

Shariah Report

For the year ended

31 December 2013

In the name of Allah, the All Compassionate, the Most Merciful

To the shareholders of Albaraka Bank Limited

We have reviewed the principles and the contracts relating to the transactions and applications introduced by Al Baraka Bank during the year under review. We have also conducted our review to form an opinion as to whether Al Baraka Bank has complied with Shariah Rules and Principles and with the rulings set by the Accounting and Auditing Organisation for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI) and the resolutions issued by the Shariah Supervisory Board of the bank.

Al Baraka Bank's management is responsible for ensuring that the bank complies with Islamic Shariah Rules and Principles. It is the Shariah Supervisory Board's responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on its review of the operations of Al Baraka Bank and report to you.

We conducted our review, which included examining, directly or indirectly through the Shariah Department, on a test basis, each type of transaction, the relevant documentation and procedures adopted by the bank, including interviews with members of management.

The scope of the audit included:

- Financial Statements;
- Murabaha Financing;
- Musharaka Financing;
- Equity Murabaha Transactions;

- Profit Distribution;
- Disposal of Impermissible Income;
- Foreign Exchange Transactions; and
- Review and Approval of Zakah Calculation.

We planned and performed our review so as to obtain all the information and explanations that we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that Al Baraka Bank has not violated Islamic Shariah Rules and Principles.

In our opinion:

1. The contracts, transactions and dealings entered into by Al Baraka Bank during the year under review are generally in compliance with Shariah Rules and Principles;
2. The allocation of profit and charging of losses relating to investment accounts conform to the basis that had been approved by us in accordance with Islamic Shariah Rules and Principles;
3. An amount of impermissible income has been designated to be paid to charity;
4. In relation to certain transactions which were erroneously transacted, we directed management to rectify the same; and
5. Zakah of the bank was calculated at 34c per share. Shareholders are advised to discharge this Zakah individually, as the bank is not mandated to discharge this on their behalf.

We beg the Almighty to grant us all the success in this World and the Hereafter.



Dr Abdus Sattar Abu Ghudda
Chairman



Sheikh Mahomed Shoaib Omar
Member



Mufti Shafique Jakhura
Member

31 January 2014

Shariah Supervisory Board



Shariah Supervisory Board of Al Baraka Bank

The Shariah Supervisory Board is an independent body and comprises specialist jurists in Islamic commercial jurisprudence. It is entrusted with directing, reviewing and supervising the activities of Al Baraka Bank, in order to ensure that the bank complies with Shariah.

The board sets out to ensure that all Shariah matters regarding Al Baraka Bank are dealt with in a professional manner and in strict accordance with the standards set-out by AAOIFI.

The Shariah Supervisory Board's rulings and resolutions are binding on the bank.

It is the responsibility of the Shariah Supervisory Board to carry out regular audits of transactions and, based on its reviews of the bank's business operations, to form an independent opinion.

Al Baraka Bank's Shariah Supervisory Board comprises:

Dr Abdus Sattar Abu Ghudda (Syrian) –

Dr Ghudda is the senior Shariah consultant for the Al Baraka Banking Group. He is also a director of the Department of Financial Instruments at Al Baraka Investment and Development Company and is a member of the Shariah Supervisory Boards of several Islamic financial institutions. He is an active member of the OIC Islamic Fiqh Academy and AAOIFI.

He was responsible for the research and compilation of the Encyclopaedia of Fiqh of the Kuwait Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs and is a former member of the Ministry's Fatwa Board. He has taught fiqh and Islamic studies in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. Dr Ghudda obtained BA degrees in Islamic Shariah and in Law from Damascus University. He went on to earn his MA degree in Shariah and hadith and his PhD in Shariah and comparative fiqh from Al-Azhar University in Cairo.

Sheikh Mahomed Shoaib Omar –

Sheikh Omar serves as a member of the Shariah Supervisory Board of Al Baraka Bank. He completed his LLB at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in 1979 and studied Arabic and Islamic Law under Mufti Taqi Usmani in 1982. He was also a student of Qadhi Mujahidul Islam, the founder of the Islamic Fiqh Academy of India.

He was granted the right of appearance in the High and Constitutional Courts of South Africa in 1995. He currently practices as an attorney and has written a number of books and numerous articles on Islamic law and commerce.

Mufti Shafique Ahmed Jakhura –

Mufti Jakhura serves in the Fatwa Department preparing and issuing Islamic juristic rulings at the Darul Ihsan Research Centre in Durban. He has established and heads the Centre for Islamic Economics and Finance SA – a non-profit organisation dedicated to increasing awareness and providing education in the fields of Islamic economics and finance.

In 2002 he completed, with distinction, the Aalimiyah Course at Madrasah Taleemuddeen, in Durban and in 2005 completed a three-year specialisation course in Islamic Jurisprudence (Fiqh and Fatwa) from Jamia Darul Uloom Karachi, under the guidance of Mufti Taqi Usmani, which culminated in the submission of a thesis on the topic of Shirkat and Mudharabat.

He also has an Advanced Diploma in Islamic Banking and Finance from the Centre for Islamic Economics, based in Karachi.

Shariah supervision of the Old Mutual Albaraka Shariah funds

The partnered Old Mutual Albaraka Shariah funds are managed in strict accordance with Shariah.

The funds afford opportunities for Muslim investors seeking socially and morally responsible investments on the Johannesburg Securities Exchange.

The appointment of an independent Shariah Supervisory Board indicates the absolute commitment to both Shariah and Islamic economic principles.

The Shariah Supervisory Board comprises Mufti Justice (retired) Muhammad Taqi Usmani (Chairman), Dr Muhammad Imran Ashraf Usmani, Sheikh Mahomed Shoaib Omar and Mufti Zubair Bayat, and meets at least once annually.

The board has also appointed a local Shariah sub-committee, comprising Sheikh Mahomed Shoaib Omar and Mufti Zubair Bayat, who examine the Shariah compliance status of prospective companies and the core activities and financials of every company in the fund universe so as to ensure that each and every company complies with Shariah principles as set by AAOIFI.

All investments made by the fund ensure ongoing compliance with Shariah board directives.

The local sub-committee meets at least four times a year in order to ensure the execution of its mandate and to report to the Shariah Supervisory Board annually.