

DFSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Summary of Outcomes

The DFSA Board of Directors met by video conference on **28 October 2020**.

The Chairman's Overview

The Chairman gave his customary overview. He commented on the prevailing resilience of the DIFC.

The Chairman reported on his recent engagement with several counterparts and key stakeholders in the region and around the world. He noted that the DFSA has an exceptional record of international engagement due to the time, effort and resources that have been invested in this area over the last 15 years.

The Chairman reflected on the challenges of the year so far and the time ahead and commented on the key role that senior management are playing to support staff during this period.

Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive provided an update on key policy matters, as well as regulatory and operational matters.

He reported on several matters, including: panel discussions at the International Conference of Banking Supervisors; Basel Consultative Group discussions on the proportionality of prudential regulation; the operational resilience of the financial services firms in the DIFC; FinTech and the DFSA's Innovation Testing Licence Programme; the DFSA's Money Services regime; the DFSA's Cyber Threat Intelligence Platform; markets developments; HR issues; and the DFSA's continued close engagement with key stakeholders and relevant government departments.

The General Counsel advised the Board of a recent judgement in favour of the DFSA concerning the DIFC Data Protection Law and the outcome of two recent references to the Financial Markets Tribunal, where the DFSA's decisions had been upheld.

Chief Operating Officer's Report and Divisional Updates

The Chief Operating Officer briefed the Board on the progress of FATF-related work in the UAE.

The Head Enforcement briefed the Board on key developments within his Division.

Committee Activity

On the recommendation of the Legislative Committee, the Board approved and made proposed legislative reforms on which the Executive sought public comment under Consultation Paper 133: The Future of Finance: Venture Capital.

The Legislative Committee approved the release of:

- Consultation Paper 134, which sets out proposals to make amendments to the DFSA's current solvency regime applicable to Captive Insurers;
- Consultation Paper 135, which sets out proposals to provide an appropriate level of protection to retail clients to whom regulated firms offer facilities to trade in highly leveraged over-the-counter derivative products, or market such products; and
- Consultation Paper 136, which sets out the DFSA's proposals to make a number of amendments to the DFSA's policy framework, as expressed in the DFSA Rulebook and the Regulatory Law.

The Risk Committee received an update on the work being conducted on the DFSA's crisis management framework. The Committee also discussed the risks arising from non-regulated DIFC firms and other broad categories of risk.

The Board approved the implementation of the 2021 remuneration strategy on the recommendation of the Remuneration Committee. The Committee discussed HR issues and market conditions and received an update on Emiratisation. The Committee also discussed and approved changes to various HR policies.

There were no meetings of the Audit Committee or the Emirati Working Group.

Other Matters

Other DFSA confidential matters were discussed by the Board.

The next meeting of the Board will be on 16 December 2020.