Q1 2013 MENA Outlook Islamic Finance: Robust growth ahead

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Q1 2013 special feature:
Interview with Mr Christopher Fix, CEO of Dubai Mercantile Exchange

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE REPORT

The Q1 2013 MENA Outlook looks ahead to what promises to be another year of fascinating evolution in our region, albeit not without challenges on the horizon. Our Special Feature this quarter is a conversation with Christopher Fix, the CEO of the Dubai Mercantile Exchange, on opportunities that beckon from Asia, as well as from growth in Islamic finance.

- Our analysis this quarter focuses on the growth of Islamic finance, in what has been a record-breaking year for sukuk issuance. From funding infrastructure needs in the GCC and Asia, to raising additional tier-1 capital in accordance with new regulations introduced by Basel III, we explore the various trends that will drive the growth of issuance in the coming years.

- Investor appetite for sukuk is likely to hold up, both in the GCC and internationally, and the volume of issuance could double in the next five years. Secondary markets will take time to deepen, due to the sizeable number of investors viewing sukuk as hold-to-maturity instruments in their overall portfolio allocations, and we expect demand to continue exceeding supply in the coming years.

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