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JAL OTHMAN is a partner in the corporate and commercial law practice group in Shook Lin & Bok, one of the oldest and largest law firm in Malaysia.

Jal works with a team of approximately 20 lawyers advising on corporate and commercial deals, both for onshore and cross border clients. His portfolio of work includes advising on a wide range of corporate mergers and acquisitions, business disposal plans, internal company restructuring and joint ventures and other commercial collaborations.

Jal's involvement in the banking and finance practice group of the Firm provides a firm footing in corporate finance and this effectively complements his work in the corporate department.

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Jal is also very much involved in public sector advisory work and has dealings with several governmental ministries, departments and agencies. These include the following:

- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Higher Education
- Economic Planning Unit
- The Prime Minister's Office
- The Public Private Partnership Unit in the Prime Minister's Department ("UKAS").
- Securities Commission
- Central Bank of Malaysia

The public sector works include concession agreements, facilitation fund agreements, collaboration agreements and business off take agreements.

Consistent with the Firm's policy of driving a global presence, Jal has participated on various international platforms as a speaker, moderator, panelist and commentator. These include conferences, workshops and forums in Australia, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Egypt and Singapore.

Jal is also active in the Malaysian corporate scene, holding directorship position in a subsidiary of an international financial institution.

As part of the Firm's holistic participation in the industry, Jal is a member of the technical committee of the Malaysia Accounting Standards Board ("MASB"), the standards setting body for the accounting profession and the Malaysian Institute of Accountants ("MIA").

On the academia front, Jal is a member of the Senate of INCEIF University.

After graduating from Queen Mary & Westfield College of the University of London and after completing the Malaysian Bar examinations, Jal commenced his pupillage in Shook Lin & Bok and continued his employment with the Firm, culminating in his admission as a partner in 2001. He continued his progression within the Firm with his elevation as a senior partner of the Firm in 2004.

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“Best of the Best in Islamic Finance” – Expert Guides [2016]

Leading Lawyer : Banking – IFLR 1000[2015]

Jalalullail Othman was listed under the Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2014 as a recommended lawyer in the areas of Banking & Finance and Islamic Finance.

“Jalalullail Othman is a highly respected practitioner who is best recognised in the market for his strong Islamic finance practice. He recently led the team advising on a notable Islamic financing facility matter.” – Chambers (Asia-Pacific) 2013 accolades.

Jal was rated in Legal 500 [2009/2010] and Legal 500 [2010/2011] for his work in Banking & Finance and Islamic Finance; in Chambers Asia [2010] in Islamic Finance, in Chambers Asia [2011] in Banking & Finance and Banking & Finance (Islamic Finance) and in IFLR 1000 [2011] in the areas of Banking & Project Finance and Mergers & Acquisitions.

“Jal Othman enters Chambers’ tables this year, amidst much praise for his fast-growing reputation in Islamic banking. He leads the team’s work on Shari’a financings, and maintains a strong focus on asset and project finance” – Chambers Asia [2010]

“A key player in the Islamic finance sector, and has a strong reputation for his work among banks nationwide” – Chambers Asia [2011]2011]

“Shook Lin & Bok’s Jal Othman and Hoh Kiat Ching advised three financial institutions on a RM458m syndicated Islamic lending facility to part-finance a hospital construction project – Legal 500 [2012]

“Partners Jal Othman and Hoh Kiat CHing advised the financiers, facility agent, the security agent and the project agent regarding the grant of an Islamic financing facility of up to RM310 million (\$97 million) to finance the construction costs of a generation plant for the supply of chilled-water cooling energy and electricity. The plant will provide cooling energy to an air transportation hub in Malaysia” – IFLR 1000 [2012]

“Showcasing his expertise in the Islamic capital markets, partner Jal Othman advised the lead arranger in the issuance of a sukuk musharaka (partnership finance) programme of up to RM15 billion (\$4.7 billion) for a Malaysian utility company to partly finance the acquisition of a power plant in Malaysia. Othman also advised the lead arranger regarding the issuance of a musharaka MTN programme of up to RM380 million to finance the nationwide implementation of the Enforcement and Registration System for the Government of Malaysia, which is a system that will register and manager all foreigners entering and living in Malaysia” – IFLR 1000 [2012]

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“Jal Othman and Hoh Kiat Ching advised three financial institutions on a RM458m syndicated Islamic lending facility to part-finance a hospital construction project” – Legal 500 Asia Pacific [2013]

Practice Areas : Corporate
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