

# The Bank of Makkah & Al Madinah

**A message from our founder and CEO, Mr. Sidi Shahid . . .**

Welcome to our new bank, the Bank of Makkah & Al Madinah. It is my greatest honour to introduce this first International Islamic Investment Bank to the world. It is a private bank designed to serve Muslims and non-Muslims starting in Zimbabwe and expanding to all of Africa, the Middle East and Asia. It has been created to assist those who believe in our values of “helping, sharing and caring”. We are a peaceful people who truly wish to see a one world bank that serves citizens of all cultures and faiths.

The Bank of Makkah & Al Madinah for me is the realization of a dream ten years in the making. Born in the United Kingdom, I feel blessed to now be in a position to utilize my thirty years of experience in finance, real estate and development to launch this most unique Islamic Investment Bank. Our first operation in Zimbabwe was approved in September 2019. All operations will feature tax-free trade zones to promote international business and trading desks for the great commodities of Africa. We have created a “Gateway to Africa” program that will “re-introduce” our wonderful and exotic African countries to the world with unique economic development programs.

Our name tells a very significant story about who we are, what we intend to accomplish, and the values which shall guide us. Makkah and Al Madinah are two of the most revered cities in the Islamic world. The Bank shall promote a tourist project for Hajj and Umrah starting with African Muslims who wish to travel to Saudi Arabia to experience these very holly mandates. (And, of course, we will promote travel to Africa from Saudi Arabia to develop cultural and investment opportunities for both the countries.) The bank shall also encourage all Muslims around the world who are interested to join and invest in Africa and Saudi Arabia through The Bank of Makkah & Al Madinah.

Our economic and social vision is to create a “united” Africa by helping to heal this part of the world that historically has been exploited, corrupted and suffered unspeakable abuse. We will work with central and local governments and financial institutions to inspire and uplift the citizens in ways that create jobs, wealth and self-esteem. We shall begin by financing projects that address the essentials for a quality life including clean water, nutritious foods, adequate housing, good healthcare, enlightened education, and infrastructure such as energy. To this point, the Bank of Makkah and Al Madinah will donate 2.5% of our profits to charitable causes every year. We will work with international humanitarian organizations to help elevate developing countries to the standards enjoyed by so many other nations in today’s unequitable world.

We are committed to conducting business with honesty, transparency and integrity. We strongly believe that businesses can make a fair return while supporting social objectives. We are so grateful that we might play such an honoured role in the lives of so many.

Most sincerely