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# Global Sukuk in a Changing Investment Environment

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- Serving the needs of investors worldwide with a dedicated team of investment professionals
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- Has a broad range of investment strategies and vehicles

#### **Shariah-Compliant Investment Management**

- Managing over US\$1.2 billion in Shariah-compliant assets<sup>1</sup>
- Has Shariah-compliant strategies across a wide range of asset classes, including global, regional and local equities, and fixed income (sukuk)



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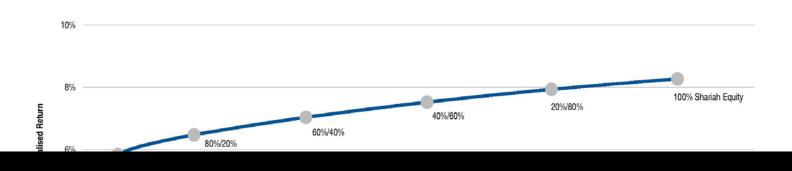
## **Basic Building Block of a Shariah-Compliant Asset Allocation**



#### Global Sukuk Can Provide Diversification Benefits

 A 40% allocation to global sukuk could potentially reduce risk by 57%, while still achieving 91% of the return of the all-equity Shariah portfolio

#### 5-Year Period Ended 31 December 2014



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## Global Sukuk Are a Great Complement for Shariah and Conventional Portfolios



#### Low Correlation of Global Sukuk to Major Asset Classes

As of 31 December 2014

	Three-Year Correlation
Global Sukuk	1.00
Global Bonds	0.60
Global Equity	0.51
Global Shariah Equity	0.46
Oil	0.00

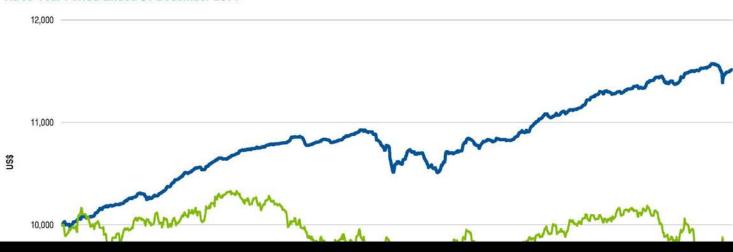
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## Strong Outperformance of Global Sukuk with Less Volatility than Conventional Bonds



#### Global Sukuk vs. Global Bonds





Source: S&P and J.P. Morgan as of 31 December 2014. Global Sukuk are represented by the Dow Jones Sukuk Index. Global Bonds are represented by the J.P. Morgan GBI Broad Index. Returns are in USD. See Important Disclosures slide for additional information.

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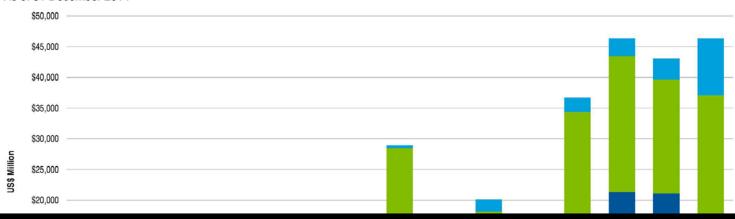
### **Growth in Annual Global Sukuk Issuance**



#### Over US\$250 Billion to Date

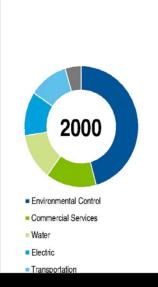
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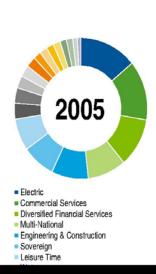
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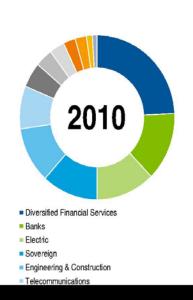


## The Global Sukuk Market Has Grown in Size and Diversity











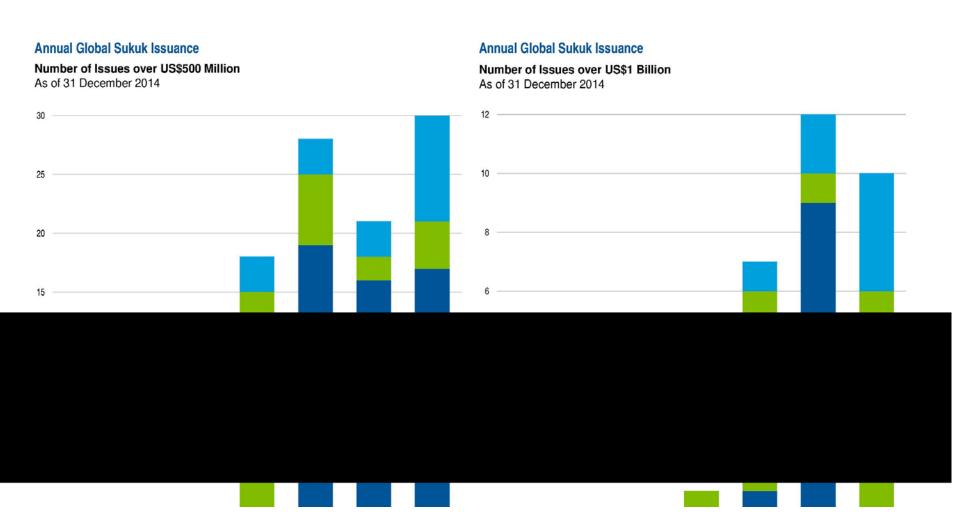




- Investment Companies
   Building Materials
- = Engineering & Construction

## Global Sukuk Issues Are Increasingly Larger, Listed and Liquid





## Sukuk Issuing Sovereigns Can Sustain Low Oil Prices



#### A Sovereign's Debt Burden Assessment

Scale from 1 to 6, strongest to weakest, by Standard & Poor's

		Debt Level					
		Net general government debt as a % of GDP					
General government interest expenditure as a % of government revenues		Below 30%	30%–60%	61%-80%	81%-100%	Above 100%	
Cost of Debt	Below 5%	1 (GCC ex BH)	2	3	4	5	
	5%-10%	2 (BH) (ID)	3 (TU)	4	5	6	
	11%-15%	3	4 (MY)	5	6	6	
	Above 15%	4	5	6	6	6	

