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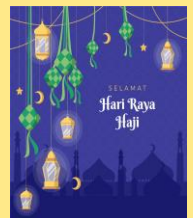
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Local News



Malaysia

MALAYSIA: Bursa Malaysia, IDX, SET and SGX Group Collaborate to Develop an ASEAN Interconnected Sustainability Ecosystem (ASEAN-ISE)

Bursa Malaysia Berhad (Bursa Malaysia), Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX), The Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET), and Singapore Exchange (SGX Group), collectively referred to as Participating Exchanges in this context, have announced a collaboration on the ASEAN-Interconnected Sustainability Ecosystem (ASEAN-ISE), to advance ASEAN's sustainable development through the implementation of common ESG metrics in their respective data infrastructures.

The ASEAN-ISE initiative was formalised at a recent meeting between the Partner Exchanges, marking an agreement on the foundational governance structure and operational blueprint for building the interconnected sustainability ecosystem.

Bursa Malaysia will serve as the ASEAN-ISE Secretariat to facilitate the successful execution of its objectives.

The intended outcomes of the ASEAN-ISE initiative include:

- Creating an integrated ESG ecosystem to promote the progress of sustainable development in ASEAN.
- Enabling Participating Exchanges to achieve economies of scale through cost efficiency and faster time-to-market with fit-for-purpose solutions.
- Empowering Participating Exchanges to proactively assist ESG-compliant corporates in maximising business value through quality disclosures. This involves developing infrastructure solutions to facilitate cross-border trade flows, connecting corporates' supply chains to ESG-oriented investment capital, and providing suppliers with good ESG practices and disclosures to secure more competitive financing rates.

Source: <https://www.bursamalaysia.com>



Malaysia

MALAYSIA: ASEAN Taxonomy Version 2 Made Effective Following Stakeholder Consultation Feedback

The ASEAN Taxonomy Board (ATB), in November 2023 announced the updated iteration of ASEAN Taxonomy for Sustainable Finance (ASEAN Taxonomy) Version 2, taking into account feedback and suggestions received from the targeted stakeholder consultation.

The response to the ASEAN Taxonomy Version 2 had been largely positive, and the bulk of the feedback received pertained to suggestions on improving clarity in definitions and usability of the ASEAN Taxonomy Version 2. Where relevant, these have been incorporated in the updated iteration of Version 2, which will be effective from 19 February 2024.

Revisions made in the ASEAN Taxonomy Version 2 to address the afore-mentioned input, where relevant, include:

- Clarification of the definitions and criteria for Environmental Objectives and Essential Criteria under the Foundation Framework.
- Updated Guiding Principles for all Environmental Objectives.
- Inclusion of the list of Red Activities from Appendix J in the ASEAN Taxonomy Version 1 (now as Appendix G in the ASEAN Taxonomy Version 2).
- The Grandfathering Rules covering green bonds and other green financial instruments. These rules consider practices in other markets and the evolving landscape of sustainable finance within ASEAN to encourage the flow of capital to support decarbonisation of the region.

Source: <https://www.sc.com.my>

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MALAYSIA: SC Broadens Sophisticated Investor Categories for Greater Market Accessibility

The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) has widened sophisticated investor categories in a move to increase capital market accessibility.

The new Guidelines on Categories of Sophisticated Investors reinforces the SC's commitment to maintain capital market competitiveness and vibrancy, while promoting greater investor participation.

Key features of the expansion include a new category that takes into account the knowledge and experience of sophisticated investors. In addition, enhancements to current categories are made, allowing flexibilities of existing financial thresholds for high net worth individuals.

The new 'Knowledge and Experience' category will benefit individuals who do not meet financial tests but are able to demonstrate financial knowledge sophistication to participate in relevant market offerings. This category assesses potential investors based on their education, recognised financial association membership, and practical experience in relevant sectors such as banking, capital markets or insurance.

Another key change is the inclusion of an investor's primary residence value, up to a cap of RM1 Million, in assessing their qualification as a sophisticated investor.

The definition of a joint account is also expanded to incorporate accounts with a spouse or child, including total net joint annual income and investment portfolios. This expansion will better depict a family's collective financial status and investment potential.

Source: <https://www.sc.com.my>



Malaysia

MALAYSIA: SC Introduces the FSA Approach to Gatekeeping

The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) introduced the Focused Scope Assessment (FSA) for new eligible Capital Market Intermediaries (CMIs) and Recognised Market Operators (RMOs). The FSA, which takes effect immediately via amendments to the Guidelines on Recognised Markets, is part of the regulator's new gatekeeping approach in light of the capital market's growing maturity and evolving regulatory standards.

The FSA evaluates the applicant's operational and regulatory readiness in a more targeted and efficient manner. It aims to shorten the time to market for CMIs and RMOs to three months, where previously it could take more than six months.

The FSA will require applicants to have an independent party validating their business policies and procedures as part of their submission to the SC. This will give the applicant more control in ensuring efficiency and encouraging readiness to observe the requirements to undertake a regulated activity.

Notwithstanding the above requirement, the SC continues its regulatory obligation in assessing applicants on critical areas including fit and properness, governance and key risk areas.

Amendments to the Guidelines on Recognised Markets were also made to set the stage for a level playing field for all RMOs, particularly in ensuring the adequacy of financial resources to commence operations in a fair and orderly manner. Notably, the capital requirement of RM5 Million is now extended to new operators of Equity Crowd Funding.

Additionally, amendments to the Guidelines on Recognised Markets include the strengthening of practices against financial crimes, such as money laundering and terrorist financing.

Source: <https://www.sc.com.my>

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Malaysia

MALAYSIA: Malaysia Exempts Capital Gains Tax, Foreign-Sourced Income Taxes on Unit Trusts

Malaysia has exempted the imposition of a capital gains tax and taxes on foreign-sourced income on unit trusts, said Second Finance Minister Amir Hamzah Azizan at an event organised by Bursa Malaysia.

The exemption on foreign-sourced income taxes took effect from Jan 1 this year, and will last until Dec 31, 2026.

The exemption on the capital gains tax also took effect from Jan 1 this year, and will be in force until Dec 31, 2028.

This is to ensure that investors will continue to benefit wholly from the gains of their hard-earned money and continue to invest in the future, he said.

Source: <https://www.businesstimes.com>



Malaysia

MALAYSIA: Bursa Malaysia Launches SME X Platform in Collaboration with Companies Commission of Malaysia to Facilitate Fundraising for SMEs

Bursa Malaysia Berhad (Bursa Malaysia or the Exchange) launched the SME X Platform (Platform) in collaboration with the Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM), to further support corporate fundraising and business investment opportunities. The SME X Platform ensues from the memorandum of understanding signed between Bursa Malaysia and SSM at end 2022, which among others was to enhance data analytics for strategic business decisions in line with the National Data Sharing Policy (NDSP).

The SME X Platform is designed to facilitate fundraising to support Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in their growth and business expansion, by connecting them with capital providers such as private equity firms, venture capitalists or other financial institutions seeking to invest in companies with good financial standing and growth potential.

SME X is an online platform that enhances decision-making for financial institutions and investment entities by offering a blend of Bursa Malaysia market data and data from SSM, comprising sectorial performance, evaluation of key financials, indicators of companies with the potential to list, and makes comparison of companies within the same sector. In addition, the Platform includes detailed insights on companies' directors and management, shareholding structure and key financials to provide context and a deeper understanding on the financial standing of each company, as well as its subsidiaries and affiliated companies with common shareholders.

The Platform is currently in its initial roll-out phase, accessible on a subscription basis. Interested parties keen on accessing the Platform may contact infoservices@bursamalaysia.com. For more information on the SME X Platform, please visit: <http://bit.ly/SMEXVideo>.

Source: <https://bursamalaysia.com>

Local News



Malaysia

MALAYSIA: RM1.34 Billion Losses from Online Scams Reported to NSRC in 2023 – Deputy Minister

The National Scam Response Centre (NSRC) recorded losses of RM1.34 Billion from 33,234 online crime cases over the Jan 1-Dec 8 period of last year.

Deputy Communications Minister Teo Nie Ching said that the figures were based on records obtained by the NSRC, through reports from victims via the 997 hotline.

She said that the losses involved six modus operandi, with investment scams recording the most losses at (RM437 Million), followed by e-commerce (RM383 Million), telecommunications (RM334 Million), e-finance (RM104 Million), love scams (RM41 Million) and non-existent loans (RM39 Million).

Source: <https://theedgemaalaysia.com>



Malaysia

MALAYSIA: FIMM Reprimands 12 Former Unit Trust, PRS Consultants

The Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia (FIMM) has reprimanded 12 former Unit Trust Scheme (UTS) and/or Private Retirement Scheme (PRS) consultants for their misconducts/breaches of FIMM's Consolidated Rules (FCR).

In a statement, FIMM said eight former UTS and/or PRS consultants were found to be in breach of Rules 4.1.1 and 4.2.1 read together with Rule 4.3.1(f) of the FCR for submitting falsified academic certificates as part of their application for registration as a UTS and/or PRS consultant to the respective distributors which were then forwarded to FIMM.

It said these former consultants have been barred from registration with FIMM for a fixed period.

Source: <https://theedgemaalaysia.com>

Anti-Money Laundering News



MALAYSIA: QMSB Obligated to Undertake Preventive Measures to Avoid Money Laundering, Terrorism Financing Activities – Bank Negara

Quantum Metal Sdn Bhd (QMSB) is obliged to undertake measures to prevent its activities from being misused as a conduit for money laundering or terrorism- financing activities, said Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM).

