

**TAG-Org, CIMA to launch first global Arabic Certificate in Islamic Finance****MENAFN Press - 05/10/2009**

(MENAFN Press) The launch of the Arabic certificate, which counts HSBC Amanah as its global supporting partner, marks a major step forward for the Islamic Finance industry – it is the first global qualification of its kind to be offered by a professional chartered accountancy body

The Talal Abu-Ghazaleh CIMA Academy will host the global launch of the CIMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants) Certificate in Islamic Finance in Arabic in Dubai on October 12th at the Emirates Towers at 6.30pm.

The launch of the Arabic certificate, which counts HSBC Amanah as its global supporting partner, marks a major step forward for the Islamic Finance industry – it is the first global qualification of its kind to be offered by a professional chartered accountancy body.

Robert Jelly, Director of Education at CIMA, will explain how the certificate has been developed to help meet a global shortfall of skilled Islamic finance professionals, by offering an internationally recognised qualification as an alternative to regional qualifications available in isolated geographies. He will stress how the move to offer the certificate in Arabic - the language of one of most important Islamic Finance regions in the world – the Middle East, is core to CIMA's strategy to ensure this global qualification is accessible to all.

Dr Mohd Daud Bakar, international Shari'ah expert from the IIIF (International Institute of Islamic Finance Inc) and consultant on the Certificate syllabus, will then take to the stage to outline the impressive growth of Islamic Finance around the world, against the backdrop of a global economic crisis. He will discuss the important role Islamic Finance has to play in the modern world, and touch on Dubai's crucial role in the industry.

Salah Abu-Osbeh, Regional Director at Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Academies, will go on to outline the need for an Arabic translation of the CIMA Certificate in Islamic Finance. Mr. Abu-Osbeh will tackle the importance of this cooperation to create the opportunity for Arab professionals to be specialised and internationally qualified in Islamic finance; the fastest growing financial services sector, in order to diminish the shortage of qualified professionals in this field in the Middle East.

The event will close with a speech from Ammar Shamsuddin, HSBC's Head of Human Resources for the UAE, who will outline HSBC Amanah's collaboration with CIMA to promote the Certificate in Islamic Finance. He will also explain how HSBC staff have already benefited from undertaking this global Certificate as HSBC Amanah's Islamic Finance qualification of choice.

There will be interview opportunities with all spokespeople from 6.30pm and an opportunity for photographs. To register for a press pass, please contact: [Katie.Scott-Kurti@cimaglobal.com](mailto:Katie.Scott-Kurti@cimaglobal.com).

The event will be followed by networking over refreshments. For more information, or to attend, interested parties should email [Middle.East@cimaglobal.com](mailto:Middle.East@cimaglobal.com) at their earliest convenience.

For more information on the CIMA Certificate in Islamic Finance, please log on to [www.cimaglobal.com/islamicfinance](http://www.cimaglobal.com/islamicfinance).

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