

# COMPANY PROFILE

AL BARAKA BANK IN SOUTH AFRICA IS A FULLY INTEGRATED SUBSIDIARY OF BAHRAIN-BASED AL BARAKA BANKING GROUP, ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING ISLAMIC BANKING GROUPS.

## Al Baraka Banking Group - Bahrain

Al Baraka Banking Group has subsidiary banking units and representative offices in no fewer than 15 countries, all of which offer Shariah-compliant retail, corporate, investment and treasury banking services. The group's services are delivered through some 550 branches by almost 10 000 members of staff.

Established to meet the need for world-wide Islamic banking services, Al Baraka Banking Group is listed on the Bahrain and Dubai financial exchanges.

As a fully integrated financial institution, the group provides a comprehensive financial products offering, specifically designed to meet the changing requirements of its clients. Positioned to take advantage of its current exceptional growth trajectory, reflected by way of its latest financial results, the group's 2014 net income totalled US\$275,0 million, while total assets grew to US\$23,5 billion.

Al Baraka Banking Group's international subsidiaries include: Banque Al Baraka D'Algerie S.P.A. in Algeria, Al Baraka Islamic Bank B.S.C. in Bahrain, Al Baraka Bank Egypt in Egypt, Itqan Capital in Saudi Arabia, Jordan Islamic Bank in Jordan, Al Baraka Bank Lebanon S.A.L. in Lebanon, Al Baraka Bank (Pakistan) Limited in Pakistan, Albaraka Bank Limited in South Africa, Al Baraka Bank Sudan in Sudan, Al Baraka Bank Syria s.a. in Syria, Al Baraka Bank Tunisia in Tunisia, Al Baraka Türk Participation Bank in Turkey and Al Baraka Banking Group representative offices in Indonesia, Libya, with a branch in Iraq, for which Al Baraka Türk Participation Bank is responsible.

## Al Baraka Bank - South Africa

The South African subsidiary, Al Baraka Bank, was established in 1989 and provides local communities with an essential alternative to conventional banking models.

Shariah-compliant banking is becoming increasingly attractive to a growing number of both Muslim and non-Muslim clients in South Africa.

Following a faith-based system of financial management, Al Baraka Bank draws its guiding principles from Shariah, which promotes profit-sharing, while prohibiting the payment or the receiving of interest in any transaction.

Products and services are Shariah-compliant and the bank remains committed to the ideal of 'partnership,' striving to develop long-term relationships with its clients.

The bank adopts and adheres to a personal approach, enabling it to foster close and meaningful partnerships with clients to the mutual benefit of both clients and the bank.

The bank's head office is situated in Durban. It boasts a national operating footprint comprising seven retail branches, three corporate banking offices and a business office, all of which provide a full range of products as a fully-fledged Islamic and commercial banking enterprise.

As at 31 December 2014, Al Baraka Bank's primary shareholders included the Bahrain-based Al Baraka Banking Group B.S.C. (64,51%), DCD Holdings (SA) (Pty) Ltd. (6,01%), DCD London and Mutual plc (6,60%), Johannesburg-based Timewest Investments (Pty) Ltd. (7,67%) and Sedfin (Pty) Ltd. (3,33%). The remaining shareholding consists of both foreign and local shareholders.

The bank's board of directors comprises international and local business people, all demonstrating outstanding individual business skills and exceptional collective expertise and experience in Islamic banking.

So as to effectively continue its adherence to Shariah in its day-to-day business activities and in an effort to ensure that its products and services constantly comply with Islamic business principles, Al Baraka Bank has in place an internal Shariah Department and an independent Shariah Supervisory Board.

It is also a member of the international Accounting and Auditing Organisation for Islamic Financial Institutions.

All the bank's financial products are regularly reviewed and audited in order to ensure the maintenance of complete Shariah compliance.

Al Baraka Banking Group has progressively increased its shareholding in its South African subsidiary, with Al Baraka Bank here growing to become an integral part of the international group.

Utilising its international linkage, Al Baraka Bank has quickly attained an impressive reputation as a highly professional, effective and efficient financial services provider; one which is at the very cutting-edge of Islamic banking in this country, and one which features an impressive growth-path and is a significant contributor towards the resolution of socio-economic challenges faced by South Africa, through its broad and far-reaching corporate social investment programme.