



Halal Management And Corporate Social Responsibility: A Convergent Model For Sustainable Business

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Abstract: This study aims to construct a convergent model integrating halal management and corporate social responsibility (CSR) as a foundation for sustainable business practices guided by Islamic values. Using a qualitative conceptual approach, the research employs descriptive analysis through an extensive literature review of contemporary halal management frameworks, CSR theories, and sustainability models. The analysis identifies key principles within halal management—such as honesty (*shiddiq*), trustworthiness (*amanah*), consistency (*istiqamah*), intelligence (*fathanah*), and social responsibility (*tabligh*)—and examines their alignment with the economic, social, and environmental dimensions of CSR. The findings reveal that halal management and CSR share strong complementary characteristics, particularly in promoting ethical conduct, transparency, and balanced stakeholder engagement. These shared values form the basis of a convergent model that extends CSR beyond philanthropy by embedding spiritual accountability and Islamic ethical principles into business operations. The proposed model positions CSR not merely as voluntary corporate action but as an act of worship (*ibadah*) rooted in the pursuit of collective welfare (*maslahah*). It emphasizes that sustainable business must balance profit generation with moral integrity, environmental stewardship, and social justice. Furthermore, the integrated model contributes to the field of Islamic management by offering a broader framework for managerial decision-making within Muslim-majority contexts, particularly Indonesia. The study highlights the importance of aligning modern sustainability practices with Islamic ethical foundations to strengthen corporate legitimacy, stakeholder trust, and long-term competitiveness. Overall, the convergence of halal management and CSR presents a holistic and value-driven approach to sustainable business.

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INTRODUCTION

In the past decade, the issue of halal management has rapidly developed into one of the strategic paradigms in the global business world. This concept is no longer seen only as a religious obligation for Muslims but also as an important instrument to ensure sustainability, integrity, and competitiveness in modern organizations. Consumers today are becoming more aware of ethical and spiritual values, which influence their purchasing decisions (Wilson & Liu, 2023). The growing Muslim population, which is projected to reach 2.2 billion people by 2030, has made the halal market one of the largest and most promising economic segments in the world (Pew Research Center, 2025).



Halal management emphasizes that every stage of a business process—from production, distribution, and marketing to customer service—must follow *sharia* principles by avoiding elements such as *riba* (usury), *gharar* (uncertainty), *maysir* (gambling), and *haram* (prohibited activities). These principles are not limited to the food and beverage sector but have also expanded into other areas such as banking, tourism, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and supply-chain management (Ali & Al-Owaihyan, 2022). Therefore, halal management can be seen as an Islamic business ethics framework that highlights honesty, social responsibility, and moral sustainability within corporate practices.

On the other hand, corporate social responsibility (CSR) has become a global agenda that integrates ethical, social, and environmental values into business policies and operations. CSR originates from the awareness that corporations are responsible for the social and ecological impacts of their activities (Carroll, 2021). In modern business perspectives, CSR functions as a *social license to operate* that determines the level of public trust and the long-term sustainability of a company.

Both halal management and CSR share strong common ground in the sustainability framework. They emphasize moral responsibility, transparency, and balance between economic profit and humanitarian values. However, the integration of these two concepts in a theoretical framework is still limited. The combination of Islamic values within halal management and the universal principles of CSR has the potential to form a convergent business model that is not only profit-oriented but also value-driven.

Previous studies have discussed the individual aspects of halal management and CSR. For example, Jamal and Sharif (2022) highlighted that implementing halal management increases consumer trust and strengthens corporate reputation, especially in the food and financial sectors. Meanwhile, Carroll (2021) and Crane et al. (2022) showed that CSR has evolved from a philanthropic responsibility into a sustainable business strategy integrated with corporate objectives.

Nevertheless, most of these studies still examine halal management and CSR separately. Only a few have tried to integrate them into a systematic conceptual framework. Some initial works, such as Abidin and Rashid (2023), have begun to emphasize the importance of a *halal-*



centric CSR approach but have not yet explored the epistemological and theological links between *sharia* principles and corporate social responsibility in depth.