However, being a reporting institution does not mean that QMSB's products and business activities, such as gold products and trading, were registered, approved or licensed under laws administered by BNM, added the central bank.

Any claims that QMSB's activities are approved and licensed by BNM, directly or indirectly, are false, BNM said in a statement today to address and clarify several claims and misrepresentations of facts circulating within the public domain in relation to the affairs of QMSB.

QMSB is a reporting institution under the Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001 (AMLA). It deals in precious metals or precious stones, as listed under item 24, Part 1 of the First Schedule of the AMLA.

Source: <https://www.thestar.com.my>



MALAYSIA: Company and its Four Directors Charged with 94 Counts of Money Laundering

A company and its four directors were charged in the Sessions Court here on 94 counts of money laundering amounting to RM20.3 Million between Jan 2019 to Dec 2022.

Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry's enforcement director-general Datuk Azman Adam said Quinton Group Sdn Bhd along with its four directors, namely Tan Kwong Yeow, 35, Ooi Chuen Chie, 35, Lim Shing Yee, 31, and Seow Ming Cjoy, 32, were brought before the court.

Azman said in a statement today that all four pleaded not guilty to the charges which were read before Judge Mazdi Abdul Hamid.

All the accused are alleged to have received money from illegal proceeds amounting to RM2.08 Million from a current account belonging to Quinton Group Sdn Bhd for the period from 2019 to 2022.

All the directors of the company were also accused of having used money from illegal sources amounting to RM168,681 to acquire eight luxury vehicles during that period.

The charges were made under Section 4(1)(b) of the Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorist Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001 (AMLATFPUAA) which carries a prison sentence of up to 15 years and can also be fined not less than five times the amount or a fine not exceeding RM5 Million, whichever is higher, if convicted.

The court allowed all the accused to be bailed at a total of RM 1,748,000 with one surety for each accused. The court also set additional conditions for all the accused to report to the police station every month, surrender their passports to the court and prohibited from intimidation of witnesses in any way.

Source: <https://nst.com.my>

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MALAYSIA: SC Charges Former Director, CEO for Over RM119 Million in Money Laundering

The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) charged two individuals in the Kuala Lumpur Sessions Court with 11 offences of money laundering involving over RM119 Million.

The two individuals are Ang Jen Chuen (Dexter Ang), former director of Pixelvest Sdn Bhd (Pixelvest) and Syaiful Riezal bin Ahmad (Syaiful Riezal), former Chief Executive Officer of Infinity Trustee Berhad (Infinity).

They were charged with receiving proceeds of unlawful activity under section 4(1) (b) of the Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities 2001 (AMLATFPUAA).

Dexter Ang and Syaiful Riezal faced eight and three charges respectively. The alleged money laundering offences took place between 1 December 2020 and 9 January 2023 in Kuala Lumpur and Selangor.

The individuals claimed trial to their respective charges. Sessions Court judge Tuan Azrul bin Darus granted bail at RM8.01 Million with two sureties to Dexter Ang and RM 100,000 with one surety to Syaiful Riezal.

They were also ordered to surrender their passports to the court and to report to the SC on a monthly basis until the completion of the trial.

If convicted, these individuals shall be liable to imprisonment for up to 15 years and shall also be liable to a fine of not less than five times the sum or value of the proceeds of the unlawful activities at the time the offence was committed or RM5 Million, whichever is higher.

Source: <https://www.sc.com.my>

Islamic Finance News



Malaysia

MALAYSIA: Fitch Sees Growth of Malaysian Islamic Banks Outpacing Conventional Banks

Fitch Ratings expects growth of Malaysian Islamic banks to continue to outpace that of conventional banks in the medium term, after financing reached USD190 Billion (RM905.4 Billion) in 2023, cementing the country's Islamic banking market as the third-largest globally.

In a statement, the rating agency said the share of shariah financing inched up to 42% of domestic banking system loans, from 41% at end-2022, as banks continued to champion an 'Islamic First' strategy.

Fitch said the sector's financial performance was relatively steady in 2023, despite the higher rate environment, and expects the trend to be sustained in the near-term on a stable local policy rate and an economy that it forecasts will expand by more than 3% in 2024.

Malaysia will see the entrance of its first Islamic digital bank in 1H24, which will cater to the country's underserved banking population.

Source: <https://theedgemaalaysia.com>

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World

WORLD: Sixteen Firms to Pay More Than USD81 Million Combined to Settle Charges for Widespread Recordkeeping Failures *(The Huntington Investment Company self-reported and was ordered to pay lower civil penalty than other firms)*

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) charged 17 firms for recordkeeping failures with penalty more than USD81 Million. There are 12 broker-dealers and 5 investment advisers in violation by having long-standing lapses to maintain records of electronic communication.

These firms were found to have used unapproved communication methods (i.e. off-channel communications) where the employees which include supervisors and senior managers were communicating about the businesses of their employer using personal messages between year 2019 to 2020. The adviser firms admitted that their employees sent and received off-channel communications related to recommendations made or proposed to be made and advice given or proposed to be given.

These firms were charged with violating recordkeeping provisions and failing to reasonably supervise to prevent and detect lapses of internal control within their organisation under the provision of the Securities Exchange Act. The firms were urged to implement improvements to their policies/procedures which included an independent compliance review in relation to the retention of electronic communications found on personal devices and their respective frameworks for addressing non-compliance by their employees.

Source: <https://www.sec.gov>



World

WORLD: Northern Star Investment Corp II Agreed to Pay USD1.5 Million to SEC for Material Misrepresentation in its IPO-Related Disclosures

Northern Star Investment Corp. II, a special purpose acquisition company (SPAC), agreed to settle the SEC's charges that it made misleading statements in forms filed with the SEC as part of its January 2021 initial public offering (IPO). Northern Star stated in its SEC filings that neither the company, nor anyone acting on its behalf, had initiated any substantive discussions with any potential target companies prior to the IPO.

The SEC's order finds that Northern Star had engaged in discussions with a target company and the company's controlling shareholder in connection with a potential SPAC business combination since December 2020. Furthermore, after announcing a merger agreement with the target company, Northern Star did not adequately disclose its interactions with the target company in its SEC filings. Failure to disclose discussions with its merger target kept investors from information that would have been important in deciding whether to invest in this SPAC.

Without admitting or denying the SEC's findings, Northern Star agreed to a cease-and-desist order and to pay a USD1.5 Million penalty in the event it closes a merger transaction.

Source: <https://www.sec.gov>

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World

WORLD: The Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) Fines HSBC 57,417,500 Pounds for Failures in Deposit Protection Identification and Notification

The Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) has fined HSBC Bank Plc (HBEU) and HSBC UK Bank Plc (HBUK) (referred as the Firms) 57,417,500 pounds for failure to implement the requirements set out in the Depositor Protection Rules (DPR) as well as failure to accurately identify deposits that were eligible for the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) protection.

The DPR require firms to put in place adequate systems and controls, and governance, to ensure the integrity of critical information which the FSCS relies upon to make prompt payments to depositors in the event of a firm failure.

According to the Deputy Governor for Prudential Regulation and Chief Executive Officer of the PRA, the Firms had failed to comply with its requirements due to :-

- failure to assign clear ownership for the processes required under DPR; and
- failure to ensure that a senior manager, under the Senior Managers and Certification Regime, was allocated responsibility for these processes and the integrity of the information required under the DPR.

Additionally, HBEU had also:-

- incorrectly tagged 99% of its eligible beneficiary deposits as 'ineligible' for FSCS protection;
- provide an incorrect attestation to the PRA confirming its systems satisfied certain requirements of the DPR; and
- failed to produce finalised versions of annual reports that were required to be signed by its board of directors that confirmed compliance with the requirements of the DPR.

The Firms have agreed to resolve the matter and therefore qualified for a further 30% reduction in the fine. Without these reductions, the fine imposed by the PRA would have been 96.5 Million pounds.

Source: <https://www.bankofengland.co>



World

WORLD: J.P. Morgan to Pay USD18 Million for Violating Whistleblower Protection Rule



The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) announced settled charges against J.P. Morgan Securities LLC (JPMS) for impeding hundreds of advisory clients and brokerage customers from reporting potential securities law violations to the SEC. JPMS agreed to pay a USD18 Million civil penalty to settle the charges.

According to the SEC's order, from March 2020 through July 2023, JPMS regularly asked retail clients to sign confidential release agreements if they had been issued a credit or settlement from the firm of more than USD1,000. The agreements required the clients to keep confidential the settlement, all underlying facts relating to the settlement, and all information relating to the account at issue. In addition, even though the agreements permitted clients to respond to SEC inquiries, they did not permit clients to voluntarily contact the SEC.



The SEC's order finds that JPMS violated Rule 21F-17(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, a whistleblower protection rule that prohibits taking any action to impede an individual from communicating directly with the SEC staff about possible securities law violations. Without admitting or denying the SEC's findings, JPMS agreed to be censured, to cease and desist from violating the whistleblower protection rule, and to pay the USD18 Million civil penalty.

