

Infinity Talks on India-GCC Investments and Islamic Finance at SuperReturn Middle East Abu Dhabi, UAE – October 19, 2010

Infinity Consultants (Infinity) took part in the prestigious 4th Annual SuperReturn Middle East 2010 conference that recently concluded in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Infinity represented by Saif Ahmed, Managing Partner who was part of a panel discussion titled "Accessing Opportunities Generated by the Phenomenal Rise of Asian Economies: How Should LPs Start Evaluating Routes into Asian Private Equity?" held on October 19, 2010 at the Fairmont Bab Al Bahr Hotel, Abu Dhabi.

The panel which was followed by a Q&A session, was moderated by David Pierce, CEO at Squadron Capital and also included Gulpreet Kohli, MD at Chryscapital, Stuart Schonberger, MD at CDH Investments and Rebecca Xu, MD at Asia Alternatives, brought various thought provoking themes and analyses to the discussion table with respect to Middle East private equity investment flows into Asia drawing on the rich experience of the panelists.

The panelists spoke about their views on a variety of topics that included among others the markets they see generating the best returns, average cash-on-cash multiples that can be expected in China and India deals, whether should LPs prefer country-specific or regional funds for Asia and the attractiveness of investing in the new frontier markets of SE Asia and Australia.

Talking about the increased requirement for shari'a compliance from GCC LPs in particular family offices, PE funds and Islamic investment companies in the regions to invest in PE deals in Asia, Saif commented that "As Islamic finance continues its double digit growth globally with its epicentre in the GCC region, we are seeing a rapidly growing number of LPs requiring shari'a compliance in PE deals with the biggest demand coming from Saudi Arabia-Bahrain where most of the family offices are located, Kuwait and now Qatar. Given that such opportunities need to be structured by special shari'a compliant GPs there is a pressing market opportunity here which is bound to grow given the huge supply gap."

About SuperReturn Middle East Conference

SuperReturn Middle East (<http://www.superreturnme.com>) organized by ICBI, UK is the Middle East & North Africa (MENA) region's largest private equity event held every year alternatively at Dubai and Abu Dhabi, bringing together global experts from around the region and the world.

SuperReturn Middle East regularly attracts:

- 500+ participants from across the world.
- 80+ LPs, including decision makers from regional family offices, sovereign wealth funds, holding companies, pension funds & foundations.
- 120+ speakers, including global industry titans from the world's biggest private equity houses.

About Infinity Consultants

Infinity Consultants (<http://www.infinity-consult.com>) is a Shari'a-compliant advisory firm based in Bangalore, India focused on delivering innovative financial advisory solutions to clients in the GCC region and advising on cross-border investment opportunities between India and the Middle East. Infinity is also pioneering several Islamic finance initiatives in India as part of its mission to introduce an ethical alternative to the conventional interest-based financial system and is also at the forefront of providing Islamic finance education and training in the country through its partnership with Ethica Institute of Islamic Finance, Dubai. Infinity's key resource base is its human capital with team members bringing a wealth of experience in investment banking, private equity, management consulting, and Islamic finance in the US, UK, Gulf, and Indian markets.