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DEALS

Telekom Malaysia looking at either US dollar or euro for debut Sukuk depending on pricing

Sharjah Islamic Bank sells US\$500 million Sukuk at a final price of 110bps over midswaps

The UAE to debut green-energy Sukuk in the next few months

PETRONAS sets price guidance for Sukuk tranche

Emirates Airline mandates eight banks for upcoming **UK Export Finance-guaranteed Sukuk**

Qatar International Islamic Bank receives shareholder approval for QAR3 billion (US\$823.4 million) capital-boosting Sukuk

Masraf Al Rayan to debut benchmark Sukuk before end of April

Asia Brands issues unrated Islamic medium-term notes of up to RM200 million (US\$54.02 million) in nominal value

NEWS

International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation and Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation sign US\$3 billion petrol agreement

Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank shortlisted for **Citigroup's** Egyptian retail business

NBP Aitemaad targets 100 Islamic banking branches by 2015

Malaysian Islamic banking assets grew by 12% in 2014, making up 25.6% of the country's total banking system assets

RAM Ratings optimistic that the Malaysian Islamic

banking industry will see consolidation of players despite recent merger fallout

International Bank of Azerbaijan conducts negotiations with customers of IBA-Moscow on Islamic financing services on the 13th March

KFH Research closes down

Islamic Financial Services Board to conduct seminar on financial inclusion through Islamic finance at the end of March in Jakarta

Threadneedle Investments acquires 2% stake in **Gatehouse Bank**

Research shows 50% of asset managers in the UK are ready to offer Islamic agriculture investments

Irish government acknowledges Islamic finance as potential lucrative area for development in its five-year strategy

Tatarstan focusing on expanding ties with Iran through East Azerbaijan Province

Morgan Lewis to use Singapore as base for further expansion in the Southeast Asian region and to integrate Islamic finance practice in Dubai

IDB approves more than US\$718 million for new infrastructure development projects in member countries

Moody's revises structured finance rating methodologies to incorporate new counterparty risk assessment

Qatar Islamic Bank expands network with new branch in Medina Centrale City

ASSET MANAGEMENT

Itqan Capital distributes 3.5% cash dividends for REIF-II

TAKAFUL

Nigeria establishes advisory council for Takaful insurance

Dar Al Takaful targets SMEs with new product

RATINGS

Fitch revises ratings on seven Qatari banks; upgrades issuer default ratings of Islamic banks

Islamic International Rating Agency maintains Turkey's ratings

Malaysia Marine and Heavy Engineering Holdings's Sukuk program receives final rating of 'AA-IS'

MARC assigns ratings to Islamic facilities issued by **TSH Resources's** subsidiaries

Moody's confirms **PETRONAS's** US\$1.25 billion Sukuk rating at 'A1'

MOVES

Bank Negara Malaysia appoints two external members to its Monetary Policy Committee

CIMB makes key appointments across its regional offices

Prime Bank names **Touhidul Alam Khan** as deputy managing director

Yousuf Al Rawahi joins **Ahlibank** as deputy general manager

AAOIFI names former minister as chairman of board of trustees

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