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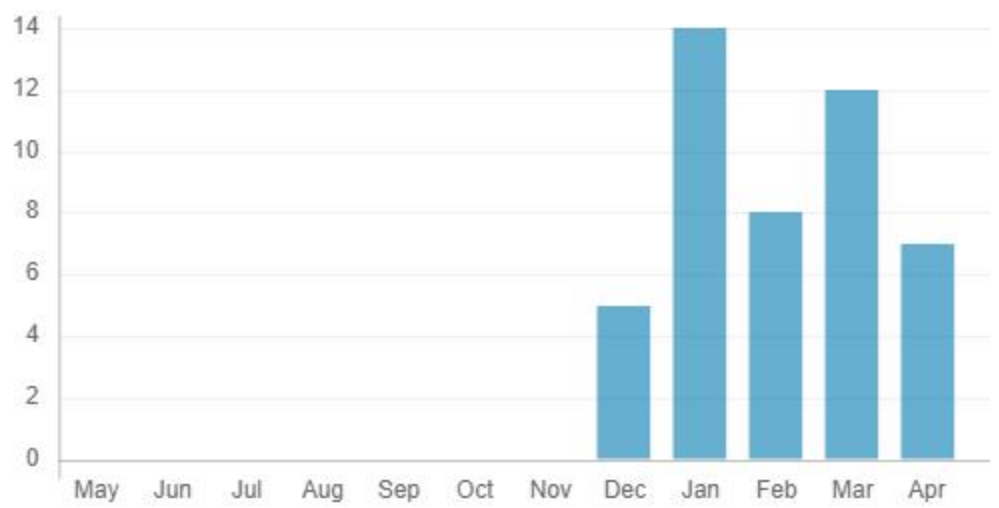
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#### Religious Behavior of Investors

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Therefore, seriousness is needed in managing, planning, controlling, organizing and it is intended as a form of worship to Allah SWT. In essence, investment is the placement of a number of funds in one or more assets over a certain period of time with the hope of generating income or increasing the value of the investment. Investors need information that becomes the basis for making investment decisions.

The model of investment decision-making behavior is formed from available data in the form of investment appraisal criteria that allows Muslim investors to choose the best investment among the available investment options. Investors consider various factors in making investment decisions, one of which is psychological factors. According to psychological theory, a person will always be driven by his basic needs which are shaped by the environment in which investors are located. Regarding behavior, practices and religious activities (religiosity) investors do not guarantee one hundred percent of them to choose investments that are in accordance with sharia principles.

### **Islamic Financial Behavior**

Many studies have been carried out to examine investment decisions in Islamic financial behavior in Muslim investors, such as those conducted by Haron and Wan Azmi (2008) wrote an article title *Measuring Depositors' Behaviour of Malaysian Islamic Banking System: A Co-integration Approach*, where they examined the role of religion to determine the saving behavior of customers at Islamic banks in Malaysia, and find that Islamic banking customers place profit motives above their religious motives when making economic decisions.

Tahir and Brimble (2011) wrote an article title *Islamic Investment Behavior with the research variables socio-demographic, the level of profit and risk and conducted interviews with 446 respondents (210 Muslims, 236 non-Muslims) in Brisbane*. The results of their research found that the level of religiosity of Muslim investors greatly influences investment decisions, risk factors and other factors such as ethics, social issues and environmental issues also affect Muslim and non-Muslim investment decisions.

Wahyuni (2012) wrote an article title *Moslem Community Behavior in The Conduct of Islamic Bank: The Moderation Role of Knowledge and Pricing with variables of attitude, social influence, behavior intention and knowledge of product*, using a questionnaire method as many as 195 Muslim respondents in Surakarta found that attitude, behavior intention and knowledge of product are very influential for decisions to use Islamic bank products, but social influence variables have no effect on decisions to use Islamic bank products.

