

# ANALYSIS OF THE ROLE OF BSI GLOBAL ISLAMIC FINANCE SUMMIT (GIFS 2025) IN DRIVING INDONESIA'S ECONOMIC GROWTH THROUGH SHARIA FINANCIAL ECOSYSTEM STRENGTHENING

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## Abstract

BSI Global Islamic Finance Summit (GIFS) 2025 is a strategic initiative by Bank Syariah Indonesia (BSI) to strengthen Indonesia's position as a major player in the global sharia-based economy. This study analyzes the contribution of GIFS 2025 in driving Indonesia's economic growth by strengthening the sharia financial ecosystem, with a focus on financial inclusion, halal investment, and utilization of the real sector. The research method used is qualitative analysis based on literature studies and relevant secondary data. The results of the study show that GIFS 2025 plays an important role in increasing collaboration between industry players, government, and global investors, which in turn accelerates the development of the sharia financial sector in Indonesia. This forum is also the main catalyst in facilitating financing for the real sector and MSMEs, as well as increasing the competitiveness of the Indonesian economy in the global market. This study recommends policy strategies to maximize the positive impact of GIFS on national economic growth.

**Keywords:** *Bank Syariah Indonesia, Sharia Economy, Financial Inclusion, Economic Growth, Halal Investment*

## Introduction

The Indonesian economy, as one of the largest economies in Southeast Asia, continues to face challenges to grow inclusively and sustainably. One of the sectors that is growing rapidly is the Islamic finance sector, which is now an important part of efforts to create a fair financial system based on Islamic values. Islamic finance not only focuses on products and services that are by Islamic principles but also provides great opportunities to encourage inclusion finance and improve Indonesia's economic competitiveness in the global market. In this context, Bank Syariah Indonesia (BSI) plays an active role in the implementation of the Global Islamic Finance Summit (GIFS) 2025, which is expected to strengthen the Islamic finance ecosystem and contribute to Indonesia's economic growth. As an international forum, GIFS 2025 has the potential to bring together various global stakeholders, from government, and industry players, to international investors, to encourage Sharia-based economic transformation in Indonesia.

Several previous studies have shown that the Islamic financial sector has a significant role in improving economic stability and encouraging financial inclusion in countries with developing Islamic markets, such as Malaysia and Saudi Arabia. For example, according to Karim (2020), the Islamic financial sector has the potential to create sustainable economic development by prioritizing the principle of prudence in investment and financing. In addition, Zuhdi (2022) noted that international forums such as GIFS can be a strategic platform for introducing Indonesia as a global Islamic economic hub and educating the public about the benefits and potential of Islamic finance. However, although Indonesia's Islamic financial sector has experienced rapid development, major challenges still exist, such as the low level of Islamic financial literacy among the general public, the limited number of Islamic financial institutions, and inadequate infrastructure. In this regard, GIFS 2025 can play a critical role in addressing these challenges by fostering stronger collaboration between industry players, regulators and global investors.

Here are 4 quick points about GIFS:

1. Global Collaboration: GIFS brings together governments, industry and global investors to strengthen Islamic finance.
2. Ecosystem Strengthening: Focus on product innovation, technology and inclusion in Islamic finance.
3. Development Strategy: Provide a platform for strengthening regulations and development of Islamic finance.
4. Literacy Enhancement: Increase public understanding and trust in Islamic finance.

The scientific novelty of this article lies in the in-depth analysis of the strategic contribution of GIFS 2025 in strengthening the Sharia financial ecosystem in Indonesia, especially in promoting financial inclusion and expanding access to financing in the real sector. While many studies have discussed the influence of the Sharia financial sector on the economy in general, there has been no study that specifically discusses the role of GIFS 2025 in driving economic growth in Indonesia through the Sharia financial sector. This article aims to fill this gap in the literature by providing a new perspective on how GIFS 2025 can strengthen collaboration between stakeholders in Indonesia and encourage the development of a more inclusive Sharia financial sector and sustainable. This study also identifies the potential and challenges faced in optimizing the impact of this forum on Indonesia's economic growth. Based on the study, the hypothesis proposed in this study is that GIFS 2025 has an important role in strengthening Indonesia's Sharia financial ecosystem, which in turn can drive national economic growth, especially in the real sector and financial inclusion. The main objective of this study is to analyze the contribution of GIFS 2025 in strengthening the sharia financial sector in Indonesia and its impact on national economic growth. In addition, this study aims to provide policy recommendations that can maximize the potential of GIFS 2025 as an international platform that can introduce Indonesia as a global center for Sharia economics and encourage collaboration between various parties to achieve sustainable economic development goals.

### **Research Methodology**

This study uses a qualitative approach with literature study methods and secondary data analysis to explore the role of the BSI Global Islamic Finance Summit (GIFS 2025) in driving Indonesia's economic growth by strengthening the Islamic financial sector. The data used in this study were obtained from various sources, including BSI annual reports, publications related to the Islamic financial sector, articles, and relevant academic studies. In addition, this study also examines the results of previous international forums, including GIFS 2023, to understand the dynamics and impacts on Indonesia's Islamic economic sector. Data analysis techniques are carried out descriptively and interpretively, with a focus on understanding the strategic contribution of GIFS in strengthening the Islamic financial ecosystem and its impact on national economic growth. The findings obtained are expected to provide a clear picture of the potential of GIFS 2025 as a catalyst for inclusive and sustainable economic growth in Indonesia.

