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The Development of Islamic Securities Crowdfunding in Indonesia: Opportunities and Challenges

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Abstract

The rapid advancement of financial technology has transformed Indonesia's financing landscape through the emergence of Islamic securities crowdfunding as a Shariah-compliant alternative financing instrument. This study aims to analyze the development of Islamic securities crowdfunding in Indonesia by examining its opportunities and challenges within the contexts of economic development, accounting, and global financial markets. The study adopts a qualitative, non-empirical design using a library research approach. Data were obtained from peer-reviewed publications, official reports issued by the Financial Services Authority (OJK), and Shariah regulations promulgated by the National Sharia Council–Indonesian Ulema Council (DSN-MUI), which were analyzed through qualitative content analysis and thematic interpretation. The findings indicate that Islamic securities crowdfunding expands financing access for micro, small, and medium enterprises while promoting financial inclusion and Shariah-compliant investment through digital platforms. Regulatory support has strengthened institutional governance and enhanced investor confidence, although challenges remain, including limited Islamic financial literacy, investment risk, regulatory adaptation, Shariah governance, and technological readiness. The study concludes that Islamic securities crowdfunding possesses significant potential to strengthen Indonesia's Islamic digital financial ecosystem, provided that governance quality, stakeholder collaboration, public literacy, and regulatory effectiveness continue to improve.

Keywords: Financial Inclusion, Islamic Capital Market, Islamic Securities Crowdfunding, MSMEs, Shariah Fintech.



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INTRODUCTION

The rapid advancement of digital technology has fundamentally transformed global financial systems by encouraging the emergence of innovative financing mechanisms that expand access to capital while reducing geographical and institutional barriers. The evolution of financial technology has shifted investment and fundraising activities from conventional intermediary-based models toward digital platforms capable of connecting entrepreneurs and investors in a more efficient, transparent, and inclusive manner (Muryanto et al., 2022). Among these innovations, securities crowdfunding has become an increasingly important financing instrument because it enables businesses to raise capital through the issuance of financial securities using technology-based platforms that facilitate direct interaction between issuers and investors (Atyanto & Syarifuddin, 2024). This development has attracted considerable attention in both developed and emerging economies because digital crowdfunding is increasingly viewed as an effective solution for narrowing financing gaps faced by small and medium-sized enterprises while simultaneously broadening investment opportunities for the public (Adekoya Adesanya Augustine, 2025). In Indonesia, the expansion of securities crowdfunding has demonstrated remarkable progress following regulatory reforms that broadened crowdfunding instruments beyond equity to include debt securities and sukuk under a unified regulatory framework established by the financial authority (Otoritas Jasa Keuangan, 2020). The continuous growth of crowdfunding platforms and the increasing participation of micro, small, and medium enterprises indicate that securities crowdfunding has evolved from a technological trend into an increasingly significant component of Indonesia's alternative financing ecosystem. This transformation reflects a broader movement toward digital financial inclusion in which technology serves not merely as an

operational tool but also as a strategic instrument for supporting sustainable economic development. The growing integration between digital finance and capital market innovation therefore provides an important foundation for examining how securities crowdfunding continues to develop within Indonesia's evolving financial landscape.

The expansion of Indonesia's Islamic finance industry has created increasing demand for financing mechanisms that combine technological efficiency with strict adherence to Shariah principles governing investment and commercial transactions. Islamic securities crowdfunding has consequently emerged as an innovative financial model that enables business entities to issue Shariah-compliant shares and sukuk through digital platforms while avoiding elements of *riba*, *gharar*, and *maysir* prohibited under Islamic law (Harahap & Siregar, 2023). The legitimacy of this financing mechanism has been reinforced through the enactment of the Financial Services Authority Regulation Number 57/POJK.04/2020, which provides the legal framework for technology-based securities offerings, together with the issuance of DSN-MUI Fatwa Number 140/DSN-MUI/VIII/2021 that specifically regulates Shariah securities crowdfunding practices (Dewan Syariah Nasional Majelis Ulama Indonesia, 2021). These regulatory developments demonstrate Indonesia's commitment to integrating digital financial innovation with Islamic legal principles while maintaining investor protection and market integrity (Sudarwanto et al., 2024). Recent studies further indicate that Islamic securities crowdfunding possesses significant potential to expand financial inclusion by providing halal financing alternatives for micro, small, and medium enterprises that often experience difficulties in obtaining capital from conventional financial institutions (Aribowo et al., 2024). The emergence of specialized Islamic crowdfunding platforms and the establishment of Shariah-based business units by several licensed operators further illustrate that market demand for ethical and faith-based investment instruments continues to strengthen (Salsabilla & Yazid, 2024). This development also reflects changing investor preferences, as a growing number of Muslim investors seek financial products that simultaneously generate economic returns and comply with religious principles (Majid, 2024). The convergence of digital innovation, regulatory support, and expanding market demand has therefore positioned Islamic securities crowdfunding as one of the most promising segments within Indonesia's Islamic financial ecosystem.

