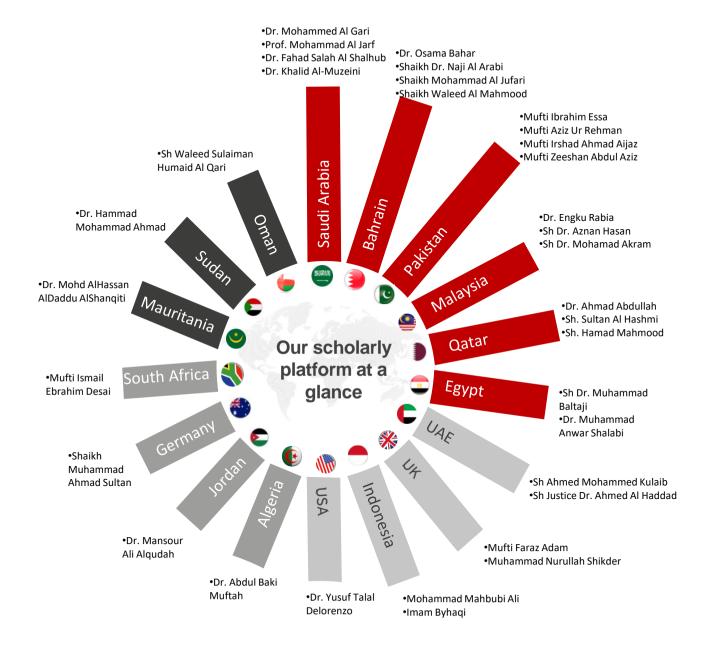


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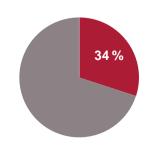
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Largest scholarly network in the Islamic financial industry

## Our Islamic industry Credentials

"SRB is the leading Sharia Advisor of investment companies in the GCC. In Saudia Arabia we advise 30 of the 85 investment companies (34%) with 2.3 trillion SAR of market value."

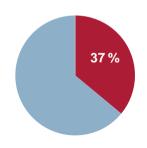


# Investment Companies Licensed by Central Market Authority

Percentage of companies we provide Sharia Board and Sharia Audit services

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"SRB has Sharia advisory client relationships with 37% of the Financing companies regulated by Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority."

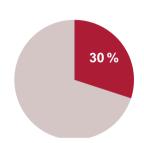


# Financing Institutions Regulated by Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority

Percentage of establishment we provide Sharia Audit and Sharia Advisory services

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"We also have a strong presence in the Islamic insurance market serving 30% of the companies listed on Tadawul totaling 4.6 trillion SAR of company market value."



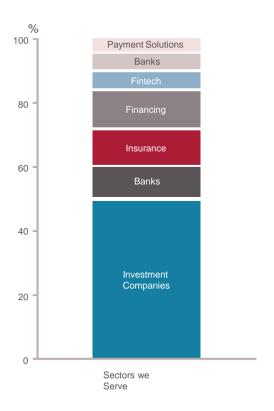
# Insurance firms listed on the Tadawul exchange

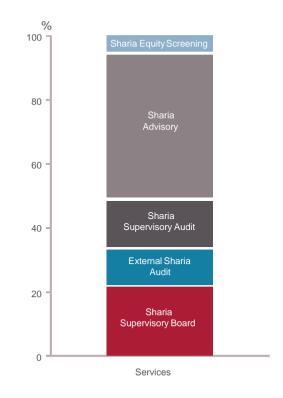
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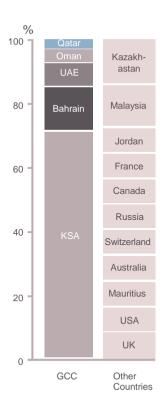
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# We have accumulated significant experience in Sharia Advisory and Sharia Audit services around the world

Industries Percent of 2017 SRB global revenue	Capabilities Percent of 2017 SRB global revenue	Global Experience Engagement as of 2017



