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Future Potential & Opportunities for Asian Issuers in Europe's Islamic Finance Sector

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KBL European Private Bankers – Key figures

KBL European Private Bankers, a unique model in Europe

- A network of local banks with a human size.
- A strong presence in each country, thanks to its own cultural identity.

Data as at 31.12.2012

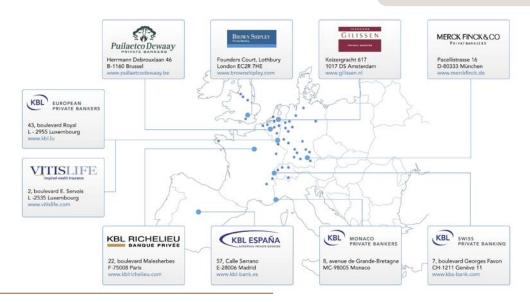
Private bank present in 9 Western European countries

Assets under management €40.9 bn
Assets under custody €38.6 bn

Financial ratios

→ Core Tier One – Basel II
 → Tier One – Basel II
 → Solvency – Basel II
 → Loan to deposit ratio

Around 2 200 employees









KBL epb's Commitment to Islamic Finance

KBL epb understands the importance and benefits of the Islamic Finance industry.



Execution, custody & liquidity provider on Funds

- → KBL epb, a one-stop-shop services provider for the set-up and running of Luxembourgbased investment funds - including Shariah-compliant investment funds.
- → KBL *epb* currently services 119 fund structures with 719 sub-funds totalling USD 45 billion of net assets, for 63 fund promoters from 21 countries selling their funds into more than 30 jurisdictions including in Asia and in the Middle East.

KBL epb & IILM

KBL *epb* has been appointed as a **Primary Dealer of the IILM Sukuk programme** (**only European bank** having been chosen as a primary dealer)

In August, IILM issued its inaugural short-term USD 490 million Sukuk, backed by sovereign assets, rated A-1 (S&P):

→ the pricing met the market demand and **KBL** *epb* successfully distributed the issue among its institutional clients in Luxembourg, Belgium, France, Monaco, Switzerland and in UK.

Luxembourg, a Financial Hub

The Luxembourg Financial Sector

Luxembourg's success as a financial centre is founded on:

- → its social and political stability;
- → its best-in-class legal and regulatory environment, refreshed on a regular basis by consultation between the government, the legislator and the private sector.

This business friendly legal environment has attracted banks, insurance companies, investment fund promoters and specialised service providers from all over the world.

A multilingual and multicultural workforce, which has extensive experience in the needs of an international clientele.

A strong culture of **investor protection** and rigorous **anti money-laundering policies**.

Key figures as at July 2013

(source: LFF, CSSF)

2nd largest investment fund centre in the world (after the US)

World leader in the cross-border distribution of retail investment funds

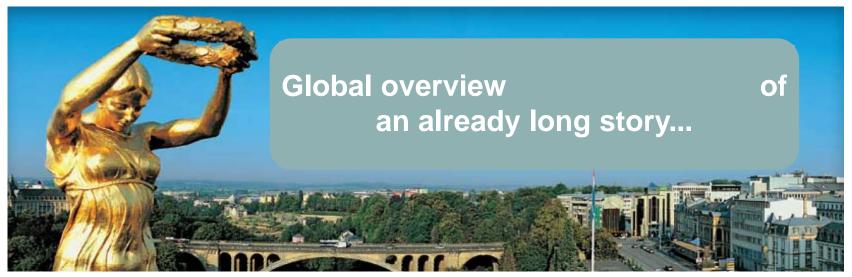
Home to 68% of all investment funds sold cross-border

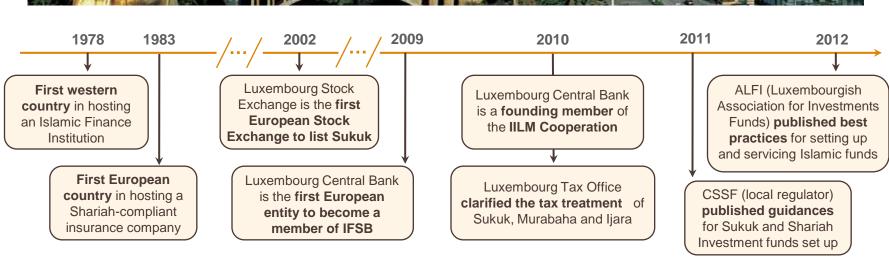
Banking sector at a glance

- → 141 banks from 26 countries
- → Balanced sheet total: €742 billion



Luxembourg & Islamic Finance





Luxembourg, EU Hub to Islamic Finance

Luxembourg has much to offer to Islamic Finance clients:

- → decades of experience in dealing with an international client base and focusing on the cross-border distribution of products and services;
- → a legal framework that permits the creation of Shariah-compliant products and services;
- → clear guidelines from the authorities on the tax treatment of Islamic Finance products;
- political stability.

