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In response to the extraordinary development of the gulf area during the past years ACI will held its **51st ACI Financial Markets World Congress in Dubai, 22-24 March 2012.**

By doing so, ACI contributes to the big efforts of positioning the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) as a hub between the Asian and the European financial markets. It further contributes to the entire Gulf region and its neighboring countries, but in particular to the Islamic world at all.

Islamic finance went well through the recent financial crisis - barley affected. Alike the tendencies towards 'green energy' there is now increased demand into sukuk or takaful products all around the globe. On the other hand some of the Gulf States are seeking for their own currency/monetary union, the GCC currency or 'Khaleeji' (gold) project. Would you know, that Riyad, the capital of Saudi Arabia, will host the first regional central bank? The United States has long benefited from having a single currency or the US-\$ as a currency of reserve for the world. Is there a chance to bring in diversification and may be some kind of gold standard back by the Khaleeji? And if the GCC project becomes true, which impacts shall we expect for our foreign exchange markets, the money markets or the capital markets: in terms of liquidity, market depth, or even impacts into commodities? Are you fit for the future?

These topics but also updates and discussions on latest regulatory trends will be at the agenda of this prestigious congress. ACI is aware of the superlatives of the Gulf region and its hosting country. You can expect the same superlatives from us in terms of high profile speakers and panels, by a very strong participation from delegates all over the world and an interesting exhibition area informing about latest trends. May we invite you for taking the opportunity in informing yourself about the region and in extending your personal and company network.

The ACI event will be hosted by the UAEFMA, the United Arab Emirates Financial Markets Association.

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