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2ND GLOBAL ISLAMIC ECONOMY SUMMIT IN ISTANBUL 2025

ISLAMIC ECONOMICS STRATEGIES

Path to Influential Global Economy

09:00 AM · Friday to Sunday, May 30-June 1, 2025

Istanbul Financial Center (IFC) Halkbank Headquarters, Istanbul - Türkiye

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ABOUT THE ALBARAKA SUMMITS PROGRAM

The AlBaraka Summits Program is an esteemed international series of summits at the key global capitals such as London and Istanbul, dedicated to the advancement of Islamic economics. These summits provide an academic and professional platform for in-depth discussions on critical issues within Islamic finance, business, and sustainable development. By fostering scholarly dialogue and facilitating the exchange of expert insights, the program aims to drive innovation and contribute to the sustainable growth of the Islamic economy. Through rigorous analysis and strategic collaboration, the AlBaraka Summits seek to positively influence the future direction of the industry. These summits also serve as a networking forum where executives, practitioners, and academics meet. They are global platforms whose impact resonates around the world, working to raise awareness of the concepts and best practices of the Islamic economy, while striving to develop and promote them.

INTRODUCTION:

Premises:

In an era marked by interconnected global economy, the need for innovative and effective economic strategies that align with Islamic teachings for financial institutions has been more critical than ever. As we face challenges such as fluctuating markets, growing economic disparities, and the limitations of conventional financial systems, it becomes clear that an Islamic economy approach is essential to be explored in a productive and applicable manners. In this context, the integration of Islamic economics presents a promising economic system.

It is crucial to focus on Islamic principles within the global economy by developing strategies that promote sustainable and genuine economic growth and improve the quality of life for all well-beings. Integrating Islamic banking and finance into strategic planning represents an opportunity to build a more equitable and resilient global economy, bridging gaps and creating synergies between diverse economic systems.

Purpose:

The summit seeks to empower Islamic financial and non-financial institutions to achieve sustainable growth and make a meaningful impact on the global economy.

By fostering a deeper understanding of Islamic principles and their practical applications, we aim to enhance operational efficiency, drive innovation, strengthen risk management, promote financial inclusion, and foster collaboration among industry counterparties.

Effective and focused strategies are a corner stone for the Islamic financial institutions to thrive in today's competitive landscape.

By developing and implementing well-developed strategies, institutions can enhance their operational efficiency and finance channels, manage risk more effectively, and seize emerging opportunities. This, in turn, will enable them to better to fulfill and introduce Shar'iah-based solutions, serve their customers, contribute to sustainable economic development, reinforce their commitment to ethical and socially responsible practices, and overcome the positive economic collateral damage.

Priority:

The summit prioritizes the development of comprehensive strategies to enhance the performance of Islamic financial institutions. These strategies focus on improving operational efficiency, innovating products, expanding market reach, managing risks effectively, and investing in human capital.

By implementing these strategies, institutions can strengthen their competitiveness, build trust with customers, and contribute to the sustainable growth of the Islamic finance industry.

Description:

The summit provides a unique platform for dialogue and collaboration, offering participants the opportunity to engage in high-level discussions about how to integrate Islamic economic principles with contemporary strategic needs. Through a blend of theoretical exploration and practical case studies, attendees will examine how to build and implement strategies that not only reflect the ethical and legal dimensions of Shariah but also drive sustainable economic development.

This gathering is an essential forum for formulating and endorsing strategies that ensure the Islamic financial sector can effectively contribute to national prosperity, while remaining true to its foundational principles. It is a pivotal opportunity for leaders to collaborate on creating a transformative strategy that benefits all and upholds the integrity of Islamic banking and finance in a modern economic context.

The 2nd Global Islamic Economy Summit in Istanbul, centered on "Islamic Economic Strategies: Path to an Influential Global Economy," is expected to yield significant outcomes focused on global strategies. One of the key results will be the development of strategic guidelines for institutions, crafted by a respected group of Islamic economics scholars and financial industry leaders. These resolutions will encourage Islamic financial institutions to reassess their long-term and short-term strategies, fostering greater alignment with Shari'ah-based principles. Additionally, the summit aims to strengthen collaboration between banks, investment firms, and regulatory bodies in integrating these principles into their practices, promoting ethical finance and sustainable growth. Institutions will be urged to leverage these frameworks and enhance them to create positive economic impacts across various sectors and regions.

THE SUMMIT OBJECTIVES:

1

Formulate actionable strategies that align Islamic economic principles with global economic trends to enhance their influence on international financial markets.

