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HSBC Amanah Malaysia appoints new CEO

Raja Amir Shah Raja Azwa has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer for HSBC Amanah Malaysia Berhad, effective today, 24 May 2021.

“As CEO of HSBC Amanah, Raja Amir will be responsible for executing our strategy for Islamic banking in Malaysia. We have a very exciting opportunity ahead of us in this area, including achieving our ambition to transform HSBC Amanah into HSBC Group’s first sustainable bank by the end of 2022,” said **Stuart Milne, Chief Executive Officer, HSBC Malaysia**. “In addition to leading the Islamic bank, Raja Amir will play a key role in driving sustainable leadership and Value Based Intermediation efforts whilst spearheading the development of talent particularly in relation to Islamic Finance and sustainability within the Bank.”

Raja Amir has 11 years of working experience in HSBC Malaysia, his most recent role being Director and Country Head, Debt Capital Markets. In this role, he has led notable transactions for our key clients across the full financing platform in international as well as domestic markets. He started his career in London in the tech industry, moving back to Kuala Lumpur thereafter to join a domestic investment bank.

He holds a BSc in Politics and Economics from Brunel University, United Kingdom and a post graduate certification as a Chartered Islamic Finance Professional from the International Centre for Education in Islamic Finance (INCEIF). He has also participated in other notable programs with the London Business School and Harvard Business School across both Fintech and Sustainability Leadership.

Commenting on his appointment, **Datuk Kamaruddin bin Taib, Chairman of HSBC Amanah**, said, “Since its inception, HSBC Amanah has led in developing the Islamic finance industry across product, proposition and future market development and is a recognised leader in Sukuk issuance, green financing and international transactions. As we continue our commitment to support the country as it transitions to a more sustainable future and further develop Malaysia as a global hub for Islamic finance, Raja Amir’s passion, experience and leadership will be key to driving HSBC Amanah forward as the bank transitions to become the HSBC Group’s first sustainable banking entity by 2022.”

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