

## Dr. Abdul Halim Ismail



Dr. Abdul Halim Ismail is the Deputy Chairman of the Shariah Advisory Council (SAC) of Bank Negara Malaysia (Central Bank of Malaysia), and the Shariah Supervisory Council (SSC) of Labuan Financial Services Authority (Labuan FSA). He is also a member of the Shariah Advisory Council (SAC) of Securities Commission Malaysia and the Chairman of the Senate, Northern University of Malaysia. He also sits on the Board of Directors of a few listed companies in Malaysia.

Dr. Abdul Halim Ismail is the Executive Director of BIMB Securities Sdn Bhd, the stockbroking subsidiary of the listed entity BIMB Holdings Sdn Bhd, where he has served since its inception in 1994. He began his career as an academic staff of the Faculty of Economics, National University of Malaysia. He was Chief Economist at Bank Bumiputra Malaysia Berhad from (1977-1982). When Bank Islam Malaysia Berhad (BIMB) was established in 1983, he was appointed its first Managing Director. While with the Bank, he became the Chairman of the Board of Directors of its subsidiaries including Syarikat Takaful Malaysia Berhad, the first takaful (Islamic insurance) company established in Malaysia in 1984.

He was awarded the title of "Outstanding Figure in Islamic Finance" in 2001 from Association of Islamic Banking in Malaysia (AIBIM) for his excellent achievements in the field of Islamic finance and his immense contribution in developing Islamic banking and finance in Malaysia as well as in the field of Islamic management, planning, law, research and development.

He graduated with a Bachelor in Economics (Honours) from the University of Malaya and a PhD in Economics from the University of Oxford, United Kingdom.