Hanudin Amin (2013) wrote an article title *Factors influencing Malaysian bank customers to choose Islamic credit cards Empirical evidence from the TRA model with variables of attitude, subjective norm and perceived financial cost*. The results of the study show that attitudes, subjective norms and perceived financial costs have an effect on choosing a sharia credit card

Syukriah Ali, Rosliza M, Zani and Kartini Kasim (2014) conducted a study in Kedah Malaysia with the research title *Factors Influencing Investors' Behavior in Islamic Unit Trust: An Application of Theory of Planned Behavior and the research variables were intention attitude, social influence and perceived behavioral control*, they found that the variables of intention attitude, social influence and perceived behavioral control affect investors' intentions to invest in Islamic unit trust funds

Canepa and Ibnrubbian (2014) wrote an article Does Faith Move Stock Markets? Evidence from Saudi Arabia, their findings show that religious teachings influence investors' behavior towards their chosen investment portfolio.

Mohammed Hersi Warsame and Edward Mugambi Ileri (2016) conducted a study in Qatar with the article title Does the Theory of Planned Behavior (TPB) Matter in Sukuk Investment Decisions, the variables studied were behavioral intention, attitude, subjective norms, perceived behavioral control. The results of their study found that the attitude and perceived behavioral control variables significantly influenced the intention to invest in sukuk, while subjective norms did not significantly affect investors' intentions to invest in sukuk. The researchers also found that the religiosity factor did not affect the decision to invest in sukuk.

Noraini Yusuff, Fadillah Mansor and Abu Bakar Hamed (2017) wrote an article title The Measurement Of Islamic Unit Trust Investment Decision In Malaysia: An Exploratory Factor Analysis with research variables such as financial literacy, information sources, investment risk, religiosity, and product knowledge. The results of their research found that the variables of financial literacy, information sources, investment risk, religiosity and product knowledge had an effect on investment decisions

Nurul Shahnaz Mahdzan, Rozaimah Zainudin, Rosmawani Che Hashim, and Noor Adwa Sulaiman, (2017) wrote an article title Islamic religiosity and portfolio allocation: the Malaysian context with demographic, religiosity and risk tolerance variables. The results of their study found that religiosity variables in general had no effect on the allocation of portfolio assets, while individuals with high risk tolerance, income level and education level showed a tendency to allocate risky assets into portfolios.

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

Financial Behavior research was initially based on the Theory of Games and Economic Behavior written by Von Neumann and Morgenstern in 1944 and continued by Slovic in 1969 and 197 who discovered psychological aspects and then Tversky and Kahneman in 1974 and 1979 found heuristic theory and prospects which later became the foundation of the subsequent development of Financial Behavior, and in the end there were studies on Financial Behavior related to the Islamic/Muslim world (Islamic Financial Behavior) which mostly focused on the Theory of Planned Behavior as well as various variables such as Islamic law, subjective norms, attitude, religiosity, etc. The results of this literature review the author concludes that there are two different directions between Financial Behavior and Islamic Financial Behavior in terms of the theoretical foundation and also the variables studied in the research, it is highly expected for the development of Islamic Financial Behavior theory and future studies on Islamic Financial Behavior must adopt Islamic theories that apply to financial and investment behavior that is consistent with Sharia principles. In future research, it is expected to add to the results of the latest studies to obtain a comprehensive literature review.

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The model of investment decision-making behavior is formed from available data in the form of investment appraisal criteria that allows Muslim investors to choose the best investment among the available investment options. Investors consider various factors in making investment decisions, one of which is psychological factors. According to psychological theory, a person will always be driven by his basic needs which are shaped by the environment in which investors are located. Regarding behavior, practices and religious activities (religiosity) investors do not guarantee one hundred percent of them to choose investments that are in accordance with sharia principles.

### **Islamic Financial Behavior**

Many studies have been carried out to examine investment decisions in Islamic financial behavior in Muslim investors, such as those conducted by Haron and Wan Azmi (2008) wrote an article title *Measuring Depositors' Behaviour of Malaysian Islamic Banking System: A Co-integration Approach*, where they examined the role of religion to determine the saving behavior of customers at Islamic banks in Malaysia, and find that Islamic banking customers place profit motives above their religious motives when making economic decisions.