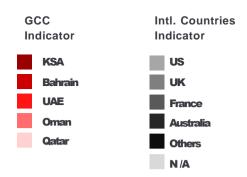




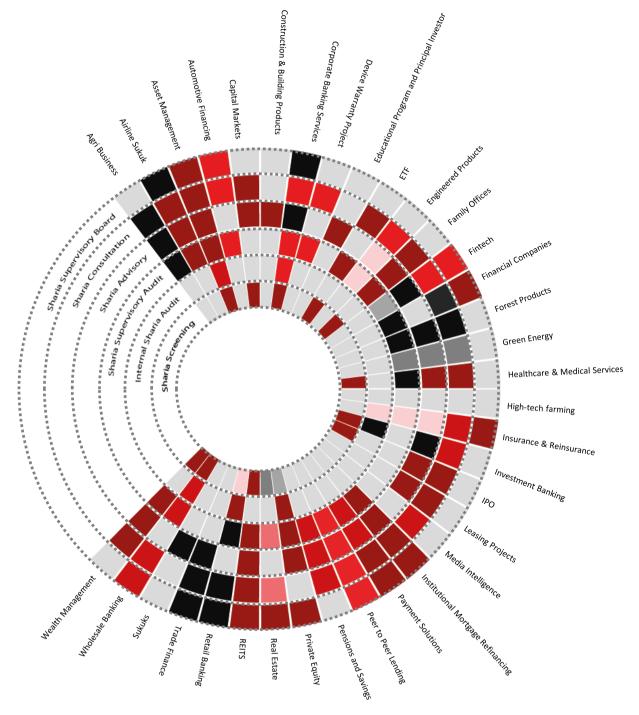
# Expanding our boundaries to new industries

Every year companies ask us to certify 1000's of investments; every month entities ask us to screen more than 200 equities around the world; and every week organizations ask us more than 400 queries around Sharia compliance. All of that takes an incredible amount of processing power — which means the ability to administer, manage and scale Sharia certification and Sharia audit services.

This is why we've taken bold steps in expanding our scholarly resources globally and create in-house Sharia audit and screening capabilities. This helps institutions lower costs and navigate opportunities beyond their own industries. We consider it as our responsibility to do so — to our customers and the industry.



This diagram lists (in alphabetical order) the different types of industries we continue to serve worldwide. The colors reflect the different countries where we have practiced in relation to each category.



Working on global, cross-functional projects from multiple industries is at the heart of what we do

### Delivering three kinds of Sharia Audit Services

The new area of external Sharia Audit is the era of true independent observance and assurance. Since 2009, we have been upgrading our practices for the three important functions, namely, Sharia Supervisory Board, Internal and External Sharia Audit, To this end, we segregated our services and functions as shown below.

> Though not an audit based approach but our Sharia Supervisory Board review practice conducts an independent examination and a review-based evaluation to see the reliability of Islamic investments and operations performance in relation to laid down Sharia criterions. This entails reviewing, apart from internal Sharia Audit works, the arrangements established to ensure Sharia compliance with Islamic guidelines, policies, and plans that could breach Sharia parameters and **SHARIA** determine whether the organization is in compliance Sharia. SUPERVSIORY **BOARD** INTERNAL SHARIA AUDIT

INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL SHARIA COMPLIANCE AUDIT (IESCA)

We conduct an independent Sharia audit truly challenging and testing the processes used to make-up the Islamic financial system so as to form an objective judgment on the true implementation and compliance of Sharia while conforming with the relevant regulator and AAOIFI mandates. Beyond that, we believe, an effective IESCA approach to Audit must also include:

- A testing process tailored to the risks facing the employed Sharia modality, the investment structure and the
- An approach based on understanding the Sharia compliance control environment.
- An audit mind-set that views with professional scepticism and reflects external Sharia Auditors reasoning for
- Effective interaction with the audit committee, SSB and management throughout the Sharia Audit.

### **Thought Leadership**

# **Building Confidence through unique Perspectives**

Our Sharia Audit practice has played a leading role in the development of our thought leadership publications. Over the years we've produced reports and sponsored publications to share our ideas and information relating to new Sharia Compliance audit developments, changes and industry issues. We take deep personal accountability both, individually and as a team, to deliver exceptional works and value to the Islamic financial industry.