Although the literature has acknowledged the strategic importance of Islamic securities crowdfunding, previous studies have predominantly examined this financing model from fragmented perspectives, resulting in an incomplete understanding of its long-term development within Indonesia's financial ecosystem. Existing research has emphasized the role of Islamic crowdfunding in supporting entrepreneurial financing and promoting economic empowerment, particularly in developing countries where access to formal financial institutions remains relatively limited (Adekoya Adesanya Augustine, 2025). Other scholars have focused on the potential of Islamic securities crowdfunding as an alternative financing instrument for halal micro, small, and medium enterprises by highlighting its compatibility with Islamic commercial principles and its ability to diversify funding sources beyond conventional banking institutions (Jakiyudin & Wicaksono, 2023). Empirical evidence has also demonstrated that investor participation in Islamic securities crowdfunding is influenced by multiple determinants, including trust, perceived investment benefits, platform credibility, Shariah compliance, and financial literacy, indicating that investment decisions are shaped by complex behavioral and institutional factors rather than purely economic considerations (Majid, 2024). From a regulatory perspective, several studies have concluded that Indonesia has established a relatively comprehensive legal framework through financial regulations and Shariah governance mechanisms intended to enhance investor confidence while safeguarding market integrity (Mutiara et al., 2024). Other legal analyses nevertheless argue that the implementation of these regulations still requires continuous refinement because the rapid evolution of digital financial innovation often progresses faster than the development of supervisory mechanisms and legal enforcement capacity (Noor et al., 2023). Collectively, these studies demonstrate substantial progress in explaining individual aspects of Islamic securities crowdfunding, yet they remain largely separated across legal, financial, technological, and behavioral dimensions. A more integrated analytical perspective is therefore necessary to understand how these dimensions collectively influence the development of Islamic securities crowdfunding in Indonesia.

Despite the growing body of literature, several important conceptual and empirical gaps remain insufficiently addressed, particularly regarding the interaction between market opportunities and structural challenges that simultaneously shape the sustainability of Islamic securities crowdfunding in

Indonesia. Numerous studies have primarily emphasized the opportunities offered by Islamic crowdfunding in strengthening financial inclusion and expanding access to capital for micro, small, and medium enterprises without providing an equally comprehensive discussion of the institutional constraints that may hinder its long-term effectiveness (Azwar & Jamaluddin, 2024). Other research has concentrated on Shariah compliance issues and legal accountability but has devoted relatively limited attention to the practical implications of supervisory effectiveness, platform governance, and evolving regulatory adaptation within an increasingly dynamic digital financial environment (Tektona, 2022). Recent international discussions further suggest that maintaining sustainable growth in Islamic crowdfunding requires not only compliance with Shariah principles but also continuous improvements in regulatory quality, technological governance, investor protection, and risk management systems that respond to rapidly changing market conditions (Syarif & Aysan, 2026). Studies addressing operational challenges have identified persistent obstacles, including limited Islamic financial literacy, technological readiness, cybersecurity concerns, investment risk awareness, and uneven public understanding of Shariah-based securities products, all of which continue to constrain broader market participation (Azizah, 2024). Comparative regulatory research likewise indicates that Indonesia can still strengthen its supervisory framework by incorporating best practices implemented in countries with more mature crowdfunding ecosystems while maintaining consistency with domestic legal and Shariah requirements (Sudarwanto et al., 2025). These unresolved issues illustrate that the existing literature has yet to provide a comprehensive synthesis that simultaneously evaluates the developmental trajectory, strategic opportunities, regulatory readiness, and implementation challenges of Islamic securities crowdfunding within a single analytical framework. Addressing these gaps is essential for producing a more holistic understanding of how Islamic securities crowdfunding can contribute to sustainable economic development while preserving legal certainty, investor confidence, and Shariah compliance.

The unresolved challenges identified in previous studies indicate that further investigation is required to explain how Islamic securities crowdfunding can achieve sustainable growth while maintaining consistency with technological innovation, regulatory effectiveness, and Shariah governance. Existing discussions frequently emphasize either the economic potential of Islamic crowdfunding or the legal dimensions of its implementation, yet relatively few studies comprehensively integrate these perspectives into a unified analytical framework that reflects the contemporary dynamics of Indonesia's digital financial ecosystem (Harahap et al., 2025). This limitation becomes increasingly significant because the expansion of Islamic securities crowdfunding is expected not only to strengthen access to alternative financing but also to accelerate financial inclusion, improve capital accessibility for halal-oriented enterprises, and enhance public participation in Shariah-compliant investment activities (Mahfudz et al., 2026). At the same time, maintaining sustainable industrial growth requires continuous improvements in governance mechanisms, institutional coordination, technological reliability, and supervisory effectiveness to preserve investor confidence within an increasingly competitive digital financial market (Sudarwanto et al., 2024). The interaction among these dimensions demonstrates that the development of Islamic securities crowdfunding cannot be adequately understood through a single disciplinary perspective because legal, financial, technological, and governance factors simultaneously influence its performance and sustainability. A comprehensive examination that synthesizes these interconnected dimensions is therefore necessary to generate a more balanced understanding of both the opportunities and the constraints characterizing the Indonesian Islamic securities crowdfunding industry. Such an approach is expected to provide broader academic insights while also offering practical implications for policymakers, platform operators, investors, and business actors seeking to optimize the contribution of Islamic crowdfunding to national economic development. Accordingly, this study positions itself as an integrative analysis that bridges fragmented discussions within the existing literature by simultaneously examining the opportunities and challenges associated with the development of Islamic securities crowdfunding in Indonesia.

