

Closing date for submissions: Friday, 16th December 2016

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IFN is pleased to announce that submissions for the 11th Islamic Finance *news* Deals of the Year Awards are now open!

Known throughout the global Islamic finance industry as the most prestigious and distinguished accolade for its impartiality, integrity and influence, the highly coveted annual IFN Deals of the Year Awards is back this year with new categories reflecting the breadth and depth of the ever-evolving Shariah finance landscape.

There are 24 global categories at stake this year, in addition to the individual country awards. Individual deals may be nominated for more than one category; however, only one deal is allowed per category (See submission guidelines for more details).

The Categories

- Deal of the Year
- Best Country Deals*
- Cross Border
- Corporate Finance
- Commodity Murabahah / Tawarruq
- Equity
- ljarah
- Initial Public Offering

- Most Innovative
- Mudarabah
- Musharakah
- Trade Finance
- Perpetual Sukuk
- Project & Infrastructure Finance
- Real Estate
- Regulatory Capital
- Restructuring

- Hybrid
- Social Impact
- Sovereign
- Structured Finance
- Sukuk
- Syndicated Finance
- Waqf (new category)
- * Country accolades will be awarded to those countries which have witnessed a minimum of three non-private placements during the calendar year. Verification may be required of these transactions.

Submissions Guidelines

- Only one submission per category (Individual deals may be nominated for more than one category)
- Only completed deals which were closed after the 1st January 2016 will be considered
- Transactions must have closed before submitting for IFN Deals of the Year. 薦xpected' closure dates before the end of the year, will not be accepted.
- Submissions must be no more than two pages in length, in bullet format in either excel, word or PDF format
- State clearly at the top of the deal page, which categories that particular deal is being nominated for. If it is not clearly stated it will not be considered.
- Please mark 舛onfidential' if certain information should not be published
- For the category of Hybrid Deal of the Year, submissions need to clearly state what are the two or more financing/contracting principles applied
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- Deals which close between the 16th December and the 31st December 2016 may be submitted up to and including Saturday the 31st December 2016
- All submissions should be emailed exclusively to: Andrew.Morgan@REDmoneyGroup.com
- Results will be announced in the Wednesday 4th January 2017 issue of Islamic Finance *news*

Submissions criteria to include the following (where applicable): Instrument, Issuer, Issuer principal activities, Issue size & Pricing, Date, Issuances, Bookrunner, Arrangers, Legal counsel for issuer, Legal counsel for arrangers, Guarantor, Trustee, Shariah advisor, Method of issue, Purpose of issue, Rating, Road-shows, Subscription, Investors, Time, and a short brief on why this deal is being nominated.

The decision of the "Awards Committee" is final. A short brief will be published for each award providing the committee's reasoning. All criteria of the submitted deals will be considered.

Awards Dinners

- Kuala Lumpur: 22nd February 2017 (Mandarin Oriental Hotel)
- **Dubai**: 28th February 2017 (Ritz Carlton DIFC)

If you have any questions regarding the submission of your deals then please contact me directly or Geraldine Chan at Geraldine.Chan@REDmoneygroup.com.

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