2

Facilitate networking and collaboration between stakeholders from diverse sectors, enabling strategic development that drive the global expansion of Islamic economic practices and their integration into mainstream economies.

3

Develop a comprehensive framework for sustainable growth that aligns Islamic economic strategies with global objectives, such as financial inclusion, poverty alleviation, and environmental sustainability, ensuring a positive global impact.

4

Provide solutions to global economic challenges such as financial instability, inequality, and ethical investment, leveraging the principles of Islamic economics to promote stability and inclusivity.

5

Develop forward-looking investment strategies that expand Islamic finance's role in global markets, with a focus on infrastructure, sustainable development, and technology sectors.

DAY 1 - FRIDAY 30 MAY, 2025

(9:30 AM - 04:00 PM)

09:30 AM - 10:00 AM	**PARTICIPANTS RECEPTION AND REGISTRATION**
10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	**SOFT OPENING** ▪ Welcoming Remark. ▪ Keynotes. ▪ Opening Remarks. ▪ Honoring our Sponsors.
10:50 AM – 12:00 PM	**FIRST PANEL:** **Strategic Islamic Economic Planning:** The Islamic Banks Strategies for Sustainable and Long-Term Islamic Impactful Economy **TALKING POINTS:** ▪ Leveraging Term-focused Strategies for Economic Stability and Sustainable Growth. ▪ Strategic Positioning of Islamic Banks in a Competitive Financial Landscape. ▪ Strategies for Overcoming Barriers and Enhancing Competitiveness. ▪ Strategic Innovation in Islamic Finance: Maintaining Shari'ah Compliance and Following the Trends. **Q&A**
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	**KEYNOTE SPEECHES**
12:30 PM - 03:00 PM	**JUMMA PRAYER AND LUNCH BREAK**
03:00 PM - 04:00 PM	**THE PRESIDENTIAL OPENING CEREMONY** ▪ Recitation from Holy Qur'an. ▪ Welcome Remarks. ▪ The Keynote Speech. ▪ Launch of the Islamic ESG Index. ▪ «Glimpses of Islamic Banking: From Origins to Contemporary Reality» Video. ▪ The Presidential Note. ▪ MoU Signature with HalkBank to be a Hosting Partner. ▪ Gift to H.E. The President from H.E. Shaikh Abdullah Saleh Kamel ▪ Gift to H.E. The President from Presidency Investment and Finance Office and Türkiye Wealth Fund.
04:00 PM	**END OF THE FIRST DAY**

DAY 2 - SATURDAY 31 MAY, 2025

(09:30 AM - 04:30 PM)

09:30 AM - 10:00 AM **RECEPTION AND MORNING COFFEE**

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM **SECOND PANEL:**

Economic Strategies for Sustainable Growth in Islamic Economics:
Integrating Principles with Global Practices

PANELIST 1: Islamic Economic Resilience and Sustainability, with the SDGs and ESG Strategies.

PANELIST 2: Expanding Horizons:
Strategic Approaches for Islamic Financial Institutions to Expand Beyond Boarders.

PANELIST 3: Toward Prioritizing the Development-based Strategies by Islamic Banks.

Q&A

11:30 AM - 01:00 PM **THIRD PANEL:**

Well-Being and Environmental Strategies:
Social Justice and Economic Empowerment

PANELIST 1: The Development of Strategic Planning Involving Shari'ah Governance.

PANELIST 2: Principles of Environmental Stewardship in Islamic Economics:
The Responsibility, Practices, and Initiatives.

PANELIST 3: Tech-Driven Finance:
Strategies for Implementing Fintech and Building a Resilient Financial Infrastructure.

Q&A

01:00 PM – 01:45 PM **DHUHR PRAYER AND LUNCH BREAK**

01:45 PM – 03:15 PM **FOURTH PANEL:**

Non-profitable and Halal Economic Strategies within the Framework of Islamic Economics

PANELIST 1: Markets and Management: Strategies Toward Activation.

PANELIST 2: Building Trust:
The Role of Strategic Planning in Zakah Management.

PANELIST 3: Integrating Waqf with National Development Plans:
Strategic Alignment for Broader Impact.

PANELIST 4: Halal Economies - Unified Strategies.