This study aims to fill that gap by proposing a model of convergence between halal management and CSR rooted in Islamic values and directed toward sustainable global business. Therefore, this study is significant as it provides a new conceptual framework for companies particularly those operating in Muslim-majority countries like Indonesia to develop management models that are sustainable, ethical, and competitive.

METHOD

This research uses a conceptual qualitative approach, which aims to describe and analyze the main concepts of halal management and corporate social responsibility (CSR), and to design their convergent model. In this approach, the study does not involve primary quantitative data collection or field observations. Instead, it relies on literature synthesis, document analysis, and the development of a theoretical framework.

As a conceptual study, the unit of analysis includes a wide range of academic sources such as peer-reviewed journal articles, scholarly books, institutional reports, and regulations relevant to halal management, CSR, and sustainable business. The literature was selected purposively, focusing on recent publications from 2018–2025 that are conceptually and empirically related to the research focus. The resulting conceptual framework was then analyzed reflectively and contextually within the corporate landscape of Indonesia, a Muslim-majority nation, as an applied illustration of the managerial reality.

Since this study is based on literature, the data collection techniques include:

1. Library research using academic databases such as Scopus, Web of Science, and Google Scholar with keywords like “*halal management*,” “*corporate social responsibility*,” “*sustainable business*,” and “*halal–CSR convergence*.”
2. Document selection based on inclusion criteria (published between 2018–2025, peer-reviewed, relevant topics, in English or Indonesian) and exclusion criteria (duplicates, irrelevant content, or non-academic materials).



3. Analysis of regulatory documents and corporate reports that adopt halal and CSR values as illustrative frameworks. Reflections on the literature findings were conducted systematically to build the conceptual framework (Fink, 2019).

The analytical procedure involves several stages:

1. Organization of literature: All collected documents were stored and coded in a reference management system and summarized in tables.
2. Classification and filtering: The literature was categorized according to key themes such as Islamic values, CSR practices, and sustainable business models.
3. Thematic analysis: Through detailed reading, key concepts, relationships between variables, and potential integrations between halal management and CSR were identified.
4. Synthesis and model construction: Based on thematic analysis, a conceptual model called the “*Halal–CSR Convergent Model*” was developed to illustrate how Islamic values and CSR practices can work together in sustainable business.
5. Conceptual validation: The developed model was compared with additional literature and illustrative case studies to check for consistency and relevance within the Indonesian business context. This literature-based methodology provides a systematic framework for answering research questions and contributes to the development of value-based management theory.

In conceptual research, validity is strengthened through literature triangulation (various sources and perspectives), transparent analytical procedures, and reflective testing of theoretical consistency. Reliability is maintained through documented procedures, clear inclusion and exclusion criteria, and systematic thematic coding.

This study has several limitations:

1. Because it is conceptual in nature, it does not include primary empirical data collection, which limits generalization.
2. Illustrations of Indonesian companies are reflective, not in-depth case studies.



3. The proposed model has not yet been tested through surveys or experiments, so it requires further empirical research.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Halal Management

Halal management is a strategic approach that emphasizes the application of *sharia* principles in all business activities. Terminologically, *halal* in Islam means “permitted” or “allowed,” and in managerial practice, it refers to management activities based on ethics, honesty, and compliance with Islamic law. The implementation of halal management is not limited to the production process but also includes broader value chains such as distribution, marketing, and customer service that meet *sharia* and sustainability standards (Ali & Rahman, 2023; Fauzia & Hasan, 2024; Yunus et al., 2024).

One of the main goals of halal management is to fulfill the needs and preferences of Muslim consumers, which represent the fastest-growing market segment globally. The increase in the global Muslim population makes the halal market not only a religious phenomenon but also a strategic economic potential in international trade. According to Pew Research Center (2023), the global Muslim population is projected to reach around 2.8 billion by 2050, indicating significant growth in demand for halal-based products and services. This growth covers various sectors such as food, beverages, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, and Islamic finance, collectively positioning the halal industry as one of the main drivers of ethical global economics (Ali, 2023; Wilson & Liu, 2022; Suryani et al., 2025).

