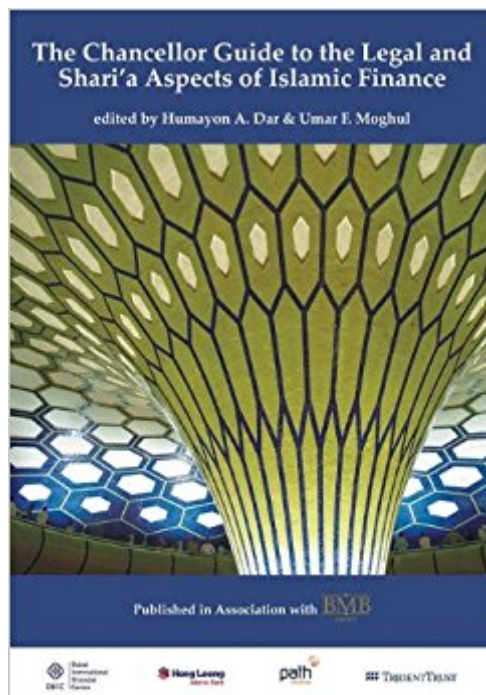




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# **The Chancellor Guide To The Legal And Shari'a Aspects Of Islamic Finance**



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