Q&A

03:15 PM – 04:00 PM **INSTITUTIONAL WORKSHOP:**

Innovative Financing: Türkiye Wealth Fund's Sukuk Debut

04:00 PM – 04:30 PM **PUBLIC WORKSHOP:**

Strategies of Islamic Entrepreneurship and Start-ups for Sustained Success

4:30 PM **END OF THE SECOND DAY**

DAY 3 - SUNDAY 1 JUNE, 2025

(09:30 AM - 05:00 PM)

09:30 AM - 10:00 AM **RECEPTION AND MORNING COFFEE**

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM **FIFTH PANEL:**

AYHAN HUKUK

The Dynamics of Communication and Marketing for Islamic Economics Tools and Institutions

PANEL DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- Strategic Approaches to Marketing Islamic Financial Institutions.
- Shaping and Improving Media Narratives about the Islamic Economy.
- Overcoming Challenges in Promoting Islamic Financial Products & Tools.
- The Impact of Public Awareness on the Growth of the Islamic Economy.
- Value-driven Marketing and Innovative Strategies for Advancing Islamic Economy solutions.

Q&A

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

12:00 PM – 02:00 PM **SPECIAL SESSION:**

جائزة صالح كامل للاقتصاد الإسلامي
SALEH KAMEL ISLAMIC ECONOMICS AWARD

Under the Auspices of «Saleh Kamel Islamic Economics Award»

Innovation in Islamic Economics:

A Special Session Featuring PhD Research from Turkish Universities in Islamic Economics and Finance

PANEL TOPICS:

1. Islamic Banking and Investment.
2. Islamic Socio-Economics Concept in Sustainability and ESG.
3. Islamic Economics and Contemporary Economics Issues.
4. The Impact of Islamic Banking on Global Financial Stability.

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02:00 PM – 02:45 PM **DHUHR PRAYER AND LUNCH BREAK**

02:45 PM – 04:45 PM **WORKSHOP:**

Demographic Growth and Islamic Economic Expansion: New Horizons

Q&A

04:45 PM – 05:00 PM **CLOSING REMARKS**

5:00 PM **END OF THE SUMMIT**

THE INVESTMENT & FINANCE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE

The Investment & Finance Office of the Presidency of the Republic of TÜRKİYE promotes TÜRKİYE's investment opportunities globally and provides assistance to investors before, during, and after their entry. Reporting to the President, it encourages high-tech, value-added, and employment-generating investments. The office operates with a network of local consultants in various locations, offering a one-stop-shop approach to investors. The team of professionals can assist investors in various languages, including English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Arabic, Japanese, and Chinese.

THE TÜRKİYE WEALTH FUND (TWF)

TÜRKİYE Wealth Fund is the strategic investment arm and the equity solutions provider of the Republic of TÜRKİYE. It is an asset-backed development fund that focuses on the growth targets of its portfolio companies through value creation programs, investments in key sectors and visionary projects to support the economic development in the country.

ISTANBUL FINANCIAL CENTER (IFC)

Established to provide an efficient financial services ecosystem, the Istanbul Financial Center (IFC) aims to deliver growth to the Turkish economy and international investors by becoming a regional center in the short term and a global center in the medium term. IFC will bring together public and private sector banks, asset management companies, brokerage firms, insurance companies, professional service companies along with Turkish and international financial institutions.

The IFC project, which will become a hub for close co-operation with Turkish and international businesses and investors, includes the offices of the Central Bank of the Republic of TÜRKİYE (CBRT), Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency (BRSA), Capital Markets Board of TÜRKİYE (CMB), Borsa Istanbul, TÜRKİYE Sigorta, Ziraat Bank, Halkbank, Vakıfbank and Kuveyt Türk Participation Bank.

ISLAMIC COOPERATION YOUTH FORUM (ICYF)

Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum" (hereinafter referred to as "Forum") is an international, non-commercial, non-partisan organization uniting leading umbrella youth organizations from the Member-States of the Organization of Islamic-Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the OIC) as well as international youth organizations, operating in the OIC region and youth organizations representing significant Muslim minorities worldwide. The Forum was established at its Founding General Assembly held in Baku, Azerbaijan on 1 - 3 December 2004 in accordance with the resolution No.: 15/31-C adopted by the 31 st Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held on 14-16 June 2004, in Istanbul, the Republic of TÜRKİYE; and granted with the status of affiliated institution to the OIC by the virtue of the resolution No.: 3/32-C adopted by the 32 nd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held on 28-30 June 2005, in Sana'a, Yemen. The Forum is registered as a legal entity in the Republic of TÜRKİYE.

IBN HALDUN UNIVERSITY

Ibn Haldun University Ibn Haldun University aims to stand out as a "research university" in TÜRKİYE and in the world with the quality of education it provides and the research projects it conducts. Ibn Haldun University (IHU) is a foundation university founded by TÜRGEV. It was opened in 2015 and started education in the 2017-2018 Academic Year.

