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### The Next Phase: Islamic Banking, Finance and Investment in Kuwait

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**M R Raghu** — CEO, Marmore Mena Intelligence

Kuwait remains the fifth-leading nation in global Islamic economic development. The Kuwaiti Sukuk market, while small, has flourished considerably, particularly from the corporate sector.

Can Islamic finance in Kuwait use this opportunity to become truly responsible, inclusive and ethical, while at the same time contribute to the country's growth and development?

Islamic fintech is a segment of financial technology that adheres to the Shariah principles. It has the same values and ethics which form the basics of Islamic finance. There are approximately 30 fintech companies operating in Kuwait. How far is fintech reaching its potential in the country, and how has the digitization of financial services benefited banks and consumers?

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## Kuwait: Hanging in the balance

**Kuwait remains the fifth leading nation in global Islamic economy development according to the Islamic Financial Services Industry Stability Report 2020. NESSREEN TAMANO writes an overview of the Gulf State's Islamic finance and banking industry.**

### Regulatory landscape

The regulators — the Capital Markets Authority (CMA) and the Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) — have backed Kuwait's Islamic finance and banking industry with a legal infrastructure to facilitate Shariah compliant activities. Islamic banks are regulated under Law No 30 of 2003, and the CMA issued Sukuk regulations in 2015, which gave greater clarity to issuances in terms of structuring and governance.

In 2019, the CBK issued comprehensive Shariah audit regulations and announced plans to launch certification for Shariah auditors. The central bank also finalized a draft law on establishing a centralized Shariah board.

In February 2020, Kuwait's National Assembly unanimously voted in favor of the establishment of a Shariah inspection body by the central bank to regulate the country's Islamic banking and finance sectors.

In 2021, the government reportedly proposed amendments to the public debt law, including a borrowing limit capped at 60% of the GDP and the removal of maturity limits on debts (currently set at 30 years). There are no updates yet on the amendments being finalized or its effect on the Islamic capital market, particularly with sovereign Sukuk issuances.

### Banking and finance

There are six fully-fledged Islamic banks in Kuwait — Kuwait International Bank (KIB), Kuwait Finance House (KFH), Boubyan Bank, Warba Bank, Bahrain-based Ahli United Bank (AUB) and the Kuwaiti branch of Saudi-owned Al Rajhi Banking & Investment Corporation.

The planned merger between KFH, the country's first Islamic bank which started operations in 1978, and AUB is expected to result in one of the world's largest Islamic banks, but it has been put on hold until the global coronavirus situation has stabilized. The merger was first proposed in 2018. Boubyan Bank also made a US\$212.1 million all-cash offer to fully acquire BLME Holdings, the parent company of UK-based Bank of London and The Middle East (BLME).

In 2020, Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait started work on acquiring certain assets of Ithmaar Holding, including its Islamic banking operations in Bahrain. The acquisition, also delayed by the pandemic, is expected to be completed in 2021.

Islamic windows are currently not permitted by the central bank.

In the financing sector, Al Mulla International Finance Co is the only licensed fully-fledged Islamic finance company in the country, but other finance companies do offer Shariah compliant solutions.

The country's Islamic asset management industry is vibrant — the central bank lists at least 12 Shariah compliant funds out of over 50 in Kuwait.

### Sukuk

The Kuwaiti Islamic Sukuk market, while small, saw much activity this past year, particularly from corporates. KIB issued a US\$300 million Tier 2 Sukuk facility that received US\$2.7 billion in orders, and Warba Bank issued a US\$500 million Sukuk facility that was oversubscribed 6.32 times.

Kuwait-based Equate Petrochemical Co established a US\$2 billion Sukuk program (under which a subscription has yet to be offered), while Boubyan Bank announced plans to issue a US-dollar denominated Sukuk paper that it reaffirmed in March 2021.

KFH, amid global concerns about the coronavirus crisis, disclosed its plans to issue Sukuk or other Islamic debt instruments, with additional plans to issue capital or funding Sukuk in 2021.

As for sovereign papers, the central bank continued to regularly issue short-term Sukuk under the Tawarruq structure alongside conventional papers.

