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Islamic Finance Performance during Pandemic and Future Agenda

Message from the Guest Editors

COVID-19 has interrupted the entire financial landscape, with everyone from academics to policymakers attempting to mitigate the economic impact whilst upholding a solid and sustainable financial system. Even though the nature of the ongoing crisis differs from that of 2008, Islamic finance's optimism will be critical in re-establishing the Islamic economy as a substitute mechanism to conventional finance. Digital disruption, including Islamic Fintech, allows Islamic banking to compete and prosper on an equitable basis. At the individual and corporate levels, Islamic banking can help resolve challenges brought by economic upheavals. Social instruments of Islamic finance such as qardh-al-hasan, zakat, sukuk, and waqf are attractive choices for the Islamic banking system to utilize during and after this pandemic. These instruments assist vulnerable communities, SMEs, and corporate entities by providing immediate cash transfers and providing healthcare coverage and educational resources (Haider et al., 2020). Islamic finance is founded on the principles of social equality and the equitable distribution of wealth, ...

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