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### EDITOR-IN-CHIEF KEYNOTE

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#### Alhamdulillah...

I am very pleased to introduce the first volume of Salihin Islamic Finance Bulletin, IQRA, which means read, the first verse revealed in Quran. IQRA bulletin series is an initiative by SALIHIN Research and Publication team.

IQRA is produced with the objective to disseminate knowledge of Islamic finance and to spread it among the stakeholders of Islamic finance community. Every issues of IQRA will feature a specific topic to benefit the readers, inshaAllah.

I hope IQRA bulletin will contribute a valuable insight, particularly in this issue, which focused on the wealth management and financial planning, one of the emerging areas in Islamic finance and promoted subject matter of financial literacy.

Thank you for reading.

"Let's Enrich the World of Islamic Finance"



## ISLAMIC WEALTH MANAGEMENT & SHARIAH FINANCIAL PLANNING



#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Shariah dimension of Financial Planning can be understood from the position of Shariah on wealth. Where, wealth in Shariah should only be used according to the guidelines provided by Allah (SWT), WHO IS THE REAL OWNER. All activities related to wealth such as protection of wealth and investment of wealth, should be conducted on the basis of the relevant Shariah guidelines and principles.

#### **DEFINITION OF FINANCIAL PLANNING**

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) defines Personal Financial Planning as: "Personal Financial Planning is an interactive process designed to enable a consumer/ client to achieve their personal financial goals." The MFPC constitution defines Personal Financial Planning as: "A process or methodology of assisting clients in determining their financial goals, objectives and priorities and the resources to meet them in an optimal and practical manner." As for the Securities Industry Act Malaysia, it defined it as, "A person who carries on a business of analysing the financial circumstances of another person and provides a plan to meet that other person's financial needs and objectives, including any investment plan in securities, whether or not a fee is charged in relation thereto."

#### DEFINITION OF SHARIAH FINANCIAL PLANNING

From the Shariah perspective, Shariah Financial Planning can be defined as "A process of assisting clients in determining their financial goals and priorities and the resources to meet them optimally within the parameters of the Shariah."

## SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES OF SHARIAH FINANCIAL PLANNING

The scope of the financial plan is about producing comprehensive financial planning recommendations. The recommendations address all of the client's needs and goals such as investment, risk management, takaful planning, etc. In Shariah Financial Planning, the scope should widened be to cover the requirements and recommendations of the Shariah.

#### THE OBJECTIVES OF FINANCIAL PLANNING



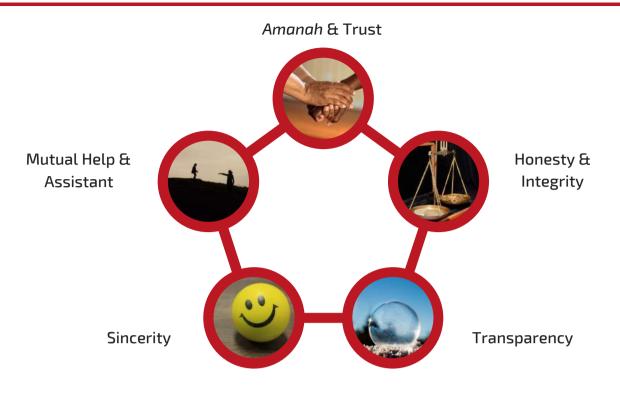
Providing direction to a person's financial decisions

Allowing a person to understand on how each financial decision affects other areas of his finances

Proper fulfillment of obligations and recommendations of finance

Hence, the nature of financial planning prescribed by the Shariah is conducting the financial management process in a way compatible with the Shariah precepts.

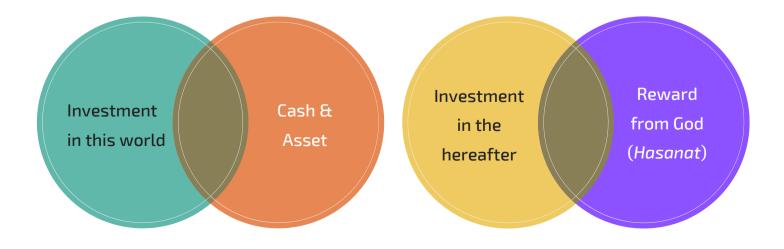
#### THE VALUES OF THE FINANCIAL PLANNING



#### FINANCIAL PLANNING AND HISBAH

Conducting the business of financial planning within the *hisbah* is by advising the client in all aspects of financial plan according to Shariah. The financial planner is regarded as *muhtasib*.