### Takaful

The Takaful sector is regulated by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry under Kuwait's insurance law, Law No 24 of 1961. In January 2019, the Council of Ministers approved the establishment of a separate regulatory body for the insurance sector.

According to the IFSB, in 2017, Kuwait's Takaful sector held 22.1% of the insurance sector's total premiums, and of that, 87% were contributed by General Takaful.

### Outlook

Kuwait has, in general, been affected by the sharp decline in oil prices triggered by the impact of COVID-19 on the global economy. Fitch Ratings also predicts that Kuwaiti Islamic banks will continue to be affected by lower profit rates, lower business volumes and higher financing impairment charges.

However, as the country's central bank continues to play a pivotal role in international Islamic finance-related institutions, and with its capital market's recent inclusion in the MSCI Emerging Markets Indices, Kuwait remains a major industry player backed by strong government support and an enabling regulatory framework.



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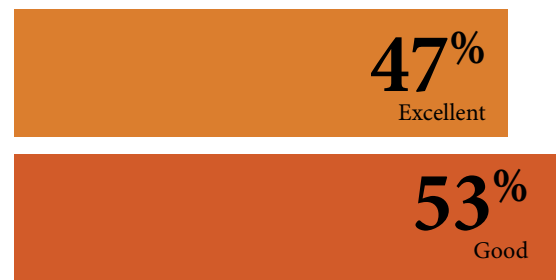


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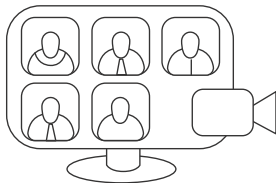