This study aims to analyze the development of Islamic securities crowdfunding in Indonesia by comprehensively examining the opportunities that support its expansion and the challenges that continue to influence its implementation within the national financial ecosystem. Rather than limiting the discussion to regulatory provisions or investment mechanisms, this research adopts an integrated perspective that considers the interaction among technological innovation, Shariah governance, financial inclusion, institutional readiness, and sustainable economic development. The study seeks to

explain how these interrelated dimensions collectively shape the growth trajectory of Islamic securities crowdfunding and determine its capacity to become a credible alternative source of financing for micro, small, and medium enterprises. Through this broader analytical framework, the research aspires to provide a more comprehensive understanding of the strategic role of Islamic securities crowdfunding within Indonesia's evolving Islamic financial industry. The findings are expected to enrich the theoretical discourse concerning digital Islamic finance by connecting perspectives from financial technology, capital market development, and Shariah-compliant governance into a coherent conceptual framework. From a practical standpoint, the study is intended to generate evidence-based insights that may support regulators, platform providers, investors, and business actors in designing more effective strategies for strengthening the sustainability and competitiveness of the Islamic securities crowdfunding ecosystem. Ultimately, this research contributes by presenting a holistic analysis that simultaneously captures developmental trends, structural opportunities, institutional challenges, and future strategic directions for Islamic securities crowdfunding in Indonesia. The integration of these perspectives is expected to provide a stronger academic foundation for future studies while encouraging more adaptive and sustainable policy development in response to the continuing transformation of the digital Islamic financial sector.

RESEARCH METHODS

This study adopts a qualitative, non-empirical research design using a library research approach to examine the development of Islamic securities crowdfunding in Indonesia from the perspectives of economic development, accounting, and global financial markets. Rather than collecting primary empirical data, this study develops conceptual arguments through the critical synthesis of existing scholarly literature and authoritative regulatory documents. The literature selection process was conducted systematically by identifying peer-reviewed journal articles, academic books, official reports, and legal documents discussing Islamic securities crowdfunding, Islamic financial technology, Shariah governance, financial inclusion, and MSME financing (Muryanto et al., 2022). Priority was given to recent publications indexed in reputable academic databases to ensure that the analysis reflects current theoretical developments and contemporary regulatory issues surrounding Islamic crowdfunding (Mahfudz et al., 2026). The study also incorporates official regulatory sources issued by the Financial Services Authority (OJK) and the National Sharia Council–Indonesian Ulema Council (DSN-MUI) because these documents constitute the principal legal foundations governing Islamic securities crowdfunding in Indonesia (Otoritas Jasa Keuangan, 2020). The selected literature was further evaluated according to its relevance, academic rigor, publication recency, and contribution to explaining the technological, legal, institutional, and economic dimensions of Islamic securities crowdfunding. This systematic selection procedure establishes a comprehensive theoretical foundation for analyzing both the opportunities and the challenges associated with the continued development of Islamic securities crowdfunding in Indonesia.

The study employs qualitative content analysis combined with a thematic interpretative approach to synthesize evidence obtained from the selected literature. The analytical process consists of literature classification, data reduction, thematic coding, comparative analysis, and critical interpretation to identify patterns, conceptual relationships, and research gaps concerning the development of Islamic securities crowdfunding (Harahap et al., 2025). Rather than merely summarizing previous findings, the analysis critically compares different scholarly perspectives regarding regulatory effectiveness, Shariah compliance, technological innovation, investor behavior, and financial inclusion within the Indonesian Islamic crowdfunding ecosystem (Sudarwanto et al., 2025). The interpretation also considers the interaction between legal certainty, institutional readiness, and digital financial transformation in shaping the sustainability of Islamic securities crowdfunding (Syarif & Aysan, 2026). The synthesized findings are subsequently interpreted using the broader perspectives of Islamic financial innovation and sustainable economic development to produce an integrated conceptual explanation of the phenomenon (Azwar & Jamaluddin, 2024). This analytical framework enables the study to generate a comprehensive understanding of the strategic opportunities, structural constraints, and future development prospects of Islamic securities crowdfunding while providing theoretical insights that may serve as a foundation for future empirical research and policy formulation.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Development of Islamic Securities Crowdfunding in Indonesia

The development of Islamic securities crowdfunding in Indonesia represents an important transformation in the country's digital financial ecosystem, reflecting the convergence of financial technology, capital market innovation, and the expanding Islamic finance industry. Globally, crowdfunding has evolved from a community-based fundraising mechanism into a sophisticated digital financing model capable of supporting entrepreneurial development and improving financial inclusion through technology-enabled investment platforms (Adekoya Adesanya Augustine, 2025). Indonesia has demonstrated a similar trajectory by gradually integrating securities crowdfunding into its capital market framework while adapting the model to accommodate the characteristics of its predominantly Muslim population. This adaptation illustrates that digital financial innovation in Indonesia is not solely directed toward increasing financing efficiency but also toward ensuring compliance with Islamic commercial principles. The rapid expansion of digital financial services has simultaneously encouraged broader participation from investors and business entities seeking financing alternatives beyond conventional banking institutions (Muryanto et al., 2022). Such developments indicate that Islamic securities crowdfunding has become an integral component of the country's strategy to strengthen inclusive finance while promoting sustainable economic development through technology-driven investment mechanisms. The increasing interaction among regulators, digital platform providers, Shariah supervisory institutions, and market participants further demonstrates that the growth of Islamic securities crowdfunding is supported by a progressively more mature institutional ecosystem. Rather than emerging as an isolated financial innovation, Islamic securities crowdfunding has developed within a broader agenda of digital economic transformation that seeks to improve market accessibility while maintaining legal certainty and ethical investment practices.

