

CATEGORIES AND GUIDELINES

The Banker's Islamic Banking Awards recognise the institutions – fully sharia-compliant and otherwise – that are breaking new ground with Islamic banking. The awards are given for innovative retail products and services, impactful deals, and meaningful sustainability initiatives that have sharia-compliant finance structures at their core.

The 2023 Awards categories and criteria reflect that being the best in the business means pushing the envelope across all of these areas.

CATEGORIES

ISLAMIC BANK OF THE YEAR:

(Not available for direct entry, winners will be selected on the strength of their regional and retail award entries)

- Islamic Bank of the Year
- Islamic Retail Bank of the Year

REGIONAL AWARDS:

- Islamic Bank of the Year – Middle East
- Islamic Bank of the Year – Asia
- Islamic Bank of the Year – International

RETAIL AWARDS:

- Most Innovative Islamic Card Product
- Most Innovative Islamic Savings Product
- Most Innovative Islamic Mortgage Product
- Excellence in Islamic Digital Banking Award

HOW TO ENTER:

For each individual award category, participants must complete an entry form outlining why they believe their bank deserves to win that award.

Please see page 2 for entry and judging criteria.

Please email your entries in separate documents, one entry per category, and one category per document to: Simon.Duffy@ft.com by Monday, March 6th.

DEAL AWARDS:

- Most Innovative Sukuk
- Most Innovative Murabaha
- Most Innovative Ijarah

SUSTAINABILITY AWARD:

- Innovation in Islamic ESG Award

EXECUTIVE AWARD:

(Not available for direct entry, winners will be selected by the judges at their discretion)

- Islamic Finance Icon Award

CONFIDENTIALITY:

Please do not include confidential information, as the information provided in the entries will be included in the write-up of the awards in the June issue of *The Banker*.

ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS & JUDGING CRITERIA

For each individual award category, participants should complete *The Banker's Islamic Banking Awards 2023* Entry Form, detailing the name of the bank, the award category and the name and contact details of the person responsible for the entry, as well as answering the submission questions.

Completion of the entry form is mandatory in order to be considered for an award. **A separate entry form** is required for each category you enter. Only one entry per category, per bank is allowed.

You may also include relevant supporting materials e.g. case studies at the end of the form or as attachments to the same email (please label clearly). Please choose case studies and any other additional materials carefully. Succinct and relevant entries that can demonstrate measurable achievements will be more effective, anything too lengthy risks being disregarded.

Completed entry forms and submissions should be emailed to Simon.Duffy@ft.com.

REGIONAL, RETAIL, DEAL AND SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

Entries will be judged against the following criteria:

- The innovative nature of specific sharia-compliant products and services offered to customers, and the impact of such products and services on the wider market
- How your bank is using digital services to improve the delivery of Islamic banking services
- How your bank has used innovative sharia-compliant financing structures to help corporate and government clients with their funding needs
- The extent to which environmental, social and governance considerations have been a part of your business activity and how this has benefitted your clients
- The extent to which your bank has introduced innovations in Islamic banking that have benefitted clients or improved market operations

ENTRIES

Entries should include relevant data from January 2022 to February 2023.

The closing date for entries is Monday, March 6th.

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CONTACTS

If you have any queries about the entry process, please contact:

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