Halal management plays a strategic role in helping companies meet the needs of Muslim consumers by ensuring that all products and services comply with *sharia* principles. Compliance with halal standards not only builds consumer trust and loyalty but also enhances corporate reputation and ethical image in the public eye. Through the implementation of a structured halal management system, companies can guarantee religious and moral quality in their products, thereby creating a competitive advantage based on spiritual value (Hassan & Osman, 2023; Rahman & Rahim, 2021; Yunus et al., 2024).

Consumer trust is one of the key factors in maintaining business sustainability and long-term success. In this context, halal management functions as a strategic mechanism to build and



maintain that trust through transparency and accountability across the entire value chain—from production to distribution. For Muslim consumers, halal certification plays a crucial role as validation that products comply with *sharia* law while also meeting high safety, hygiene, and quality standards (Rahman & Rahim, 2021; Fischer, 2023).

Halal certification issued by authorized institutions such as the Indonesian Ulema Council (MUI) or the Halal Product Assurance Agency (BPJPH) provides assurance of corporate compliance with national regulations. The auditing process includes verification of raw materials, production stages, and distribution systems to ensure halal integrity at every level. This certification strengthens the trust-based relationship between companies and consumers, which in turn enhances loyalty, customer retention, and brand image in the global market (Hassan & Osman, 2023; Yunus et al., 2024).

Halal management is not only focused on religious aspects but also promotes ethics and social responsibility in business practices. Its main purpose is to build a management system that is honest, fair, and considerate of all stakeholders. The implementation of halal values requires companies to maintain ethical relations with suppliers, treat employees humanely, and consider the social and environmental impacts of all business activities (Hassan & Osman, 2023; Rahim et al., 2024).

The concept of *halalan tayyiban*, meaning “lawful and good,” expands the idea of *sharia* compliance by including the principles of goodness, sustainability, and social welfare. This principle urges companies not only to produce goods and services that are religiously permissible but also to ensure that their processes bring positive impact to society and the environment. Halal management, therefore, serves as an ethical instrument that connects spiritual, social, and ecological dimensions within the framework of modern business (Bennett, 2023; Fauzia & Hasan, 2024).

Halal management also has a strategic orientation in improving operational efficiency and competitiveness. One of its key principles is ensuring that all production and distribution processes are conducted cleanly, hygienically, and in accordance with *sharia* standards. The structured and disciplined nature of this system not only builds consumer confidence but also increases productivity and resource efficiency. As a result, companies can reduce production and distribution costs without compromising product quality (Rahman & Ahmad, 2023).



Halal management requires companies to undergo periodic audits and certifications to ensure continuous compliance with halal principles. This process serves not only as a control mechanism but also as an internal evaluation tool to identify weaknesses and improve production systems. Consequently, companies can enhance product quality, operational efficiency, and consistent adherence to halal standards (Wilson, 2022; Karim et al., 2024).

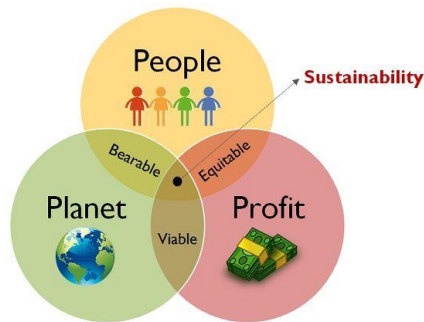
Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

The concept of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) was first introduced by Howard R. Bowen in his book *Social Responsibilities of the Businessman* (1953), which became the conceptual foundation for modern CSR practices. CSR is defined as a strategic approach in which companies integrate social, ethical, and environmental values into their business activities and interactions with stakeholders (Wati, 2019).