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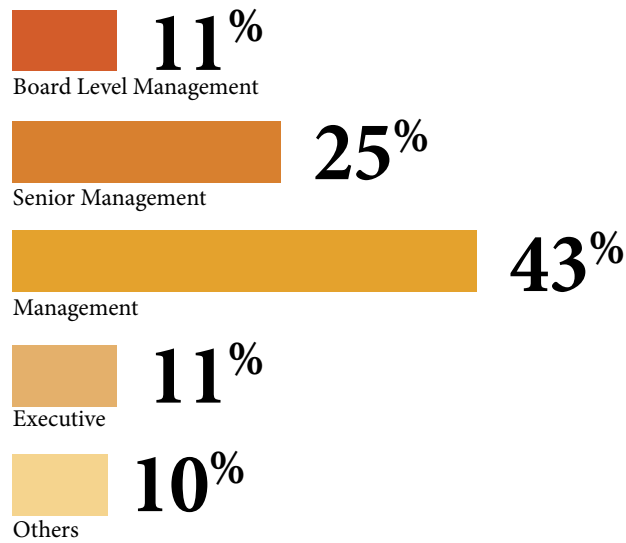
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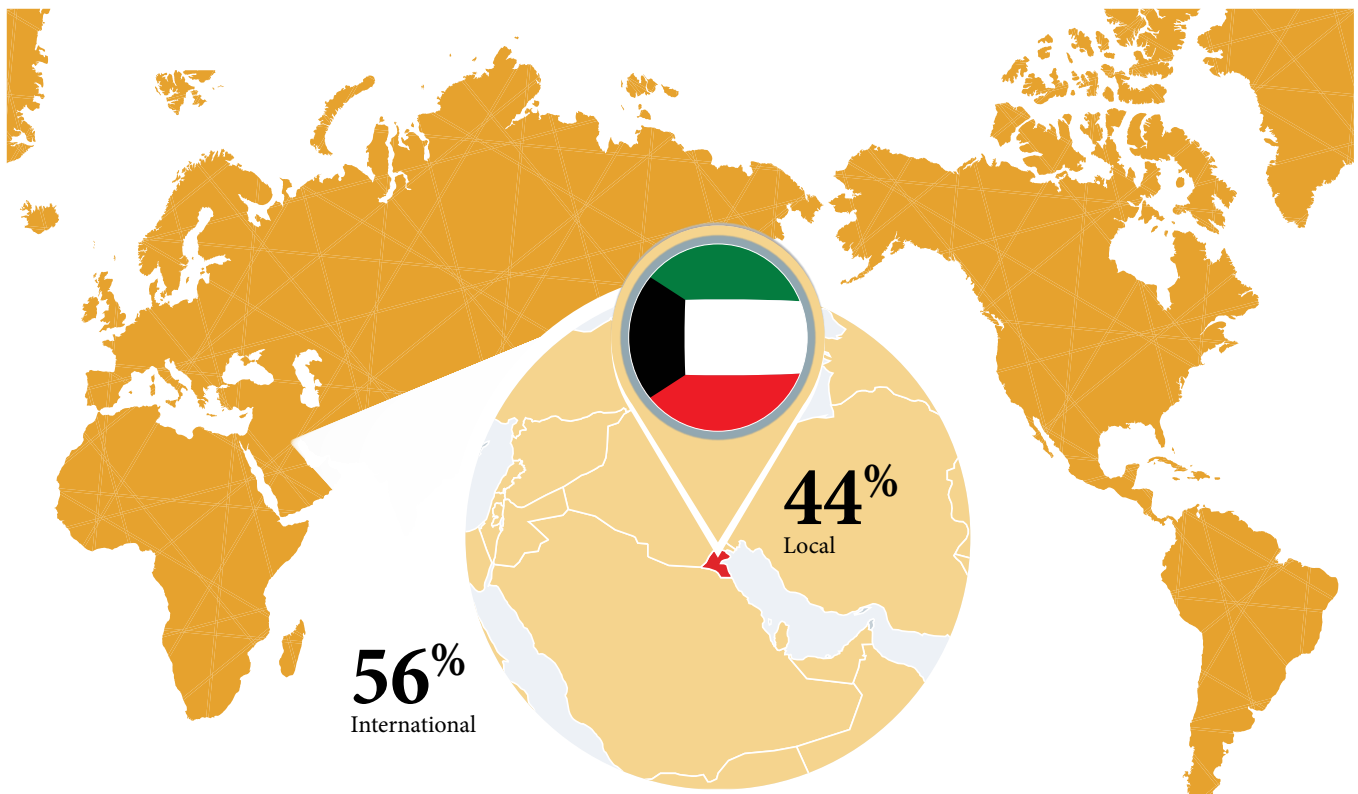
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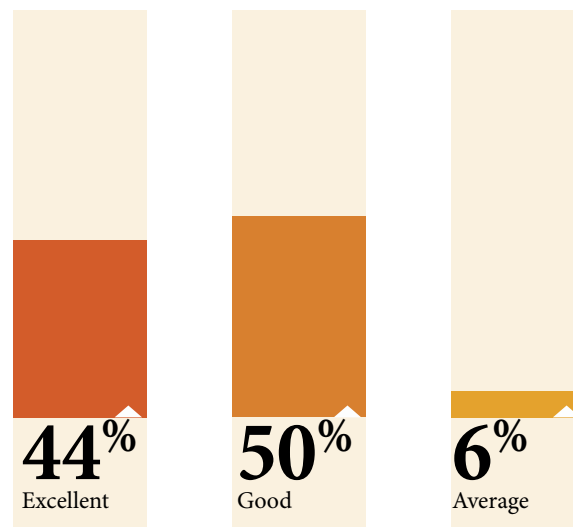


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### Session Evaluation

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 Energy investment  
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 Interplan Financial Inc

Investment Dar Company  
 Islamic Corporation for Development of Private Sector - ICD  
 Islamic Development Bank ICIEC  
 JGTC  
 Kamco Investment Company  
 Keepers Advisory Services  
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 Rays Gen.Trading & Cosulting  
 Rayyanat Najd  
 SAL Group  
 Salaam Gateway  
 Saudi Real Estate Refinance  
 Selim Megatama Group  
 SHAPE Knowledge Services  
 SinoGulf (DIFC)  
 Skyline Real Estate  
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2022

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2022

8<sup>th</sup> June 2022



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2022

13<sup>th</sup> June 2022



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SRI LANKA  
2022

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2022

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2022

3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022



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MOROCCO  
2022

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2022

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SOUTH AFRICA  
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6<sup>th</sup> July 2022



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2022

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QATAR  
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