The institutional development of Islamic securities crowdfunding has been significantly influenced by regulatory reforms that provide legal certainty for market participants while encouraging continuous innovation within Indonesia's financial sector. The transition from the former equity crowdfunding framework to Securities Crowdfunding through Financial Services Authority Regulation No. 57/POJK.04/2020 expanded the range of permissible securities to include equity, debt securities, and sukuk, thereby creating greater financing flexibility for issuers and broader investment opportunities for the public (Otoritas Jasa Keuangan, 2020). The regulatory expansion reflects the government's recognition that digital fundraising requires a comprehensive legal framework capable of balancing innovation with investor protection. Regulatory certainty has become increasingly important because confidence in digital financial markets depends not only on technological reliability but also on the existence of transparent legal mechanisms governing fundraising activities. The issuance of DSN-MUI Fatwa No. 140/DSN-MUI/VIII/2021 subsequently strengthened this institutional framework by establishing Shariah principles governing securities offerings through digital crowdfunding platforms (Dewan Syariah Nasional Majelis Ulama Indonesia, 2021). The integration of national financial regulation with Shariah governance distinguishes Indonesia from many emerging crowdfunding markets that primarily emphasize financial supervision without incorporating comprehensive religious compliance mechanisms (Sudarwanto et al., 2024). Recent legal scholarship similarly argues that regulatory adaptation remains a decisive factor in maintaining the sustainability of digital fundraising ecosystems because technological innovation continuously generates new governance challenges requiring responsive regulatory approaches (Mutiarra et al., 2024). Consequently, the institutional evolution of Islamic securities crowdfunding illustrates that sustainable industry development depends upon the simultaneous advancement of legal certainty, technological innovation, and effective Shariah governance.

Beyond regulatory advancement, the expansion of Islamic securities crowdfunding has also been characterized by the emergence of specialized digital platforms that facilitate Shariah-compliant fundraising for business entities seeking alternative sources of capital. The establishment of licensed Islamic crowdfunding platforms demonstrates that market demand has gradually shifted toward investment models capable of combining financial returns with adherence to Islamic ethical principles. Platform operators have increasingly diversified their services by offering Shariah-compliant equity securities and sukuk while strengthening governance mechanisms through collaboration with Shariah supervisory institutions (Salsabilla & Yazid, 2024). This institutional diversification indicates that Islamic securities crowdfunding has progressed beyond a pilot innovation into a commercially viable financing mechanism within Indonesia's digital financial ecosystem. Previous studies also emphasize

that securities crowdfunding provides an important financing alternative for micro, small, and medium enterprises experiencing limited access to conventional financial institutions because digital platforms reduce transaction barriers and broaden investor participation (Aribowo et al., 2024). Similar findings suggest that Islamic crowdfunding strengthens entrepreneurial financing by connecting socially responsible investors with productive business activities through transparent digital mechanisms that promote inclusive economic participation (Jakiyudin & Wicaksono, 2023). The cumulative progression of regulatory reform, platform expansion, and institutional collaboration can therefore be summarized through the developmental milestones presented in Table 1. These milestones demonstrate that the growth of Islamic securities crowdfunding has been driven by continuous interaction between legal reform, technological advancement, and increasing market acceptance rather than by technological innovation alone.

Table 1. Major Milestones in the Development of Islamic Securities Crowdfunding in Indonesia

Period	Development Milestone	Institutional Significance
2018	Introduction of Equity Crowdfunding Regulation	Initial legal framework for digital fundraising
2020	Enactment of POJK No. 57/POJK.04/2020	Expansion into securities crowdfunding including sukuk
2021	Issuance of DSN-MUI Fatwa No. 140/DSN-MUI/VIII/2021	Establishment of comprehensive Shariah governance
2021–Present	Growth of licensed Islamic crowdfunding platforms	Strengthening the Islamic digital finance ecosystem
Ongoing	Collaboration among regulators, platforms, and Shariah institutions	Improving governance quality and market sustainability

The developmental milestones presented in Table 1 indicate that Islamic securities crowdfunding in Indonesia has evolved through a gradual process of institutional strengthening rather than through rapid market expansion alone. The sequential introduction of regulatory reforms, Shariah governance mechanisms, and licensed digital platforms illustrates that the industry has developed within a structured legal environment designed to enhance market credibility while accommodating financial innovation. Such institutional maturity is particularly important because sustainable crowdfunding ecosystems require a balanced interaction between technological capability, regulatory certainty, and investor confidence instead of relying exclusively on platform growth. Comparative legal studies further argue that Indonesia has adopted a relatively progressive regulatory approach compared with several emerging crowdfunding markets by integrating capital market supervision with Shariah compliance requirements under a unified governance framework (Noor et al., 2023). This dual governance structure reduces regulatory ambiguity while providing clearer operational standards for issuers, platform providers, and investors participating in Islamic securities crowdfunding activities. Nevertheless, institutional development should not be interpreted as a completed process because digital financial innovation continuously creates new legal, technological, and operational challenges that require adaptive governance strategies. Recent comparative analyses recommend that Indonesia continue refining supervisory mechanisms by incorporating international best practices without compromising the characteristics of its domestic Islamic financial system (Sudarwanto et al., 2025). From this perspective, the evolution of Islamic securities crowdfunding reflects an ongoing institutional learning process in which regulatory adaptation remains essential for maintaining industry competitiveness and long-term sustainability.

