Under the Auspices of the President of the Republic of Türkiye
H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğăn

The International Arab Banking Summit “Istanbul 2024”

“Arab – Turkish Economic and Banking Relationships”

23rd – 24th of May, 2024

The Peninsula Hotel

Istanbul – Türkiye

Agenda & Timetable

Thursday 23rd May 2024

08:00 – 09:00  Registration and welcome coffee

09:00 – 10:15  Opening Speeches
• Chairman of Union of Arab Banks, Mr. Mohamed El Etreby

• Chairman of Banks Association of Türkiye, Mr. Alpaslan Çakar

**Keynote Speeches**

• H.E Mr. Mehmet Simsek, Minister of Treasury and Finance, The Republic of Türkiye

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**The International Arab Banking Summit**

**10:15 – 10:45**

**Award Ceremony**

“Arab Banker of the Year 2024”

Mrs. Randa Sadik, Group CEO, Arab Bank, Jordan

**Award announcements:**

Dr. Wissam H. Fattouh, Secretary General, Union of Arab Banks

Memorial Group Photo – “Istanbul 2024 Summit”
10:45 – 11:00

Networking, Coffee break & visit to the exhibition accompanying the Summit

11:00 – 12:30

Panels of Discussion:

Panel 1: “Arab-Turkish strategic economic cooperation in light of global geopolitical tensions”

– Achieving an Arab-Turkish economic alliance
– Collaboration in energy sector and renewable energy
– Boosting bilateral trade
– Conditions to promote bilateral FDI

Keynote Speech:

• **E. Mr. Amin Salam**, Minister of Economy & Trade, Lebanon

• **E. Mr. Atheer Dawood Al Ghairi**, Minister of Commerce, Iraq

• **E. Mrs. Hala Helmi Said**, Minister of Planning & Economic Development, Egypt

• **Senior Official** – Ministry of Economy and Planning, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

• **Senior Official** – Ministry of State for Foreign Trade, United Arab Emirates
12:30 – 12:45

12:45 – 14:00

• E. Amb. Nikolaus Meyer-Landrut, Head of EU Delegation to Türkiye

Moderator:

Coffee Break & Networking

Panel 2: “Arab-Turkish economic & banking relationships: the road to regional banking integration”

– Economic cooperation
– Arab-Turkish banking alliances
– Cooperation in Digital Banking and Open Banking
– Expansion of Arab banks in Turkey and vice versa

Panelists:

– Senior Executive from the Central Bank of KSA
– Senior Executive from the Central Bank of Egypt
– Dr. Osman Cevdet Akçay, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Türkiye
– Mrs. Didem Şahin Çakmak, Executive Vice President-Corporate Banking, Alternatif Bank, Türkiye

Moderator:
14:00 - Luncheon & free Networking (end of day one activities)

N.B.: UAB & FBF reserves the right to modify the program as it sees fit

Friday 24th of May 2024

09:00 – 09:30

Opening Speech:

H.E. Dr. Fatih Karahan, Governor of The Central Bank of the Republic of Türkiye

Panel 3: “Global economic growth & monetary conditions”

- Impact of geopolitical tensions on growth & Interruption of international trade and supply chains
- Impact of high interest rates on inflation
- Movement of global capital flows and investments
- Role of Islamic finance in diversifying economic growth avenues
- Global growth slowdown

Panelists:
• Gabriel Di Bella, Senior Resident Representative for the Republic of Türkiye – International Monetary Fund (IMF)

• Adnan Yousif, Chairman, Association of Banks in Bahrain

• Peter Simon, Managing Director, WSBI-ESBG, Brussels

• Hedwige Nuyens, Managing Director, The International Banking Federation (IBFED), London

• Iyad Asali, General Manager, Islamic International Arab Bank, Jordan

• Levent Guven, Exec. Vice President – Treasury and Financial Institutions, Alternatif Bank, Türkiye

10:45 – 11:00

Coffee Break & Networking

11:00 – 12:00

Panel 4: “Financial Technology and Digital Banking”

• Digital transformation in banking

• Banks and Fintech firms: cooperation or competition?

• Artificial Intelligence changing banking landscape

Panelists:

• Onur Kursun, Executive Vice President-Head of Transfer Solutions/ EEMEA, Mastercard International

• Halil Ozcan, Executive Vice President/ Digital Banker, Burgan Bank, Türkiye
12:15 – 12:15

Coffee Break & Networking

Panel 4: “Climate risks and food security“

• Climate changes and its repercussions on food security
• Arab-Turkish cross-border food production investments
• Water security challenges
• Impact of climate risks on financial stability

Panelists:

• Achraf Bouali, Head for OECD Istanbul Center for Global Relations
• Sahba Sobhani, Director – UNDP Istanbul International Center for
• Eric Usher, Head of the United Nations Environment Programme’s Finance Initiative (UNEP FI), Switzerland
13:30 – 14:00

14:00

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• Carol Cherfane, Director/ Arab Centre for Climate Change Policies; Cluster Leader, Climate Change & Natural Resource Sustainability Cluster / UN-ESCWA

• Hale Özyoş Bıyıklı, Board Member and Treasurer, Impact Investing Advisory Board (EYDK), Türkiye

Moderator:

Ms. Pelin Ataman Erdönmez, Director of Sustainability, Banks Association of Türkiye

Summits’ Conclusion

Luncheon & free Networking