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#### DEALS

Indonesia privately places new Sukuk series; reopens auction for six existing series

Matrix Concepts raises RM50 million (US\$12.63 million) through the issuance of Islamic commercial paper

Sabah Credit Corporation issues Islamic commercial papers

**Bank Negara Malaysia** floats Islamic instruments totaling RM63.88 billion (US\$16.06 billion)

NASDAQ Dubai admits Noor Bank's US\$500 million five-year Sukuk

**QIIB** waiting for the right time to print five-year Sukuk, says CEO

Kuwait Finance House to establish US\$3 billion Sukuk program; receives provisional rating of '(P)A1'

**Central Bank of Kuwait** issues KWD160 million (US\$528.05 million)-worth of conventional bonds and Tawarruq facilities

**Telekom Malaysia** issues Islamic medium-term note worth RM250 million (US\$62.92 million)

**AEON** raises RM100 million (US\$25.17 million) through the issuance of Islamic commercial paper

## **NEWS**

**Islamic Finance Project Management Office** proposes same tax on Islamic finance products with conventional offerings

Report on **1MDB** says proceeds raised via many sources including Islamic papers not fully used for intended purposes; Swiss and Singaporean authorities ready to commence talks with Malaysia on scandal

Otoritas Jasa Keuangan admits shares of Guna Timur Raya onto list of Shariah securities

**Amana Bank** establishes third self-banking center in Thihariya

Punjab government introduces Islamic crop insurance

Punjab University Hailey College of Banking & Finance and Al Baraka Bank enter into agreement to facilitate academic excellence

Indonesian Islamic banks to enhance Hajj services

Indonesian Stock Exchange launches new Islamic index

Malaysian government's intention to abolish highway tolls will impact Sukuk and bond market

Amana Bank collaborates with mCash to bring easier payment solution to customers

**Investcorp** launches platform to enter Germany's dental sector with two completed initial investments

### **RESULTS**

**Bank ABC Islamic** records 28.13% increase in net profit for first quarter of 2018

# ASSET MANAGEMENT

**Blossom Finance** opens enrollment for its first publicly available Islamic microfinance fund

**Equitativa**, on behalf of **Emirates REIT**, enters into buy and leaseback

agreement with **Lycee** Francais Jean Mermoz

## TAKAFUL

Al Ahlia Cooperative Insurance Company receives Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority's approval for proposed merger with Gulf Union Cooperative Insurance Company

Takaful Emarat establishes new brand to complement acquisition of Al Hilal Takaful

Saudi Indian Cooperative Insurance Company receives Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority's approval for capital reduction

Saudi Takaful firms announce reduction in capital

## RATINGS

MARC affirms investment manager rating of IMR-2 on Kenanga Islamic Investors

Mashreq Capital's investment manager quality assessment falls one notch to MQ2

**Projek Lebuhraya Usahasama**'s Sukuk Musharakah program affirmed at 'AAAIS'

### MOVES

Five board members of **Danajamin Nasional** to retire; Suresh Menon appointed as new director

Adissadikin Ali now president of Association of Islamic Banking and Financial Institutions Malaysia

Abdulkader Thomas resigns from **Meethaq Islamic Banking**'s Shariah supervisory board

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