**Sharia Audit: The need for independent Sharia Observance** — An outline of the problems in existing Sharia compliance reform and an integrated approach to solving them through the introduction of an independent external Sharia Audit strategy either at a national or quasi-private level.

**External Sharia Audit Report (Publication Sponsorship)** — A look at how major central authorities of Bahrain, Malaysia, Oman and Pakistan are presenting a valuable contribution to the interdisciplinary field of external Sharia compliance audit and what challenges are they facing in the rise of Islamic markets.

**Shifting the gears of Talent: A Sharia Scholarly Issue** — This paper identifies the link of producing more talented Sharia Supervisors holding the promise to facilitate a better balance in financial & Sharia compliance matters for Islamic financial institutions.

External Sharia Audit Firms: the need, the reality and the future (Arabic) — Sharia Compliance is at the centre of Islamic financial markets and this paper discusses the time, skills and knowledge external Sharia Audit firms invest to help build trust and assurance in the investor communities. It also highlights the importance of Sharia knowledge and demonstrates how true practice of external Sharia audit results in better, reliable and robust internal control systems.

Beyond Internal Sharia Audit: A critical review of AAOIFI's GSIFI No. 2 (Arabic) — The GSIFI 2 standards of AAOIFI are fast becoming the global Islamic governance standard with more than 35 countries using it or about to adopt it as their Sharia reporting framework. The piece observes that GSIFI No. 2 should not be just an internal Sharia audit exercise. It should be a business transformation that goes beyond Islamic products and processes; one that requires an integrated, company-wide Sharia control approach.

Building Deeper Trust: the responsibilities of internal and external Sharia Audit — In the current Sharia complaint environment, many leaders recognize the need for internal audit and external Sharia audit to play a larger role — one that expands on its historic focus on Sharia compliance preservation (a control focus). This paper discusses the new challenges both the practices face in the context of their evolving role and responsibilities.

## Our Historical Progression - Committed to Progress

#### 2004

Based out of Saudi Arabia, SRB draws on founders heritage, navigates the nascent Shari'a compliant market and sets a course for the future.



#### 2005

An office in Bahrain is established and a specialized license from the Central Bank of Bahrain is acquired. This office remains the firm's base for the next decade.



#### 2006

The first major deal is signed with HSBC in KSA, an agreement that would see us screen Saudi equities for the next ten years.



#### 2007

With rapidly expanding Islamic markets, SRB is hired by a leading Qatari Islamic Bank (Safa Bank) to help oversee the Shari'a Audit function for the Shari'a Supervisory Board of the rapidly growing Islamic Bank.



#### 2008

Resilience, outstanding quality service and commitment drives exceptional engagements in different countries in the GCC. Arab Bank, widely considered as the region's leading bank hires SRB to manage and oversee the Shari'a Supervisory Board for its UAE and Qatari division.



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#### 2011

With an eye for emerging trends, Canada based Tricon International engages SRB to supervise the Shari'a review and Shari'a Audit functions of its trade finance operations as it seeks to tap the opportunities provided by the Islamic Financial Institutions.



#### 2012

To drive operational excellence Swiss based Safa Investment sharpens its focus on operational discipline and assigns SRB's services to help maintain its investment processes in a Shari'a compliant manner all the while giving assurance to its shareholders and portfolio investors in the Middle East on its adherence to Islamic principles.



#### 2013

Described as one of the most creative work of the Islamic financial world, Thomson Reuters standard transactional templates for its users was a dynamic idea. All the product documentation were governed with innovative ideas in light of Islamic modalities. SRB's experts worked every day for nearly two years to serve the core review and certification requirements of the project and helped connect Thomson Reuters to the Islamic knowledge necessary for the project.