All education at our university is carried out in Fatih-Suleymaniye Campus (Suleymaniye Complex madrasas), Bakırköy-Taş Mektep Campus and Başaksehir-Ibn Haldun University Complex. Ibn Haldun Complex was built in Başakşehir, modeled on Ottoman madrasa.

Al Baraka Group

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Al Baraka Group B.S.C. (C) ("ABG" / the "Group") is licensed as an Investment Business Firm – Category 1 (Islamic Principles) by the Central Bank of Bahrain. It is a leading international Islamic financial group providing financial services through its banking subsidiaries in 13 countries offering retail, corporate, treasury and investment banking services, strictly in accordance with the principles of Islamic Shari'a.

The Group has a wide geographical presence with operations in Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia, Bahrain, Sudan, Turkey, South Africa, Algeria, Pakistan, Lebanon and Syria, in addition to two branches in Iraq and a representative office in Libya and provides its services in more than 600 branches. ABG's network serves a population totaling around one billion customers.

The authorized capital of ABG is US$ 2.5 billion.

TURKISH AIRLINES

Our story in the skies, which started with 5 aircrafts in 1933, is now continuing on the day we are celebrating our 90th anniversary with more than 415 aircrafts by holding the reputation of flying to the most countries in the world. Thanks to our unrivaled flight network, our young and modern fleet, and the travel experience that elevates the standards we offer our passengers, we maintain a success story that transcends continents as the best airline in Europe. With our passion for aviation that has grown over the years and our desire to bring our passengers together with unique discoveries, we fly to more than 340 destinations around the world. We are opening the doors of a bigger world to our passengers with the happiness of proudly carrying the Turkish flag all over the world. Our adventure in the skies, which inspires new experiences by connecting people, cultures, continents, countries and cities, continues without slowing down and always aims for the stars.

TURKİYE KATILIM SİGORTA

Türkiye Katılım Sigorta was established in January 2022 with 100% ownership of the Türkiye Wealth Fund. In January 2023, it completed the Insurance and Private Pension Regulation and Supervision Agency's operating license qualifications and started production activities in accordance with the principles of participation insurance.

Operating on the basis of cooperation and solidarity in line with the principles of participation finance, Türkiye Katılım Sigorta aims to become a pioneer in the field of participation insurance in Türkiye. At the same time, Türkiye Katılım Sigorta, which set out with the slogan 'With Confidence in the Future', has a vision open to digital developments with its young, dynamic and qualified team and aims to grow together with the society by prioritizing customer satisfaction.

TURKISH AIRLINES

Founded in 2019, Sipay is a leading Turkish fintech company offering a full-stack digital financial ecosystem for individuals and businesses. As a licensed Electronic Money Institution, Sipay delivers secure, scalable, and innovative solutions including digital wallets, prepaid cards, POS systems, open banking tools, and embedded finance infrastructure via its “Fintech-as-a-Service” model. With its wide range of offerings, Sipay serves as a comprehensive financial marketplace, connecting users and businesses to a variety of payment and financial tools through a single platform.

Recognized as Turkey’s fastest-growing fintech by Deloitte Technology Fast 50 in both 2023 and 2024, and certified as a Great Place to Work®, Sipay continues to lead financial innovation across the region. Backed by a $78 million Series B investment led by global investors, Sipay has reached a valuation of over $875 million, becoming the most valuable fintech in Turkey.

Serving 6.3 million wallet users and 25,000 merchants, and with $7.4 billion in annual transaction volume, Sipay is reshaping how people and businesses access, manage, and grow their financial lives.

TURKİYE KATILIM SİGORTA

After the years of the War of Independence, Emlak ve Eytam Bank was founded by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk in 1926 with the aim of undertaking the reconstruction of the young Republic of Turkey, supporting construction ventures and protecting the rights of orphans. In its early years, the Bank undertook projects such as the New Parliament building, Turkish Hearth building and Central Bank building, which were among the most distinguished examples of the First National Architecture Period. The Bank, which realized the construction of Turkey's first housing project, Bahçelievler Housing, also pioneered the housing finance model with the system it used in this project. Later, with projects implemented throughout the country such as Saracoğlu Neighborhood, Levent Residences, Koşuyolu Neighborhood and other iconic structures, it made significant contributions to the country's reconstruction and development.

Due to changing national needs over the years, the Bank underwent several name changes, starting its journey as Emlak ve Eytam Bank and then continuing as Türkiye Emlak Kredi Bank and Türkiye Emlak Bank, respectively.

