

BLME APPEARS IN BLOOMBERG TV 'FAITH IN FINANCE' SERIES

London, 7 November 2012 – BLME, the largest Islamic bank in Europe, will appear in Bloomberg Television's 'Faith in Finance'. This is a six part series that explores the growth of Sharia'a-compliant financing through case studies and interviews of key players and decision makers within the industry.

BLME features in episode 5 of the series, entitled 'The Western Gateway'. Nigel Denison, BLME's Head of Wealth Management comments alongside the likes of James Caan and other leading industry figures. 'The Western Gateway' will be first broadcast on 14th November at 8pm in London and Dubai, and 6pm in Hong Kong.

The series is being run as conventional banks face continued negative media attention focused on scandals and restricted levels of growth and development. In comparison the Islamic finance industry has grown 20 per cent per annum and continues to attract interest from all faiths.

Nigel Denison, Head of Wealth Management at BLME, said: "We are pleased that Bloomberg has commissioned a series on Islamic finance that explores its growth and potential on a global scale. BLME is a bank of choice for many organisations, not only because it offers competitive financing and investment but because our Islamic principles mean that we provide a traditional form of banking that is founded in forming partnerships and acting in a transparent and ethical manner."

Shot on location in Kuala Lumpur, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Riyadh and London, the series analyses the various financial centres which have successfully adapted to sharia economic principles and can be viewed from 17th October to 21st November 2012.

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About Bank of London and the Middle East (BLME)

Bank of London and The Middle East plc (“BLME”) is an independent UK wholesale Sharia’a-compliant bank based in London. BLME received FSA authorisation in July 2007 and is the largest of its peers in Europe. It is led by a management team that brings together a combination of experienced international bankers and leading experts in Islamic finance. BLME has three key business areas; Corporate Banking, Treasury and Wealth Management that includes Asset Management and Private Banking. BLME is dedicated to offering innovative Islamic investment and financing products to businesses and high net-worth individuals in the European, US, Asian and MENA regions. To ensure that BLME’s services and operations are wholly Sharia ‘a compliant, the Bank has a dedicated Sharia ‘a Supervisory Board (“SSB”). The SSB’s role is to review contracts and agreements relating to all transactions ensuring that they are consistent with the principles of Islamic jurisprudence.

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