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The symposium honored Tan Sri Abdul Wahid Omar, a Malaysian banking luminary, for his remarkable efforts in advancing Islamic financial integration and strategic initiatives that have elevated Islamic finance on the global stage. The prestigious Saleh Kamel Shield was presented to him by the Governor of Madinah Region, accompanied by Abdullah Saleh Kamel, Chairman of the AlBaraka Forum for Islamic Economics, and Muhyi Al-Din Saleh Kamel, Board Trustee.

Tan Sri Abdul Wahid Omar is a prominent leader in Southeast Asian finance. As Chairman of Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB), one of Malaysia's largest asset management firms, he played a crucial role in the financial sector. He transformed Maybank by implementing an Islam First strategy, positioning the bank as a regional leader in Islamic financial services and strengthening economic ties between Malaysia and Saudi Arabia.

The AlBaraka Symposium continues to recognize leaders who blend Islamic principles with strategic institutional vision, highlighting the global potential of Islamic banking. By honoring individuals who bridge different intellectual traditions and institutional approaches, the forum advances Islamic finance toward greater sustainability and international influence.

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