Source: <https://www.sec.gov>


REGULATORY ALERTS

Circulars/Guidelines				
	24.11.23	List of Shariah-Compliant Securities on Bursa Malaysia	<p>Shariah-compliant securities are securities of companies listed on Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad that meet Shariah requirements and criteria set by the Shariah Advisory Council of the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC).</p> <p>The Shariah Advisory Council of the SC releases and updates the list of Shariah-compliant securities twice a year, on the last Friday of May and November.</p> <p>The list of the Shariah-compliant securities is available for viewing on SC's website.</p>	Effective: 24.11.23
	27.11.23	Amendments to the Rules and Directives of Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Berhad (BMD Rules and Directives) in Relation to the Introduction of the Mini United States Dollar/Chinese Renminbi (HK) (USD/CNH) Futures Contract (FCNH)	<p>Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Berhad (BMD) is launching the Mini United States Dollar/Chinese Renminbi (HK) (USD/CNH) Futures Contract (FCNH), the first exchange-traded currency futures contract in Malaysia, to complement the foreign exchange market operated by Malaysian financial institutions. The FCNH will provide market participants with a transparent, regulated and easily accessible option for mitigating counterparty credit risks and hedging against fluctuating currency exchange rates.</p> <p>The SC approved amendments to the BMD Rules, including the addition of contract specifications for the FCNH in item 5.01, Schedule 5 of the BMD Rules, which set out contract units of USD20,000, minimum price fluctuation of RMB 0.0001 per USD (RMB 2 per tick), cash settlement in RMB based on the final settlement price and final settlement price derived from the settlement price of the expiring month contract for the Mini USD/CNH Futures traded on Hong Kong Futures Exchange Limited (HKFE) on HKFE's last trading day.</p> <p>The salient amendments to the BMD Directives include the position limit of 2,500 contracts for all contract months combined for FCNH.</p> <p>The Trading Manual has also been amended to reflect the FCNH contract specifications and related fees.</p> <p>The amendments to the BMD Rules and Directives, as well as the Trading Manual will take effect from 11 December 2023.</p>	Effective: 11.12.23



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	27.11.23	<p>Amendments to the Directive of Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Clearing Berhad (BMDC Directive) in Relation to the Introduction of the Mini United States Dollar/Chinese Renminbi (HK) Futures (FCNH) Contract</p>	<p>Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Berhad (Exchange) is launching the Mini United States Dollar/Chinese Renminbi (HK) Futures (FCNH) Contract, the first exchange-traded currency futures contract in Malaysia, to complement the foreign exchange market currently operated by Malaysian financial institutions. The FCNH Contract will provide market participants with a transparent, regulated and easily accessible option for mitigating counterparty credit risks and hedging against fluctuating currency exchange rates.</p> <p>The Securities Commission Malaysia approved amendments to the BMDC Directive No 6-001 (Directive on Limits on Open Positions), which mirror the introduction of position limits for the FCNH Contract by the Exchange, which is 2,500 open contracts for all contract months combined.</p> <p>The Clearing Participants' Manual has been revised in response to the introduction of the FCNH Contract, including changes to Chapter 6 - Contract Registration, Chapter 9 – Daily Settlement Prices, Chapter 11 – Clearing Reports & Listings, Chapter 12 - Bank and Settlement, Chapter 14 – Interest Policy, Chapter 15 - Fees, Rebates and Charges, and Chapter 27 - FCNH Contract. The changes also include updating the list of acceptable issuing or confirming banks for Letter of Credit, updating the list and addresses of collateral settlement banks and US dollar settlement banks, and adding a new appendix for Renminbi Settlement Banks.</p> <p>The amendments to the BMDC Directive and the Clearing Participants' Manual will take effect from 11 December 2023.</p>	Effective: 11.12.23
	30.11.23	<p>Bursa Malaysia Invites Feedback on Proposed Amendments to Listing Requirements in Relation to New Issue of Securities and Other Areas</p>	<p>Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (the Exchange) has issued a consultation paper seeking public feedback on proposed amendments to the Main Market and ACE Market Listing Requirements (collectively LR) regarding new securities issuance and other areas.</p> <p>The key proposed amendments include: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) enhancing transparency on fund-raising exercises involving new securities issuance through enhanced disclosures on placement exercises, proceeds utilisation status and past equity fund-raising exercises where proceeds have not been fully utilised. (b) the Employee Share Scheme framework will be enhanced by subjecting a Share Grant Scheme to the same restriction on the total number of shares issued under a Share Issuance Scheme, and increasing transparency regarding options or shares granted based on participant categories. 	Effective: N/A


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			<p>(c) require disclosure of a chief executive officer (CEO)'s remuneration on a named basis for listed corporations, closed-end funds and business trusts.</p> <p>(d) allow financially distressed listed issuers or listed issuers with inadequate level of operations to undertake interim corporate proposals pending regularisation of their condition in exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>(e) require adherence to chain listing requirements for listed issuers to list subsidiaries on any stock exchange.</p> <p>The Exchange is introducing proposed amendments to the Main Market and ACE Market Listing Requirements (collectively LR) to ensure it remains fit for purpose in the rapidly evolving capital market and promotes greater transparency in the marketplace.</p> <p>The consultation paper and proposed amendments can be found on the Bursa Malaysia website at:- https://www.bursamalaysia.com/regulation/public_consultation</p> <p>The Exchange is seeking public views and feedback on these changes, and interested parties are invited to submit their comments by 26 January 2024.</p>	
	01.12.23	<p>Bursa Malaysia Securities Publicly Reprimands and/or Fines a Public Listed Company and Two of its Former Directors</p>	<p>The Exchange has publicly reprimanded a public listed company and two of its former directors for breaching the Bursa Malaysia Securities Main Market Listing Requirements (Main LR). The two directors were imposed a fine of RM27,000 each.</p> <p>The public listed company was reprimanded for failing to issue the annual report for the 18-month financial period ended 30 June 2021 (AR 2021) on or before 31 October 2021, which was issued on 17 January 2022 after a delay of approximately 2 months. The public listed company was also required to review and assess the adequacy and competency of its finance and accounting resources and policies and procedures in respect of financial reporting.</p>	<p>Effective: N/A</p>


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			<p>The directors of the public listed company were imposed penalties for breaching paragraph 16.13(b) of the Main LR, which was made pursuant to paragraph 16.19 of the Main LR upon completion of due process and considering all facts and circumstances of the matter. Bursa Malaysia Securities views the breach seriously, as timely submission of financial statements is a fundamental obligation of listed companies and is of paramount importance in ensuring an orderly and fair market for securities traded on Bursa Malaysia Securities. Bursa Malaysia Securities has reminded the public listed company and its Board of Directors of their responsibility to maintain appropriate standards of corporate responsibility and accountability to shareholders and the investing public.</p> <p>For complete details, please refer to the Bursa Malaysia's Media Release.</p>	
	01.12.23	Directive on the List of Approved Securities	<p>The list of Approved Securities issued pursuant to Rule 8.22(5) of the Rules of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad vide R/R 4 of 2023 for purposes of Regulated Short Selling and Permitted Short Selling, has been amended with the inclusion of 33 new approved securities into the above list and the removal of 5 existing approved securities from the same list. The list of Approved Securities for the purpose of Permitted Short Selling will be the same list for the purpose of Regulated Short Selling.</p> <p>For the updated list, please refer to the circular.</p> <p>The updated list of Approved Securities mentioned above will take effect from 15 December 2023.</p>	Effective: 15.12.23
	01.12.23	Securities Borrowing and Lending (SBL) List of SBL Eligible Securities, SBL Eligible Securities and Outstanding Issuance List (OIL) and SBL Approved Securities for Collateral	<p>Pursuant to the definitions of Eligible Securities in the Rules of Bursa Malaysia Securities Clearing Sdn. Bhd. and Collateral in the Bursa SBL (Terms and Conditions for Borrower), please be advised that the lists of SBL Eligible Securities and SBL Approved Securities for Collateral are hereby amended.</p> <p>For complete details, please refer to the circular.</p> <p>The updated lists of SBL Eligible Securities, SBL Approved Securities for Collateral and SBL eligible Securities and Outstanding Issuance List shall take effect from 15 December 2023.</p>	Effective: 15.12.23



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	11.12.23	<p>Amendments to CDS Procedures Manual for Authorised Depository Agents (ADA) and CDS Guide for Depositors in Relation to the Account Management and Transfer Transaction Modules</p>	<p>Bursa Malaysia Depository Sdn Bhd (Bursa Depository) has amended its CDS Procedures Manual for Authorised Depository Agent (ADA) and CDS Guide for Depositors on its Account Management and Transfer modules.</p> <p>Bursa Depository has introduced the transfer of securities between securities accounts where beneficial owners are related to each other, resulting in a Change of Beneficial Ownership (CBO – Family Member) and falls under the Approved Reason for Transfer B2. The depositor must upload the relevant supporting documents as prescribed under Appendix 67 of the CDS Procedures Manual for ADA when initiating such transfer via Bursa Anywhere. The WebCDS system will auto-generate the Transfer of Securities Request form (FTF010) for all approved CBO - Family Member transfer transactions, making it available in the WebCDS on the next market day.</p> <p>However, depositors who execute CBO Family Member transfer manually at the ADA premises are still required to complete the Transfer of Securities Request form and submit it together with relevant supporting documents to the ADA office for processing.</p> <p>Bursa Depository has amended the procedures for opening CDS accounts to clarify the definition of foreign ownership, especially when tagging the ownership of a depositor with body corporate type of CDS account. The definition guide can also be referred on the reversed side of the CDS Account Form.</p> <p>The table in the circular provides a summary of the relevant amendments to the CDS Procedures Manual for the ADA and CDS Guide for Depositors.</p>	<p>Effective: 22.01.24</p>

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	12.12.23	<p>Amendments to Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Main Market Listing Requirements (Main LR) in Relation to Commodity Futures Structured Warrants</p>	<p>The key amendments include: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> expanding the underlying financial instruments of structured warrants (SW) to include commodity futures, which must be prescribed by the Exchange. Currently, the prescribed commodities are crude palm oil, crude oil and gold. The commodity futures must be traded on the Derivatives Exchange or a Specified Exchange. the issuer must provide information on price, volume and contract specifications for commodity futures traded on the Specified Exchange to investors in Malaysia. the structured warrant (SW) issuer must also announce if the underlying corporation or exchange-traded fund (ETF) is delisted from a member of World Federation of Exchanges, and if the derivatives exchange ceases to be a specified exchange. additionally, the expiry date of commodity structured warrant (SW) must be within 6 months to 5 years, with exercisable rights in either American or European styles. settlement must be cash settled using the closing or final settlement price of the corresponding commodity futures. the terms and conditions of commodity structured warrant (SW) must include the rights of structured warrant (SW) holders in case of withdrawn trading. the structured warrant (SW) issuer must request suspension, resumption of trading or withdrawal of listing if commodity futures trading is suspended, resumed or withdrawn. other changes include clarifying that underlying securities listed on the Exchange for put warrants or callable bear certificates must comprise Approved Securities. Approved Securities are securities prescribed by the Exchange under Rule 8.22(5) of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad for Regulated Short Selling and Permitted Short Selling. The Exchange may halt trading or delist commodity structured warrant (SW). The definition section in Chapter 5 of the Main LR is updated to include commodity futures, Derivatives Exchange, Specified Exchange and underlying commodity futures. Lastly, housekeeping and editorial amendments are made for accuracy and clarity. 	<p>Effective: 02.01.24</p>


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	13.12.23	<p>Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) Introduces Accelerated Transfer of Listing from ACE Market to Main Market for Eligible ACE Market Companies</p>	<p>The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) has introduced an accelerated transfer process to promote eligible ACE Market public listed companies (PLCs) to the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia. This is part of a series of capital market measures aimed at improving stock market vibrancy and reducing market friction. The accelerated transfer process framework will take effect on 1 January 2024 through amendments to the Equity Guidelines. The SC Chairman said that the ACE Market has been a significant source of financing within the Malaysian equity capital market, with 20 ACE Market listings raising RM1.26 Billion through initial public offerings as of October 2023.</p> <p>The accelerated transfer process will benefit sizeable, qualified ACE Market PLCs by accelerating their transfer to the Main Market, providing greater visibility and access to a larger pool of investors including foreign and institutional investors. This move demonstrates the ACE Market PLCs' achievement of quality, size and operations standards.</p> <p>The simplified and accelerated transfer process aims to encourage more companies to improve their corporate values and achieve sustainable growth for shareholders. Under the new accelerated transfer process, an ACE Market PLC must have a daily market capitalisation of at least RM1 Billion for the past six months and meet profit requirements for listing on the Main Market.</p>	<p>Effective: 01.01.24</p>
	13.12.23	<p>Equity Guidelines</p>	<p>The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) has announced an accelerated transfer process for listed corporations from the ACE Market to the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad, effective from 1 January 2024. This process is facilitated by amendments to the SC's Equity Guidelines.</p> <p>The requirements of the accelerated transfer process are summarised below.</p> <p><u>Main requirements</u></p> <p>A listed corporation seeking accelerated listing transfer must meet certain requirements in paragraph 8.01A of the Equity Guidelines. These include being listed on the ACE Market for at least 12 months, having a daily market capitalisation of at least RM1 billion for the six months prior to application submission and meeting profit requirements based on the most recent three full financial years. The applicant must also satisfy the profit requirements under paragraph 5.02(a)(i) of the Equity Guidelines¹.</p>	




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		<p>Paragraph 5.02(a)(i) of the Equity Guidelines requires applicants to have an uninterrupted profit of three to five full financial years, with an aggregate after-tax profit of at least RM20 million and a recent after-tax profit of at least RM6 million, with contributions from associated companies not exceeding those of subsidiary companies.</p> <p>The applicant has been operating in the same core business for the most recent three full financial years and its directors, controlling shareholder, and single largest shareholder have not been subjected to any matter specified in Schedule 1 (declaration by applicant), Schedule 2 (declaration by director or proposed director) and Schedule 4 (declaration by, among others, the controlling shareholder or single largest shareholder) of the Equity Guidelines. The applicant's auditors have expressed an unmodified opinion with no material uncertainty related to going concern or emphasis of matter on the audited financial statements for the most recent three financial years. The applicant is not subjected to any event that may have a material adverse effect on its financial position and results of operations since the date the last audited financial statements were made (Refer paragraph 8.01A of the Equity Guidelines).</p> <p>The applicant must comply with the requirements set out in paragraph 8.01A and paragraph 8.03 of the Equity Guidelines until the listing is transferred to the Main Market, or the SC may reject or revoke an approved proposal if these requirements are not met (Refer paragraph 8.01B of the Equity Guidelines).</p> <p><u>Additional requirements</u></p> <p>The SC will consider corporate governance matters in Chapter 3 of the Equity Guidelines when considering a proposal for an accelerated transfer process. In this regard, a new requirement has been added requiring the applicant's level of adoption of best practices under the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance. (Refer paragraph 3.02(b) of the Equity Guidelines).</p> <p>The SC will also consider any unusual market activities or events that may have affected the fair trading of the applicant's listed securities, including any trading restrictions imposed by Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (Refer paragraph 8.02 of the Equity Guidelines). The applicant must have a healthy financial position, including positive cash flow from operating activities for the last three financial years (Refer paragraph 5.08, paragraph 5.08(b)(i) and paragraph 8.03 of the Equity Guidelines).</p>	



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			<p><u>Prior consultation</u></p> <p>A prospective applicant and its advisers are required to consult the SC before submitting the application for an accelerated transfer process (Refer paragraph 1.10 (c) of the Equity Guidelines).</p> <p><u>Contents of application for transfer of listing via accelerated transfer process</u></p> <p>The Equity Guidelines have added a new Appendix 3A (Content of Application for Transfer of Listing via the Accelerated Transfer Process) to set out the necessary information and documents for submission to the Securities Commission (SC) for an application for accelerated transfer process. A new sentence has been added to Appendix 3 (Content of Application for Transfer of Listing) to clarify that Appendix 3 does not apply to an application for listing transfer via the accelerated transfer process.</p> <p><u>Declaration of compliance</u></p> <p>A declaration of compliance with the paragraph 8.01A of the Equity Guidelines, securities law, regulations and ACE Market Listing Requirements has been inserted as a new Schedule 5 to the Equity Guidelines for accelerated transfer applications.</p> <p>The Equity Guidelines for transferring a listed corporation from the ACE Market to the Main Market have been retained, allowing a corporation listed on the ACE Market to still seek a transfer under the existing provisions if it cannot meet the requirements.</p>							
	14.12.23	<p>Reporting of Direct Business Transaction (DBT) – Price and Quantity</p>	<p>When entering a Direct Business Transaction (DBT) trade in Bursa Trade Securities 2 (BTS2) trading system, Participating Organisations’ (POs) are required to input the specified information to ensure a successful transaction:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Prices of securities</td> <td> <p>Kindly refer to Schedule 4 [Rule 10.09(2)] & Schedule 5 [Rule 10.10(2)] of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Rules.</p> <p>In instances where the PVWAP prices are unavailable for untraded securities, kindly refer to the last available VWAP of the securities. In the event this is not available, kindly refer to the reference price of the securities for the reporting of DBT.</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td>Quantity of DBT transaction</td> <td> <p>Kindly refer to Chapter 10, Direct Business Transactions, Rule 10.01(1)(d) of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Rules, and Chapter 9, (9.1.9) of the Participating Organizations’ Trading Manual Version 33.0.</p> <p>For a DBT transaction, the quantity / number of shares cannot exceed 999,999,999 shares. Failing which, the DBT transaction will not be settled.</p> <p>For example: To complete a DBT transaction of 1,000,000,000 (1 billion) shares or more, enter quantities to a maximum of 999,999,999 shares for each transaction i.e Transaction #1: 500,000,000 units and Transaction #2: 500,000,000 units.</p> <p>Or any combination with each transaction not more than 999,999,999 shares.</p> </td> </tr> </table>	1	Prices of securities	<p>Kindly refer to Schedule 4 [Rule 10.09(2)] & Schedule 5 [Rule 10.10(2)] of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Rules.</p> <p>In instances where the PVWAP prices are unavailable for untraded securities, kindly refer to the last available VWAP of the securities. In the event this is not available, kindly refer to the reference price of the securities for the reporting of DBT.</p>	2	Quantity of DBT transaction	<p>Kindly refer to Chapter 10, Direct Business Transactions, Rule 10.01(1)(d) of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Rules, and Chapter 9, (9.1.9) of the Participating Organizations’ Trading Manual Version 33.0.</p> <p>For a DBT transaction, the quantity / number of shares cannot exceed 999,999,999 shares. Failing which, the DBT transaction will not be settled.</p> <p>For example: To complete a DBT transaction of 1,000,000,000 (1 billion) shares or more, enter quantities to a maximum of 999,999,999 shares for each transaction i.e Transaction #1: 500,000,000 units and Transaction #2: 500,000,000 units.</p> <p>Or any combination with each transaction not more than 999,999,999 shares.</p>	<p>Effective: N/A</p>
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 <small>BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA CENTRAL BANK OF MALAYSIA</small>	15.12.23	Capital Adequacy Framework (Operational Risk)	<p>This policy document sets out the standards and guidance for financial institutions to calculate the capital required for operational risk, in line with Basel III. The document shall be read together with the transitional arrangements specified in Capital Adequacy Framework (Capital Components) and Capital Adequacy Framework for Islamic Banks (Capital Components).</p> <p>A feedback statement has been issued concurrently with the policy document, covering the Bank's responses to key areas of comments received during the consultation period. Once in effect, this policy document will supersede the existing requirements as set out in Part C of the Capital Adequacy Framework (Basel II – Risk-Weighted Assets) and Capital Adequacy Framework for Islamic Banks (Basel II – Risk-Weighted Assets), issued on 3 May 2019.</p>	Effective: 01.01.25
 <small>BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA CENTRAL BANK OF MALAYSIA</small>	15.12.23	Capital Adequacy Framework (Exposures to Central Counterparties)	<p>This policy document sets out the capital requirements on financial institutions' exposures to central counterparties in line with Basel III. The document shall be read together with the transitional arrangements specified in Capital Adequacy Framework (Capital Components) and Capital Adequacy Framework for Islamic Banks (Capital Components).</p> <p>A feedback statement has been issued concurrently with the policy document, covering the BNM's responses to key areas of comments received during the consultation period. Once in effect, the policy document will supersede the existing requirements as set out in Capital Adequacy Framework (Basel II – Risk-Weighted Assets) and Capital Adequacy Framework for Islamic Banks (Basel II – Risk-Weighted Assets), issued on 3 May 2019.</p>	Effective: 01.01.25
 <small>BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA CENTRAL BANK OF MALAYSIA</small>	15.12.23	Capital Adequacy Framework (Capital Components)	<p>This framework sets the general requirements on regulatory capital adequacy, and the components of eligible regulatory capital. It has been developed based on internationally-agreed standards on capital adequacy promulgated by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision. This document shall be read together with the Capital Adequacy Framework (Basel II – Risk-Weighted Assets), which details out the requirements for computing risk-weighted assets.</p> <p>This policy document has been updated to specify the transitional arrangements for the determination of capital required for operational risk and exposures to central counterparties in line with Basel III, as set out in the policy documents on Capital Adequacy Framework (Operational Risk) and Capital Adequacy Framework (Exposures to Central Counterparties). Also included in this update are new reporting templates to be used once the policy documents are effective.</p>	Effective: 15.12.23



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			<p><u>Superseded Policy:-</u> Capital Adequacy Framework (Capital Components) [BNM/RH/PD/032/4_09122020 issued on 09 December 2020] This policy document comes into effect on 15 December 2023, subject to the transitional arrangements as set out in Part G.</p>	
 <small>BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA CENTRAL BANK OF MALAYSIA</small>	18.12.23	<p>Capital Adequacy Framework (Basel II – Risk-Weighted Assets)</p>	<p>This framework sets out the approaches on the computation of the risk-weighted assets (RWA) for credit, market, operational and large exposure risks. The framework has been updated to clarify the regulatory treatment for the portion of residential mortgages guaranteed by Cagamas SRP Berhad under the Cagamas First Home Mortgage Guarantee Programme.</p> <p><u>Superseded Policy: -</u> Capital Adequacy Framework (Basel II - Risk Weighted Assets) [BNM/RH/PD/032/5_03052019 issued on 03/05/2019]</p>	<p>Effective: 18.12.23</p>
 <small>BURSA MALAYSIA</small>	21.12.23	<p>Sustainability Explainer Video Series</p>	<p>Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (Bursa Malaysia or the Exchange) issued a media release on 21 December 2023, announcing the launch of its Sustainability Explainer Video Series, based on the Sustainability Reporting Guide and Toolkits (3rd edition).</p> <p>Bursa Malaysia is committed to supporting public listed companies in effectively navigating the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) landscape's complexities.</p> <p>The Sustainability Explainer Video Series cover eight topics and is available on the Bursa Sustain website at:- https://bursasustain.bursamalaysia.com/droplet-details/resources/sustainability-explainer-video-series.</p>	<p>Effective: N/A</p>





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	21.12.23	<p>Bursa Malaysia Securities' Public Reprimand for Breach of Listing Requirements</p>	<p>Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (Bursa Malaysia Securities or the Exchange) has publicly reprimanded a listed company and 10 of its directors for breaches of Bursa Malaysia Securities Main Market Listing Requirements (Main LR). The directors were also imposed with fines ranging from RM355,200 to RM1,376,000.</p> <p>In a media notification, the Exchange said the company was reprimanded for breaching the following provisions of the Main LR:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Failure to announce the Factual Findings Update immediately and in accordance with Bursa Malaysia Securities' Directive. 2. Financial Reporting Breach - Delay in Issuance of Annual Report 2021. 3. Financial Reporting Breach - Inaccurate Quarterly Report 30 June 2021. 4. Disclosure Breach - Defaults in Payment. 5. Disclosure Breach - Disclaimer Opinion & Practice Note 17 First Announcement. 6. Disclosure Breach - Material Litigations & Winding-Up Petition. <p>The company was required to review and ensure the adequacy and effectiveness of its financial reporting function, conduct a limited review on its quarterly report submission and comply with Bursa Malaysia Securities' training requirement. Ten directors of the company were fined for breaching paragraph 16.13(b) of the Main LR, allowing the company to commit the breaches.</p> <p>Bursa Malaysia Securities takes these contraventions seriously, as timely and accurate disclosure of financial statements and material information is crucial for maintaining market integrity and investor confidence. It is mandatory for listed companies and their directors to comply with Bursa Malaysia Securities' directives. All directors, whether executive or non-executive, must ensure compliance with the Main LR and maintain high standards of integrity, accountability, corporate governance and responsibility to shareholders and the investing public.</p> <p>For complete details, please refer to the Bursa Malaysia's Media Notification.</p>	Effective:	N/A

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 BURSA MALAYSIA	22.12.23	New Debt Fundraising Platform	<p>Bursa Malaysia Berhad and RAM Holdings Berhad have officially launched a debt fundraising platform through a joint venture entity, Bursa Malaysia RAM Capital Sdn Bhd (BR Capital).</p> <p>The Securities Commission Malaysia concurred BR Capital's Go Live on 21 December 2023.</p> <p>The debt fundraising platform is designed to help small to mid-sized companies with fundraising needs of at least RM5.0 Million and a minimum tenure of one year raise funds through the issuance of credit-rated investment notes. This allows companies to access a new pool of capital beyond traditional wholesale markets and diversify their portfolios.</p> <p>The platform is currently in its initial roll-out phase, with onboarding open to a select group of prospective issuers and investors. Small to mid-sized companies and investors interested in participating are invited to email:- brcsupport@bursamalaysia.com.</p> <p>The broader investing public will be able to participate on the platform later in 2024. For further information, please visit https://brc.bursamalaysia.com/.</p>	Effective: N/A
 BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA <small>CENTRAL BANK OF MALAYSIA</small>	29.12.23	Responsibility Mapping	<p>Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) has released a policy document on Responsibility Mapping aimed at strengthening individual accountability of senior management members responsible for planning, directing or controlling financial institutions' activities. The policy document aims to promote actions and decisions consistent with good governance and sound risk management contributing to the long-term financial soundness of financial institutions.</p> <p>A feedback statement was issued alongside the policy document covering BNM's responses to key areas of comments received during the consultation period. The policy will come into effect on 1 January 2026.</p> <p><u>Superseded Policy:</u> Responsibility Mapping [BNM/RH/ED 028-13 issued on 26/12/2019].</p>	Effective: 01.01.26



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	31.12.23	Administrative Actions by Securities Commission Malaysia in 2023	<p>Administrative actions taken by the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) in 2023 are posted on its website and are available on the SC website at: -</p> <p>https://www.sc.com.my/regulation/enforcement/actions/administrative-actions/administrative-actions-in-2023</p>	Effective: N/A
	01.01.24	Questions and Answers on Transfer of ACE Market Listed Corporation to the Main Market via the Accelerated Transfer Process	<p>Bursa Malaysia Securities has informed that the Main Market Listing Requirements (Main LR) in Part D of Chapter 3 and Practice Note 22 will apply to eligible ACE Market listed corporations seeking to transfer to the Main Market under the accelerated transfer process.</p> <p>Bursa Malaysia Securities has also issued Questions and Answers to provide clarity and guidance on the procedures under the Main LR for the transfer of ACE Market listed corporations via the accelerated transfer process.</p>	Effective: 01.01.24
	16.01.24	<p>Launch of Bursa Malaysia's New Logo in</p> <p>Conjunction with the Introduction of Bursa</p> <p>Gold Dinar, MyBursa Customer Portal and Bursa Reach</p>	<p>Bursa Malaysia Berhad (Bursa Malaysia or the Exchange) has launched a new brand logo, a new product offering and several solutions to further develop the capital market. The new product offering and several solutions include the Bursa Gold Dinar app for gold as an investment asset, a new Customer Portal (MyBursa Customer Portal) and a platform called Bursa Reach to connect investors directly with dealer representatives/ remisiers. These initiatives were officiated by the Minister of Finance II, along with Securities Commission Malaysia Chairman, Bursa Malaysia Chairman and Bursa Malaysia Chief Executive Officer.</p> <p><u>New Bursa Malaysia logo</u></p> <p>Bursa Malaysia also unveiled a refreshed brand logo to symbolise its transformation into a multi-asset exchange. The new Bursa Malaysia logo builds on its heritage, evolving into a contemporary look with future-forward symbols stylising a progressive 'B' and 'M' for Bursa Malaysia. The logo retains the Exchange's colours of blue and red, which were derived from Malaysia's national flag to signify its mandate as a national exchange. Blue represents ethics, governance and principles while vivid red portrays boldness, customer-centricity and an innovative spirit for growth.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>	Effective: N/A



