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REVIEW BUREAU

Eqraz INC.

SHARI'A AUDIT REPORT

1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 – 30<sup>st</sup> September 2024

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# Part 1: Preface

## 1. Introduction

This report has been prepared after conducting Shari'a Audit ("Audit") for Eqraz INC.<sup>1</sup> ("Company"), covering the period from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024. In accordance with the agreed-upon scope of work, our responsibility as Shari'a Auditors for the Company includes carrying out Audit on the products, pertinent activities, systematic controls, and operations in place at Eqraz INC. based on the Shari'a directives and guidelines issued by the Company's Shari'a Committee ("SC").

## 2. Standards and Guidelines

The audit was conducted in light of the Shari'a guidelines issued by the SC while taking into consideration the Shari'a standards issued by the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions ("AAOIFI"). In the case where the SC decision opposes the AAOIFI, the SC opinion will prevail.

<sup>1</sup>This Shariah Certificate / Fatwa is to confirm the Shariah-compliance of the halal mortgage products being referred by EQRAZ. This certificate / fatwa does NOT imply that EQRAZ is the Financier. Rather, EQRAZ' role is to ensure end-to-end Shariah-compliance of your halal home financing.

### 3. Responsibility

The Management of The Company is responsible for ensuring that the financial arrangements, contracts, and transactions having Shari'a implications, entered into with its customers, other financial institutions, and stakeholders and related policies, procedures, and systems are, in substance and their legal form, in compliance with the requirements of Shari'a rules and principles laid down by the SC. The management of the Company is also responsible for:

- > Design, implementation, and maintenance of appropriate internal Shari'a control procedures with respect to such compliance and maintenance of relevant product documents approved by the SC, internal control manuals, and Islamic accounting records;
- > Prevention and detection of fraud and breaches in Shari'a Compliance for identifying and ensuring that The Company complies with SC requirements, laws, and regulations applicable to its activities;
- > Arranging training and/or orientation programs on Islamic banking and finance for the staff and appropriate training programs for senior executives to improve their understanding and general acumen in Islamic finance;
- > Arranging programs on a regular basis for orienting and sensitizing the key executives about the business utility and importance of enabling Shari'a compliance environment and the key distinguishing features of Islamic finance products vis-à-vis conventional banking products; and
- > Providing us with access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to The Company's compliance with the Shari'a rules and principles such as records, source documentation, and other matters, additional information that we may request for the purpose of the engagement; and unrestricted access to persons within The Company from whom we determine it necessary to obtain evidence.

#### 4. Procedures Performed

The procedures selected by us for the Shari'a Audit and the factual findings resulting therefrom with respect to each of the aspects covered in this report were depended on our judgment, based on risk assessments of the products and services with the Shari'a standards and guidelines, audit planning sampling and documentation. In making those Shari'a risk assessments, we considered and tested the internal Shari'a controls on a sample of transactions relevant to The Company's compliance with the laid down SC rules and principles and designed procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of The Company's internal control on Shari'a rules and principles.

Because of the inherent limitations in any control environment, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Our engagement cannot ensure that errors, fraud, or other illegal acts, if present, will be detected; in the case where we detect any fraud or red flags, we will escalate the issue to the audit committee. Our procedures have not been planned or conducted in contemplation of reliance by any third party or with respect to any specific transaction. Therefore, items of possible interest to a third party have not been specifically addressed, and matters may exist that would be assessed differently by a third party. Accordingly, our report should not be provided to a third party without our prior written consent. Such consent will be granted on the basis that such reports are not prepared for the use or benefit of anyone other than The Company.

## 5. Scope of Work

The Audit included reviewing the operations and activities of the Company, in addition to examining the products and related transactions to ensure that they are conducted in accordance with the guidelines and pertinent controls approved by the SC. Exhibit 1 shows the products included in the Audit process and sampling coverage.

Exhibit 1: Products and Samples					
Department	Product	Year	population	sample	Percentage
Operations	Tawarruq	2022	3	3	100%

## 6. Sampling Methodology

Our sampling methodology is based on the likelihood and Shari'a risk involved in a particular product; where likelihood and Shari'a risk are high, the sampling will be increased accordingly.

