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Preview

This chapter exposes students to the principles and practical tramework of takaful as one of the important components of the Islamic financial market. As one of the risk mitigation tools, takaful

complements its counterparts, namely the Islamic banking market, Islamic capital market and Islamic money market. Indeed, mitigation and prudent management of risks are integral parts of Islam in order to achieve justice in the system which is in line with the objectives of *Shari'ah* (maqasid al-shari'ah).

To date, the *takaful* market is considered as one of the fastest growing services industries, although it needs to work on further improvements in areas such as accounting, regulation, jurisprudence and operation. Nevertheless, due to its growing demand, the *takaful* industry seems to have a bright future awaiting it. This chapter covers the basic conceptual framework of *takaful*, its evolution, models and regulatory framework affecting its proper functioning.



The conventional insurance contract is basically constructed between the insured and the insurance company. *Takaful* differs from conventional insurance in the sense that the *takaful* operator is not the insurer insuring the participants. *Takaful* participants mutually insure one another while the *takaful* operator simply functions as the administrator and manager of the *takaful* fund.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course, you should be able to:

- Discuss the general *Shari'ah* principles which govern the operationalisation of *takaful* and *retakaful*.
- Discuss the underlying theories and the conceptual framework related to the *takaful* and *re-takaful* system.
- Explain the operational mechanisms of contemporary *takaful* and *re-takaful* products.
- Analyse issues arising from takaful and re-takaful operations including takaful fund management, legal aspects and regulatory perspectives.