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			<p>Bursa Malaysia Chief Executive Officer said that the new Bursa Malaysia logo signifies the ongoing commitment the Exchange plays as a key enabler of Malaysia's growth and prosperity. He also highlighted the latest asset class addition offered by the Exchange and its rollout of new customer solutions. He emphasised the need to step up and innovate drawing in and delighting new customers into their markets and building relationships with them in a more engaging manner.</p> <p>Bursa Gold Dinar is a Shariah-compliant gold trading platform that offers digital convenience for investors to invest in physical gold through a mobile app. It is available to Malaysians and those residing in Malaysia who meet eligibility criteria, offering a trusted and secured gold investment opportunity. Bursa Gold Dinar offers extended trading hours to 11:50 p.m., seven days a week, with an investment entry-level as affordable as RM10 and the option to transfer gold to their loved ones. It also allows investors to redeem every 4.25g of gold owned into a physical, custom designed coin delivered to them. The Bursa Gold Dinar app can now be downloaded on the Apple App Store and will be made available on Google Play Store soon.</p> <p><u>MyBursa Customer Portal</u></p> <p>Bursa Malaysia has launched the MyBursa Customer Portal, a customer-centric web portal designed to provide a personalised experience for customers. The portal offers investment tools, research reports and other curated content to facilitate informed decision-making. Over time, MyBursa will evolve to include new features and services. MyBursa can be accessed at https://my.bursamalaysia.com/.</p> <p><u>Bursa Reach</u></p> <p>Bursa Reach is Malaysia's first profiling platform that connects dealer representatives (DRs) /remisiers with investors. The platform allows DRs/remisiers to showcase their skills and portfolios, allowing investors to select and engage with them directly for their investing needs. The Bursa Reach platform is now open to onboard DRs/remisiers and will be made accessible to retail investors later.</p> <p>Bursa Malaysia, a leading multi-asset exchange is committed to increasing market liquidity, promoting financial inclusion and wealth creation to propel economic growth. Bursa Malaysia has expanded its capital market offerings by operationalising its Bursa Carbon Exchange, trading carbon credits and aiming to add Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) by Q3 2024. The debt fundraising platform BR Capital, a joint venture together with RAM Holdings Berhad, has commenced operations in December 2023.</p>





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 <small>BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA CENTRAL BANK OF MALAYSIA</small>	18.01.24	Beware of postings that misuse Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM)'s name, logo or senior officer's name	<p>Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) has advised the public not to be deceived by videos, postings or messages that misuse its name, logo or senior officer's name.</p> <p>BNM has stated that it does not endorse any investment schemes and will take action against perpetrators.</p> <p>Members of the public can contact BNMLINK at https://bnmlink.bnm.gov.my/ when they are in doubt.</p>	Effective: N/A
 <small>Suruhanjaya Sekuriti Securities Commission Malaysia</small> <small>BURSA MALAYSIA</small>	19.01.24	Stock Market Fundamentals Remain Intact	<p>The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) and Bursa Malaysia are monitoring market conditions due to increased volatility in certain stocks.</p> <p>They assure investors that the Malaysian stock market fundamentals remain strong and there is no cause for concern. The recent decline in share prices is limited to a few small-cap stocks and not widespread. The affected stocks constitute around 0.17% of the total market capitalisation and 8.30% of total traded value for the year.</p> <p>Investors are advised to make informed investment decisions based on fundamentals and to continue referring to listed companies' disclosures and announcements on www.bursamalaysia.com, as well as their responses to Unusual Market Activity (UMA) queries.</p> <p>The SC and Bursa Malaysia conduct proactive surveillance of corporate transactions and disclosures, and real-time monitoring of trading activities to ensure an efficient, fair and orderly market. If irregularities are detected, they will take necessary regulatory actions to maintain market integrity.</p>	Effective: N/A

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	24.01.24	<p>Securities Commission Malaysia (SC)</p> <p>Invitation – Briefing Session on New Technology Risk Management Guidelines</p>	<p>The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) is hosting a briefing session on the recently released Guidelines on Technology Risk Management to provide industry players with deeper insights into the outlined requirements in the realm of technology risk management. The SC believe this briefing holds values for professionals in crucial roles that looking after the Technology Risk Management</p> <p>Therefore, the SC is asking for nominations of two representatives within their member organisations to attend the online session on 8 February 2024, from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm. The session will cover critical aspects of the new guidelines and provide ample opportunities for interactive discussions.</p> <p>To confirm the representative's attendance, please provide their name, designation, business email address and contact details by no later than EOB 31 January 2024 (Wednesday) via SC's link. For inquiries or further information, contact SC directly at cybersecurity@seccom.com.my. The SC looks forward to welcoming the nominated representative at the briefing session.</p>	Effective: N/A
	24.01.24	<p>Securities Commission Malaysia (SC)</p> <p>Charges Ex-Bank Analyst with Unlicensed Capital Market Activities and Misuse of 'Unit Trust Consultant' Title</p>	<p>The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) has charged a former bank analyst and business owner with two offences related to unlicensed capital market activities and misuse of the 'unit trust consultant' title.</p> <p>He was charged under section 59(1) of the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 (CMSA) for holding himself out as a representative in dealing in securities without a licence. If convicted, this offence carries a maximum fine of RM5 million or imprisonment for up to five years, or both.</p> <p>He was also charged under section 362(3) of the CMSA for using the title 'unit trust consultant', which created the belief that he was licensed to deal in securities. This offence carries a maximum fine of RM1 million or imprisonment of up to five years, or both, if convicted.</p> <p>Dealing in securities is a regulated activity as set out in Schedule 2 of the CMSA and any person carrying out this activity is required to be licensed by the SC.</p> <p>For complete details, please refer to the Securities Commission Malaysia's media release.</p>	Effective: N/A


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	26.01.24	Full Day Trading on the Eve of Chinese New Year; Closure of Bursa Malaysia in Conjunction with Chinese New Year 2024	<p>Bursa Malaysia will reinstate full day trading on the eve of Chinese New Year, 9 February 2024. This move follows industry consultation to enhance investor access to the market ahead of the festive period.</p> <p>Both securities and derivatives markets will be open under normal trading hours, but there will be no Bursa Malaysia Derivatives' T+1 night trading session on 9 February 2024.</p> <p>Bursa Malaysia and its subsidiaries will be open per normal business hours. Bursa Malaysia and its subsidiaries will close on 12 February 2024 in conjunction with the Chinese New Year 2024 national public holiday, and resume operations on 13 February 2024.</p>	Effective: N/A
	26.01.24	Full Trading Day on the Eve of Chinese New Year and Hari Raya Aidilfitri Holidays	<p>Bursa Malaysia and its subsidiaries will operate under normal trading hours on the eve of Chinese New Year and Hari Raya Aidilfitri, effective immediately. If the eve falls on a trading day, Bursa Malaysia Securities and Bursa Malaysia Derivatives will be open for trading for morning and afternoon sessions.</p> <p>However, there will be no Bursa Malaysia Derivatives' T+1 night trading session on the eve of a public holiday and the night of the public holiday.</p> <p>The clearing and settlement services provided by Bursa Malaysia Securities Clearing Sdn Bhd and Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Clearing Berhad will continue as usual on the eve of Chinese New Year and Hari Raya Aidilfitri Holidays.</p>	Effective: N/A
	30.01.24	Futu Malaysia Sdn Bhd (Futu Malaysia) Registration as a Participating Organisation (PO) of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (Bursa Securities)	Futu Malaysia will commence its operations as a Participating Organisation of Bursa Securities with effect from Monday, 5 February 2024.	Effective: 05.02.24
	30.01.24	Futu Malaysia Sdn Bhd (Futu Malaysia) Admission as Trading Clearing Participant (TCP) of Bursa Malaysia Securities Clearing Sdn Bhd (Bursa Clearing(s))	Futu Malaysia will commence its operations as a Trading Clearing Participant of Bursa Clearing(S) with effect from Monday, 5 February 2024.	Effective: 05.02.04


