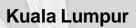




# LABUAN IBFC: ASIA'S PREMIER INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL HUB







### Where is Labuan?

Labuan is part of Malaysia, a Federal Territory under the Federal Government.

It is located on the major shipping lanes and air routes of the Asia Pacific region.

The jurisdiction is easily accessible from Kuala Lumpur and Kota Kinabalu.







## THE REGULATOR

Labuan Financial Services Authority (Labuan FSA)

**Labuan FSA** a statutory body under the Ministry of Finance, Malaysia

## **Labuan FSA - A Single Regulatory Authority**



Prior 1996

**Since 1996** 









- To promote and develop Labuan IBFC as Asia's premier international financial hub
- To act as the central regulatory, supervisory and enforcement authority of the Labuan IBFC
- To develop national objectives, policies and priorities for the orderly development and administration of the Labuan IBFC

## LABUAN IBFC INCORPORATED SDN BHD Official Government Promotional Agency for Labuan IBFC







Labuan Financial Services
Authority



Labuan International
Business and Financial Centre

To promote, develop and grow the financial services industry in Labuan IBFC toward becoming Asia's premier international financial hub



Datuk Iskandar Mohd Nuli Executive Chairman cum CEO, Labuan IBFC Inc.



Mr. Gerard Roy
Suresh Sharma
Chairman, Labuan
International Insurance
Association

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



**Datuk Chin Chee Kee** Chairman, Association of Labuan Trust Companies



Mr. Nor Rashidi
Chairman, Association of
Labuan Banks



Dato Howard Choo Kah Hoe Chairman, Labuan Investment Banking Group



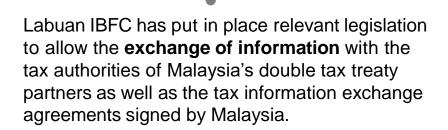
Mrs. Doreen Fadli Head of Business Policy, Labuan FSA



## **Background**

Labuan is part of Malaysia, one of Asia's fastestgrowing nations. Labuan IBFC is thus part of all the protocols the country adheres to, such as anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism financing regulatory requirements.

Conformity to international standards and regulatory requirements by international standards-setting bodies such as OECD, APG, and FATF has always been key to Labuan IBFC.



The range of unique and bespoke structures are cost-efficient, tax and currency neutral.

## A Comprehensive Suite of Legislation





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#### Inland Revenue Board

- i. Labuan Business Activity Tax Act 1990 (LBATA)
- ii. Income Tax Act 1967 including relevant gazette orders
- iii Stamp Act 1949

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#### Labuan FSA

- i. Labuan Financial Services Authority Act 1996
- ii. Labuan Companies Act 1990
- iii. Labuan Financial Services and Securities Act 2010
- iv. Labuan Islamic Financial Services and Securities Act 2010
- v. Labuan Trusts Act 1996
- vi. Labuan Limited Partnerships & Limited Act 2010

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## Acts of General Applications include

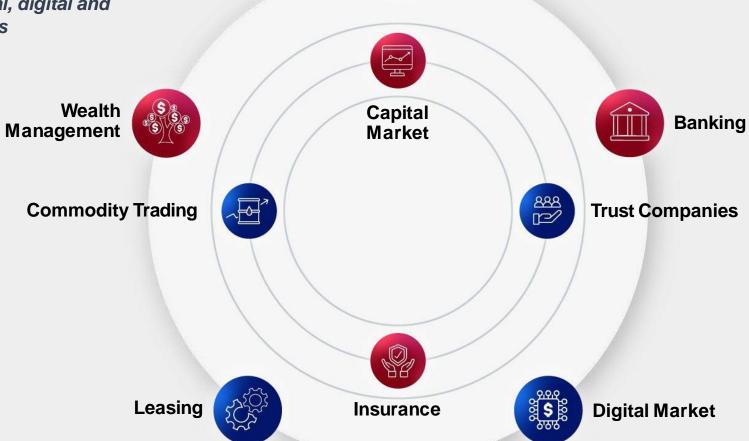
- i. Anti-Money Laundering and Anti Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001
- ii. Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act 2002
- iii. Malaysia Anti Corruption Commission Act 2009
- iv. National Anti- Financial Crime Centre Act 2019
- v. BNM's Foreign Exchange Notices

**Creating A Complete Ecosystem of Solutions** 

Available in conventional, digital and Shariah-compliant forms







## Fiscal Structure and Corporate Entity Benefits

#### **Tax Structure**

- Income from Labuan trading activities (as defined) taxed at 3% of net audited profits
- Non-trading income (e.g. from investment holding activities) attracts no tax
- Clear and prescribed Substance Requirements based on business activities via a Gazette issued by Parliament of Malaysia
- Fiscal Regime is perpetual not time bound

#### **Other Benefits**

- Exemption from withholding tax on dividends, interest, royalties, service fees and lease payments to non-residents
- Exemption from stamp duty
- Access to most of Malaysia's 70+ double taxation agreements\*
- 100% foreign ownership
- Access to live in Malaysia





<sup>\*</sup>Labuan entities enjoy the benefits of most of Malaysia's tax treaties, but certain treaties have specifically excluded Labuan entities from treaty benefits

### **Home to International Brands**

















## Why Labuan IBFC?



#### **REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Southeast Asia is estimated to be the 4<sup>th</sup> largest economy by 2050, investors and businesses can gain access to the region via Labuan IBFC