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF SPIRITUAL ASPECT AND THE DIMENSION OF THE HEREAFTER IN THE FINANCIAL PLANNING



#### INCORPORATE MAQASID AL SHARIAH IN DESIGNING THE PRIORITIES OF THE CLIENT

The conventional financial system focuses primarily on the economic and financial aspects of transactions, it is driven by profit maximization. According to the principles of *Maqasid al Shariah*, the Islamic system places equal emphasis on the ethical, moral, social and religious dimensions in order to ensure equality and fairness for the good of society.

#### A. THE DARURIYYAT

The necessities that people depend on them.



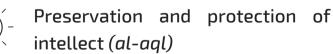
Preservation and protection of religion (*al-din*)



Preservation and protection of life (al-nafs)



Preservation and protection of progeny or dignity (*al-'ird*)





Preservation and protection of wealth (*al-mal*)

#### B. THE NEEDS (HAJIYYAT)

Supporting needs & interests for a smooth life.

#### C. COMPLEMENTARY(TAHSINIYYAT)

Interests for society improvement & better life.

#### ADDITIONAL ASPECTS RELEVANT TO THE SHARIAH FINANCIAL PLANNING PROCESS

- The planner should ensure that Shariah guidelines are always applied and throughout the stages of developing and implementing the plan;
- The financial planner should avoid means of investment and deposit that are not Shariah compliant (interest);
- Proper discharge of financial obligations such as *zakah*, *hajj*, fulfilment of past debts, etc. should be duly planned for and diligently implemented;
- SFP is required to educate the Muslim client on the Shariah procedures and requirements;
- It is the responsibility of the planner that the plan that is designed with his collaboration be free from any objection from a Shariah angle; and
- The SFP should remind the Muslim client on the broader and longerterm goals of Shariah, by having dual investment in this world and the hereafter.

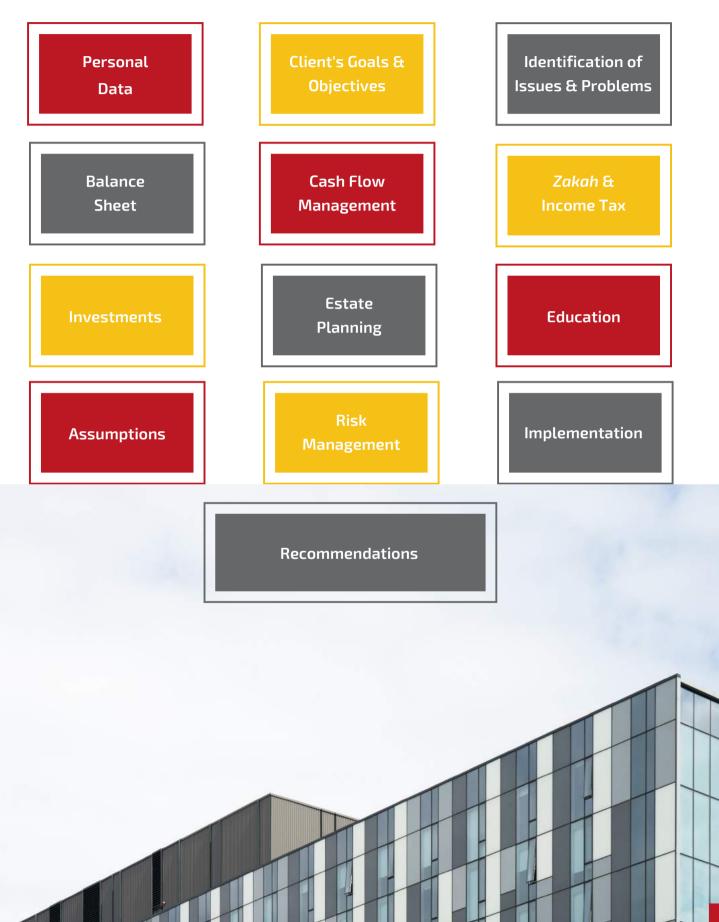
#### **CRITERIA OF SHARIAH FINANCIAL PLANNING**