In practice, companies interact with two main groups of stakeholders—internal and external. Internal stakeholders include shareholders, management, and employees, while external stakeholders include government, consumers, suppliers, non-governmental organizations, communities, and society at large (Trihastuti, 2021). The synergy between these groups is essential to create responsible and ethical business sustainability. CSR has emerged as a form of corporate awareness of the importance of sustainable growth, which focuses not only on short-term financial profit but also on social and environmental contributions (Rahardjo & Hidayat, 2023).

CSR as a concept has evolved rapidly since the 1980s. It emerged as a response to growing pressure from civil society organizations and external stakeholders demanding ethical and socially accountable corporate behavior. CSR emphasizes that businesses should not only seek profit but also consider the social and environmental consequences of their operations (Carroll & Brown, 2021; Freeman et al., 2022).

Conceptually, CSR is based on the triple bottom line approach, which consists of three main dimensions: profit (economic), people (social), and planet (environmental). This approach replaces the old single bottom line paradigm, which focused only on financial gain without considering social and ecological balance (Elkington, 2018; Crane & Matten, 2023). Thus, CSR is seen as a strategic instrument that enhances corporate image and public trust while promoting long-term business sustainability through socially and environmentally responsible practices.



Picture 1. Triple Bottom Lines

The figure above illustrates the Triple Bottom Line (TBL) concept as the main foundation of CSR implementation. This model shows that companies are not only responsible for internal performance and financial profit but also for the social and environmental aspects surrounding their operations. The TBL is often summarized as the 3Ps: *Profit* (economic gain), *People* (human and community well-being), and *Planet* (environmental preservation). These three elements are interconnected and form a framework for sustainable development, where corporate success is measured by a balance between economic progress, social responsibility, and environmental protection (Elkington, 2018; Crane & Matten, 2023).

Conceptual Integration Between Halal Management and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

The concept of corporate social responsibility (CSR) shares a strong connection with halal management, particularly in ethics, social responsibility, and sustainability. Both concepts aim to create social and environmental value that extends beyond short-term economic interests (Carroll, 2021; Dusuki & Abdullah, 2022). Within the Islamic framework, CSR is not merely viewed as philanthropic activity but as a moral responsibility to Allah SWT and to society (*maslahah al-‘ammah*), or public good (Aslam & Kamla, 2023).

The combination of halal principles and CSR leads to what can be called the “Halal Corporate Responsibility Model,” which integrates spiritual and social dimensions into corporate governance (Fauzia & Hasan, 2024). This model places halal values as the ethical foundation of business, while CSR serves as an implementation tool to achieve balance between *profit*, *people*, and *planet*, as emphasized in the triple bottom line framework (Elkington, 2020).



The Convergent Model for Sustainable Business

In the Islamic business perspective, there is a strong encouragement to maintain balance between economic activities and moral values derived from Islamic teachings. Success in business is not only measured by material profit but also by the level of integrity and social responsibility demonstrated by entrepreneurs.

The Qur'an provides ethical guidance on this matter. In *Surah Al-Isra'* verse 35, Allah commands: “*And give full measure when you measure, and weigh with an even balance. That is the best [way] and best in result.*” (*Al-Qur'an, 17:35*). This verse emphasizes honesty and justice in economic transactions as fundamental foundations of sustainable business that gains Allah's approval.

The Qur'an also stresses environmental preservation and balance. In *Surah Al-Baqarah* verse 205, it is stated: “*And when he turns away, he strives throughout the land to cause corruption therein and destroy crops and animals. And Allah does not like corruption.*” (*Al-Qur'an, 2:205*)

This verse reminds us that environmental destruction contradicts Islamic values, as Islam promotes ecological responsibility and balance (*mīzān*) in life. Therefore, protecting nature is not only a social duty but also a spiritual obligation for individuals and businesses. (*Al-Qur'an, 2:205*).

