

GENERAL MARKET UPDATE- June 2018

25th June 2018

DFSA Outreach Session

The DFSA held an outreach session on 25th June 2018. The key points were as follows:

- The strongest focus will be on the highest area of risk;
- The strongest focus will be on the more complex firms;
- Client classification process will be reviewed;
- Client suitability assessment will be reviewed;
- Client assets controls;
- Enhancement to Corporate Governance controls, with a 3 tier approach including:
 - High level Principles, Principle 11 and Principle 3
 - Foundation requirements in GEN 5.3.30
 - Best practices in Corporate Governance (App 3)
 - Firms should have written Charter of Governing Body
 - Better identification and management of Conflicts of Interest
 - Remuneration Policy
- AML Controls and implementation across Firms will be reviewed more closely
- AML Business Risk Assessments will be kept up to date
- AML training must be tailored.
- Enforcement- The DFSA noted that they were currently investigating the conduct of individuals

21st June 2018

DFSA signs MoU with Astana Financial Services Authority

The Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Astana Financial Services Authority (AFSA).

The MoU was signed in the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) by Mr Bryan Stirewalt, Managing Director, Supervision of the DFSA, and Mr Stephen Glynn, Chief

Executive Officer, AFSA. The signing was also attended by Mr Waleed Saeed Al Awadhi, Chief Operating Officer at the DFSA.

The MoU follows the close collaboration between the DIFC bodies and the Republic of Kazakhstan to establish the Astana International Financial Centre which has been modelled on the DIFC. It sets out a framework for the two authorities to work together for the continued development of their legal and regulatory regimes including through information and personnel exchange and training.

The DFSA has 104 bi-lateral MoUs with regulators globally, and five multi-lateral MoUs.

21st June 2018

Update - Abraaj Capital Limited

Further to the statement issued by the DFSA on the 11th of June 2018, the DFSA issued a further update as follows:

“...The DFSA is aware of the proposed transaction between entities within the Abraaj Group and Colony Capital, Inc.

The DFSA will be discussing various matters with the Joint Provisional Liquidators of Abraaj Holdings and Abraaj Investment Management Limited and will continue to work toward safeguarding the interests of investors.

11th June 2018

DFSA Statement on Abraaj

The DFSA issued the following statement on Abraaj on 11th June 2018:

The DFSA is aware of various matters involving Abraaj Group which has a regulated entity, Abraaj Capital Limited, in the DIFC. Relevant matters are under our attention.

It is not the DFSA’s position to comment on firm specific matters. As always, the DFSA will act in the interest of all investors. No further comment can be made at this time.