

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S NOTE

On behalf of the *Journal of Islamic Economics and Finance Research (IJIEFER)*, it gives me great pleasure to introduce this **Special Issue on “Maqasid al-Shariah, Sustainability, and Regulatory Perspectives in Islamic Finance.”** The theme of this issue is both timely and significant, as the global financial landscape increasingly demands approaches that not only ensure efficiency and profitability but also address justice, inclusivity, and long-term sustainability.

The papers featured here reflect the vibrancy of current scholarship in Islamic finance and demonstrate how the objectives of Shariah can provide a holistic framework to respond to modern challenges. From organizational culture and employee performance, to financial inclusion, governance of waqf, consumer behaviour, and digital market regulation, this special issue showcases the breadth of research being undertaken to align Islamic finance with the evolving needs of society.

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It is my hope that this special issue will inspire further inquiry, inform policy and practice, and serve as a valuable resource for scholars, regulators, and practitioners dedicated to advancing a more ethical, inclusive, and sustainable Islamic financial system.

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