The continued expansion of Islamic securities crowdfunding has generated broader implications for the development of Indonesia's Islamic financial ecosystem, particularly in improving access to alternative financing for productive business sectors. Digital fundraising platforms have reduced traditional financing barriers by enabling issuers to access a wider pool of investors through relatively efficient and transparent electronic mechanisms, thereby expanding opportunities for enterprises that previously experienced limited access to formal capital markets (Atyanto & Syarifuddin, 2024). This transformation has also contributed to strengthening the relationship between financial technology and Islamic capital market development because investment activities are increasingly supported by digital infrastructure capable of facilitating more efficient fundraising processes. From the perspective of Islamic economics, the emergence of Shariah-compliant securities crowdfunding aligns with the objectives of *maqāṣid al-sharī'ah* by encouraging productive investment, supporting entrepreneurial development, and promoting broader economic participation without violating Islamic commercial principles (Azwar & Jamaluddin, 2024). The integration of digital innovation with ethical investment principles therefore expands the strategic role of Islamic crowdfunding beyond its function as a financing instrument by positioning it as a mechanism for sustainable economic empowerment. Empirical discussions on investor behavior also indicate that confidence in Islamic crowdfunding is increasingly influenced by perceptions of platform credibility, regulatory protection, and compliance with Shariah principles, suggesting that institutional quality has become a significant determinant of market development (Majid, 2024). These findings reinforce the argument that future industry growth will depend not only on increasing the number of issuers and investors but also on strengthening governance quality, transparency, and digital infrastructure capable of supporting sustainable financial innovation. Consequently, the development of Islamic securities crowdfunding should be understood as a multidimensional process involving institutional reform, technological advancement, market expansion, and ethical governance that collectively shape the resilience of Indonesia's Islamic digital financial ecosystem.

The literature further demonstrates that the future trajectory of Islamic securities crowdfunding will be determined by the industry's capacity to integrate technological innovation with adaptive institutional governance in response to changing market conditions. Recent strategic analyses emphasize that long-term competitiveness requires stronger collaboration among regulators, digital platform providers, Shariah supervisory institutions, financial intermediaries, and business actors to create a more resilient crowdfunding ecosystem capable of responding to both domestic and global financial developments (Mahfudz et al., 2026). Such collaboration is expected to improve governance effectiveness while encouraging product innovation that remains consistent with Islamic legal principles and contemporary investment practices. The development of analytical models for Islamic securities crowdfunding also indicates that policy priorities should extend beyond regulatory compliance toward strengthening digital infrastructure, improving stakeholder coordination, and expanding financial literacy to support sustainable industry growth (Harahap et al., 2025). Similar conceptual discussions suggest that the success of Islamic crowdfunding cannot be measured solely by fundraising volume because institutional resilience, investor trust, and the quality of governance constitute equally important indicators of sustainable development (Hafizhah & Rialdy, 2024). This broader perspective reflects the transition of Islamic securities crowdfunding from a niche financial innovation into an increasingly strategic component of Indonesia's Islamic capital market and digital economy. The progression achieved over recent years therefore provides a strong foundation for examining the opportunities generated by Islamic securities crowdfunding for micro, small, and medium enterprises as well as for the broader development of the national Islamic economy. Such opportunities are discussed in the

following section through a comprehensive analysis of their economic, financial, and institutional implications.

Opportunities of Islamic Securities Crowdfunding for MSMEs and Islamic Economic Development

Islamic securities crowdfunding has emerged as an increasingly important alternative financing mechanism capable of addressing long-standing capital constraints experienced by micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Indonesia. Conventional financing institutions frequently require collateral, lengthy administrative procedures, and extensive credit histories that many MSMEs are unable to provide, creating structural barriers to business expansion and innovation. Digital securities crowdfunding reduces many of these constraints by allowing enterprises to raise funds directly from investors through regulated online platforms that facilitate transparent investment transactions (Atyanto & Syarifuddin, 2024). Within the Islamic finance framework, this financing mechanism becomes more attractive because issuers are able to obtain capital through Shariah-compliant securities without engaging in financing arrangements involving interest-based transactions. The flexibility offered by Islamic securities crowdfunding also enables businesses to diversify their funding sources instead of relying exclusively on banking institutions, thereby improving financial resilience in increasingly competitive markets. Previous studies emphasize that Shariah-compliant crowdfunding has become a practical financing alternative for halal-oriented enterprises because it combines financial accessibility with compliance to Islamic commercial principles (Jakiyudin & Wicaksono, 2023). Similar findings indicate that the integration of digital technology into Islamic finance contributes to expanding entrepreneurial opportunities while supporting productive economic activities among small businesses that remain underserved by conventional financial institutions (Adekoya Adesanya Augustine, 2025). Consequently, Islamic securities crowdfunding should be understood not merely as an alternative financing instrument but as a strategic mechanism capable of strengthening entrepreneurial ecosystems through more inclusive and technology-driven capital allocation.

The financing opportunities generated by Islamic securities crowdfunding extend beyond improving business access to capital because they also stimulate greater participation from investors seeking ethical and socially responsible investment alternatives. Unlike conventional investment instruments that primarily emphasize financial returns, Islamic securities crowdfunding incorporates Shariah governance into investment activities, allowing investors to pursue economic benefits while maintaining compliance with Islamic ethical principles (Harahap & Siregar, 2023). This dual value proposition has become increasingly relevant as investor preferences shift toward financial products that integrate profitability with social responsibility and religious values. Recent empirical evidence demonstrates that investment intentions within Islamic securities crowdfunding are significantly influenced by perceptions of Shariah compliance, platform credibility, expected returns, and institutional trust, indicating that governance quality directly affects investor participation (Majid, 2024). The increasing accessibility of digital investment platforms has likewise reduced geographical and informational barriers, enabling broader segments of society to participate in productive investment activities with relatively modest initial capital requirements. This democratization of investment contributes to expanding domestic capital mobilization while encouraging greater public participation in the Islamic capital market. The interaction between technological accessibility and ethical investment principles therefore strengthens the competitiveness of Islamic securities crowdfunding within Indonesia's rapidly evolving digital financial ecosystem. These developments illustrate that investor participation should be interpreted not only as a source of financing but also as an essential driver of sustainable market development and institutional credibility.

