

Expert judging panel appointed for the Support Disruption for Good (SDG) Challenge

Bringing together Islamic finance, FinTech and venture capital experience, panel will select three finalists to present during the Responsible Finance & Investment Summit

Zurich, Switzerland, March 13, 2017 – The organizers of the Support Disruption for Good (SDG) Challenge are pleased to announce the appointment of a judging panel composed of leaders from across the responsible finance industry to judge the entrants in the Challenge.

In order to ensure the independence and credibility of the SDG Challenge, the judging panel was appointed jointly by the organizers of the Challenge. The judging panel is composed of senior Islamic banking leaders, FinTech innovators, venture capitalists and other experts working in the FinTech ecosystem. The judges will independently review and approve the judging methodology based on a criteria to assess the ability of applicants to scale, their potential to support financial inclusion and contribute to the SDGs, as well as their ability to become financially sustainable.

Blake Goud, CEO of the Responsible Finance & Investment (RFI) Foundation commented: “With interest in the SDG Challenge coming in from around the globe, it was more important than ever to have a similarly global judging panel. I am confident that the finalists selected by the judging panel will represent the best from across responsible FinTech.”

The members of the judging panel are:

- Sultan Choudhury, CEO, Al Rayan Bank UK
- Ashar Nazim, Partner, EY
- Hussam Sultan, Head of Commercial Banking, HSBC Amanah Malaysia Bhd
- Dr. Rob Straw, Director of Education, Swiss Finance Institute & Expert, Global FinTech Association
- Boris Battistini, Partner, Metellus AG
- Dr. Daniel Diemers, Partner, strategy&
- Omar Lahyani, CEO, Spacebyte AG

Entrants are able to submit their existing or pre-launch FinTech businesses to be considered by the judging panel through March 17 by completing the application form at www.rfisummit.org.

About the Responsible Finance & Investment Summit 2017

The Summit, to be held on 3 and 4 May 2017 at the Atlantis Hotel by Giardino in Zurich, Switzerland, will play a vital role in connecting representatives from across the responsible finance industry to build on the growing cooperation between responsible investment (RI), environmental, social and governance (ESG) and Islamic finance. The RFI Summit in Zurich is an initiative of the RFI Foundation and Swiss Arab Network, two globally active nonprofits

institutions seeking to build awareness of shared values that can bring together people from various backgrounds working towards similar goals connected to generating benefits to society.

About RFI Foundation

The RFI Foundation is a non-profit organisation with a mission to identify a neutral, nonpartisan and universal value proposition that encourages convergence of responsible finance practices. RFI evolves Sustainable, Responsible, Impact Investing (SRI), Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) and the Islamic finance sectors towards a convergence of their shared standards, and engages stakeholders to build the responsible finance industry as a catalyst to support equitable, inclusive and sustainable economic development. Visit us at www.rfi-foundation.org

About Swiss Arab Network

The Swiss Arab Network (SAN) is a non-profit networking organization with headquarter in Zurich and affiliations in the Arab world that strives to bridge gaps, promote sustainable exchange and intensify the mutual understanding among Swiss and Arab people. SAN is a networking platform and organizes events and gives speeches on topics like Swiss and Arab finance, business, culture, art and film. Established and high-profile organisations from Switzerland and the Arab world are members of the network. Visit us at www.swissarab.org

About Swiss Finance + Technology Association

Swiss FinteCH is an independent association which serves as the hub for #swissfinteCH. Our members are individuals connected to the ecosystem who reside locally and abroad. The group is volunteer-led and engages with partners to pursue its aims (i.e. corporates, associations, government, etc) including to connect Swiss FinTech to leading global centers; to offer meaningful information and content, such as directories and reports; to advocate and mediate for a more supportive business, regulatory, and innovation environment; and, to strengthen Switzerland as a Financial Centre

About Finocracy

Finocracy is the first company to focus on Islamic FinTech development through a holistic vision that includes an umbrella of complimenting FinTech platforms, a global accelerator program designed to source high-growth Islamic FinTech start-ups and an advisory component that powers a strong link to the wider Islamic Finance industry.

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