

Blade Labs launches Ask Ali, an AI co-pilot for Islamic finance, powered by ZeroH Disclosure

New launch combines Islamic finance AI with patent-pending privacy and proof technology designed for regulated institutions

DOHA, Qatar / SINGAPORE, 1 May 2026 - Blade Labs, a Qatar Development Bank portfolio company, today announced the launch of Ask Ali, an AI co-pilot built for Islamic finance professionals, powered by ZeroH Disclosure, the company's patent-pending privacy and proof infrastructure for regulated AI use.

Islamic finance involves dense standards, extensive documentation, approval chains, and coordination across compliance, legal, business, and Shariah stakeholders. Ask Ali is designed to help teams work faster across research, review, drafting, and workflow preparation - without asking institutions to relax governance standards in order to use AI.

ZeroH Disclosure is the enabling layer behind the launch. Before information is sent to an AI model or cloud workflow, institutions can apply disclosure rules that determine what should be shown, masked, withheld, or kept on-soil. Each event can produce a cryptographic proof record so the institution has evidence of what policy was applied and what crossed the boundary.

"Islamic finance is one of the clearest examples of where AI can be valuable and where governance cannot be compromised," said Sami Mian, CEO of Blade Labs. "Ask Ali is the application layer. ZeroH Disclosure is the trust layer. Together they are designed to help institutions use AI in a way that is faster, more controlled, and more defensible."

Blade Labs says this matters especially in jurisdictions where cloud use, privacy, and residency requirements are tightly regulated. In Qatar, the company has focused on architectures that support on-soil processing requirements while still allowing institutions to benefit from modern AI workflows. That approach builds on work announced by QFC under its Digital Assets Lab with AI Rayan Bank on HashSphere, a private permissioned network built with Hedera technology and deployed on Google Cloud. Blade Labs says that deployment context helped shape the privacy-and-proof layer now powering Ask Ali.

The company adds that the same technology has applications beyond Islamic finance. Any regulated workflow that requires controlled disclosure of sensitive information - including banking, insurance, healthcare, legal, and broader cloud data privacy - can benefit from a system that determines what may be shared and creates proof that policy was followed.

Ask Ali with ZeroH Disclosure will enter research preview on 3 May 2026. Professionals and institutions can request early access at zeroh.io/ask-ali/beta. Institutional pilots and enterprise deployments are available on application.

About Blade Labs

Blade Labs builds AI-native governance, risk, and compliance infrastructure for regulated finance. Its ZeroH platform is designed to support controlled workflows, auditable disclosure, and cryptographic proof across regulated environments. Blade Labs is a Qatar Development Bank portfolio company, registered at the Qatar Financial Centre, and backed by The Hashgraph Association. Learn more at bladelabs.io and zeroh.io.

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