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**WORLD ISLAMIC ECONOMIC FORUM OPEN MARKET TRADING AT LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE**

To mark the start of the World Islamic Economic Forum's inaugural meeting in London, The Honourable Tun Musa Hitam, Chairman of the World Islamic Economic Forum, and Sir Edward Lister, Deputy Mayor of London, officially opened market trading on the London Stock Exchange on Monday 28th October 2013.

Commenting on the event, Tun Musa Hitam, Chairman of the World Islamic Economic Forum, said:

"This is the first time that the WIEF is held in a non-Muslim European capital. The choice of this vibrant, cosmopolitan, yet ancient city is no coincidence. London is home to a vast multicultural population and a great gateway for trade and commerce, finance, culture, ideas and philosophy.

"I'm delighted that we have started our events here at the London Stock Exchange today, further strengthening our relationship. I hope it will stimulate further business between the Islamic and non-Islamic world in the years ahead, delivering growth and prosperity for people all over the world. By doing business together can we build bridges worldwide for the greater good of mankind.

Notes to editors:

The World Islamic Economic Forum is taking place at London's ExCel from October 29-31 2013, meeting outside the Muslim world for the first time in its history. The Forum, entitled 'Changing Worlds, New Relationships', is jointly hosted by the Governments of the United Kingdom and Malaysia. 17 Global Leaders, 5 Central Bank Governors, and more than 2300 CEOs, captains of industry, academic scholars, regional experts, professionals, corporate managers, policy makers, innovators, business leaders and investors from 120 countries will come together to explore the range of investment and business opportunities available across the world. [www.9thwief.org](http://www.9thwief.org)

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