

Mazin Khalil Manager, Advisory and Deputy Head of Islamic Finance

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Mazin is an experienced Islamic Banking and Finance professional with over 10 years of experience across Islamic Financial Institutions and consulting practices, he carries a unique skill set based on a period spent across fully-fledged banks and window operations. He co-leads the Islamic Finance practice as deputy to practice's Global Head.

Mazin is the lead engagement manager for multiple Islamic Finance engagements on a regional scale. His skillset includes development of Islamic prudential standards and regulations, Shari'ah governance frameworks, product development, Central Shari'ah Board SOPs and more.

Mazin spearheaded a flagship engagement with a leading Central Bank in the GCC, developing a comprehensive Islamic Regulatory Framework which addresses key in the supervisory space.

Mazin is also engaged with the wider government sector in the GCC on various aspects of Islamic Finance including counterparty management and asset allocation of sovereign wealth funds, sovereign Sukuk issuances and more. He advised on key transactions specifically around Shari'ah governance and Islamic structuring.

He joined Grant Thornton UAE from Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank (ADCB) and previously, Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank (ADIB), covering product development, Shari'ah governance, Internal Shari'ah audit and portfolio management. Mazin covered a portfolio of Corporate and Investment Banking client.

Mazin engaged in structuring key syndicated transactions for sovereigns and corporates. He also invested in developing a suite of Islamic Transactional Banking products.

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Area of Expertise

Islamic Finance Advisory Prudential Regulations

Shari'ah Governance and Compliance

Internal Audit

Education

• BSc in Finance, Minor in Banking and Financial Institutions, George Mason University (UAE Campus, now the American University of Ras Al Khaimah)

Certification & Accolades

- Certified Islamic Finance Executive (CIFE) Ethica Institute of Islamic Finance
- Certified Islamic Financial Analyst (CIFA) Shape Knowledge Services
- Certificate in Commercial Credit Moody's Analytics
- COSO Internal Controls Certificate American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)