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Qintar's mission is to be the first **Shariah-compliant cryptocurrency** to be used on a private, **Shariah-compliant blockchain**, ISL Blockchain.

Holders of Qintar on digital wallets, Pilgrims will have the access to Qintar services through Seitra to travel to the Islamic holy places such as Airline tickets and hotel reservations using Qintar.

Today, millions of pilgrims take part in the Hajj and Umrah. Which is increasing year after year.

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The Hajj is one of the five pillars of Islam, a religious duty every Muslim is expected to make once in their lifetime.

# Introduction

## Mission Statement

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QINTAR is a Shariah-compliant cryptocurrency used both as a means of payment as well as a utility token, with a focus on Islamic holy cities. It facilitates seamless and transparent trading using the ISL Blockchain (Shariah-compliant) technology. The project is being launched by Qintar Capital Switzerland SA (“Qintar Capital”) and ISL-Blockchain Sàrl, two Swiss companies established in the Canton of Geneva, Switzerland. The goal of Qintar Capital is to make QINTAR a commercially successful and widely adopted cryptocurrency.

What is the meaning of Qintar? In Arabic, Qintar is a traditional Arabic unit of weight and has appeared in a number of verses of the Holy Qur’an.

The QINTAR token intends to be a stable coin in the long-run as it has specific uses as a means of payment, initially to easily purchase Islamic ritual services such as hotel reservations and airline tickets, products, and livestock for sacrifice using a crypto-wallet on a mobile device and in the future, as it is used by more and more persons, across the world.

*“In December 2013, a Tesla Model S was bought for 91.4 bitcoins<sup>1</sup>, Starbucks are accepting cryptocurrency for food and drinks, and in April 2019, the Dolder Grand, a five-star hotel in Zurich announced that it would accept bitcoins as a means of payment. The future of QINTAR as a means of payment for products and services in the Islamic world is bright...”*

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<sup>1</sup> The transaction occurred over BitPay who transferred the converted BTC to USD to the car dealer.

Problem Statement

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**The Hajj**

Every year, over 2 million pilgrims from all over the Muslim world travel for the Hajj, taking place this year in September 2019. Many of these pilgrims travel from places such as Malaysia and Indonesia, as well as countries such as Kuwait, Jordan, and the UAE. This pilgrimage is an obligatory act of worship that every Muslim owes to God once in their lifetime. There are a further 8 million pilgrims that visit the islamic holy places during the Umrah (the year-long, non-obligatory minor pilgrimage). It is estimated that in the next decade will reach 30 million visitors to the Islamic holy places.

**The Pilgrims & Money**

With over 2 million pilgrims traveling to the Hajj, Qintar offers services channels to ease their way such as book their airline tickets and hotel reservation or udhiyya, however it can only be done through Qintar channels such as Seitra. The existing solution is travelers checks and credit cards but most pilgrims do not even have bank accounts or credit backgrounds in order to have credit cards.

Qintar Capital has created the Qintar digital wallet, today available on Android devices and in the near future on iOS compatible devices. With the Qintar digital wallet which any person can download today, you can acquire QINTAR tokens and have them safely stored on the Qintar digital wallet on your mobile device.

**QINTAR Wallet**
**Transactions**





**QINTAR**  
0.0000000000000000 QINTAR  
Qc5T24d0e45b5e1f970f05fec5e5cc0a90f65b1f

Transfer funds

Reset passphrase

Update phone number



**QINTAR Received**

**From:**  
Qc2d9879e32639b44932585cecf43c1598c9054ce  
1.0000000000000000 QINTAR  
2018-11-25 22:10:32



**QINTAR Sent**

**To:**  
Qc07b636317768ba8add59954a4d0b7e7e769251e  
0.5000000000000000 QINTAR  
2018-11-29 15:24:04



**QINTAR Sent**

**To:**  
Qc07b636317768ba8add59954a4d0b7e7e769251e  
0.5000000000000000 QINTAR  
2018-11-29 15:28:58

 Wallet

 Transfer

 Transactions

 Settings

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## Introduction

### QINTAR platform

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With QINTAR, each owner of the token will be able to pay for various types of services such as airline tickets and hotel reservation to be able to go to the Islamic holy places, through Qintar channels such as Seitra or Udhiyya

The key strengths of QINTAR can be summarized in the following manner:

#### *Innovation*

- There is no doubt that cryptocurrency has its risks and limitations. However, the very idea of cryptocurrencies is very inspirational and encouraging, particularly for innovators. The open source nature of the technology allows entrepreneurs to customize any platform for their business idea.
- With the increasing concern of electronic forgery in using credit cards, many sellers on websites have started to ignore commercial opportunities they find online. The use of cryptocurrencies provides a safer method of payment for both buyers and sellers.
- With the launch of QINTAR, transactions can never be cancelled or frozen after being initiated, preventing forgery risks, which encourages traders to accept international transactions.