﴿وَاعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا وَبِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَالْجَارِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْجَارِ الْجُنُبِ وَالصَّاحِبِ بِالْجَنبِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ وَمَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ مَن كَانَ مُخْتَالًا فَخُورًا ۗ الَّذِينَ يَبْخُلُونَ وَيَأْمُرُونَ النَّاسَ بِالْبُخْلِ وَيَكْتُمُونَ مَا آتَاهُمُ اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۗ وَأَعْتَدْنَا لِلْكَافِرِينَ عَذَابًا مُّهِينًا

Ministry of Religious Affairs (Kemenag) 2019 Translation

(36) *Worship Allah and do not associate anything with Him. Do good to parents, relatives, orphans, the needy, near and distant neighbors, close friends, travelers, and those whom your right hands possess. Indeed, Allah does not like those who are arrogant and boastful,*
(37) *(That is) those who are stingy, enjoin others to be stingy, and conceal what Allah has bestowed upon them of His bounty. We have prepared for the disbelievers a humiliating punishment.*

CSR practices are also supported in the Qur'an, particularly in *Surah An-Nisa* verses 36–37, which encourage believers to do good to parents, relatives, orphans, the poor, neighbors, and



travelers, while warning against greed and arrogance. These teachings align closely with CSR principles emphasizing compassion, justice, and social solidarity.

One key principle for long-term business survival is corporate responsibility for the impacts of its activities. These impacts may include pollution, waste, product safety, and employee welfare. CSR implementation toward external stakeholders often includes improving the surrounding environment—for example, waste management and community empowerment programs. For internal stakeholders, CSR can involve ensuring equal employee rights, fair wages, adequate rest periods, and providing prayer facilities (Rahman & Sari, 2022).

From an Islamic business perspective, corporate social responsibility is fundamentally rooted in the moral character demonstrated by Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) in his commercial dealings. The Prophet embodied five noble traits Shiddiq (honesty), Istiqamah (consistency), Fathanah (intelligence), Amanah (trustworthiness), and Tabligh (transparency) which together form the SIFAT ethical model. These principles serve as the moral foundation of Islamic entrepreneurship and guide how business should be conducted in a manner that aligns with divine values (Hidayat & Nurdin, 2023). Accordingly, companies operating under sharia-based frameworks are expected to cultivate organizational cultures that reflect these traits, ensuring that business practices transcend profit-seeking to embody ethical responsibility, social justice, and spiritual integrity.

As the world's largest Muslim-majority country, Indonesia holds significant potential to develop halal-based businesses across various sectors, especially in food and tourism. The halal food sector, in particular, offers great opportunities for sustainable growth. According to Bank Indonesia, the value of the halal food industry in 2023 was estimated at USD 1.8 trillion, positioning Indonesia as one of the global centers of the halal economy (Saputri, 2020). This development contributes greatly to national economic growth and the strengthening of sustainable halal business practices.

Collaboration among government, business actors, and society is essential in creating a sustainable business ecosystem in sectors such as halal industry, agriculture, and culinary business. Strong synergy among these actors is the key to ensuring continuity in economic development that prioritizes people's welfare and national progress. Moreover, the values of honesty, fairness, and



perseverance remain the moral foundation for establishing and maintaining sustainable businesses, particularly those guided by halal principles (Nasution & Rahmawati, 2022).

CONCLUSION

This study concludes that halal management and corporate social responsibility (CSR) can be integrated into a convergent model to achieve sustainable business. The model emphasizes the importance of maintaining balance among economic, social, environmental, and spiritual orientations, all of which serve as the ethical foundation of business based on Islamic values.

The findings show that applying the principles of halal management—honesty (*shiddiq*), trustworthiness (*amanah*), consistency (*istiqamah*), intelligence (*fathanah*), and social responsibility (*tabligh*)—can strengthen CSR practices. In this way, CSR is not limited to philanthropic actions but becomes an act of worship (*ibadah*) and a source of collective benefit (*maslahah*).

The proposed convergent model contributes significantly to the development of Islamic education management and provides a broader managerial perspective that integrates sustainability, ethics, and Islamic moral values. Furthermore, this study highlights that business success from an Islamic perspective is not measured only by profit but also by how far a business contributes to social welfare, environmental preservation, justice, and moral accountability in all of its activities.

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