

Sohaib is a senior Islamic finance professional with over two decades of extensive and diverse experience in advisory, corporate finance, private equity and capital markets. He is currently working as Advisor, Islamic Financial Services Development at the Central Bank of Bahrain, reporting to Executive Director Banking Supervision. In this role he is responsible for recommending and overseeing new strategic initiatives by the Central Bank in Islamic banking, Takaful, capital markets and Sukuk. He is also serving as Administrator of the US\$7.7 million Waqf Fund and spearheads the Fund's activities in Islamic finance training, education and research. Previously, he was Executive Manager at Ernst & Young's global Islamic Finance Advisory in Bahrain. His expertise includes advising central banks on Islamic banking regulatory frameworks and Islamic banks on structuring Islamic financial products. Sohaib has an MBA in finance and is also a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA).