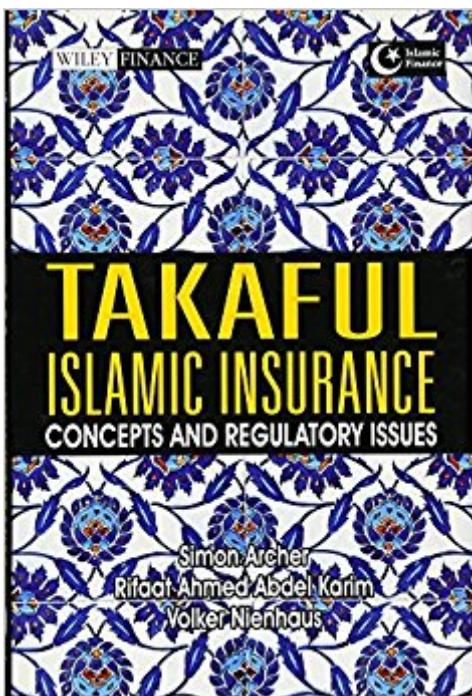


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# Takaful Islamic Insurance: Concepts And Regulatory Issues



## **Synopsis**

Authors Rifaat, Archer and Volker bring an international perspective to the growing Islamic Insurance industry. Drawing on contributions from leading experts around the world, they present a comprehensive view of the very issues governing the industry and its future direction. As top financial institutes around the world seem to enter the lucrative Takaful markets, this timely book offers crucial background information and advice, invaluable for any serious player in the market.

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finance. This book constitutes essential reading for all those who seek a solid understanding of the takaful industry, whether they be industry regulators or supervisors, practitioners or academics.

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