Population	Likelihood	Shari'a Risk	Samples Percentage
1 to 100	High	High	100%
	High	Medium	75%
	Medium	High	50%
	Medium	Medium	25%
	Low	Low	10%
101 to 300	High	High	50%
	High	Medium	50%
	Medium	High	25%
	Medium	Medium	20%
	Low	Low	10%
301 to 1000	High	High	25%
	High	Medium	25%
	Medium	High	20%
	Medium	Medium	15%
	Low	Low	10%
1001 and above	High	High	10%
	High	Medium	10%
	Medium	High	5%
	Medium	Medium	1%
	Low	Low	0.10%

## 7. Objectives And Notes

The report's main objective is to evaluate the products and control procedures relating to Shari'a compliance and governance structure and operations of The Company in light of Shari'a directives and guidelines issued by the SC. This work is not primarily directed towards the discovery of weaknesses (other than those which would influence us in forming such a view) or the detection of fraud and should not, therefore, be relied upon to show that no other weaknesses exist. Accordingly, our Shari'a Audit would not necessarily allow us to identify all possible improvements that a more exhaustive systems review might develop. Our observations contained herein are of three types:

### **Observations on the Shari'a compliance environment of the Company**

These observations aim to assess the internal Shari'a supervisory system of The Company and to improve the level of compliance in accord with the Shari'a standards and guidelines of the SC and to ensure that policies and procedures were designed in line with SC and other regulatory directives.

### **Observations on the different departments of the Company**

The purpose of these observations is to review the Shari'a control systems of the departments making up The Company, which aims to ensure work within these departments is in accordance with the policies and procedures that govern its activities and that the different departments complement each other to better comply with the approved Shari'a standards and guidelines.

### **Observations on the executed transactions of the Products**

These observations are a result of the Audit procedures carried out on the Shari'a compliant products. They exhibit shortcomings in implementing and executing such products in light of the directives approved by the SC.

## 8. Ratings

The issues identified have been graded based on our assessment of possible risks on the Shari'a Compliant products of The Company. The ratings used in this Audit report are explained in the table below:

Observation Category	Risk Rating
High/serious impact on Shari'a compliance, the achievement of its objectives or serious implications on general/controls or adherence to internal Shari'a directives or applicable external Shari'a compliance requirements (such as AAOIFI, IFSB etc.).	High
Moderate impact on the overall position of Shari'a compliance or significant implications on general/ controls or adherence to internal Shari'a directives or applicable external Shari'a compliance requirements (such as AAOIFI, IFSB etc.).	Moderate
When an absence, weakness or deficiency in Shari'a controls exists, that has or could have a limited/low impact on the immediate or future performance of Shari'a compliance but still requires attention.	Low

## 9. Confidentiality

This report's contents are strictly confidential and are being submitted to the management of The Company and are not to be distributed to the departments not involved in the Audit process or which do not have the authority to respond to the observations made hereunder.

# Part 2: Observations

## Observations on the different departments of the Company:

*In continuation of the scope of review and to support and develop the internal Shari'a supervision and controls, we viewed the operations of the following departments:*

### Finance Department

We have reviewed the Financial Statements for The Company for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 in accordance with agreed upon Shari'a Guidelines, and the below points were verified by the Shari'a Audit team.

> Investments:

It has been verified that the Company has invested its cash in ways that do not conflict with Shari'a guidelines.

> Debt:

After reviewing the financial statements of the Company, it became clear that there were no payments, loans, or facilities that were not in accordance with Shari'a standards.

> Zakat:

There were no observations on the method of calculation of the Zakat as it has been calculated in accordance with the Shari'a Standard No. 35 of AAOIFI.

## Operations department

The audit process included the review of the approved products represented by Tawarruq documents in addition to the contracts executed by the Company with the relevant parties. A sample was selected from the transactions represent 100% of total number of transactions to ensure that they are being carried out in accordance with the Shari'a guidelines approved by the SC. During the assignment, we found no Shari'a observations.

## Compliance Department

During the audit process, the policies and procedures of the Company and its departments were examined to ensure that there were no Shari'a observations found in the department's activities.

## Human Resources Department

After reviewing the overall work of the Human Resources department, it was found that the management concluded several administration agreements with several parties and no Shari'a observations have been found.



All praise is due to Allah...



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# Appendix I

## Assumptions

- > Our Shari'a Audit is based upon the assumption that:
- > All signatures and seals on all documents reviewed by us are genuine, all documents provided to us as certified copy or copy documents (whether provided in hard copy or electronically) are complete and conform to the originals approved by the Shari'a Supervisory committee, and all documents submitted to us as originals are genuine and complete and all translations are accurate translations of the original text thereof;
- > All documents examined by us are and remain up-to-date and effective and have not been amended or supplemented;
- > Neither The Company nor its division is carrying out activities that breach guidelines issued by the relevant central authority or other competent authority in the country;
- > The documents which we have examined and audited, and on which we base this report, are in the form in which the documents were executed;
- > Any translated document that we have reviewed is an accurate translation of the original text thereof;
- > Each statement of fact made to us by or on behalf of The Company or any of its employees or otherwise contained in the audited documents remains true, complete, and accurate in all material respects;



## The Shari'a Committee Report

Shari'a Committee's report to the shareholders of Eqrz INC.<sup>1</sup> on the state of compliance with Shariah standards and guidelines during the year ended 30 September 2024.