#### **Government Debt**

## Should oil prices remain depressed longer, Sukuk-issuing sovereigns have multiple policy options in relation to their net importer/exporter status:

- GCC sovereigns can use accumulated reserves to continue to support non-oil growth without incurring debt at the sovereign level or can incur debt without jeopardizing their strong credit ratings
- A more moderate growth path, with revised budgets and subsidy reforms could also be pursued, such as recalibrating spending or cutting into subsidies and non-recurring expenditures (the IIF estimates oil exporters spend 10% of GDP on various fuel subsidies)
- On the other side, Indonesia and Turkey could use a favorable oil/inflation environment to push their respective reform agendas towards structural change and increase their competitiveness

US\$60 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 100

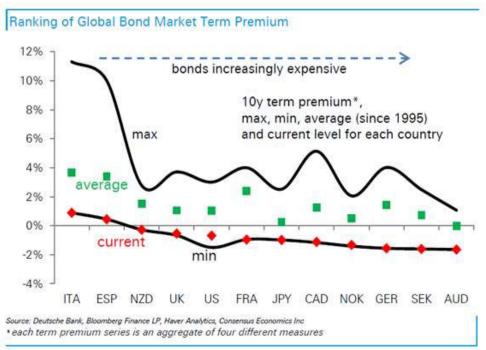
### **Positioning**



#### **Interest Rate Risk**

#### Caution on US rates

- A simple measure of government bond 'riskiness' is the term premium; which is in negative territory across developed markets and signals a meaningfully overvalued asset class
- However, given US term premium levels remain off the lows (of 2013) and moderately higher than other developed markets; the
  risk of a further decline in term premium, particularly as consensus expectations of continued good growth might be negatively
  surprised, leaves us neutral on US duration rate risk



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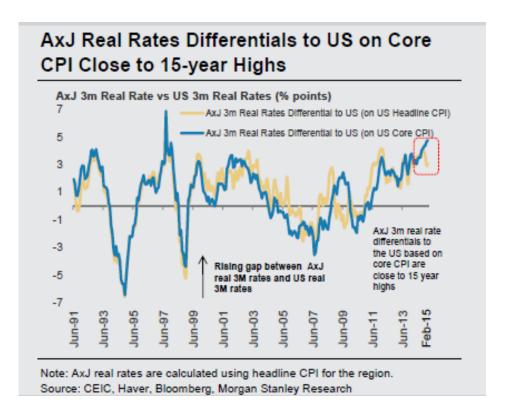
## **Positioning**



#### **Interest Rate Risk**

#### Positive on Asian rates

• We are however overweight Asia duration as real rates have risen rapidly among persistently higher yields, declining inflation and loose monetary policy



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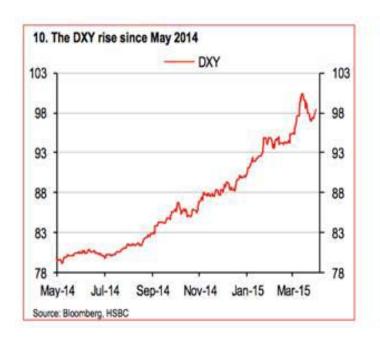
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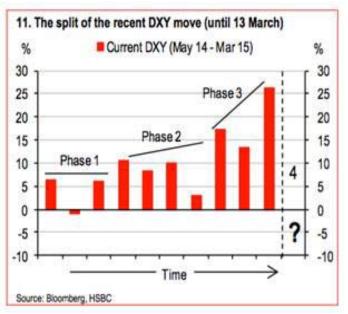


#### **US Dollar**

#### A potentially excessive rally

• The current USD rally is one of the larger ones by historical standards. Using the DXY index, since 1970 only the two 'mega rallies' of the 1980s and late 1990s have been bigger. It is also important to note that during the latter of those period many countries in Asia had some form of peg to the US Dollar and imported low real rates; something that is not the case currently





Source date: 19 March 2015

### **Market Outlook**



- Relatively low beta characteristics and a modest correlation of Sukuk in general to fixed-income
  markets means any possible increase in global bond volatility could be contained in the Sukuk space.
- The GCC component of the Sukuk market continues to benefit from some of the strongest fundamentals and market technicals that have outperformed emerging government bonds in a first quarter characterized by volatile treasury yield movements, geopolitical concerns and weak oil prices
- Outside the GCC, the Sukuk market provides investment opportunities from an expanding universe that may mitigate some key risks:
  - Through the ability to diversify away from negative term premiums in developed markets
  - By accessing high real rates on offer in many Asean economies
  - By taking advantage of any information asymmetry and the exciting development story underpinning the market
- Global Sukuk markets are relatively well positioned in the context of a global fixed income market where growth is moderate, with multiple sources of risk and abundant liquidity
- The asset class is not just a basic building block for Shariah compliant portfolios but also an effective complement to global and emerging market fixed income portfolios

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