SWISS ARAB NETWORK

Arab Banking and Finance Forum

Switzerland

Wednesday 4th May, 2016, from 13:30 to 21:00
Hotel Atlantis by Giardino, Döltschiweg 234, 8055 Zurich
www.atlantisbygiardino.ch/en/



INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES

Despite a constant growth and strong confidence in its future prospects, Arab and Islamic Banking has received only limited attention in Switzerland so far. This forum has set the objective to create a dialogue and networking platform and bring Swiss and Arab financial professionals together to discuss and exchange on present perspectives, upcoming opportunities and challenges, share best practice and benefit from a high level business network.

TARGET AUDIENCE

More than 100 Swiss and Arab wealth and asset managers, lawyers, government and non-government organisations, academia and successful business people with a relation or strong interest in the Arab Banking and Finance industry.

PRICE

CHF 300.-
CHF 250.- for members of the Swiss Finance Institute (SFI), Arab-Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CASCI), Swiss Arab Network (SAN).

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Partners

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ONLINE REGISTRATION

www.swissarab.org. Only limited seats are available. Registration is valid once confirmed by the organizer.

http://www.swissarab.org/events/next-events/arab-banking-finance-forum/

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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SUPPORTERS

Arab-Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Group of Companies of H.H. Sheikh Al Hassan Bin Ali Bin Rashid Al Nuaimi (Ajman, UAE), Department International Business of the Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW), International Arab Film Festival Zurich (IAFFZ), Bank Kader Verein Zürich (BKV).

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Program

11:30 VIP: Private networking lunch
Speakers, founding, knowledge and media partners

13:30 All: Registration and reception

14:00 Welcome speech and guest networking round
Mounir Khouzami, President and Co-Founder of the Swiss Arab Network

14:30 Arab financial centres as emerging hubs

Keynote speech
Dr. Sayd Farook, Vice Chairperson, Board of Trustees, RFI Foundation

Middle East Hub: Bahrain
Panel discussion between Sebastian Gerlach, Economic Development Board of Bahrain and a Swiss financial institution based in Bahrain

North Africa Hub: Morocco
Panel discussion between Said Amaghdir, president of the Moroccan Association for Participative Finance Professionals and secretary general of RMA capital and Joël Rochat, Managing Director and Partner at ONYX Wealth Management (Geneva) with a booking centre in Casablanca

15:50 Networking and refreshment break

16:30 Islamic banking and finance

Islamic Wealth & Asset Management:
A new hope for Swiss private banking
John A. Sandwick, General Manager of Safa Investment Services S.A. (Geneva), Teacher of Master Classes on Islamic wealth and asset management for corporate groups and universities

Understanding and navigating through the Islamic legal framework
Nicolas Bremer, Partner at Alexander & Partner in Berlin with office associations in Qatar, UAE, Oman and India

Best practice sharing
A financial institution sharing best practice experience on Islamic finance

17:30 Finance knowledge as prospect entry point, export and reputation factor
Panel discussion between the Swiss Finance Institute (SFI) and the University of Business and Technology of Saudi Arabia (UBT) moderated by Khaldoun Dia-Eddine, Head of Regional Competence Center Middle East & Africa at the Department International Business of the Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW)

18:00 Questions & Answers

18:45 Networking and flying Arabic dinner