# GIRO Workshop

# Issues in Islamic Finance and (Re)Takaful business

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What it isn't:

#### What it is

### Products are broadly similar to conventional insurance:

- Banking
- Mutual funds
- Securities
- Derivatives
- Leasing
- Hedge funds







#### What isn't allowed in Islamic Finance

Making money on money ("riba");



- Uncertainty ("gharar");
- Gambling ("maisir"); and



Participating in activities that are forbidden ("haram")

# Examples of halal investments

- Equities
- Sukuk bonds
- Property
- Collective investment schemes



Islamic compliant banking

## Sharia'h Supervisory Board

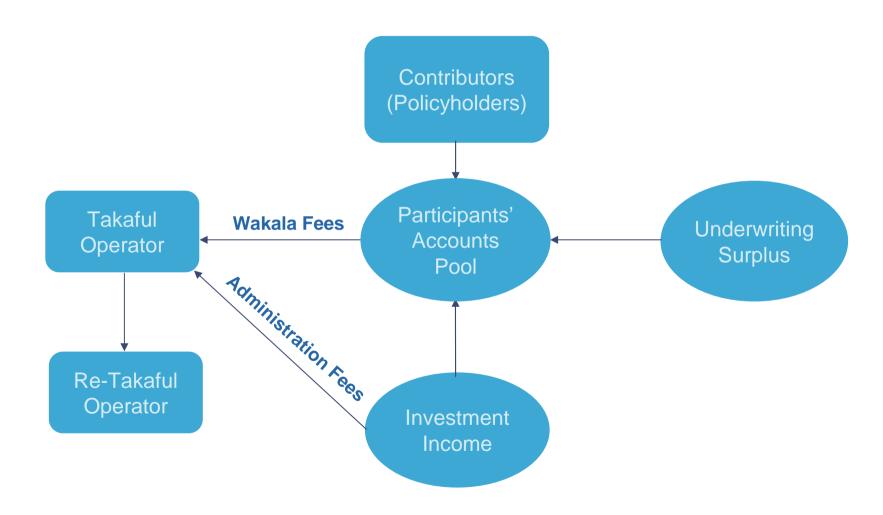
- an independent body of specialist jurists in Islamic commercial jurisprudence.
- is entrusted with the duty of directing, reviewing and supervising the activities of the Islamic financial institution in order to ensure that they are in compliance with Islamic Sharia rules and principles
- The fatwa's and rulings of the Sharia supervisory board are binding on the Islamic financial institution.

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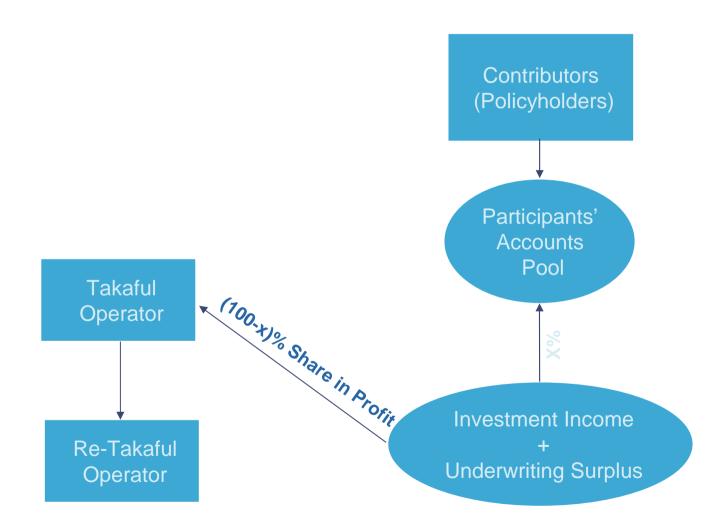
- Sharia compliant alternative to conventional insurance
- Based on solidarity, co-operation & mutual indemnification
- A mutual structure within a shareholder wrapper
- Literally "guaranteeing each other"
- Free of gharar, maisir and riba
- Assets to be in acceptable investments ("haram" alcohol & gambling etc free)

#### What is Takaful and ReTakaful business?

## Wakala (fee) model



# Mudaraba (profit sharing) model



What is Takaful and ReTakaful business?

