



Ajai Thomas

**Chief Financial Officer
Kuwait International Bank**

Company Profile:

Kuwait International Bank

Attendee Brief Bio:

Ajai Thomas, a seasoned professional with over two decades of experience, has been an integral part of KIB's management team since 2014. He oversees financial control and planning activities, reporting directly to the Board of Directors and senior management on crucial aspects like budgets, management reporting, financial performance, and investor relations. Ajai's background includes leadership roles at PricewaterhouseCoopers and Deloitte & Touché in Kuwait, where he led multicultural teams specializing in financial services and audits. He holds professional certifications as a Chartered Accountant, Certified Information Systems Auditor, and Certified Data Privacy Solutions Engineer, along with a Master's Degree in Financial Management and various certifications in Islamic banking. Ajai is also a regular speaker at the Kuwait Islamic Finance News conference.

Please list your organization's primary function:

Listed Islamic bank in Kuwait

What is your main function within the company:

Chief Financial Officer

Are you responsible for hiring investment managers?

No

Total Assets Under Management:

USD 100M

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What percentage of the total funds are allocated to alternatives?
0

Please indicate the range or size of allocations you make:
USD 10-50M

In your own words, please tell us specifically what types of investments you are looking for:
Sharia compliant

Have you invested in first time funds in the past?
No

What is your IRR target and over what duration?
Above 12% over 5 years

In what geographical regions and specific subregions or countries are you looking for future investments?

- USA
- MENA

Please specify if you have any restrictions to invest in a specific asset classes or strategies or regions:
NA

Products planning to invest within the next 3 to 6 months:

- Fixed Income and Money Market
- Renewables and Cleantech
- ESG