordan
Best Islamic International Bank	Kuwait
Best Islamic Bank for CSR	Malaysia
Best Islamic Bank for ESG	Morocco
Best Islamic Retail Bank	Oman
Best Islamic Corporate Bank	Pakistan
Best Islamic Investment Bank	Qatar
Best Sukuk Bank	Saudi Arabia
Best Islamic Fund Manager	Sri Lanka
Best Islamic SME Bank	Turkey
Best Islamic Trade Finance Provider	United Arab Emirates
Best Islamic Takaful	REGIONAL AWARDS
Best Islamic Project Finance Provider	Asia
Best Islamic Asset Manager	Middle East

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METHODOLOGY

All selections are made by the editorial team of Global Finance after extensive consultations with bankers, corporate finance executives and analysts throughout the world. The editors also use entries submitted by financial services providers. In selecting these top firms, factors that range from the quantitative objective to the informed subjective are considered. Quantitative criteria include growth in assets, profitability, geographic reach, strategic relationships, new business development and innovation in products. Among the subjective criteria considered are reputation, customer satisfaction, and the opinions of analysts and others involved in the industry.

The mix of these factors yields leading banks that may not be the largest, oldest or the most diversified in a given country, region or product, but rather the best—the firms with which customers around the world would most likely want to do business.

Judgments are based on performance over the period from the January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. (In cases where data may not be available due to different fiscal-year reporting, companies have the option to submit data from the fourth quarter of 2024 through the third quarter of 2025.)

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ENTRY PREPARATION

Take advantage of this opportunity to participate in the review process.

It is not necessary to enter in order to win, but entries significantly increase the chance of success. In many cases, entrants are able to present information and perspectives that may not be readily available to the editors of Global Finance.

Global Finance maintains best journalistic practices to protect the confidentiality of information supplied. Any information provided that is not appropriate for the public domain should be clearly identified in a separate section of the entry.

Please review the award categories listed in this document as they may have changed from prior years. Those making submissions should provide concise information in the following areas:

1. Volume, market share and geographical coverage – submit data to describe the scale of your Islamic financing operations, including any league tables or other comparisons with competitors
2. Financial strength and security - please provide data demonstrating the institution's financial strength, security and longevity, such as your latest financial data, annual reports and latest financial statements
3. Commitment to the business – submit data on the number of employees dedicated to Islamic financing and capabilities in specific products
4. Technology – examples of leading-edge technology deployment
5. Range of products and innovation
6. Fees, profits and return on assets
7. **Please include the following information as a cover sheet to your submission to ensure that it is processed properly:**

Bank Name (exactly as it should appear on awards-related announcements)
Award(s) Being Submitted For - Please Be As Specific As Possible
Submission Contact Name/Title/Email
Communications/Marketing Contact/Name/Title

PLEASE NOTE: If you do not receive confirmation of receipt of this Call For Entries from the contact listed at the bottom of this page within 48 hours of sending, please resend AND notify them to ensure that your entry has been received and is processed correctly.

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The distinction of being a Global Finance award honoree is a powerful marketing advantage every winner can and should use to stand out from and above their competitors.

Some of the ways Global Finance award winners promote their status include:

- Recruitment and retention efforts
- Advertising
- Social media campaigns
- Websites
- Employee motivation programs
- Email signatures
- Investor relations information
- Pitch books
- Promotional materials
- Conference and event signage
- Branch signage
- Stadium, airport and outdoor signage
- Press and publicity efforts
- Promotional videos
- Annual reports
- Internal communications

Earning a Global Finance award also allows individual honorees as well as entire departments to stand out within their own organizations, leading to higher visibility across their industry sectors, improved staff retention and greater professional and personal recognition.