#### *Customisation*

- The Sharia-compliant nature of the QINTAR token and the ISL-Blockchain means that Muslims across the world can use QINTAR as a means of payment without worrying about whether it is permitted religiously or not. With the QINTAR token, holders can purchase various products and services through smart devices. There are unlimited choices with many uses not only for the Islamic Rituals but globally for payment of these products and services.
- The world has 2.2 billion persons connected to the internet through computers and smartphones, who have no access to any electronic payment method.

Furthermore, there are 1.7 billion Muslims around the world and of these, each year, over 10 million participate in the Hajj and Umrah. These users are ideal targets of QINTAR.

### *Cost-Efficient*

- QINTAR can be used internationally, saving token holders time and cost in money transfers from one country to another. With traditional means of transfers and payments, transaction costs and forex costs can be onerous and costly, specifically in emerging markets. With QINTAR on a QINTAR digital wallet, holders will no longer have to bear these excessive costs associated with executing transactions.

### *Practical*

- While digital currencies are basically a high risk trade, the QINTAR token has a real use case being the first Shariah-compliant digital currency on a digital wallet. No matter where you are in the world, with QINTAR, you can pay via your smartphone with the payment done instantaneously when going to the Islamic Holy cities through Seitra or Udhiyya websites.

### *Stablecoin*

- The price of QINTAR should remain stable as there will be a real use for it by these very same pilgrims on a regular basis when deciding to go to the holy cities, to practice the Islamic rituals. This stability is ensured because it is a way to pay for products and services. The token is effectively supported by the fact that there are a number of services that will accept QINTAR as a means of payment.

By considering all the above features, a large number of individuals can buy QINTAR, trade it, purchase and pay online with it. The company expects the usage of QINTAR to expand in the near future as more and more persons realize its real value, in facilitating payments. As it becomes more popular and widely held, online transactions will become easier, faster, more convenient, less costly, and overall, a safer process.

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### ISL Blockchain

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### Sharia-compliant

ISL Blockchain is sharia-compliant and can issue Islamic contracts and manage data. It has received a Fatwa from:

- Dr. Ahmed Fareed Almayzeedy (Azhari scientist and specialist in manuscripts).
- Dr. Mohammed AbdoRabbeh (Professor at Al-Azhar University)
- Haji. Sallim Shafawi Moulan (Chairman of the Zakat Committee in Jurong East)
- Dr. Sherif Abo Elella Eladawy (Researcher in Islamic Economics).
- Dr. Abd Elmonji Madian (Azhari scientist and researcher in Hadith)

This means that financial products and contracts that are issued via ISL Blockchain are in accordance with the provisions of Islamic laws. Islamic law prohibits the payment or acceptance of interest, or Riba<sup>2</sup>. Islamic law also considers certain business activities to be haram, or prohibited and contrary to Islamic principles. These activities include alcohol, gambling, pornography. Typically, Sharia-compliant blockchain certificates state that the blockchain, in this case, ISL Blockchain, is simply a network of decentralized servers that power its distributed ledger technology. Therefore, the network does not violate Sharia laws, as it is just a tool for making payments and recording transactions.

As regards to the Sharia-compliance of the cryptocurrency, any certification will require that certain conditions be met. These would include that the holders of the cryptocurrency have clear possession of the values being transferred, the amount being sent should be the same as the amount or service being received. Finally, that the transfers should not be conditional, entail any un-Islamic intentions, or be carried-out in forward or futures markets. This is the case of QINTAR.

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<sup>2</sup> Riba can be roughly translated as “usury” or unjust, exploitative gains made in trade or business under Islamic law. Riba is mentioned and condemned in several different verses in the Qur’an.

