

# Introduction to Islamic finance

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- Ethical
- Socially responsible
- Sustainable









- Introduce yourselves to your neighbors
  - Name
  - School
  - Year
  - Country



 Do you care about the ethical behavior of the companies, the products of which you buy?







Global Consumer Pulse Research

- Consumers (under 30), across all generations, care about what retailers say and how they act
- Gen Z and Millennial generations
- More than six in ten younger consumers

#### Religion & Business

- Religion influence morality of the majority
- Business ethical decisions are shaped by morality



Why do you think is that?

#### Religion & Business

- Catholic
- Protestant
- Jewish
- Islamic
- Hinduism
- Buddhism



## Religion and Business

- Max Weber
- Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism
  - Protestant Christianity
  - Development of modern capitalism



#### Religion and Business

- Religion & Business → Business ethics
- Philosophy, social sciences and business
- Emerged in 70s
- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) reporting

What do you think is the purpose of the CSR reporting?





• Have you heard the term "halal" before?





- Sources
  - Qur'an
  - Sunna





#### **Principles**



The God is the ultimate owner of all.



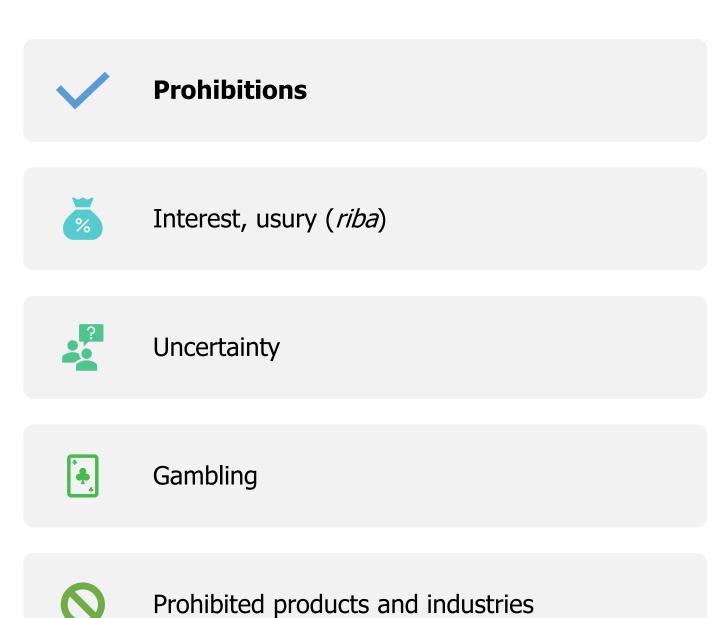
Material pursuits must be balanced with an individual's spiritual needs.



An individual's needs must be balanced with society's needs.



Economic transactions should take place within a just, responsible, free-market economy.





#### Interest

# Time Value of Money



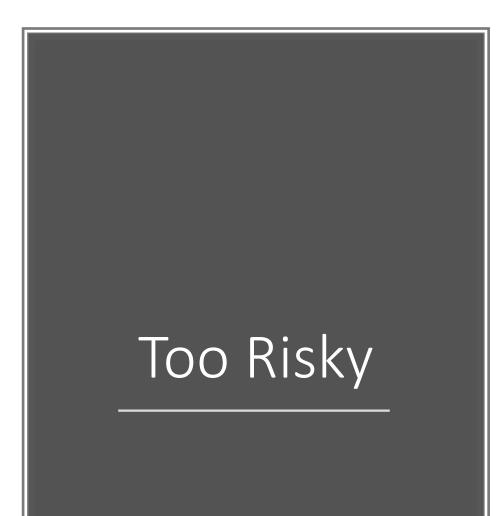
"A dollar today is always worth more than a dollar tomorrow"



#### Uncertainty

## Unfair

- Cheating
- Unclear
- Ambiguous
- No informed decision possible





#### Gambling

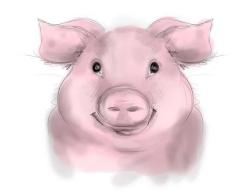
- Game of chance
- Wealth by chance
  - Addiction
  - Unexpected consequences
  - Exploitation





#### Prohibited products and industries











#### Islamic banking

## Islamic Finance & Banking



Over 300 Islamic banks around the globe



Follow Sharia (Islamic law)

## Islamic Finance & Banking





• Do you think anyone can use Islamic financial services?

#### Only for Muslims

\*1/3 is a non-Muslim

#### Not profit oriented

#### Practiced only in Muslim countries

It is a new industry

## Myths!

## Islamic Finance & Banking



Interest-free banking



Profit and loss sharing



How Do They Make Profit?