There are some important criteria in Shariah Financial Planning that should be considered to be distinguished as a unique business affiliation, these are as follows:

- The financial planning is financial assistant to people in order to manage their finance in proper manner
- The financial planning is not only needed because of the financial distress of the client, but it is needed in all circumstances as it is part of the wealth management appreciated by Shariah
  - The financial planning should be inline with the objectives of Shariah in wealth and finance
    - Maqasid al Shariah is an important component in driving the financial planning to the best achievement
  - Balancing between the existing asset and liability as well as future financial goals is an important aspect in designing the financial planning
    - The concept of the Islamic world view is the dominant factor in the financial planning

- The objective of the financial planning is to determine the financial goals of the client
- The financial planning is a process and methodology to design the way of the financial achievement based on the available wealth and resource of the client
- The financial planning in needed for the fortunate people and the unfortunate people as well
- The success of the financial planning depends on the information disclose by the client
- The incorporation of the religion dimension into the financial planning in a very important aspect which improve the voluntary sector
- Identification and understanding of the financial problem of the client is a key for the success of the financial planning

The following elements should be included in a Comprehensive Financial Plan:



#### THE FINANCIAL PLANNING PROCESS

The financial planning process is comprising of six (6) steps, together with additional aspects relevant to Shariah Financial Planning.

#### Step 1 Setting goals, objectives & prirorities Purpose: Establish where the clients want to go and arrange them in the order of importance Additional aspects Why, where, when and for whom assets to be built; consider goals and objectives of a Muslim Step 2 Gathering relevant data and information Purpose: Procure crucial information for determining the client's situation Additional aspects Appropriate, accurate and complete information; not only quantitative, but also qualitative; information on Shariah obligations such as needy relatives Step 3 Analysing information and assessing financial status Purpose: Identifying client's needs, resources, constraints and options Additional aspects Verify current net worth and current cash flow; determine current financial situation as indicated by financial ratios

#### Developing and presenting financial plan for implementation

**Purpose**: Detailing the problems and solutions in a strategised, written format for the client's considerations and actions

#### Additional aspects

Should include planning for risk, tax, investment, children's education, retirement, estate, etc. Most important step for Muslims should include *zakah*, *hajj* and other obligations and avoid all prohibited means

#### Executing the financial plan

**Purpose**: Getting permission and having the plan implemented effectively and efficiently <u>Additional aspects</u>

Selection of investment and other products; writing off wills; creating trust; complying with Shariah criteria; recommending and engaging professionals in specific areas as required

#### Monitoring execution and reviewing the financial plan

**Purpose**: Checking and adjusting the execution to ensure goals and objectives listed are met <u>Additional aspects</u>

Verifying plan is on track; evaluating plan, revising and updating; should reflect the current stage in life; and incorporate changes in life

Step 4

Step 5

Step 6

#### THE SHARIAH FRAMEWORK OF THE FINANCIAL PLANNING - SHARIAH CONTRACTS IN FINANCIAL PLANNING -

It is important to identify the underlying financial contract governing the business of financial planning as they represent to the point of reference in Shariah compliance, such as *Ijarah* (Leasing), *Wakalah* (Agency) and *Ju'alah* (Commission).



SHARIAH COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT

Assessing the Shariah compliance of the services provided by the financial planner.

#### CONCLUSION

We can conclude that Shariah Financial Planning is an important component in the Islamic finance ecosystem, in which it is still a young industry but growing in Malaysia with the support of the Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) and Securities Commission Malaysia (SC). Its importance is related to the wealth management and financial planning and proper management of finance and cash flow, the Shariah Financial Planning support the increase of the financial literacy and contribute to increase the maturity level in dealing with finance in this world and the hereafter.

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- To understand the Shariah audit exercise
- To know the code of ethics in Shariah audit

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