## Proof of Work Protocol

The ISL Blockchain is a private blockchain based on the Ethereum blockchain protocol. It is a Proof of Work system which is a consensus protocol and an economic measure to deter denial of service attacks (DDOS). As both Ethereum and Proof of Work are well-known protocols, we will not go into the details in this paper.<sup>3</sup>

## A Private Blockchain

There are three major blockchain models – public, private and consortium, each of which has its advantages and liabilities. The public blockchain model, such as Bitcoin and Ethereum, are the most widely-known. They have the largest degree of decentralization however, they are expensive and transaction speed is not optimal. A private blockchain offers the same level of user control and privacy as those in the public blockchains, however, they are less decentralized but more efficient, cost-effective and have faster speed of transactions. In private blockchains, “write permissions” are centralized to a single authority. “read permissions” can be public or restricted to an extent determined by the organization. While private blockchains are more susceptible to security breaches than public blockchains, they are particularly well-suited to situations which require compliance with data privacy rules and regulatory issues. According to Vitaly Buterin, the founder of Ethereum, “In some cases, public is clearly better; in others, some degree of private control is simply necessary.”<sup>4</sup> Such is the case with QINTAR which requires a fully Sharia-compliant blockchain.

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<sup>3</sup> For more information on Ethereum, please refer to <https://www.ethereum.org/>. For more information on Proof of Work, please refer to

<sup>4</sup> <https://blog.ethereum.org/2015/08/07/on-public-and-private-blockchains/>

	<b>Public</b> No centralized management	<b>Private</b> Single organization
<b>Participants</b> (nodes)	<b>Permissionless</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anonymous</li> <li>• Could be malicious</li> <li>• Free entry for miners</li> </ul>	<b>Permissioned</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identified</li> <li>• Trusted</li> <li>• Closed mining, one central miner</li> </ul>
<b>Consensus Mechanisms</b>	<b>Proof of Work, Proof of Stake, etc.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large energy consumption</li> <li>• No finality</li> <li>• 51% attack</li> </ul>	<b>Voting or multi-party consensus algorithm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lightest</li> <li>• Fastest</li> <li>• Lowest energy consumption</li> <li>• Enables finality</li> </ul>
<b>Transaction Approval Frequency</b>	<b>Long</b> Bitcoin: 10 min or more	<b>Short</b> 100x sec

There will be multiple nodes on the ISL Blockchain, including a node on Amazon Web Services (AWS)<sup>5</sup>. Other nodes will be in London, Paris, Stockholm, Mumbai, Seoul, Singapore, Sydney, Tokyo, Canada, and Ireland. Out of all of these additional nodes, 2-3 as well as the AWS node will be operated independently with the remainder operated by the company.

### Token Model

The QINTAR token is the basis of the Qintar protocol. It is an ERC-20 based token traded freely on the ISL Blockchain. The token is used to pay for products and services related to the Islamic rituals existing services initially, and in the future, in new, important projects that are currently under development globally in both Muslim and non-Muslim countries. One of these services, is the Qurbani<sup>6</sup> or animal sacrifice of livestock, which is a fundamental part of the Hajj. In 2014, there were over 2.5 million animals sold during the Hajj season, at prices varying between \$130 for a goat, to over

