

Evaluation of Islamic Banks in Kuwait

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ABSTRACT

This study represents an inquiry into consumers' evaluation of the three Islamic Banks in the State of Kuwait. A survey was conducted to collect information on a number of issues relating to the consumer's views on various aspects of the structure and performance of Kuwait Finance House; Kuwait International Bank and Boubyan Bank.

The technique of factor analysis was used to analyze the relationships among the interrelated variables affecting consumers' choice of Islamic banks. The principal component method, with varimax rotation, is utilized to reduce the large number of explanatory variables to a few underlying factors.

FACTORS DETERMINING ISLAMIC BANKING ASSET LIABILITY BALANCING

(Case of Indonesia 2000-2008)

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Abstract

Model of Islamic banking behavior in competitive banking sector is derived to find theoretical variables which determine the balance of asset and liability side. In fact, total deposit is driven by return sharing paid by Islamic banks to their account holders; PLS return gained by Islamic banks; cost of banking activities and SBI rate. On the other hand, total financing is also influenced by the same variables (but from bank's point of view) and profit from non operational financing. At the end, the potential of liquidity mismatch should be anticipated along with the role of regulator to manage the balance of industry's liquidity.

A Prospect for Islamic Banks for Financing in SMEs via Pakistan Post Offices in Rural and Sub-urban Areas

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Abstract

More than half century after Pakistan's independence, Small and Medium Enterprises continues to face the inadequate financing from traditional financing institutions; rather this sector is key player in economic development and social prosperity. This paper aims to further highlight the significance of financing towards SMEs in a collaborative form of Islamic banks and Post Offices, because conventional banks and financial institutions have complex loan approval, confirmation and dispatch procedure. There is an immense prospective for Islamic banks for financing in SMEs, as this segment has been neglected for a long time and is still untapped by the conventional banks and authorities. Post Offices have a deep-rooted branch network all over the country; hence can be an ideal partner for Islamic banks to perform as representative or franchised branch for financing SMEs. This strategic collaboration would certainly overcome the SMEs' capital shortage problems and improve the economic infrastructure and social conditions of the rural and suburban inhabitants. Furthermore, this proposed collaboration will not only make the financing procedure more brisk but also results in economies in different administrative costs of Islamic banks and increase in Post Offices' incomes.