In 2018, it was decided to resume its services as a participation bank and Türkiye Emlak Katılım Bankası obtained its operating license in 2019. Today, with its deep-rooted history and a team of expert bankers, it continues to serve with 112 branches in 39 cities.

Emlak Katılım aims to offer financial solutions tailored to the needs of corporate customers with its new corporate branches.
Developing its financial services based on the principles of sustainable efficiency, customer focus and profitability, Emlak Katılım continues to take firm steps forward in the participation finance sector in line with its strategic goals, and to add long-term value to the Turkish economy with its sustainable growth vision and innovative solutions.

TURKİYE KATILIM SİGORTA

According to the Articles of Incorporation of Istanbul Settlement and Custody Bank Inc.-Takasbank, the major purpose and activity of the Bank is to provide clearing, settlement and custody services within the framework of capital market and related exchange regulations as well as rendering investment banking services within the scope of the Banking Law and other banking regulations. With its "central counterparty" and "banking" licenses, Takasbank mainly provides clearing, settlement and custody, central counterparty and banking services to its members in Turkish capital markets. Assigned as the responsible institution with the Central Bank of the Republic of Türkiye for the 17th numbered action plan of Istanbul International Finance Center (IIFC) strategy "integration with international payment and clearing and settlement systems", Takasbank continues its studies to develop services provided to foreign residents in both local and international markets and to local residents in international markets within the framework of integration with international clearing and settlement systems.

YILDIZ HOLDING

Yıldız Holding, headquartered in İstanbul, has around 350 brands available in more than 130 countries. The company, which is 100 percent owned by the Ülker Family, operates globally and serves a 4 billion population with its 45 factories and around 82,000 employees worldwide. The company is focused on confectionery (chocolate, biscuits, cakes, gum, candy), food and retail business. Yıldız Holding increased its share in global markets with iconic brands like GODIVA, Ülker, and McVitie's under the roof of a single company, pladis. Yıldız Holding also owns two leading retail chain stores based in Türkiye – Şok Marketler and Bizim Toptan. Şok Marketler is the fastest-growing discounter food retail chain in Türkiye, and Bizim Toptan is the country's biggest cash & carry brand in terms of the number of stores. Besides confectionary and retail business, the company also produces food, frozen food, edible oils, margarines, processed meat and packaging materials. Besler, the leading company in the Turkish frozen food and margarine industry, has been operating since 1970 and continues to grow steadily by adding more and more strength to its power. Gözde Girişim, a private equity fund that is listed on the İstanbul Stock Exchange. The company and its brands contribute to society through its social responsibility and sustainability activities in the field of sports, education, healthy living, and art.

ZIRAAT KATILIM

Ziraat Katılım, established on May 29, 2015,as Türkiye's first state-owned participation bank.. Committed to offering unique solutions to customers underallcircumstances. Ziraat Katılım adds value to society and stakeholders, contributing to Türkiye's economic and social development.

With 10 years of experience and over 200 branches, it provides innovative financial services through products and alternative distribution channels that align with participation banking principles. In 2020, Ziraat Katılım became the first Turkish bank to operate in Africa, opening a branch in Sudan.

As Ziraat Participation, we have a vision that empowers participation banking not only in Turkey but also in our region.

COLENDI

Colendi is a financial services platform that democratises access to banking by seamlessly connecting consumers, businesses, and financial institutions. Launched with the mission of addressing a chronic global issue—one that directly impacts over 3 billion unbanked and more than 5 billion underserved individuals—Colendi develops a diverse suite of AI and big data-powered financial solutions, anchored in its proprietary credit scoring technology.

Through strategic partnerships and platform integrations, Colendi currently serves more than 18 million users, enabling fast and easy access to credit via Buy Now, Pay Later (BNPL) models. By promoting financial literacy and offering micro-investment opportunities, the platform empowers individuals to build sustainable financial habits and long-term savings.

Following a $65 million investment in 2024, Colendi achieved a valuation of $700 million, earning its place among Türkiye's prestigious Turcorn100 companies while also making a strong mark on the global fintech landscape.

In 2024, Colendi was named one of the world's top 10 embedded finance companies in the CB Insights Fintech 100. In 2025, it was recognised by Forbes as the #1 startup to watch, selected for the Endeavor Outliers Programme as one of the highest-performing global scale-ups, included in The Fintech Power 50, and awarded Fintech Leader of the Year by KPMG Pioneer Fintech 2024.

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