

# THOMSON REUTERS CRESCENT WEALTH ISLAMIC AUSTRALIA INDEX SHARIAH MANDATE SCREENING CRITERIA

## Introduction and Purpose

The Thomson Reuters Crescent Wealth Islamic Australia Index series provides a reliable and accurate Shariah-compliant benchmark which ensures the most recent Shariah-compliance status due to the fact that index constituents are screened on a quarterly basis using a research-based approach. Screening is performed by IdealRatings.

## Sector and Financial Screening for Shariah Compliance

The Thomson Reuters Crescent Wealth Islamic Australia Index is based on the AAOIFI (Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions) Shariah mandate and is approved by Shariah scholars Dr Mohamed El Gari, Dr M. Daud Bakar and Sheikh Yusuf Talal DeLorenzo.

Index constituents must fulfil the following screening criteria in order to be included in the indices:

### 1) Sector Screens:

Companies are only to be considered compliant from a business perspective if the cumulative revenue from non-compliant activities and non-operating interest income does not exceed 5% of their total income (defined as the sum of total revenue or sales and operating and non-operating interest).

Non-compliant income sources include the following:

Adult Entertainment, Alcohol, Cinema and Broadcasting, Conventional Insurance, Conventional Financial Services, Defense, Gambling, Hotels, Music, Operating and Non-operating Interest Income, Pork and Tobacco

### 2) Financial Screens:

- Interest-bearing debt divided by preceding 12-month average market capitalization should not exceed 30%
- Sum of cash, deposits and interest-bearing investments divided by preceding 12-month average market capitalization should not exceed 30%
- Sum of cash, deposits, and receivables divided by total assets should not exceed 67%

### 3) General Considerations:

- Preferred shares are considered to be non-compliant

