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The Regulatory & Compliance Update is published by Renaissance Regulatory Services for its clients' legal, compliance, senior management, and supervisory personnel.

This memorandum is distributed to RRS clients at no charge and includes "hot topics" of focus by regulators and of interest to compliance professionals. The document is intended to provide reminders of regulatory matters that were released or issued during the previous month.

The information contained in this publication was compiled from various regulatory releases and is believed to be true and correct as of the date of distribution. Many regulatory issues are subject to interpretations that can change as industry rules and regulations change, and as compliance issues evolve. Readers are cautioned to consider their individual situations and are encouraged to contact RRS staff for guidance on any issues. The information is not intended as legal or accounting advice, which can only be provided by a duly qualified attorney or certified public accountant.

## Hot Topics

### EVENTS

- **DEADLINE:** Monthly FOCUS filing due December 23<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- **DEADLINE:** Monthly SIS filing due December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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## Service Spotlight: BD and IA Renewal Filings

All electronic form filings via IARD and Web CRD® are due **December 18, 2015, 6 p.m. Eastern Time** prior to the year-end renewal processing shutdown. All post-dated filings must be dated for registration termination to take effect on December 31, 2015. If you need assistance with any of these filings please call us at (561) 368-2245.

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## SEC

### SEC Announces:

Whistleblower Award of More Than \$325,000 ([Link](#))

Agenda and Panelists for Small Business Forum ([Link](#))

### SEC Proposes:

Rules to Enhance Transparency and Oversight of Alternative Trading Systems ([Link](#))

### SEC Charges:

Private Equity Firm and four executives with failing to disclose conflicts of interest ([Link](#))

False Tweets Sent Two Stocks Reeling in Market Manipulation ([Link](#))

Pump-and-Dump in a Coffee Stock ([Link](#))

Political Intelligence Firm ([Link](#))

### List of No Action Letters:

Securities Act of 1933 — Rule 482 Investment Company Institute, et al. ([Link](#))

## ***Anti-money Laundering Programs***

RRS provides a comprehensive suite of services to aid in AML compliance, AML Program development, testing, training and surveillance for broker-dealers, investment advisers and other financial institutions.

- Program Development
- Customer Identification
- Enhanced Due Diligence
- OFAC Compliance
- BSA Compliance
- Suspicious Activity Surveillance
- SAR/CTR Reporting
- Program Testing
- Training Plans and Presentations

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### **Mutual Fund Adviser Advertised False Performance Claims**

The SEC announced that an investment firm agreed to pay \$16.5 million to settle charges that it misled mutual fund investors and others with

advertisements containing false historical performance data about AlphaSector, a major ETF portfolio strategy. ([Link](#))

### **Custody rule violators settle charges**

The SEC announced that an investment advisory firm, two owners, and a former chief compliance officer have agreed to settle charges that the firm again violated the custody rule after being reprimanded for violations only a few years before. ([Link](#))

### **Assets Frozen in Alleged Immigration Scam**

The SEC announced it has obtained a court order freezing the assets of a South Florida woman and her company accused of purchasing a boat and luxury cars with money she raised from investors seeking U.S. residency through the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Pilot Program. ([Link](#))

### **SEC Identifies More Alleged Corrupt Brokers in Stock Manipulation Case**

The SEC announced it has identified three additional individuals to charge in a penny stock manipulation case the agency filed last year against alleged corrupt brokers and others. ([Link](#))

### **Bryan Bennett Named to Head Exam Program in Los Angeles Office**

The SEC announced that it has named Bryan Bennett to lead the examination program in its Los Angeles Regional Office. Mr. Bennett has been an assistant director in the Los Angeles examination program since January. ([Link](#))

### **Olivier Girod Named SEC Deputy Director of Office of Support Operations**

The SEC announced Olivier Girod has been named Deputy Director of the Office of Support Operations (OSO). Mr. Girod will support building operations, records management, business management, security, and Freedom of Information Act services. ([Link](#))

### **Marc Wyatt Named Director of the Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations**

The announced that it has named Marc Wyatt as Director of the agency's Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations (OCIE) and leader of its National Exam Program. ([Link](#))

### **Sanket Bulsara Named Deputy General Counsel for Appellate Litigation and Adjudication**

The SEC announced that it has named Sanket J. Bulsara as the Deputy General Counsel for Appellate Litigation and Adjudication. He succeeds Michael A. Conley who has been appointed as SEC Solicitor. ([Link](#))