Table 2. Strategic Opportunities of Islamic Securities Crowdfunding

Opportunity Dimension	Strategic Contribution	Expected Economic Impact
Alternative Financing	Expands MSME access to capital	Business growth and productivity
Shariah-Compliant Investment	Provides ethical investment instruments	Increased Muslim investor participation
Financial Inclusion	Broadens access to financial services	Greater economic participation
Digital Financial Innovation	Improves fundraising efficiency	Lower transaction costs
Islamic Economic Development	Supports halal business ecosystems	Sustainable economic growth

The opportunities summarized in Table 2 demonstrate that Islamic securities crowdfunding contributes simultaneously to enterprise financing, investment diversification, financial inclusion, and broader Islamic economic development. These dimensions are closely interconnected because improvements in financing accessibility encourage business expansion, while stronger investor participation increases the availability of capital within the digital financial ecosystem. Islamic securities crowdfunding therefore performs a dual economic function by facilitating capital formation and enhancing financial market participation through technology-enabled investment mechanisms. From the perspective of Islamic economic development, the availability of Shariah-compliant financing instruments also strengthens the institutional infrastructure supporting halal industries, productive entrepreneurship, and value-based commercial activities (Azwar & Jamaluddin, 2024). Regulatory support further reinforces these opportunities by providing legal certainty for issuers and investors while encouraging continued innovation in digital fundraising activities (Otoritas Jasa Keuangan, 2020). The existence of a dedicated Shariah governance framework likewise increases market confidence because investment transactions are supervised according to established Islamic legal principles (Dewan Syariah Nasional Majelis Ulama Indonesia, 2021). Rather than functioning independently, these institutional components collectively create conditions that enable Islamic securities crowdfunding to become an increasingly important contributor to Indonesia's digital Islamic financial ecosystem. This multidimensional contribution demonstrates that the industry's future growth depends upon maintaining an effective balance between technological innovation, regulatory quality, and market confidence.

The contribution of Islamic securities crowdfunding extends beyond improving financing accessibility because it also supports the broader objective of strengthening financial inclusion within Indonesia's Islamic financial system. Financial inclusion is not solely reflected by the availability of financial products but also by the capacity of individuals and business entities to access, understand, and utilize those products effectively for productive economic activities. Islamic securities crowdfunding offers a mechanism through which previously underserved entrepreneurs and investors may participate in capital market activities without encountering the institutional barriers commonly associated with conventional financing. This accessibility is strengthened by digital technology that simplifies investment procedures, reduces transaction costs, and enables fundraising activities to reach wider geographical areas through online platforms (Muryanto et al., 2022). Studies examining Islamic fintech consistently argue that technological innovation has become a critical instrument for reducing financial exclusion while simultaneously increasing the efficiency of financial intermediation within emerging

economies (Azizah, 2024). The expansion of Islamic securities crowdfunding therefore represents an institutional response to persistent financing disparities by integrating digital innovation with inclusive financial policies. Such developments also reinforce national efforts to improve the quality of financial participation among micro, small, and medium enterprises that constitute the backbone of Indonesia's productive economy. From this perspective, Islamic securities crowdfunding contributes not only to increasing capital availability but also to creating a more inclusive and equitable financial environment capable of supporting sustainable economic development.

Another important opportunity generated by Islamic securities crowdfunding lies in its capacity to strengthen the integration between digital financial innovation and the broader Islamic economic ecosystem. The financing model encourages productive investment activities that are directly connected with halal business development, thereby supporting the expansion of sectors that operate according to Islamic ethical principles. This characteristic differentiates Islamic securities crowdfunding from conventional digital financing because investment decisions are guided not only by expected financial returns but also by compliance with Shariah values governing commercial transactions (Hafizhah & Rialdy, 2024). The existence of a dedicated Shariah governance framework further enhances the credibility of crowdfunding platforms by ensuring that fundraising activities remain consistent with established Islamic legal standards (Tektona, 2022). Regulatory certainty also creates stronger incentives for institutional investors, business actors, and platform operators to participate more actively in the Islamic digital financial ecosystem because legal responsibilities and governance standards have been formally established (Sudarwanto et al., 2024). Recent strategic studies argue that the sustainability of the Islamic crowdfunding industry increasingly depends upon the successful integration of technological capability, institutional governance, and stakeholder collaboration in developing innovative financial products that remain responsive to market needs (Mahfudz et al., 2026). The interaction among these elements demonstrates that Islamic securities crowdfunding functions as an institutional bridge connecting technological progress with the long-term objectives of Islamic economic development. Such integration is expected to strengthen the competitiveness of Indonesia's Islamic financial sector while expanding opportunities for productive investment in the digital economy.

The opportunities discussed throughout this section illustrate that Islamic securities crowdfunding possesses strategic significance beyond its immediate role as an alternative financing instrument for MSMEs. Its contribution encompasses improvements in financial accessibility, expansion of investment participation, strengthening of Islamic financial inclusion, and acceleration of digital economic transformation supported by Shariah governance. These multidimensional benefits suggest that the continued development of Islamic securities crowdfunding has the potential to reinforce Indonesia's position as one of the leading Islamic digital finance markets in the region, provided that institutional quality evolves alongside technological innovation. At the same time, the realization of these opportunities depends upon the ability of regulators, platform operators, investors, and business actors to maintain market confidence through transparent governance and effective supervision. Existing literature consistently recognizes that the industry's long-term sustainability requires continuous adaptation to technological change while preserving legal certainty and compliance with Islamic commercial principles (Syarif & Aysan, 2026). This perspective indicates that opportunities and challenges should not be viewed as separate phenomena because both emerge simultaneously throughout the industry's development process. Understanding this interaction is essential for evaluating the future trajectory of Islamic securities crowdfunding within Indonesia's financial ecosystem. The following section therefore examines the principal structural, regulatory, technological, and institutional challenges that continue to influence the sustainable development of Islamic securities crowdfunding in Indonesia.

