

“The bond market is key to meeting these funding needs for both the public and private sectors. This is particularly important for emerging market economies...

In the Middle East and in Asia, two of the fastest growing regions in the global economy are taking place following privatisation and implementation of infrastructure projects. Asia alone will be spending an estimated USD1 trillion on infrastructure over the next five years, while infrastructure requirements in the Middle East are estimated to be USD500 billion over the same period. The challenge is to put in place an intermediation system that will channel the surplus savings in both these regions into productive investments. It is in this context that the Islamic capital market, in particular the sukuk market will serve as an important avenue to efficiently mobilise longer term funds to meet these funding requirements.”

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