## Common Contracts

Profit-and-loss sharing contracts (mudaraba)

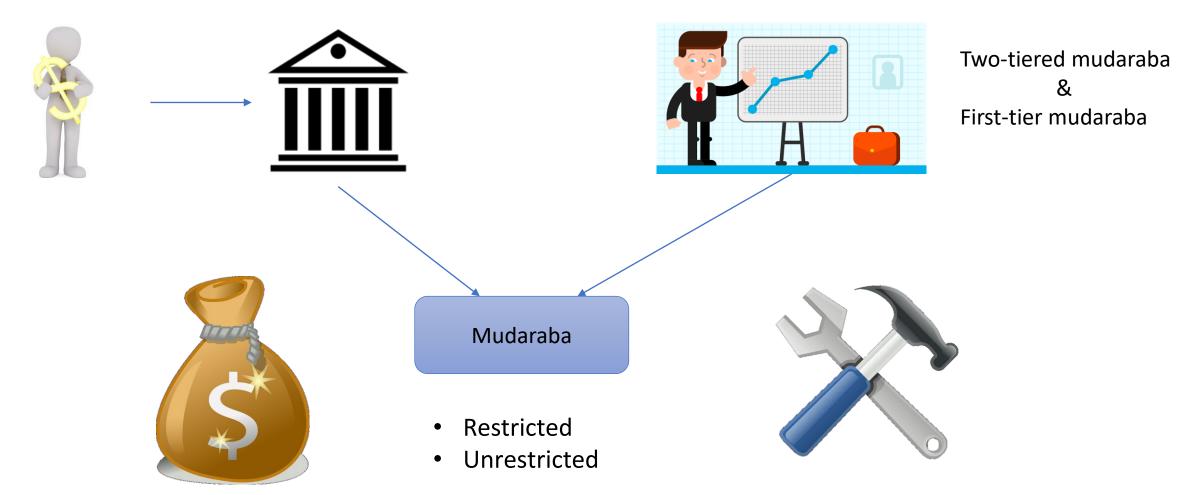
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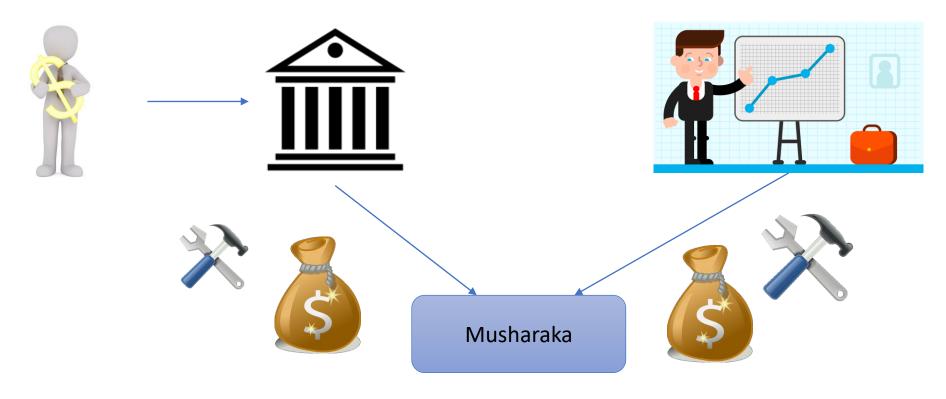
Leasing (ijara)

Islamic forwards (salam, istisna)

## Profit-and-loss sharing contracts (mudaraba)



## Partnership and joint stock ownership (musharaka)



Permanent/constant & Diminishing

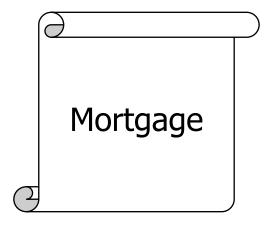
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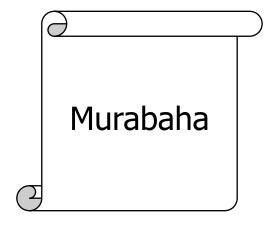
Conventional banking case