Challenges of Islamic Securities Crowdfunding in Indonesia

Despite its considerable potential to expand Islamic financial inclusion and diversify funding opportunities for micro, small, and medium enterprises, the implementation of Islamic securities crowdfunding in Indonesia continues to encounter a number of structural and institutional challenges that influence its long-term sustainability. The rapid expansion of digital financial services has not always been accompanied by proportional improvements in public understanding of Shariah-compliant investment instruments, creating disparities between technological accessibility and financial capability. Many prospective issuers and investors continue to possess limited knowledge regarding crowdfunding mechanisms, investment risks, and the legal characteristics of Islamic securities, reducing their willingness to participate in digital fundraising activities (Azizah, 2024). This condition is particularly significant because investment decisions within securities crowdfunding require a comprehensive understanding of business feasibility, profit-sharing arrangements, and the risks associated with entrepreneurial ventures rather than guaranteed financial returns. The relatively low level of Islamic financial literacy also affects the ability of MSMEs to prepare investment proposals that satisfy both regulatory requirements and investor expectations. In addition, misconceptions regarding digital investment security, personal data protection, and platform reliability continue to discourage broader public participation despite improvements in regulatory oversight. Previous legal analyses similarly argue that strengthening financial literacy should become a strategic priority because sustainable digital financial ecosystems depend not only on technological infrastructure but also on informed market participants capable of making rational financial decisions (Muryanto et al., 2022). Consequently, improving Islamic financial literacy represents an institutional necessity rather than merely an educational initiative, as it directly influences the effectiveness and credibility of the Islamic securities crowdfunding ecosystem.

Investment risk constitutes another significant challenge because securities crowdfunding fundamentally differs from conventional banking products that generally provide greater certainty regarding capital protection. Investors participating in Islamic securities crowdfunding allocate funds to business projects whose future performance depends upon managerial capability, market conditions, and broader economic dynamics, making investment returns inherently uncertain. This characteristic requires investors to evaluate business feasibility and financial performance before making investment decisions rather than relying exclusively on regulatory protection. Previous studies emphasize that crowdfunding investments remain vulnerable to business failure, project delays, liquidity constraints, and asymmetric information between issuers and investors, all of which may reduce investment confidence if governance mechanisms are inadequate (Sholatiah et al., 2025). These risks become increasingly relevant within Islamic securities crowdfunding because compliance with Shariah principles must be maintained alongside prudent financial risk management throughout the investment lifecycle. Regulatory safeguards therefore cannot eliminate investment risk entirely but instead function to improve transparency, accountability, and disclosure practices among crowdfunding participants. Empirical evidence also indicates that investor confidence is positively associated with platform credibility, governance quality, and the availability of reliable project information capable of reducing uncertainty during investment evaluation (Majid, 2024). The interaction between investment risk and institutional governance demonstrates that sustainable market expansion requires continuous improvements in transparency and information quality rather than relying solely on technological innovation.

Table 3. Major Challenges Affecting the Development of Islamic Securities Crowdfunding in Indonesia

Challenge Dimension	Main Issues	Institutional Implications
Islamic Financial Literacy	Limited understanding of Shariah investment	Low investor and issuer participation
Investment Risk	Business failure, uncertain returns, information asymmetry	Reduced investor confidence
Market Development	Limited number of Shariah platforms and issuers	Slower industry expansion
Regulatory Adaptation	Rapid technological change	Continuous policy refinement
Shariah Governance	Compliance monitoring and supervision	Strengthening institutional accountability

The challenges summarized in table 3 illustrate that the sustainability of Islamic securities crowdfunding depends upon resolving interconnected institutional issues rather than addressing individual constraints independently. Market expansion remains relatively limited because the number of licensed Shariah-compliant crowdfunding platforms and issuers continues to be considerably smaller than that of conventional crowdfunding providers, restricting the diversity of investment opportunities available within the Islamic financial market (Aribowo et al., 2024). This limitation reduces competitive dynamics while constraining the industry's capacity to accommodate the rapidly increasing demand for Shariah-compliant investment products. From the regulatory perspective, continuous technological innovation also requires adaptive legal frameworks capable of responding to emerging operational risks without inhibiting financial innovation (Noor et al., 2023). Comparative regulatory studies further indicate that Indonesia should continue strengthening supervisory mechanisms through more responsive governance models that integrate technological oversight with risk-based regulation and international best practices (Sudarwanto et al., 2025). The dynamic nature of digital finance implies that regulations cannot remain static because technological developments continuously reshape investment behavior, operational models, and cybersecurity requirements. These findings suggest that regulatory adaptation should be viewed as a continuous institutional process supporting both innovation and investor protection. Accordingly, effective governance represents one of the principal determinants of sustainable industry development within Indonesia's Islamic digital financial ecosystem.

