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Profile

Syed Zaid is the founding partner of **Albar & Partners**. An active practitioner for nearly four decades, **Syed Zaid's** practice area is predominantly in the fields of Corporate Law and Capital Markets which includes conventional Bonds and Sukuk, IPOs and conventional Banking & Islamic Finance. He also sits as an independent director on the boards of several public listed corporations. In addition, he serves on the Appeals Committee of Bursa Malaysia Berhad.

Practice Areas

Banking & Finance, Corporate & Commercial, Capital Markets (Debt & Equity), Islamic Finance.

Qualifications

BA (Hons) Law, UK.

Barrister at Law of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, London.

Advocate and Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya.

Relevant Experience

Under **Syed Zaid's** leadership **Albar & Partners** has advised numerous notable transactions which have received domestic and international acclaim/awards in various practice areas. Presently he is Managing Partner of the firm and continues to oversee the Capital Markets and Corporate practice groups and heads the Islamic Finance practice group.

- Acted for Malaysia's first financial guarantee insurer in the establishment of its inaugural Sukuk Programme of up to RM2 billion for Senior and Subordinated Sukuk Murabahah. The deal was recognised as Commodity Murabahah/ Tawarruq Deal of the Year (IFN Deals of the Year Awards 2017).
- Acted for the principal adviser and lead arranger in the RM2 billion Perpetual Sukuk by DRB-HICOM Bhd, which won accolades as Islamic Finance Deal of the Year (The Asian Lawyer's Emerging Markets Awards 2015: Singapore) and Asian-Mena Counsel Deal of the Year 2015 besides being Highly Commended for Best Corporate Hybrid Sukuk award (Asset Triple A Islamic Finance Awards 2015).
- Acted in the landmark de-listing and privatisation of the Al-Hadharah Boustead REIT, which was the first Malaysian privatisation of a Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT). The deal received accolades as Best Islamic Privatisation (Assets Triple A Awards for Islamic Finance 2014) and Islamic Finance Deal of the Year (The Asian Lawyer Emerging Markets Awards 2014); while the initial public offering of Boustead Plantations Berhad won acclaim as Equity Market Deal of the Year (ALB Malaysia Law Awards 2015).

Recognition

- ALB Malaysia Law Awards: 3 X winner of the "Dealmaker of the Year" award in 2014, 2015 and 2016.
- ALB Malaysia Law Awards: 3 X winner of the "Managing Partner of the Year" award in 2014, 2015 and 2017.
- The Asian Lawyer Emerging Market Awards 2015: "Islamic Finance Lawyer of the Year 2015".
- Asialaw Leading Lawyers annual survey: "Leading Lawyer" for Islamic Finance (in the 2010-2013 editions).
- Asia Pacific Legal 500: The Guide to Asia's Commercial Law Firms: "Leading Individual" for Banking (2002 - 2013 editions).
- Listed in the Euromoney's Guide to the World's Leading Banking & Finance and Transactional lawyers (2012, 2017 & 2018) for Islamic Finance.

Other Roles

- **Syed Zaid** currently serves on the board of several public listed companies, namely Cycle & Carriage Bintang Berhad (as an Independent and Non-Executive Director and Chairman of Nominating and Remuneration Committee and member of Audit Committee) and Yinson Holdings Berhad (as an Independent and Non-Executive Director and Chairman of the Nominating & Remuneration Committee and member of the Board Risk Management Committee).
- Since 2013, he acts as a Member of the Appeals Committee of Bursa Malaysia Berhad. Previously, **Syed Zaid** sat as a member of the "Panel of Inquiry" of the Compensation Fund of Bursa Malaysia Berhad (2005-2007) and committee member of the Islamic Review Committee (2003-2005) set up by Bank Negara Malaysia.
- He also serves as Secretary to both the Perdana Leadership Foundation and Perdana Global Peace Foundation since 2003 and 2010, respectively.