#### **EASE OF DOING BUSINESS**

Ease of doing business with cost-effective solutions and structures



#### SUBSTANCE CREATION AND TRANSPARENCY

Complying with the latest global regulatory standards including requirements for transparency and substance creation



#### WELL-REGULATED JURISDICTION

A robust regulatory framework to ensure entities remain in compliance with international best standards



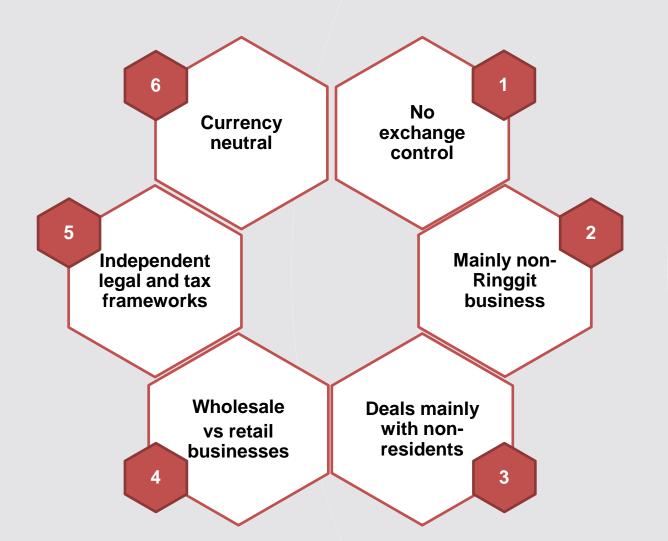
#### **EFFICIENT AND FLEXIBLE TAX SYSTEM**

Simple and straightforward tax system to carry out a Labuan business activity as defined by the Labuan Business Activity Tax Act 1990



## Labuan IBFC's Key Business Characteristics

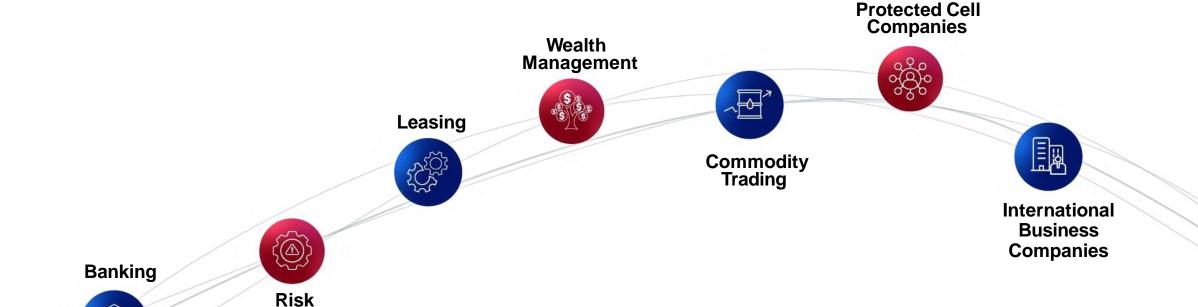




# Wide Array of Solutions and Structures Including Shariah-Compliant Options

Management





# **Globally-Recognised Industry Memberships and Recognitions**



















## Client Charter and Key Approving Processes: Licensing and Business Setup in Labuan IBFC



#### **Licensing Approval**

#### **Application for Licence**

- Conduct due diligence on applicants
- Vetting on individual or corporate directors or shareholders – WC, KYC360, UN Sanction list
- · Assessment on proposed business plan
- Compliance with Acts, G/L, core principles

#### **Due Diligence of HRJ**

Conduct "enhanced due diligence"

#### 1 Month

## **Issuance of Conditional Approval** including payment of fee

Fee depending on type of licence

#### Non-Licence

#### **Pre-Incorporation**

- Appoint a Labuan
   Trust Company (LTC)
   to act as resident
   secretary/agent
- Conduct due diligence on prospective client

#### **Reservation of Name**

24 hours approval and reserved for 3 months

#### **Incorporation of Company**

- Documents M&A
- Statutory declaration
- Consent of proposed directors
- Particulars of directors, S/H and secretaries etc.

#### Payment of Fees

 Incorporation/registration fee: depending on paid-up capital

1 Day

 Annual fee - RM2,600 for Labuan companies / RM5,300 for foreign company Conforms to international standards and best practices

Well-balanced legal & regulatory framework

Cost-efficient & substance-enabling

Simple tax system

Currency-neutral business & financial centre

Single regulatory authority

Variety of solutions & structures in conventional, Islamic and digital forms

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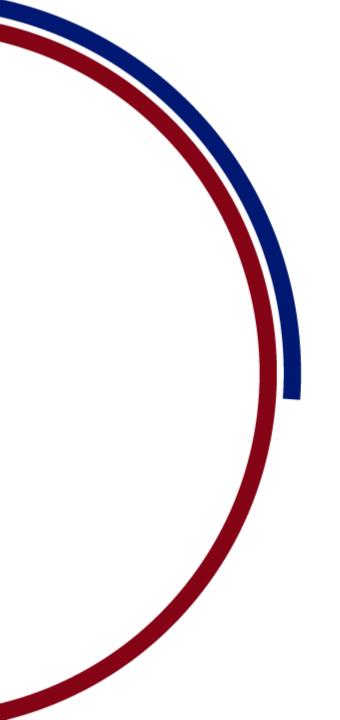
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