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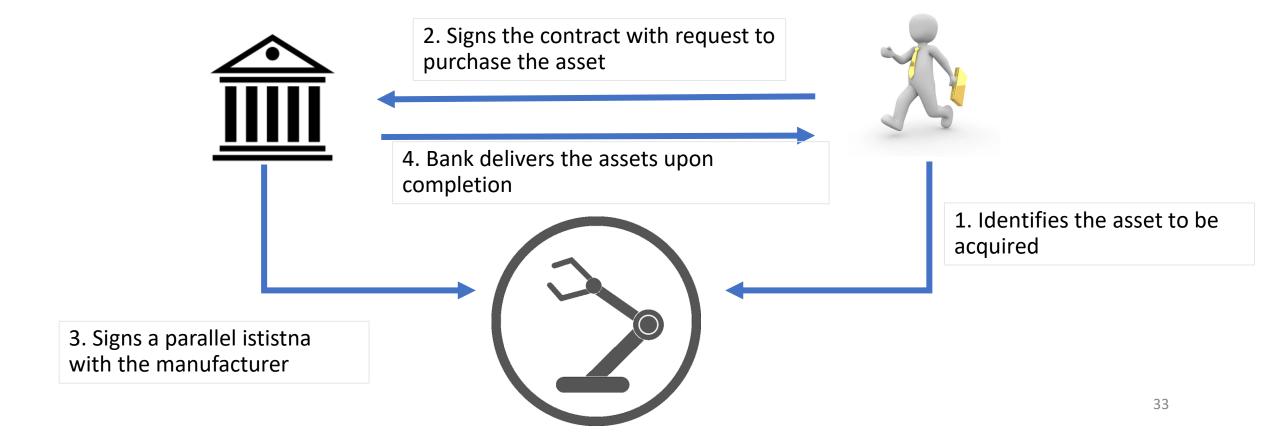
Islamic banking case



- No interest allowed
- Murabaha replaces loans
- Murabaha aka cost-plus financing (profit markup instead of interest)

## Islamic forwards (salam, istisna)

 Istisna is a sale contract of assets that need to be manufactured before the delivery.

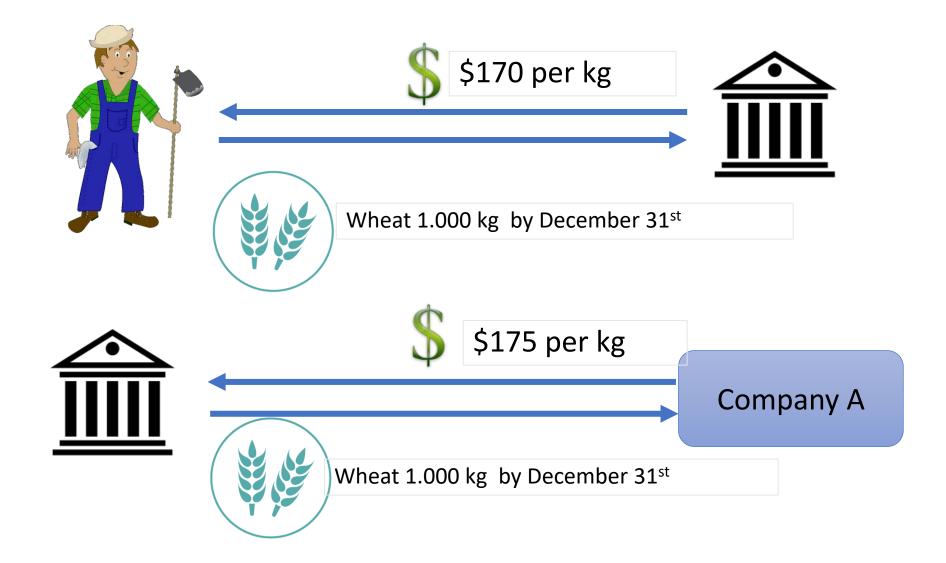


## Islamic forwards (salam, istisna)

• **Salam** is an Islamic contract in which full payment is made in advance for specific goods (often agricultural products) to be delivered at a future date.



## Islamic forwards (salam, istisna)



#### Zakat

- Zakat obligatory annual tax paid by individuals and businesses.
- Calculation of zakat by individuals: 2.5% of unused the whole lunar calendar year wealth ≥ 84.8gr of gold (nisab)

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Beginning of the year ~ $2.500 (savings)
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End of the year  $\sim$  \$4.000 (84.8gr of gold = \$3.489.52)

Zakat payment ~ \$4.000\*2.5%=\$100

#### Sharia Supervisory Board

- Sharia Scholars
- At least 3 members
- Overview bank's activities
- Opinion in annual reports
- Purify income



## Sukuk (Bonds)

• Islamic financial certificate, equivalent to bond.

Sukuk	Bond
Asset ownership	Debt obligations
Profit	Interest

- Case of Dana Gas
  - Conflicting rulings by UK and UAE courts

#### Criticism

- Standardization issues
- Emphasis on the form (vs substance)
- CSR Reporting

#### CSR: Islamic Perspective

Corporate Social Responsibility

- Unity of God
- Stewardship
- Holism