### 1. Introduction

Praise be to Allah, Lord of the worlds, and peace and blessings be upon Mohammed, the leader of Prophets and Messengers, and upon his family and Companions, and upon those who follow his Guidance Until the Day of Judgment.

We, collectively, having been appointed as the Shari'a Committee ("SC") of Eqrz INC. <sup>1</sup>(the "Company"). We have fulfilled our responsibilities in respect of ensuring the Company's compliance with Shari'a standards and guidelines approved by us and are pleased to issue this report.

### 2. Opinion

#### Primary Opinion

Based on our (i) oversight and supervision of the Company's affairs related to Shari'a compliance, and (ii) a period-specific review of the activities performed, we report that in our opinion, the Company's financial arrangements, contracts and transactions with its customers, other financial companies and stakeholders for the year ended 30 September 2024 are in compliance with Shari'a standards and guidelines approved by us.

#### Additional Opinions

- a. Convening four meetings during the year.
- b. Issuing fatwas, resolutions and opinions on matters presented to the SC in relation to the Company's activities.
- c. It has been verified that the non-permissible income earned by the company during the period have been clearly accounted for, and have been disbursed or will be disbursed within the next 12 months to charitable purposes and entities in line with the applicable policies approved by the SC.
- d. The company's zakat calculation details have been reviewed.
- e. Ascertaining the level of compliance of distribution of profits between holders of investment accounts and shareholders with parameters set by the SC.

- f. Approving corrective and preventive measures related to identified incidents to preclude their reoccurrence in the future.
- g. Communicating with the senior management of the Company (as needed) concerning compliance of the Company with Shari'a principles and rulings.

### **3. Our Responsibilities**

Our responsibilities in respect of the Company's compliance with Shari'a standards and guidelines include providing supervision, Shari'a rulings on the products, services and operations of the Company, particularly regarding the design of the transactions (including approval of contracts, related documents, process flows, etc.). We are also responsible for supervising and providing our input where needed about the execution of such transactions and implementation of our decisions. We are also required to perform a period-specific review of the state of compliance of the Company with Shari'a standards and guidelines.

### **4. Shari'a Standards and Guidelines as Applicable to the Company**

The Shari'a Standards and Guidelines contained herein sets out as at today's date certain matters of Sharia compliance as adopted and interpreted by us for the year ended 30 September 2024, and defined for the purposes of this report (in no particular order) as follows:

- a) the Shari'a standards issued by the Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI) and Shari'a-related requirements of the applicable financial accounting standards issued by AAOIFI;
- b) the regulatory Shari'a requirements;
- c) Shari'a rulings of the institution's SC.

### **5. SC's Independence and Ethical Considerations**

We confirm that we have complied with all ethical and independence requirements, as applicable to us, during the period of the report, until the date of issuance of this report. These requirements include those specified in [IFSB-AAOIFI RSGF/AAOIFI GS 1 and 5] and AAOIFI Code of Ethics for Islamic Finance Professionals.

### **6. The Responsibilities of the Management and the Board of Directors**

#### ***The Responsibilities of the Board***

The board of directors (the "Board") of the Company has an oversight responsibility to ensure that an effective and robust Shari'a compliance environment and culture exists at the company. The Board is responsible for the establishment of a good governance and control framework for the Company and the development of a strategy for compliance with Shari'a standards and guidelines, and for oversight of the management in implementing the same and in achieving the desired objectives.



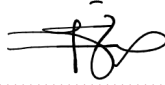
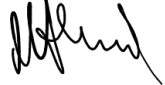
## Responsibilities of the Management

Management has the responsibility to implement the Shari'ah governance framework and to ensure that Shari'a compliance is embedded in the day-to-day functioning of the company. The management is responsible for ensuring that the financial arrangements, contracts, and transactions having Shari'a implications, entered into by the company with its customers and other stakeholders and related policies and procedures, are, in substance and in their legal form, in compliance with the requirements of Shari'a standards and guidelines. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of appropriate internal control procedures with respect to compliance and maintenance of relevant accounting records.

## 7. Report Approval and Authentication

This report is duly approved and signed by all the members of the SC, as follows.

We beg Allah the Almighty to keep us on the right path and to grant us success.

Name	Designation	Signature
<b><i>Sheikh Dr. Irshad Aijaz</i></b>	<b>Chairman of Committee</b>	 .....
<b><i>Sheikh Faraz Adam</i></b>	<b>Member of Committee</b>	 .....
<b><i>Sheikh Dr. Salah Al-Shalhoob</i></b>	<b>Member of Committee</b>	 .....
<b><i>Sheikh Muhammad Ahmad</i></b>	<b>Member of Committee</b>	 .....



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