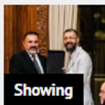


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The AlBaraka Forum: London Hosts a Historic Gathering of Global Leaders at the 4th Global Business Excellence Gala

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ONDON, Nov. 21, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- The **4th Global Business Excellence Gala**, convened by [AlBaraka Forum for Islamic Economy](#) and [Islamic Chamber for Halal Services](#), affiliated with Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development, marked a landmark gathering of global business leaders, visionary thinkers, policymakers, and innovators — bringing together some of the most influential changemakers shaping the future of industries worldwide. A convergence point where executives meet to connect, invest, and lead new global opportunities, the Gala served as a unique platform for dialogue, collaboration, and impact, reinforcing London's position as a global hub for international business leadership.

During his speech, **H.E. Mr. Yousef Khalawi, Secretary General of AlBaraka Forum for Islamic Economy and Director of the Islamic Chamber of Halal Services**, emphasised that this event

represents the first official gala hosted by the organisation. He highlighted the Forum's commitment to transforming this initiative into a truly global gala dinner that brings together leading business figures from around the world — not only in London. He added that a dedicated identity for the Gala has been developed to reflect its ambition and future direction.

H.E. Mr. Khalawi also addressed the vision behind the multiple events, including the gala dinner and the international halal receptions. He explained that this approach is rooted in the Islamic concept of diversity and the Qur'anic principle of *lita'ārafū* — "getting to know one another." He stressed that this concept is not merely a tool for building business relationships but a human value and an end in itself, fostering deeper connections and mutual understanding across cultures and communities.

He expressed his pride in hosting three major state-owned institutions that play a vital role in advancing the global halal industry and Islamic economy: the **Halal Products Development Company** (a subsidiary of Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund), the **Libyan Foreign Bank**, and Türkiye's **Halkbank** through its Islamic finance subsidiary. He noted that the presence of such institutions reflects a significant shift in global perceptions of the halal sector and strengthens the Forum's ability to host international events that attract distinguished leaders and experts.

In his address, **H.E. Mr. Mohammed Ali Addarrat, Chairman of the Libyan Foreign Bank**, expressed his appreciation for being part of a gathering that stands apart from traditional conferences and economic summits. He affirmed that this summit holds a special place in the bank's strategic vision, connecting professional engagement with a greater purpose. He extended his gratitude to AlBaraka Forum, acknowledging the legacy established over four decades ago by the Late Sheikh Saleh Kamel — a legacy that continues to guide institutions shaping the Islamic economy today. He further emphasised that the essence of Islamic economics lies in collective success, sustainability, and ethical governance, noting that these concepts should be reflected not only in ESG frameworks but also in global credit rating methodologies.

H.E. Mr. Mohammed Ali Addarrat called for greater engagement with policymakers to address legislative gaps that prevent millions of Muslims worldwide from accessing halal and Islamic financial services. He concluded by reaffirming that this gathering — and events such as the Halal Forum — serve as a source of renewed energy and commitment, reminding all participants that advancing Islamic economics is not a project with a beginning and an end, but a lifelong mission rooted in purpose, responsibility, and shared progress.