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David Testa heads the Islamic finance team at Standard Bank, London focusing on investment banking and global markets opportunities across the bank's target countries in the emerging markets. Prior to that, David was CEO of Gatehouse Bank, from July 2007 to August 2009, where he successfully obtained Gatehouse's licence from the UK FSA in April 2008 to operate as a Shariah-compliant investment bank and built its award-winning executive team.

Before Gatehouse, David led the Islamic finance team at WestLB and successfully closed Islamic financing transactions with an aggregate value in excess of more than US\$5 billion, highlights including the £225m Shariah-compliant leveraged buy-out of Aston Martin from Ford and the debut US\$600m Sukuk al Ijara issue for Dar Al Arkan in Saudi Arabia.

Before joining WestLB, David was a solicitor with Slaughter and May and ashurst, and holds an MA in Modern History from Oxford University.