The implementation of Shariah governance presents an additional challenge because Islamic securities crowdfunding must simultaneously satisfy financial regulations and Islamic legal principles throughout the fundraising and investment process. Compliance with Shariah principles extends beyond the contractual structure of investment instruments to include business activities, operational practices, disclosure standards, and dispute resolution mechanisms. This multidimensional responsibility increases the importance of effective supervision by Shariah supervisory boards responsible for ensuring that crowdfunding activities remain free from *riba*, *gharar*, and *maysir* while maintaining public confidence in Islamic financial institutions (Tektona, 2022). The issuance of DSN-MUI Fatwa No. 140/DSN-MUI/VIII/2021 provides an important normative foundation for these supervisory activities by establishing comprehensive principles governing Shariah securities offerings through digital platforms (Dewan Syariah Nasional Majelis Ulama Indonesia, 2021). Nevertheless, several conceptual discussions argue that regulatory compliance alone cannot guarantee effective governance because institutional implementation depends upon supervisory competence,

coordination among stakeholders, and consistent monitoring of operational practices (Hafizhah & Rialdy, 2024). Similar perspectives emphasize that strengthening Shariah governance requires greater collaboration between regulators, Shariah scholars, digital platform providers, and financial institutions to ensure that technological innovation remains aligned with Islamic ethical standards (Sudarwanto et al., 2024). The quality of governance therefore becomes an essential indicator of institutional credibility because investor confidence increasingly depends upon the effectiveness of compliance mechanisms rather than formal regulations alone. Maintaining this balance between innovation and Shariah compliance will determine the future resilience of Islamic securities crowdfunding within Indonesia's evolving digital economy.

Recent strategic discussions suggest that the future development of Islamic securities crowdfunding depends upon the industry's capacity to transform these challenges into opportunities for institutional improvement and policy innovation. Sustainable growth requires coordinated efforts to improve Islamic financial literacy, strengthen governance quality, enhance technological infrastructure, expand market participation, and refine regulatory supervision capable of responding to rapidly changing financial environments (Mahfudz et al., 2026). These priorities should not be interpreted as isolated policy initiatives because each institutional component influences the effectiveness of the others within the broader crowdfunding ecosystem. Strengthening digital infrastructure without improving governance quality, for example, may increase operational efficiency while leaving unresolved issues related to investor confidence and regulatory compliance. Similarly, expanding the number of crowdfunding platforms without enhancing public financial literacy may generate market growth that is not supported by informed investment decisions. Recent policy analyses therefore recommend adopting an integrated regulatory approach that combines technological innovation, institutional coordination, Shariah governance, and market education to reinforce the resilience of Islamic securities crowdfunding (Syarif & Aysan, 2026). This integrated perspective demonstrates that the industry's future competitiveness will depend not merely on increasing fundraising volumes but also on strengthening institutional capacity capable of sustaining responsible digital financial innovation. Collectively, these findings indicate that Islamic securities crowdfunding possesses substantial long-term prospects, provided that regulatory development, technological advancement, market participation, and Shariah governance continue to evolve in a balanced and mutually reinforcing manner.

CONCLUSION

This study demonstrates that Islamic securities crowdfunding has developed into an increasingly important component of Indonesia's digital Islamic financial ecosystem through the interaction of technological innovation, regulatory reform, and the growing demand for Shariah-compliant financing instruments. The institutional development of this financing model has been reinforced by the implementation of Financial Services Authority regulations and Shariah governance frameworks that provide greater legal certainty for issuers, platform operators, and investors. The emergence of licensed Islamic crowdfunding platforms further illustrates that digital fundraising has evolved beyond an experimental financial innovation into a practical mechanism capable of supporting productive investment and entrepreneurial development. The analysis also reveals that Islamic securities crowdfunding contributes significantly to expanding alternative financing opportunities for micro, small, and medium enterprises, particularly halal-oriented businesses that often encounter barriers in accessing conventional sources of capital. At the same time, the availability of Shariah-compliant investment instruments has broadened participation among Muslim investors seeking financial products that combine economic returns with ethical and religious values. These developments indicate that Islamic securities crowdfunding has strengthened the integration between financial technology, Islamic capital markets, and sustainable economic development while promoting broader financial inclusion through digital innovation. Nevertheless, the long-term effectiveness of this financing model depends not only on continued technological advancement but also on the ability of institutional stakeholders to maintain governance quality, regulatory certainty, and public confidence within an increasingly

dynamic financial environment. The findings therefore confirm that Islamic securities crowdfunding possesses considerable strategic potential to become one of the key pillars supporting the future expansion of Indonesia's Islamic digital economy.

Despite these promising prospects, the study identifies several structural and institutional challenges that continue to influence the sustainable development of Islamic securities crowdfunding in Indonesia. Limited Islamic financial literacy, investment risk, the relatively small number of Shariah-compliant platform operators, and the need for stronger regulatory adaptation remain significant constraints that require continuous policy attention. Strengthening Shariah governance and improving institutional coordination among regulators, digital platform providers, Shariah supervisory authorities, and business actors will therefore be essential for ensuring that future industry expansion remains consistent with both financial market objectives and Islamic commercial principles. Expanding public education regarding Islamic investment mechanisms should also become a strategic priority because informed investors and issuers are fundamental to maintaining market confidence and improving the quality of digital financial participation. Future policy initiatives should focus on strengthening digital infrastructure, enhancing governance standards, encouraging product innovation, and expanding collaboration among stakeholders to improve the resilience and competitiveness of the Islamic securities crowdfunding ecosystem. Since this study is based on a qualitative library research approach, its conclusions are primarily derived from conceptual and regulatory analyses rather than direct empirical observations. Future research is therefore encouraged to employ quantitative, mixed-method, or comparative international approaches to examine investor behavior, platform performance, regulatory effectiveness, and the socioeconomic impacts of Islamic securities crowdfunding across different institutional contexts. Such investigations are expected to enrich the theoretical and empirical understanding of Islamic digital finance while providing stronger evidence for designing adaptive policies that support sustainable and inclusive economic development.

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