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20 years of experience in advisory, private equity, audit and Islamic and ethical finance. In addition to advising financial institutions, Omar has been appointed as a specialist advisor by select governments to advise on their strategic policy and financial regulatory frameworks for Islamic finance. Within ethical finance since 2009, Omar has pioneered the award winning Ethical Finance Round Table series, led the development of the Edinburgh Finance Declaration (a pioneering interfaith shared values initiative) and currently sits as the CEO of the government backed Ethical Finance Hub. Recently he co-founded the Global Ethical Finance Initiative which consolidates the aforementioned projects and annually convenes international stakeholders in Edinburgh (governments, UNDP, financial institutions, et al) seeking to use finance for positive change. Within Islamic finance, Omar was formerly head of Islamic finance for EY UK and has served on various UK Government and Mansion House initiatives for promoting the City as the 'Western Hub' for Islamic finance. He is a regular speaker at conferences and has published various articles and thought leadership pieces that has led to regulatory upgrades in global shariah governance frameworks and an enhanced awareness of UN SDGs and Islamic impact investing. Omar keenly supports charities he is passionate about. He sits on the advisory council of HRH Prince's Trust Scotland (the UK's largest youth charity) and supports Glasgow Museums and Colourful Heritage on preserving the heritage and contribution of South Asians in Scotland.