Tahir and Brimble (2011) wrote an article title *Islamic Investment Behavior with the research variables socio-demographic, the level of profit and risk and conducted interviews with 446 respondents (210 Muslims, 236 non-Muslims) in Brisbane*. The results of their research found that the level of religiosity of Muslim investors greatly influences investment decisions, risk factors and other factors such as ethics, social issues and environmental issues also affect Muslim and non-Muslim investment decisions.

Wahyuni (2012) wrote an article title *Moslem Community Behavior in The Conduct of Islamic Bank: The Moderation Role of Knowledge and Pricing with variables of attitude, social influence, behavior intention and knowledge of product*, using a questionnaire method as many as 195 Muslim respondents in Surakarta found that attitude, behavior intention and knowledge of product are very influential for decisions to use Islamic bank products, but social influence variables have no effect on decisions to use Islamic bank products.

Hanudin Amin (2013) wrote an article title *Factors influencing Malaysian bank customers to choose Islamic credit cards Empirical evidence from the TRA model with variables of attitude, subjective norm and perceived financial cost*. The results of the study show that attitudes, subjective norms and perceived financial costs have an effect on choosing a sharia credit card

Syukriah Ali, Rosliza M, Zaini and Kartini Kasim (2014) conducted a study in Kedah Malaysia with the research title *Factors Influencing Investors' Behavior in Islamic Unit Trust: An Application of Theory of Planned Behavior* and the research variables were intention attitude, social influence and perceived behavioral control, they found that the variables of intention attitude, social influence and perceived behavioral control affect investors' intentions to invest in Islamic unit trust funds



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Canepa and Ibnrubbian (2014) wrote an article *Does Faith Move Stock Markets? Evidence from Saudi Arabia*, their findings show that religious teachings influence investors' behavior towards their chosen investment portfolio.

Mohammed Hersi Wasame and Edward Mugambi Ileri (2016) conducted a study in Qatar with the article title *Does the Theory of Planned Behavior (TPB) Matter in Sukuk Investment Decisions*, the variables studied were behavioral intention, attitude, subjective norms, perceived behavioral control. The results of their study found that the attitude and perceived behavioral control variables significantly influenced the intention to invest in sukuk, while subjective norms did not significantly affect investors' intentions to invest in sukuk. The researchers also found that the religiosity factor did not affect the decision to invest in sukuk.

Noraini Yusuff, Fadillah Mansor and Abu Bakar Hamed (2017) wrote an article title *The Measurement Of Islamic Unit Trust Investment Decision in Malaysia: An Exploratory Factor Analysis* with research variables such as financial literacy, information sources, investment risk, religiosity, and product knowledge. The results of their research found that the variables of financial literacy, information sources, investment risk, religiosity and product knowledge had an effect on investment decisions

Nurul Shahnaz Mahdzan, Rozaimah Zaidudin, Rosmawani Che Hashim, and Noor Adwa Sulaiman, (2017) wrote an article title *Islamic religiosity and portfolio allocation: the Malaysian context* with demographic, religiosity and risk tolerance variables. The results of their study found that religiosity variables in general had no effect on the allocation of portfolio assets, while individuals with high risk tolerance, income level and education level showed a tendency to allocate risky assets into portfolios.

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

Financial Behavior research was initially based on the Theory of Games and Economic Behavior written by Von Neumann and Morgenstern in 1944 and continued by Slovic in 1969 and 197 who discovered psychological aspects and then Tversky and Kahneman in 1974 and 1979 found heuristic theory and prospects which later became the foundation of the subsequent development of Financial Behavior, and in the end there were studies on Financial Behavior related to the Islamic/Muslim world (Islamic Financial Behavior) which mostly focused on the Theory of Planned Behavior as well as various variables such as Islamic law, subjective norms, attitude, religiosity, etc. The results of this literature review the author concludes that there are two different directions between Financial Behavior and Islamic Financial Behavior in terms of the theoretical foundation and also the variables studied in the research, it is highly expected for the development of Islamic Financial Behavior theory and future studies on Islamic Financial Behavior must adopt Islamic theories that apply to financial and investment behavior that is consistent with Sharia principles. In future research, it is expected to add to the results of the latest studies to obtain a comprehensive literature review.

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