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Chief Executive Officer
All Investment Firms
Manama
Kingdom of Bahrain

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Issuance of Regulations on New Category 4 Investment Firm License

As part of the CBB's objective in enhancing its regulatory framework, the CBB is hereby introducing a new license category for investment business firms, "category 4 investment firms". Category 4 investment firms are permitted to operate and manage collective investment undertakings (CIUs) targeted at accredited investors only.

In this respect, the CBB is issuing a new module on "Category 4 Investment Firms (Module C4)" to address the CBB requirements relevant to the new license category. In addition to the said module, category 4 investment firms are subject to the Principles of Business Module (Module PB), the Financial Crime Module (Module FC), the Enforcement Module (Module EN) and relevant Sections of the Authorisation Module (Module AU).

The CBB is also issuing a single integrated application for authorisation (see attached) which in due course will be converted to a fully online application.

The new requirements are effective immediately and shall be available on the CBB website under CBB Rulebook Volume 4 in due course.

Should you have any further queries on this matter, please contact your supervisory point of contact at the CBB.

Yours faithfully,

Rasheed M. Al-Maraj
Governor

cc: External Audit Firms
cc: Law Firms