

## SECTION 1: ABOUT PRAESIDIUM

Praesidium LLP is a leading regulatory, compliance and client advisory firm that provides a wide range of services globally to a substantial and diversified client base that includes corporations, financial institutions and governments. The firm is headquartered in the Dubai International Financial Centre and maintains its commitment to service its clients in most of the major financial centres around the world within the next five years. The firm was established in 2007 by three partners.

The firm is managed by ex-DFSA regulator, Hari Bhambra. Hari's commercial experience began with Goldman Sachs. She was also part of the development team of both the FSA and DFSA in creating their respective regulatory regimes and was the creator of the 'Shari'a Systems' regulatory regime for the DIFC. Hari has authored a number of articles on Islamic finance and is a member of numerous committees in this field. She speaks globally on Islamic Finance and was recently appointed by the US FSVC as the sole adviser to a secular Islamic market on the introduction of Islamic contracts for the first time. Hari supplements her commercial experience with regular Shari'a training from scholars in Egypt.

The firm's other two partners include the economic adviser to governments in the MENA region, and a senior capital markets lawyer who has advised banks and governments across the region on conventional and Islamic structures.

The firm is also an Accredited Training Provider for the London based Securities & Investment Institute to deliver the syllabus training for the Islamic Finance Qualification (IFQ) as well as the DIFC Rules and Regulations.

Since establishment, the firm already has an impressive list of clients, including Fortune 500 companies to which it provides services. Praesidium provides real hands-on experience, both international and regional, to ensure that clients' regulatory needs are met, enabling them to focus on seamless business growth.

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