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Dr. Nedal Alchaar was The Minister of Economy and Trade in Syria and Chairman of the Higher Investment Council. Dr. Alchaar was also the Secretary General of AAOIFI, an international organization that regulates the Islamic Finance industry world-wide with over 200 members from 46 countries. Dr. Alchaar has a vast working experience in financial markets and institutions. He was Director of Market Performance Analysis at *Fannie Mae*, and previously Vice President at *Johnson & Higgins* in Washington D.C.

Dr. Alchaar, for several years, was an adjunct professor of Economics and Finance at *The George Washington University*, where he received his Ph.D. degree in International Monetary Economics. Dr. Alchaar appeared as a key-note speaker in over 150 conferences world-wide. Dr. Alchaar was ranked the 8th in the 100 Most Influential Arabs list published by Arabian Business and was continuously ranked as one of the Most 500 Influential Muslims by Georgetown University in the US and The Royal Strategic Studies Center in Jordan. Furthermore, Dr. Alchaar was awarded the prize of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum for Banking Excellence in 2006. Dr. Alchaar was nominated twice to The Nobel Prize by several institutions (recognized by Nobel Prize Organization) for his contribution to the developments in Islamic Economics and Finance. Dr. Alchaar published several well-recognized books in the field of banking and financial markets, such as “Fundamentals of Banking Operations”, “Financial Markets”, and “Economic Inquiries”, all best sellers, in addition to other scientific articles in the field of monetary policy and exchange rates analysis.