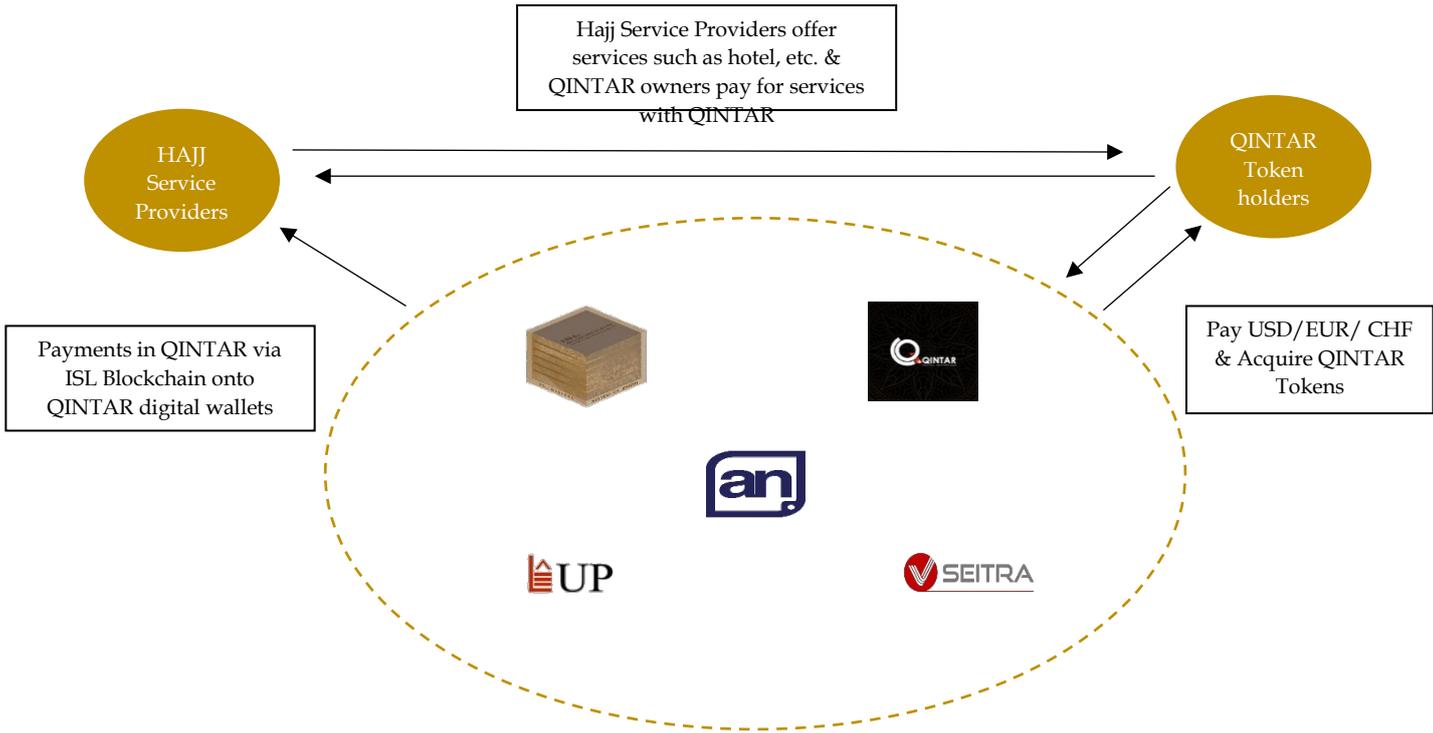
<sup>5</sup> Amazon Web Services or AWS is a fully managed service that makes it easy to create and manage scalable blockchain networks using the popular open source frameworks Hyperledger Fabric.

<sup>6</sup> Qurbani or udhiyyah as referred to in Islamic law, is the ritual animal sacrifice of a livestock animal during Eid al-Adha, which falls in the month that the Hajj takes place.

\$1,000 for a cow or \$4,000 for a camel. All of these can be paid with the QINTAR token through Qintar channels (Seitra , Udhiyya).

Finally, the smart contract underlying QINTAR has been reviewed and audited by Chainsecurity.

### QINTAR's Ecosystem



The QINTAR ecosystem includes Qintar Capital Switzerland SA, the token issuer, ISL Blockchain, the Sharia-compliant blockchain, Anaduu, providing the software and technical development, Seitra, the platform through which holders of QINTAR can today pay for ticketing and hotels with QINTAR coins and providing customer service and technical support, and Up Gestion, providing the accounting.

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## Team

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### **QINTAR ECOSYSTEM TEAM**

#### **Qintar Capital Switzerland**

*Michael Gebreziabiher – Director*

Mr. Gebreziabiher is the Director of Qintar Capital Switzerland SA as well as CEO of Level-Up Gestion which provides the accounting and administrative support for the QINTAR project. Mr. Gebreziabiher’s has established numerous companies and has an extensive experience.

#### **ISL Blockchain**

*Niklas Seipel*

Mr. Seipel is the Director of ISL Blockchain with extensive experience in Software engineering and information systems. His past work experience has been as a consultant at Dcode, a Swedish/Swiss based company, Nuport, Financial Systems Sweden AB. He has a BSC from University of Uppsala in Sweden.

#### **AnAduu Technology**

*Ahmad Mohammad Sammy*

Mr. Sammy is leading the technology side of the company and overseeing its development.

#### **Seitra**

*David McKenna*

Mr. McKenna has over 35 years of experience in establishing and growing companies on the sales and marketing side. In the past 9 years, he has served as a business consultant to companies in Saudi Arabia, Ireland, and the Ukraine. Prior to this, he

was CEO and Chairman of Vimeo plc, which went public on the AIM market in the UK.

## **Advisors**

### *Anouar Hassoun*

Mr. Hassoun is a Director of Qintar Capital Switzerland. His core competencies are Islamic finance and credit ratings. He is a professor of Islamic finance at University Paris Dauphine since 2009. He has issued over 49 publications, mostly on Islamic Finance. He has a Master Degree from both Science Po and HEC in Paris, France.

