Industry standard rating models supporting Islamic banking products and automation of credit rating



Client

 The oldest Sharia'a compliant bank in the Middle East providing innovative solutions covering corporate finance, real estate, project finance, trade, commodity finance and international banking services

Need

- Configure a platform to permit Sharia'a compliant facilities and financial templates
- Ensure BASEL II compliance by treating Musharakah and Mudarbaha as equity
- Deploy industry specific rating models for a diverse customer portfolio
- Deploy a solution to ensure consistency and objectivity in decision making
- Implement an automated risk based pricing process

Approach

- Provide a corporate and SME rating solution meeting the principles of Islamic banking for product management and financial analysis
- Offer end-to-end credit risk rating and workflow management to ensure regulatory compliance

Results

- Loan origination system supporting maintenance of Islamic products
- Automated financial analysis based on one-time configuration of metrics
- Streamlining of historic data to enable the client to move towards BASEL II compliance
- Standard set of reports and outputs to meet regulatory requirements
- Sentinel allowed the client to benefit from best practices and adopt a better risk management culture

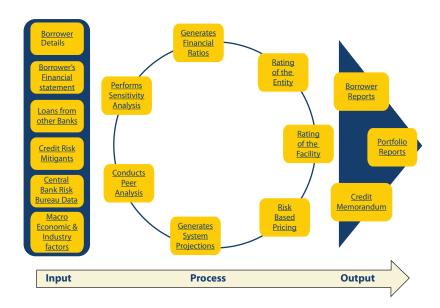
Flexible and configurable solution to facilitate credit rating for Islamic banking facilities

D&B Sentinel platform is a flexible, user configurable system that permits corporate and SME rating and credit approval process for Islamic facilities such as Murabaha, Ijarah, Musharakah and Mudarbaha. Sentinel, D&B's BASEL II compliant corporate and SME rating solution offered complete credit risk rating and workflow modules to address the client's specific challenges.

D&B Sentinel: Industry specific credit approval and rating solution for efficient risk management

D&B Sentinel was deployed to address the client's specific challenges. The program implementation included:

- A product configuration module to define products such as Mudarbaha, Ijarah, Istisna'a and Musharakah and define various limits and product treatment based on the facility rating
- Sector based expert rating models to enable the client to quantify, price and manage their risks and risk premium in an objective and consistent manner
- Objective analysis of financial data by generating various financial ratios and cash flow statements in line with Islamic banking principles
- Automation of the entire credit approval process through a configurable workflow management module to implement multi-stage process flows and associated maker/checker and routing validations
- Peer analysis to compare borrower financials with industry peers;
 Sensitivity analysis on projected company financials; Scenario Analysis on borrower portfolios



Value-added solution for regulatory compliance and better risk management

The D&B solution facilitated automated analysis of financial data and streamlining of historic data, thereby enabling the client to move towards BASEL II compliance. By generating a standard set of reports in line with regulatory requirements, Sentinel enabled adherence to industry best practices for a better risk management culture.