#### 2014

Pushing its structuring boundaries allowed SRB to help Washington based Falah Capital develop an Islamic ETF which was ale the first of its kind to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The engagement received international recognition and drew more investments and engaging experiences from the rising community of Islamic Investors



#### 2015

Offering African SMEs financial support using Murabaha solutions combined with a world class technology platform was an innovative project which we worked with Cameroon based Ovamba. The work has been seen as a revolution in Islamic business communities around the world. Our advisory work helped Ovamba create funding mechanisms & products that were never before possible.



#### 2016

Australia based EFSOL assigned us to help construct the future of finance – less about debt and financial engineering, and more about equity; long-term impact; connecting capital with communities; and helping future generations. Our review work developed their profit and loss sharing ownerships and sustainable programs and helped EFSOL hasten the welcome change in the financial markets in which it operated.



### **SRB** Today

Since our humble beginnings twelve years ago we've grown to include +100 companies across a host of industries, 4,000 transactional programs, 5 interdisciplinary teams and a combined scholarly workforce of 34 Shari'a advisors from 17 countries. And we're not done yet: our advisory services will continue to improve—serving international businesses to help them maintain and offer Shari'a compliant products when and where they need it.

#### International Client Portfolio

#### Banks

U.B.A.F ADCORP Arab Bank SBER Bank Bank Dhofar Rivadh Bank Ibdar Bank Eskan Bank **RUSD Bank** CBI Al Islami Zaman Bank Bank Aliazira United Arab Bank Arah National Bank Saudi Hollandi Bank HSBC Saudi Arabia **BMB** Investment Bank Bank of Khartoum (BAH) Alsafa Islamic Banking Samba Financial Group Gulf International Bank National Commercial Bank Liquidity Management Centre International Investment Bank The International Bank of Azerbaijan

#### Insurance

Bupa
Ta'zur
Tawuniya
AXA Insurance
Arabian Shield
Wala Insurance
Wafa Insurance
Weqaya Takaful
Chubb Insurance
Alamiya Insurance
Seib Insurance & Reinsurance
Wataniya Insurance Company
Tawuniya Insurance & Reinsurance
Saudi Enava Cooperative Insurance

#### IPO

Budget

L'azurde
Red Sea Housing
Hammadi Hospital
Saudi Healthcare Company
Extra – United Electronics Co

#### **Investment Companies**

Falcom MEFIC Ashmore The Investor Itgan Capital Riyad Capital Malaz Capital NCBC Capital Scene 7 Capital Adeem Capital Maceen Capital Trust Securities Safa Investment Wasatah Capital Jadwa Investment Tadhamon Capital Al Khabeer Capital OP Calypso Capital Arab Expert Group BlomInvest Saudi Arabia HSBC Saudi Arabia Limited Al Awwal Financial Services Co.

#### **Leasing Companies**

Taajeer
Gulf Finance
BMW Financial
Murabaha Finance
SK Leasing Company
Dar Aletiman Al Saudi
Aqsat International Trading
Tamwily International Company
Osoul Modern Finance Company
Tamweel for Trading & Installment
Gulf Lifting Financial Leasing Company

#### **Payment Solution Com**

Paytabs Credi Max Beehive Group DMCC American Express Limited

#### **Others Sectors**

NCTM

Mullak Takaud Treedom AL-Khodari Arabian Roots Tabouk Esmint Effat University Fresh Box Farms The Savola Group Thomson Reuters Food Water & Energy United Electronics Co King Khalid Foundation Mouwasat Medical Services King Abdullah Economic City Ecole Supérieure des Affaires **RUSD International Holding Group** International Transportation Company Association for Development of Islamic Finance



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# Serving the GCC with Pride



### First **Sharia Advisor**

to be established and licensed by the Central Bank of Bahrain in the Kingdom of Bahrain (regulated in 2007)

# **Sharia Advisory for** 30%

of the Islamic Insurance companies listed on the Saudi Stock Exchange of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (2017)

# **Sharia Advisory for 37%**

of the Financing Entities licensed by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority (SAMA) (2017)

# **Sharia Advisory for**

34%

of the Investment Firms regulated by the Saudi Capital Market Authority (2017)



# Thank you!

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