### *Kader Merbouh*

Mr. Mehrbough is a specialist on Islamic Finance having published several papers and articles on Islamic Finance and equitable finance. He is the co-Founder of the Executive Master Principles & Practices of Islamic Finance at Université Paris Dauphine. From April 2011-June 2013, he established the first Chair dedicated to Islamic Finance at King Abdul Aziz University Jeddah.

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### ICO Roadmap & Details

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### ICO Roadmap



Property development opportunities arise.	Formation of companies & assets.	ISL Blockchain concept designed and the idea of QINTAR emerges	Technology is built and Apps tested & certified	QINTAR is introduced and launched in Geneva
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Today, the ISL Blockchain, the QINTAR token, and the various mobile applications have been developed and ready for use, in time, for Ramadan beginning on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2019.

## ICO Details

The QINTAR Token Sale will be launched in the second quarter of 2019 with the goal of closing the sale prior to the start of Ramadan on May 5th 2019. The company may extend the sale if the hard cap of CHF 286 million has not been reached.

Token	QINTAR
Token Type	ERC-20
Jurisdiction of Issuance	Switzerland
Legal Qualification	Hybrid Token (utility & payment token)
Total Token Supply	9,999,900 QINTAR
Tokens for Sale	2,200,000 QINTAR
Token Price	CHF 130
QINTAR can be purchased with	USD, EUR, GBP, CHF, SAR
Soft Cap	None as platform already developed
Hard Cap	CHF 286,000,000
KYC	KYC of all investors
Beginning of sale	April 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2019

It is important to note that each person or corporate entity can acquire a minimum of 1 QINTAR up to 100 QINTAR at which point, the next tranche is 1,000 QINTAR for which the company will issue the holder with a certificate of ownership.

Regarding the distribution of the funds, of a total of 100% of raised funds, 80% will remain in the account of Qintar Capital and be invested in a conservative manner with the difference, a total of 20% paid to the team that has invested and developed the project and its ecosystem.

The company will lock all other tokens for a period of 12/18/24 months with 1/3 being unlocked after 12 months, the next 1/3 after 18 months, and the remainder after 24 months. The company will look to airdrop some of these released coins to new service providers in order to grow the QINTAR ecosystem. The released QINTAR tokens will also be sold on exchanges should there be inflationary pressures that have occurred as well as to fill the increasing demand for QINTAR over time as it is more and more widely accepted globally.

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## RISK DISCLOSURE

- **RISK OF LOSING QINTAR DUE TO LOSS OF CREDENTIALS**  
An end-user QINTAR may be associated with QINTAR wallet in which it is held. The loss of private key or other credentials to the wallet may result in the loss of QINTAR.
- **RISK OF DISRUPTION IN THE ECOSYSTEM**  
An exchange or other liquidity provider in the cryptocurrency ecosystem could be hacked. A large number of coins could flood the market and affect QINTAR's market price.
- **RISK OF SHARING CREDENTIALS**  
Any third party that gets access to an end-user's credentials, may be able to destroy or steal the funds.
- **RISK OF SECURITY BREACHES TO QINTAR TEAM**
- **REGULATORY RISKS**  
Cryptocurrencies and Blockchains have been subjected to scrutiny by regulatory bodies around the globe. The value of QINTAR could decline if regulatory bodies take actions that could impede, limit, or provide disincentives to the development or use of QINTAR.
- **RISK OF BUG OR MALFUNCTION**  
In modern software development, bugs or malfunctions may occur. It is possible that a bug or malfunction could be programmed into QINTAR, or to qintar.ch, such that a loss of QINTAR occurs.
- **UNANTICIPATED RISKS**  
Cryptocurrencies are a new technology. In addition to the risks presented above, there are risks that QINTAR Team cannot anticipate.
- **COMBINATIONS OF RISKS**  
It is possible that any of the above events could combine, in many different permutations that would represent a threat to the value of QINTAR.
- **FUTURE RISKS**  
More risks may materialize in the future.
- **COOPERATION WITH LEGAL AUTHORITIES**  
The QINTAR Team will cooperate with any law enforcement inquiries required by law, provided they are supported and documented by the law in their relevant jurisdictions. If you are in law enforcement, please be aware however that as a decentralized system we do not store or have access to any extra user information, other than what is readily accessible on ISL Blockchain.
- To contact the QINTAR Team on behalf of law enforcement, please email support; info@qintar.ch