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Strengthening Financial Resilience and Driving Sustainable Growth

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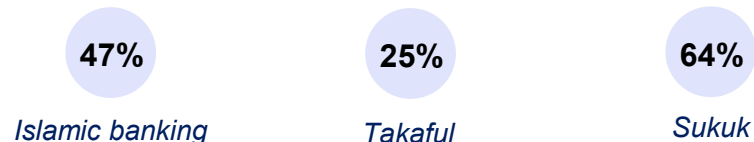
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Islamic finance industry continues to support sustainable economic growth

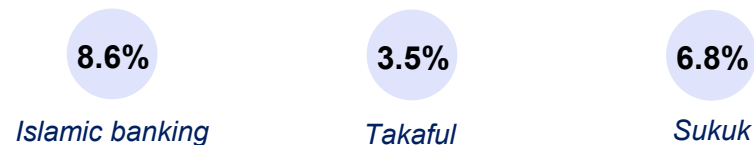


Strong market presence

Growing market share¹



Supported by solid growth²



Supported by enabling regulatory and market infrastructure



Comprehensive legal & regulatory framework integrating Shariah considerations



Globally aligned prudential standards that considers value-based innovation and unique Islamic finance risks



Market infrastructure to promote transparency and operational efficiency



Diverse market players with growing regional and international capabilities



Supporting economy

RM198 billion (USD47 bil) Sukuk issuance to fund real economic sectors

8.3% Business financing growth to meet demand across economic sectors



Financial inclusion

13.9% Growth of financing disbursed to microenterprises and SMEs

19.6% Penetration rate of family takaful

¹ Total Islamic financing is the proportion of Islamic financing relative to the overall financial ecosystem. Takaful market share represents net contributions from both family and general takaful, while sukuk market share is the ratio of outstanding sukuk to the combined total of sukuk and bonds.

² Based on 5-year compounding average growth rate from 2020 to 2024.



Driving Islamic finance growth through innovation and institutional capabilities

Key imperatives for sustainable growth and financial resilience

1

Advance capabilities and impact measurements through **value-based intermediation**

2

Drive innovation and build institutional capabilities to unlock key areas

iCITA

▶ Widening risk-sharing offerings to provide diverse risk-reward options

iTEKAD

▶ Potential of *waqf* and *zakat* as impact-driven financial tools



▶ Islamic finance as primary choice for halal economy and sustainable finance

3

Harness technology to deliver *Maqasid Shariah*

4

Develop future-ready talents for Islamic finance leadership to drive regional and global aspirations



Key initiatives to facilitate innovation



Risk sharing innovation

- i-CITA, an initiative to co-create innovative pilot risk-sharing solutions for inclusion and impact
- Promotes experimentation and scaling of Shariah-compliant financial innovations
- RM100 million matching fund by the Government for risk-sharing instruments in critical sectors (e.g. food security and climate resilience)



Social blended protection

- Expansion of iTEKAD with risk protection component to low-income microentrepreneurs
- Strengthen financial resilience by integrating social finance instruments
- Supported with RM5 million matching grant in combination with social or philanthropic funds



Sustainability agenda



Deployment of innovative solutions for climate/nature projects via public, private & philanthropic finance

Greening Halal Businesses

Programme for halal businesses to adopt sustainable practices.

- For risk sharing: Interested banks can reach out to Bank Pembangunan Malaysia Berhad on i-CITA
- For iTEKAD protection: Interested takaful operators can reach out to the Bank via itekadprotection@bnm.gov.my



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Thank you