# Types of business

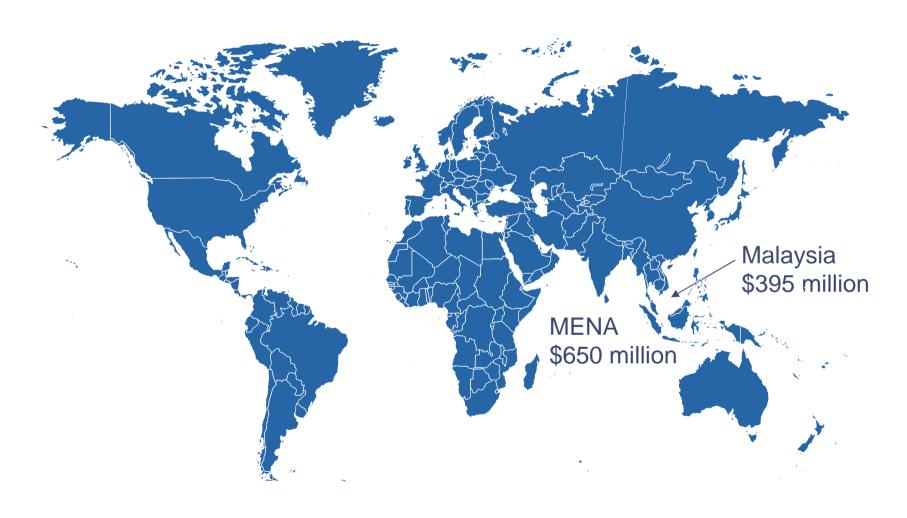
- General Takaful
- Family Takaful
- ReTakaful

#### ReTakaful

- In the event of insolvency of the Takaful operators (ceding Takaful), the ReTakaful operator may be required to provide an interest free loan from shareholder's fund to enable the Takaful operator to pay indemnities to participants.
- The methods of ReTakaful is similar to reinsurance:
  - Treaty or Facultative
  - Proportional
    - Quota Share and Surplus contracts
  - Non-Proportional
    - Excess of loss and stop loss contracts

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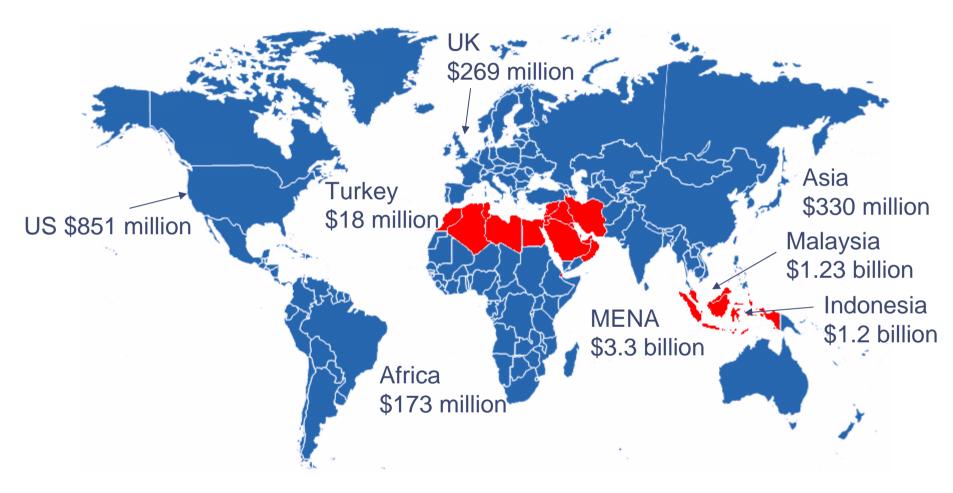
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#### Islamic Premium Income 2015



Premium income over \$1 billion

Source: Swiss Re sigma study 2003, AXCO Global Statistics 2005

# **Current Challenges**

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#### **Current Challenges**

- Geographical market
- Marketing to non-muslims
- Maintaining ethical issues
- Technical competence
- Sharia competence
- Financial strength and market share

- Conformity with regulation
- Risk management
- Lack of ReTakaful capacity
- Investment policy currently does not have huge impact on Takaful retention but should consider longtail business

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