### **Results and Discussion**

#### **1. Strategy and contribution of GIFS 2025 in Increasing Financial Inclusion Sharia**

Financial inclusion is one of the main priorities in Indonesia's economic development agenda. Islamic finance, which is based on Islamic legal principles, plays an important role in expanding access to financial services for people who are not served by the conventional banking system. The BSI Global Islamic Finance Summit (GIFS 2025) is expected to be a platform that introduces and expands Islamic financial inclusion, not only for individuals, but also for the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector and the real sector. Globally, Islamic finance is known as a more inclusive alternative solution compared to the conventional banking system. This is because the principles of Islamic finance do not only focus on material benefits but also the social and economic welfare of the community. GIFS 2025 has the potential to play a strategic role in introducing innovative Islamic financial products and services, such as mudharabah, musyarakah, and sukuk-based financing, which can reach various segments of society, including those who have not had access to formal financial services. Through GIFS 2025, various innovations in Sharia financial products and services can be introduced to a wider market, providing opportunities for more individuals and business actors to gain access to financing that is by Sharia principles. Thus, the Sharia financial sector can increase community participation in the economy and reduce economic disparities in Indonesia.

#### **2. The Impact of GIFS 2025 on Increasing Financial Trust and Literacy in the Community**

Improving Islamic financial literacy is one of the keys to success in strengthening the Islamic financial ecosystem in Indonesia. Many Indonesian people do not fully understand the basic concepts and principles of Islamic finance,

which can hinder them from participating in the Islamic financial system. GIFS 2025 can be an effective platform to improve literacy and public trust in Islamic financial products. Through various educational sessions and seminars held at this event, the public can gain a better understanding of the benefits and advantages of Islamic financial products. In addition, GIFS 2025 can also help build public trust in Islamic financial institutions operating in Indonesia, by demonstrating their commitment to transparency, fairness, and Islamic principles. The impact of increasing Islamic financial literacy is increased public participation in the Islamic financial ecosystem, which in turn will strengthen this sector. The more people understand and trust Sharia financial products, the greater their contribution to the Indonesian economy.

### **3. Development of Islamic Financial Infrastructure through GIFS 2025**

The biggest challenge in developing Islamic finance in Indonesia is the limited infrastructure that supports the Islamic financial ecosystem. This infrastructure includes Islamic financial institutions, Islamic capital markets, Islamic financial technology (fintech), and regulations that support the operation of the Islamic financial sector. GIFS 2025 can play an important role in encouraging the development of Islamic financial infrastructure in Indonesia. One way is to introduce new technologies and innovations that can improve the efficiency and accessibility of Islamic financial services. Technologies such as blockchain and digital technology can be used to increase the transparency and security of Islamic financial transactions, making them more attractive to investors and customers. In addition, GIFS 2025 can introduce innovative products in the Islamic capital market, such as sukuk, which can be used to finance large infrastructure projects in Indonesia. Development of the Islamic capital market broader sharia will help increase Indonesia's attractiveness as an investment destination, while accelerating the development of infrastructure needed by the real sector. Strengthening this infrastructure will not only accelerate the growth of the sharia financial sector, but also have a positive impact on the Indonesian economy as a whole. With better infrastructure, the sharia financial sector will be more easily accessible to the wider community, including MSMEs, which have had difficulty accessing financing from conventional banks.

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### **5. Formulation of Policies and Regulations that Support the Post-GIFS 2025 Sharia Financial Ecosystem**

Policies and regulations that support the development of this industry are urgently needed. The Indonesian government has taken several important steps to strengthen regulations that support Islamic finance, but there are still several aspects that need to be improved so that Indonesia can become a global Islamic economic hub. GIFS 2025 can be the right momentum to encourage the formulation of better policies and regulations in the Islamic finance sector. This event can be a forum to discuss and formulate policies that can increase the competitiveness of the Indonesian Islamic finance industry in the global market. Several aspects that need to be considered in Islamic finance policies and regulations include the development of Islamic capital markets, investor protection, and strengthening more transparent supervision and regulation mechanisms. In addition, regulations that support innovation and the development of more diverse and modern Islamic financial products are urgently needed so that Indonesia can compete with other countries that are already advanced in the Islamic finance sector, such as Malaysia and Dubai. Policies that clear and consistent will create a more conducive climate for the growth of the Islamic financial sector in Indonesia, as well as attract more global investment.

## **Conclusion**

The BSI Global Islamic Finance Summit (GIFS 2025) has a strategic role in driving Indonesia's economic growth by strengthening the Islamic financial ecosystem. Through the Islamic financial inclusion strategy, collaboration between government, industry, and global investors, and the development of supporting infrastructure,

GIFS 2025 can accelerate the acceleration of this sector. Its impact on increasing literacy and public trust in Islamic finance is also very significant. In addition, the policies and regulations resulting from this summit will strengthen Indonesia's Islamic financial market, attract more investment, and support the development of the economic sector in a sustainable manner. Overall, GIFS 2025 will accelerate the role of the Islamic financial sector in the Indonesian economy and make it more competitive on the global stage.

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