Islamic Finance service providers: major banks, legal and audit firms, fund administration companies and other service providers have trained and active **Islamic Finance teams.**

Three main drivers behind the recent reaffirmed interest in Luxembourg:

- → Several MENA actors now want to expand internationally: (the only one in Europe) having a UCITS product helps to extend investor base and penetrate new markets. Luxembourg's international reach and know-how in cross-border distribution has definite appeal.
- → The demand for transparency and increased investor protection, which resulted from the financial crisis: expected by an increasing number of investors and offered by the Grand Duchy.
- → Luxembourg's growing recognition in the Islamic Finance world. Shariah-compliant investment funds are a natural development, given Luxembourg's strengths in conventional investment funds, combined with the country's international reach.

Luxembourg, a Islamic Finance Hub

(Source: CSSF, E&Y, LFF, ALFI)

41 Shariah-compliant funds (Jul 2012) Europe #1 World #5 (2011) €4.0 bn in AuM (Sep. 2012)

16 Sukuk listed
World #3
€5.5 bn in AuM (2012)

The Luxembourg Central Bank is a:

- → member of the IFSB (1st central bank in Europe)
- co-founder of the IILM (the only one in Europe)

Luxembourg, EU Hub to Islamic Finance

Islamic Investment Funds

Luxembourg is currently among the world leading financial centres for Islamic investment funds and the largest in the EU, with some 40 regulated Islamic investment fund units.

- → Most of the Luxembourg Islamic investment funds are UCITS (undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities) and can thus be easily marketed throughout the Member States of the EU without new registration requirements.
- → EU passport is also accepted in Asia.

No specific legislation for Islamic funds: the same laws and regulations apply to conventional and Shariah-compliant funds.

In a recent classification established by the Luxembourg investment fund association, ALFI, **Shariah-compliant funds are classified under "cross sectorial ethical funds"** as part of the **"responsible investing"** universe.

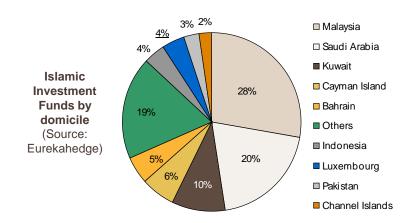


A new distribution passport for non-UCITS

(AIFMD - Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive)

Since July 2013, a passport is available for EU Alternative Investment Fund Managers marketing EU Alternative Investment Fund (AIF; on Real Estate, Private Equity...) in the EU.

From January 2015, passport becomes available for all EU AIF Managers marketing Non-EU AIF in the EU and for Non-EU AIF Managers marketing EU/Non-EU AIF in the EU (if approved by the European Securities & Markets Authority (ESMA).



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Sukuk

For tax purposes, Sukuk are treated like conventional bonds.



- Issuers of Sukuk have recognised the attractiveness of the Luxembourg legal framework for Islamic Finance:
 - → Currently, 16 Sukuk listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, including issuers from Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Pakistan,...
- Benefits of Sukuk listing and trading in Luxembourg:
 - → Advanced trading and post-trading infrastructure relying on NYSE Euronext's UTP platform (trading) and connections with international clearing and settlement organisations (LCH.Clearnet, Euroclear, Clearstream).
 - → Competitive costs for listing procedures, compared to other Sukuk international listing domiciles.
 - → Fast and secure admission process for Sukuk listing and trading.
 - → Strong support from both authorities (Regulator, Luxembourg Central Bank, Ministry of Finance) and the private sector to facilitate the set up of Islamic Finance products in Luxembourg.
 - → The Euro MTF market enables non-European issuers, who do not require a European passport, to obtain a listing in a recognized financial centre in Europe. Issues on MTF market are authorised by the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

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