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	30.01.24	Futu Malaysia Sdn Bhd (Futu Malaysia) Appointment of an Authorised Depository Agent (ADA) of Bursa Malaysia Depository Sdn Bhd (Bursa Depository)	Futu Malaysia will commence its operations as an Authorised Depository Agent (ADA) of Bursa Depository with effect from Monday, 5 February 2024.	Effective: 05.02.24
	30.01.24	Futu Malaysia Sdn Bhd (Futu Malaysia) Registration as a Trading Participant (TP) of Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Berhad (Bursa Derivatives)	Futu Malaysia will commence its operations as a Trading Participant of Bursa Derivatives with effect from Monday, 11 March 2024.	Effective: 11.03.24
	30.01.24	Futu Malaysia Sdn Bhd (Futu Malaysia) Admission as a General Clearing Participant (GCP) of Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Clearing Berhad (Bursa Clearing(D))	Futu Malaysia will commence its operations as a General Clearing Participant of Bursa Clearing (D) with effect from Monday, 11 March 2024.	Effective: 11.03.24
	05.02.24	Capital Markets and Services (Amendment of Schedules 5, 6 and 7) Order 2024 and SC's Guidelines on Categories of Sophisticated Investors	<p>Until 4 February 2024, sophisticated investors were defined in Part I of Schedules 6 and 7 of the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 (CMSA).</p> <p>However, on 5 February 2024, the Capital Markets and Services (Amendment of Schedules 5, 6 and 7) Order 2024 amended Schedules 5, 6, and 7 of the CMSA. The Order replaced Schedules 6 and 7 with new schedules that excluded the previous Part I and replaced references in paragraphs 1(a), 14(a) and 27 of Schedule 5 and in the relevant provisions of Schedules 6 and 7 to sophisticated investors as specified in Part 1 of Schedules 6 and 7 with sophisticated investors as determined by the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) in any guidelines issued under section 377 of the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 (CMSA).</p> <p>The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) issued the Guidelines on Categories of Sophisticated Investors on 5 February 2024. The Guidelines took effect immediately upon its date of issuance, and categories of sophisticated investors in securities laws will be determined by reference to the Guidelines.</p>	Effective: 05.02.24



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			<p>The Guidelines apply to an issuer of a capital market product or a capital market intermediary who wishes to make available, offer for subscription or purchase, or issue an invitation to subscribe or purchase, a capital market product to a sophisticated investor.</p> <p>The Guidelines categorise sophisticated investors into three categories, namely Accredited Investor, High-Net Worth Entity (HNWE) and High-Net Worth Individual (HNWI). These categories are similar to those under previous Part I of Schedules 6 and 7 of the CMSA, except for the introduction of three new categories of High Net Worth Individuals (HNWI) based on an individual's academic qualification and work experience, and the expansion of previous categories to include assets, income, investments of a child and the net value of the primary residence. The three new categories of HNWI have been introduced under Part (c) of paragraph 5.01 of the Guidelines.</p> <p>Paragraph 5.02 of the Guidelines require a sophisticated investor to self-declare confirming that he satisfies the relevant criteria under paragraph 5.01 at the point of onboarding.</p>	
 <p>Suruhanjaya Sekuriti Securities Commission Malaysia</p>	05.02.24	<p>Technical Note No.1/2024 – Clarification on Offering of Capital Market Products to Persons Under Paragraphs 1(b) And 14(b) Of Schedule 5, and Paragraph 11 Of Schedules 6 and 7 of the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 (CMSA)</p>	<p>On 5 February 2024, Securities Commission Malaysia issued a Technical Note No.1/2024 clarifies the offering of capital market products to persons under paragraphs 1(b) and 14(b) of Schedule 5 and paragraph 11 of Schedules 6 and 7 of the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 (CMSA).</p> <p>The Technical Note should be read together with the revised Schedules 5, 6 and 7 of the CMSA, as amended by the Capital Markets and Services (Amendment of Schedules 5, 6 and 7) Order 2024, which clarify the RM250,000 investment ticket size for subsequent same product investments.</p> <p>Paragraphs 1(b) and 14(b) of Schedule 5, and paragraph 11 of Schedules 6 and 7 provide an exemption from requirements under sections 212 and 232 CMSA for persons who acquire capital market products with a consideration of not less than RM250,000 or its equivalent in foreign currencies for each transaction. This exemption is based on the fact that a person who can invest RM250,000 should also be able to appoint a professional to advise on the transaction or have the means to take necessary action if the product no longer meets the investor's investment objective.</p>	<p>Effective: N/A</p>

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			<p>The exemption will continue to apply to subsequent investments, even if the consideration for the subsequent investment is less than RM250,000 or its equivalent in foreign currencies (the Threshold Amount) provided that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the initial investment amount was for a consideration of not less than the Threshold Amount (first time purchase of the product); (b) any redemption or disposal by the person prior to the subsequent investment does not result in the initial investment amount falling below the Threshold Amount; and (c) the subsequent investment at less than the Threshold Amount is made with respect to the same product. <p>The term same product in paragraph (c) is not applicable to corporate bonds with multiple tranches under a programme, and in a wholesale fund, it refers to the same fund the person initially invested in.</p>	
	05.02.24	<p>Technical Note No.1/2021 - Categories of High-Net Worth Individuals and High-Net Worth Entities Under Schedules 6 and 7 of the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007</p>	<p>Effective 5 February 2024, the Technical Note No.1/2021 on Categories of High-Net Worth Individuals and High-Net Worth Entities Under Schedules 6 and 7 of the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 has been deleted and incorporated into the Guidelines on Categories of Sophisticated Investors with modifications.</p>	Effective: 05.02.24

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	05.02.24	<p>Technical Note No. 1/2014 - Clarification or operationalisation of CMSA provisions in relation to approval and prospectus requirements, licensed persons, registered persons and unit trust schemes</p>	<p>On 5 February 2024, the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) issued a revised Technical Note No. 1/2014 as part of its commitment towards an efficient and effective regulatory environment in facilitating industry on its compliance with securities laws provisions. The revisions made to the Technical Note No.1/2014 are set out below: -</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #D3D3D3;"> <th style="width: 5%;">No.</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Prior to 5 February 2024</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Revised Version Dated 5 February 2024</th> <th style="width: 45%;">Comments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1.</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Section A Paragraph 1.10</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Section A Paragraph 1.10</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended "paragraph 32 of Schedule 6 and paragraph 32 of Schedule 7 of the CMSA" to "paragraph 15 of Schedule 6 and paragraph 15 of Schedule 7 of the CMSA". </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2.</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Section A Paragraph 1.11</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Section A Paragraph 1.11</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended "paragraph 32 of Schedule 6 and paragraph 32 of Schedule 7 of the CMSA" to "paragraph 15 of Schedule 6 and paragraph 15 of Schedule 7 of the CMSA". </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">3.</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Section C Paragraph 6.01</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Section C Paragraph 6.01</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended "The management company is required to submit the Application to Act as a Management Company (SC/MC Form) to the SC" to "The company is required to submit the requisite application form as published on SC's website to the SC". </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Technical Note should be read together with the relevant Schedules in the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 (CMSA) and guidelines issued by the SC.</p>	No.	Prior to 5 February 2024	Revised Version Dated 5 February 2024	Comments	1.	Section A Paragraph 1.10	Section A Paragraph 1.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended "paragraph 32 of Schedule 6 and paragraph 32 of Schedule 7 of the CMSA" to "paragraph 15 of Schedule 6 and paragraph 15 of Schedule 7 of the CMSA". 	2.	Section A Paragraph 1.11	Section A Paragraph 1.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended "paragraph 32 of Schedule 6 and paragraph 32 of Schedule 7 of the CMSA" to "paragraph 15 of Schedule 6 and paragraph 15 of Schedule 7 of the CMSA". 	3.	Section C Paragraph 6.01	Section C Paragraph 6.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended "The management company is required to submit the Application to Act as a Management Company (SC/MC Form) to the SC" to "The company is required to submit the requisite application form as published on SC's website to the SC". 	Effective; N/A
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			<p>Sophisticated Investors. The definition of sophisticated investors has been updated to align with these guidelines and the category of sophisticated investors has been expanded.</p> <p><u>Revised Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework (Issued on 5 February 2024)</u></p> <p>The revised guidelines on unlisted capital market products issued on 5 February 2024 include several amendments. Firstly, the introduction of new categories of sophisticated investors as set out in the Guidelines on Categories of Sophisticated Investors has been incorporated. Secondly, changes have been made to enhance clarity regarding the auditor's requirements for the financial statement of a local wholesale fund included in the annual report. Lastly, throughout the guidelines, there have been housekeeping amendments to improve clarity and consistency, such as stylistic or formatting changes and editorial changes. Specific amendments include the amended definition of sophisticated investor and repositioning of certain requirements for better clarity. Additionally, new guidance has been inserted to clarify the name of a wholesale fund.</p> <p><u>Revised Licensing Handbook (Issued on 5 February 2024)</u></p> <p>The Licensing Handbook revised on 5 February 2024 includes the following key amendments:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The introduction of categories of sophisticated investors as set out in the Guidelines on Categories of Sophisticated Investors. • Housekeeping amendments throughout the handbook for clarity and consistency, including stylistic or formatting and editorial changes. <p>Specific amendments were made to Chapter 1, where the definition of sophisticated investors was aligned with the Guidelines on Categories of Sophisticated Investors, and to Chapter 2, where references to sophisticated investors were also aligned and made consistent with current practices.</p> <p><u>Revised Guidelines on Offer of Shares by Unlisted Public Companies to Sophisticated Investors (Issued on 5 February 2024)</u></p> <p>The revised Guidelines on Offer of Shares by Unlisted Public Companies to Sophisticated Investors (issued on 5 February 2024) include key amendments. Firstly, the introduction of categories of sophisticated investors is reflected in the Guidelines. Secondly, housekeeping amendments were made throughout the Guidelines to improve clarity and consistency, including stylistic or formatting and editorial changes. In addition, the definition of sophisticated investor</p>



