

# The Annual Shariah Report

## Annual Report of the Internal Shariah Supervision Committee of Emirates NBD – Islamic

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### To: Shareholders of Emirates NBD Bank (P.J.S.C.)

After greetings,

Pursuant to requirements stipulated in the relevant laws, regulations and standards (the “Regulatory Requirements”), the Internal Shariah Supervision Committee (the “ISSC”) of the Islamic Window of Emirates NBD Bank (P.J.S.C.) Group (the “Institution”) presents to you the ISSC’s Annual Report regarding Shariah compliant businesses and operations of the Institution for the financial year ending on 31 December 2023.

### 1. Responsibility of the ISSC:

In accordance with the Regulatory Requirements and the ISSC’s charter, the ISSC’s responsibility is stipulated as to:

- a. undertake Shariah supervision of all businesses, activities, products, services, contracts, documents and business charters of the Institution; and the Institution’s policies, accounting standards, operations and activities in general, memorandum of association, charter, financial statements, allocation of expenditures and costs, and distribution of profits between holders of investment accounts and shareholders (“Institution’s Activities”) and issue Shariah resolutions in this regard.
- b. Determine Shariah parameters necessary for the Institution’s Activities, and the Institution’s compliance with Islamic Shariah within the framework of the rules, principles, and standards set by the Higher Shariah Authority (“HSA”) to ascertain compliance of the Institution with Islamic Shariah.

The senior management is responsible for compliance of the Institution with Islamic Shariah in accordance with the HSA’s resolutions, fatwas, and opinions, and the ISSC’s resolutions within the framework of the rules, principles, and standards set by the HSA (“Compliance with Islamic Shariah”) in all Institution’s Activities, and the Board bears the ultimate responsibility in this regard.

### 2. Shariah Standards:

In accordance with the HSA’s resolution (No. 18/3/2018), and with effect from 01/09/2018, the ISSC has abided by the Shariah standards issued by the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI) as minimum Shariah requirements and did not deviate from the standards, in all fatwas, approvals, endorsements and recommendations, relating to the Institution’s Activities.

### 3. Duties Fulfilled by the ISSC During the Financial Year:

The ISSC conducted Shariah supervision of the Institution’s Activities by reviewing those Activities, and monitoring them through the internal Shariah Control Department and the Internal Shariah Audit Department, in accordance with the ISSC’s authorities and responsibilities, and pursuant to the Regulatory Requirements in this regard. The ISSC’s activities included the following:

- a. Convening (17) meetings during the year.
- b. Issuing fatwas, resolutions and opinions on matters presented to the ISSC in relation to the Institution’s Activities.
- c. Monitoring compliance of what was presented of policies, procedures, accounting standards, product structures, contracts, documentation, business charters, and other documentation submitted by the Institution to the ISSC for approval.
- d. Ascertaining the level of compliance of allocation of expenditures and costs, and distribution of profits between investment accounts holders and shareholders with parameters set by the ISSC.
- e. Supervision through the internal Shariah control department and the Internal Shariah Audit Department, of the Institution’s Activities including supervision of executed transactions and adopted procedures on the basis of samples selected from executed transactions, and reviewing reports submitted in this regard.
- f. Providing guidance to relevant parties in the Institution – to rectify (where possible) incidents cited in the reports prepared by internal Shariah control Department and the Internal Shariah Audit Department – and issuing of resolutions to set aside revenue derived from transactions in which non-compliances were identified for such revenue (if any) to be disposed towards charitable purposes.
- g. Approving corrective and preventive measures related to identified incidents to preclude their reoccurrence in the future.
- h. Communicating with the Vice Chairman of the Board as authorized by the Board, the Board’s subcommittees and the senior management of the Institution (as needed) concerning the Institution’s compliance with Islamic Shariah.

The ISSC sought to obtain all information and interpretations deemed necessary in order to reach a reasonable degree of certainty that the Institution is compliant with Islamic Shariah.

#### 4. Independence of the ISSC:

The ISSC acknowledges that it has carried out all of its duties independently and with the support and cooperation of the senior management and the Board of the Institution. The ISSC received the required assistance to access all documents and data, and to discuss all amendments and Shariah requirements.

#### 5. The ISSC's Opinion on the Shariah Compliance Status of the Institution:

Premised on information and explanations that were provided to us with the aim of ascertaining compliance with Islamic Shariah, the ISSC has concluded with a reasonable level of confidence, that the Institution's Activities are in compliance with Islamic Shariah, except for the incidents of non-compliance observed, as highlighted in the relevant reports. The ISSC also provided directions to take appropriate measure in this regard. The ISSC formed its opinion, as outlined above, exclusively on the basis of information perused by the ISSC during the financial year.

#### Signatures of members of the Internal Shariah Supervision Committee of the Institution:

**Prof. Dr. Mohamed Bin Ali El Gari** Chairman and Executive Member

**Prof. Mohammad Abdul Rahim Sultan Al-Olama** Vice Chairman

**Dr. Salim Ali Al-Ali** Member

**Dr. Amin Fateh** Member

**Dr. Muhammad Qaseem** Member