LEADERSHIP AND INSTITUTIONAL EXCELLENCE EARN INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR BANK ISLAM

Raja Teh Maimunah named WOMANi CEO of the Year 2026 as the Bank secures four Asset Triple A Islamic Finance Awards 2026.

KUALA LUMPUR, Thursday, [3 September 2026]: Raja Teh Maimunah Raja Abdul Aziz, Group Chief Executive Officer of Bank Islam, has been awarded the prestigious CEO of the Year 2026 at the WOMANi (Women in Islamic Business & Finance) Awards 2026, in recognition of the Bank's outstanding commitment to advancing women's leadership, inclusion and gender equality. The Awards Committee considered several distinguished nominees in this category, and after careful deliberation, selected Raja Teh Maimunah based on various factors outlined in the selection and assessment methodology. Organised by Cambridge IFA, the Awards honour institutions and leaders that demonstrate exceptional efforts in promoting women's participation, creating inclusive workplaces and driving meaningful change across the Islamic finance and business sectors globally.

The award reflects Bank Islam's commitment to cultivating a workplace where talent is empowered to thrive and leadership opportunities are accessible to all. The award programme applies a rigorous assessment methodology, evaluating nominees based on women's representation in leadership positions, workplace policies, professional development initiatives, and measurable contributions towards advancing gender equality.

The women-in-leadership initiative is a flagship programme of London-based Islamic finance intelligence house, Cambridge IFA, chaired by Dr Humayon Dar. Through its reports, symposiums, networking platforms and awards, it champions the advancement of women in Islamic finance and business while recognising both individual leaders and the institutions that support their success.

The award was presented at the 7th Annual WOMANi Symposium and Awards Ceremony held on 27 August 2026 at Hilton Kuala Lumpur. The event brought together many senior leaders, including policymakers, regulators, board members, institutional investors and corporate executives from across Southeast Asia, the Middle East, South Asia, Europe and Africa. The event also served as an international platform to recognise leadership and achievements in advancing women's leadership, workplace inclusion and sustainable development.

Raja Teh said, "I am truly honoured and humbled to receive this recognition. Reflecting on my 30-year journey in banking, I am reminded that growth is often forged through challenges, change, and the courage to embrace new possibilities. Resilience is not about avoiding setbacks but persevering with purpose, staying true to one's values, and emerging stronger from every experience. Leadership is built on trust, guided by integrity, compassion, and service. As the industry evolves, we must embrace innovation and transformation while remaining firmly anchored to Shariah principles. This responsibility compels me to help shape a more resilient, inclusive, and future-ready Islamic finance industry while nurturing leaders who will carry this trust forward."

The international recognition of Raja Teh's leadership reflects the strength of the institution she leads and Bank Islam's commitment to building a purpose-driven, high-performing organisation. This culture of excellence is also evident in the Bank's continued achievements across the Islamic finance landscape and underscores the Bank's belief that strong institutions are built through talent development, sound values and sustained organisational excellence.

Meanwhile, Bank Islam strengthened its position as a leading Islamic finance institution with four accolades at The Asset Triple A Islamic Finance Awards 2026. The awards recognised Bank Islam's role in four landmark sukuk transactions across key sectors. The Bank served as Lead Manager and Shariah Adviser for the Pengurusan Air Selangor RM1.5 billion Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI) Kelestarian Murabahah Sukuk (Best SRI Sukuk – Water), and as Bookrunner and Lead Manager for Bank Simpanan Nasional's RM890 million Bi Al-Istithmar Wakala Sukuk (Best Sukuk – Bank).

Bank Islam also acted as Bookrunner and Lead Manager for the Johor Plantations Group RM200 million Sustainability Wakala Sukuk (Best Sustainability Sukuk – Plantation), as well as Principal Adviser, Shariah Adviser and Lead Arranger for the Heliosel Sdn Bhd RM150 million SRI Kelestarian Murabahah Sukuk (Best SRI Sukuk – Renewable Energy), demonstrating the Bank's strong capabilities in sukuk advisory, structuring and execution.

Raja Teh added, "We are honoured to be recognised at The Asset Triple A Islamic Finance Awards 2026. This achievement reflects our commitment to delivering innovative Shariah-compliant financial solutions that create lasting value for our customers, stakeholders and communities. Moving forward, we will continue to advance sustainable finance, strengthen Islamic capital market innovation and support the continued growth of Malaysia's Islamic finance ecosystem."

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Bank Islam is the first Islamic bank publicly listed on the main market of Bursa Malaysia. Established in July 1983, the Bank has over 100 branches and more than 900 self-service terminals nationwide. As a pure-play Islamic bank, Bank Islam provides retail and corporate financial solutions strictly adhering to Shariah principles. The Bank is committed to sustainable prosperity and ESG values and is an official participant of the UN Global Compact Malaysia and Brunei. Key subsidiaries include BIMB Investment Management Berhad and BIMB Securities Sdn Bhd providing full-fledged Shariah fund management and stockbroking services.

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