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			<p>was amended to align with the Guidelines on Categories of Sophisticated Investors.</p> <p><u>Revised Guidelines on Exchange-Traded Funds (Issued on 5 February 2024)</u></p> <p>Revised Guidelines on Exchange-Traded Funds were issued on 5 February 2024. Key amendments include the reflection of categories of sophisticated investors as set out in the Guidelines on Categories of Sophisticated Investors. Additionally, housekeeping amendments were made throughout the Guidelines to improve clarity and consistency. These changes include stylistic or formatting and editorial changes. Chapter 10, specifically Paragraph 10.02, was amended to align with the Guidelines on Categories of Sophisticated Investors and Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad's Directives on Trading in Leveraged and Inverse Exchange Traded Funds No 7.40-001. Part IV also received an inserted new Guidance, clarifying that the ETF's name and class of units should be appropriate and not misleading.</p> <p><u>Revised Guidelines on the Registration of Venture Capital and Private Equity Corporations and Management Corporations (Issued on 5 February 2024)</u></p> <p>The revised Guidelines on the Registration of Venture Capital and Private Equity Corporations and Management Corporations issued on 5 February 2024, have been updated to include the introduction of sophisticated investor categories as set out in the Guidelines on Categories of Sophisticated Investors. The definition of sophisticated investor in Chapter 2, Paragraph 2.01, has been amended to align with these guidelines.</p> <p><u>Revised Guidelines for the Offering, Marketing and Distribution of Foreign Funds (Issued on 5 February 2024)</u></p> <p>The revised Guidelines for the Offering, Marketing and Distribution of Foreign Funds were issued on 5 February 2024. Key amendments include the inclusion of categories of sophisticated investors from the Guidelines on Categories of Sophisticated Investors. The amendments also involve housekeeping changes to enhance clarity and consistency, such as stylistic or formatting and editorial changes. The definition of sophisticated investor was amended to align with the Guidelines on Categories of Sophisticated Investors. Additionally, specific amendments were made to Appendix 4, ensuring alignment with the Guidelines. A new paragraph was also inserted to provide greater clarity on determining related corporation.</p>	



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			<p><u>Revised Guidelines on Contracts for Difference (Issued on 5 February 2024)</u></p> <p>The revised Guidelines on Contracts for Difference (CFD) have been amended to incorporate the introduction of sophisticated investor categories set out in the Guidelines on Categories of Sophisticated Investors. Housekeeping amendments were made throughout the Guidelines to improve clarity and consistency, including stylistic or formatting and editorial changes. Amendments to the definitions of sophisticated investor, CFD, and PHS were also made to align with the Guidelines on Categories of Sophisticated Investors and provide further clarity.</p> <p><u>Revised Guidelines on Digital Assets (Issued: 5 February 2024)</u></p> <p>The revised Guidelines on Digital Assets issued on 5 February 2024 include key amendments. Firstly, the introduction of categories of sophisticated investors in line with the Guidelines on Categories of Sophisticated Investors has been incorporated. Secondly, housekeeping amendments were made throughout the Guidelines to improve clarity and consistency. These amendments include stylistic or formatting and editorial changes. Furthermore, a new definition of sophisticated investor has been added to Chapter 4, aligning with the expanded category of sophisticated investors. Lastly, a footnote in Paragraph 19.05(a) of Chapter 19 has been deleted and included under Definitions.</p>	
 <small>BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA CENTRAL BANK OF MALAYSIA</small>	05.02.24	<p>Policy Document on Anti-Money Laundering, Countering Financing of Terrorism, Countering Proliferation Financing and Targeted Financial Sanctions for Financial Institutions</p>	<p>The Anti-Money Laundering (AML), Countering Financing of Terrorism (CFT), Countering Proliferation Financing (CPF) and Targeted Financial Sanctions (TFS) for Financial Institutions (AML/CFT/CPF and TFS for FIs) policy document is a revision of the AML/CFT and TFS for FIs policy document, which was issued on 31 December 2019.</p> <p>This policy document updates the Financial Action Task Force's Standards, clarifying AML/CFT/CPF requirements for reporting institutions. Reporting institutions are required to implement a risk-based approach in managing ML/TF/PF risks and comply with the TFS requirements.</p> <p>Reporting institution means a person carrying on regulated activities or registered under the CMSA as specified under the First Schedule of the AMLA.</p> <p>Compliance to the requirements outlined in this policy document shall take effect immediately, unless otherwise specified by Bank Negara Malaysia.</p>	<p>Effective: 06.02.24</p>

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 BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA <small>CENTRAL BANK OF MALAYSIA</small>	07.02.24	Exposure Draft on Islamic Banking Window	<p>The Exposure Draft sets out Bank Negara Malaysia's proposed enhancements to the <i>Guidelines on Skim Perbankan Islam</i>, outlining authorisation, governance, prudential and operational regulatory requirements for the Islamic Banking Window.</p> <p>Bank Negara Malaysia is seeking written feedback on the exposure draft proposals, including suggestions for specific issues, clarifications and alternative proposals. The feedback should be supported with clear rationale, evidence or illustrations to facilitate an effective review of the exposure draft.</p> <p>The exposure draft feedback must be electronically submitted by 31 March 2024 to haq@bnm.gov.my. Submissions received may be made public on anonymous basis unless confidentiality is specifically requested for the whole or any part of the submission.</p>	Effective: N/A
 Suruhanjaya Sekuriti <small>Securities Commission Malaysia</small>	08.02.24	Guidelines on Islamic Capital Market Products and Services	<p>The revised Guidelines on Islamic Capital Market Products and Services (Guidelines) issued on 8 February 2024 have made several key amendments. These amendments include providing clarity on the process and application of certain requirements such as the application for withdrawal of registration by Shariah adviser, clarity on clients' assets and the applicability of requirements for recognized market operators.</p> <p>Additionally, there have been editorial amendments to improve clarity and rephrase and renumber certain requirements. Highlights of the amendments include the insertion of a definition for ICN (means Islamic convertible note) in Paragraph 3.01 and an amended Paragraph 9.06 that prescribes the method for submission of withdrawal of registration.</p> <p>In the amendment, the term 'clients' assets' was changed to 'clients' monies' in Paragraph 15.03 and 15.04. The guidance box was deleted as a result of this change. Additionally, Paragraph 15.04 expanded the requirement to include clients' monies for non-ringgit transactions. In Paragraph 22.01, the term 'Eligible Issuer' was deleted as it is already mentioned in the <i>Guidelines on Unlisted Capital Market Products under the Lodge and Launch Framework</i>. The term 'Islamic convertible note (ICN)' was also deleted as it is defined in Chapter 3.</p> <p>Highlights of the other amendments include: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A new paragraph 23.08A clarifies that a RMO providing e-services does not need to appoint a Shariah adviser. ○ Paragraphs 23.01 and 23.10: The terms Eligible Issuer and Islamic convertible notes are substituted with issuer of Islamic structured product and ICN respectively. 	Effective: 08.02.24

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paragraph 24.02 is amended to clarify that the requirement only applies to issuers under an obligation to appoint a compliance officer. ○ Paragraphs 28.01 and 28.02: The terms Eligible Issuer and Islamic convertible notes are substituted with issuer of Islamic structured product and ICN respectively. ○ Guidance to paragraph 30.03 is removed and set out as a new paragraph 30.04A for clarity. <p>A new Paragraph 38.00 has been inserted to clarify that it does not apply to a Recognized Market Operator (RMO) providing e-services on or through its platform. Appendix 4A introduces new forms 4(a) and 4(b). Form 4(a) is to be submitted by individual Shariah advisers upon registration withdrawal, while form 4(b) is for corporate Shariah advisers</p>	
	13.02.24	<p>CGS International Securities Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. Change of Name</p> <p>CGS International Futures Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. Change of Name</p>	<p><u>Change of Name</u></p> <p>CGS-CIMB Securities Sdn. Bhd. has changed its name to CGS International Securities Malaysia Sdn. Bhd., effective 5 February 2024.</p> <p>CGS-CIMB Futures Sdn. Bhd. has changed its name to CGS International Futures Malaysia Sdn. Bhd., effective 5 February 2024.</p>	<p>Effective: 05.02.24</p>
	13.02.24	<p>Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) Wins Insider Trading Civil Case</p>	<p>In a recent ruling, the High Court found an individual guilty of insider trading. The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) successfully proved its claim against him in a civil suit filed in 2021. As a result, this individual has been ordered to pay the SC, which is three times the profits he gained from the insider trading breach.</p> <p>He is also required to pay a civil penalty and additional costs. This individual violated section 188(2)(a) of the Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 (CMSA) by acquiring shares while possessing inside information about proposed privatisation.</p> <p>In addition, the High Court has barred him from holding positions as a CEO, director or being involved in the management of a public listed company and/or a subsidiary of a public listed company for five years, starting from the court judgment on 13 February 2024. He is also prohibited from trading in any securities on Bursa Malaysia during the same period.</p> <p>Insider trading is a serious misconduct in the capital market. The SC's continuous enforcement against insider trading reflects its commitment to combat misconduct that undermines the integrity of the capital markets.</p> <p>For complete details, please refer to the Securities Commission Malaysia's media release.</p>	<p>Effective: N/A</p>