

**FACTORS AFFECTING THE PROFITABILITY OF ISLAMIC
BANKS IN GCC COUNTRIES**

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ABSTRACT

This study examines the factors which have an impact on profitability of Islamic banks in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries within the period from 2006 to 2010. The study identifies four variables which were expected to be affecting on profitability of Islamic banks and in GCC countries. They are bank size (LNTA), management efficiency (MGT), non-performing loan (NPL), and proportion of loan to deposit (L/D). Three of the above variables have an impact on profitability of Islamic banks that is represented by Return on Assets (ROA) and Return on Equity (ROE) as proxies for profitability by using linear regression to run data into two models. This study found that the bank size (LNTA), and management efficiency (MGT) are the factors that have statistically significant and positive relationship with Islamic bank profitability. Non-performing loan (NPL), has also statistically significant but negative relationship with Islamic bank profitability (ROA and ROE). Whereas, the study found that there is insignificant relationship between proportion of loan to deposit (L/D) and profitability of Islamic banks. The findings are similar to the previous studies done by other researchers which indicate that the above independent variables have an impact on profitability of the bank.

ABSTRAK

Penyelidikan ini mengkaji faktor-faktor yang mempunyai impak ke atas keuntungan bank-bank Islam di negara-negara (GCC) dari tahun 2006 hingga ke tahun 2010. Analisa ini telah mengenal pasti empat faktor yang di jangka akan mempengaruhi keuntungan bank-bank Islam di Negara (GCC). Faktor-faktor tersebut adalah saiz bank (LNTA), kecekapan pengurusan (MGT), pinjaman tidak berbayar (NPL) dan nisbah pinjaman kepada deposit (L/D). Tiga daripada faktor diatas memberi impak ke atas keuntungan bank-bank Islam ialah pulangan Aset (ROA) dan pulangan Ekuiti (ROE) sebagai proksi kepada keuntungan melalui penggunaan regresi linear untuk mengkaji data dalam dua model. Analisa ini mendapati bahawa saiz bank (LNTD) dan kecekapan pengurusan (MGT) adalah faktor yang mempunyai statistik yang penting dan hubungan positif dengan keuntungan bank Islam. Pinjaman tidak berbayar (NPL) juga mempunyai statistik yang penting tetapi mempunyai hubungan negatif dengan keuntungan bank Islam (ROA dan ROE). Manakala analisa ini mendapati bahawa terdapat hubungan tidak signifikan antara nisbah pinjaman kepada deposit (L/D) dan keuntungan bank-bank Islam. Hasil kajian ini adalah sama dengan ya telah dijalankan oleh penyelidik-penyelidik sebelum ini yang menunjukkan bahawa adanya impak terhadap keuntungan daripada faktor-faktor bebas.

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