### **Atlanta Businessman Charged in Nursing Home Investment Scheme**

The SEC announced fraud charges and an emergency asset freeze obtained against an Atlanta-based businessman accused of misusing investor funds raised to purchase and renovate senior living facilities. ([Link](#))

### **Stockbroker Stole Investor Money for Home Renovations**

The SEC announced fraud charges against a former stockbroker accused of stealing investor money to remodel his house and pay other bills. ([Link](#))

### **Former Employee Charged With Insider Trading Before Mergers**

The SEC announced insider trading charges against a former investment banking firm employee accused of stealing nonpublic information in the firm's e-mail system so he could trade illegally in advance of client mergers and make more than \$450,000 in illicit profits. ([Link](#))

## **FINRA**

### **FINRA Fines:**

A brokerage firm \$2.6 Million for Significant Failures in Required Electronic Records and Email Retention ([Link](#))

A large bank \$1.4 Million for Violating Regulation SHO and Short Interest Reporting Rules ([Link](#))

### **Regulatory Notices:**

[15-42](#) FINRA to Require Electronic Submission of Subordination Approval Requests

[15-43](#) FINRA Files Rule with SEC for Authority to designate firms for mandatory participation in FINRA's business continuity/disaster recovery testing, as required by regulation SCI

[15-44](#) FINRA and ISG extend effective date for certain electronic blue sheet data elements

[15-45](#) FINRA announces approval of and implementation date for securities trader and securities trader principal registration categories and related qualification examination, fee and continuing education requirements

### **BD and IA Services**

RRS provides a full range of services to assist broker-dealers and investment advisers' registration. With renewals ready to begin the first week of November, contact RRS to sign up for our services.

For more information contact John Pinto at (202) 463-6575 or [JohnPinto@RRSCompliance.com](mailto:JohnPinto@RRSCompliance.com)

[15-46](#) Guidance on best execution obligations in equity, options and fixed income markets

[15-47](#) SEC approves amendments to require firms to add a no-remuneration indicator in TRACE trade report

[15-48](#) SEC approves amendments to publish OTC equity volume executed outside alternative trading systems

### **Information Notices:**

#### **CE Online and S101 Personalization**

This Notice advises firms and registered representatives of several upcoming changes to the S101 Regulatory Element CE Program. ([Link](#))

#### **ASK ABOUT OUR ORDER HANDLING AND BEST**

#### **EXECUTION SURVEILLANCE SOLUTIONS**

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### **FINRA reminds firms of exercise cut-off time for weekly options expiring on the Friday after Thanksgiving**

The national options exchanges are closing which will modify the exercise cut-off time for expiring weekly options. ([Link](#))

### **FINRA Conferences & Events:**

2016 FINRA Cybersecurity Conference ([Link](#))

2016 FINRA Annual Conference ([Link](#))

### **FINRA Issues Investor Alert—Tools of the Fake IRS Scam: Phones and Emotions**

The FINRA issued a new Investor Alert—Tools of the Fraud Trade: Phones and Emotions—to warn investors not to send money or provide personal information associated with a widespread Internal Revenue Service impersonation scam that is timed to coincide with the recent deadline for anyone who filed a federal tax extension this past April. ([Link](#))

### **FINRA Files Complaint Charging a brokerage firm President with Fraud**

The FINRA announced that it has filed a complaint against the brokerage firm and its President, charging fraud in connection with the sales and subsequent extensions of more than \$8 million of COP in five promissory notes. ([Link](#))

## **MSRB**

### **MSRB Regulatory Notices for March 2015:**

[2015-20](#) MSRB Adopts Rule Requiring Participation in Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Testing

[2015-21](#) SEC Approves Amendments to MSRB Rule G-20 on Gifts, Gratuities and Non-Cash Compensation and Related Amendments to MSRB Rule G-8

[2015-22](#) Request for Comment on Changes to MSRB Rules to Facilitate Shortening the Securities Settlement Cycle

[2015-23](#) MSRB Provides Implementation Guidance on MSRB Rule G-18, on Best Execution

### **MSRB Provides Implementation Guidance on Best-Execution Rule**

The MSRB published implementation guidance to assist municipal securities dealers in complying with the MSRB's new rule on "best execution" for municipal securities transactions, taking effect March 21, 2016. ([Link](#))

### **MSRB Publishes Compliance Advisory for Municipal Advisors**

The MSRB published its first Compliance Advisory for Municipal Advisors, developed to assist municipal advisors with understanding and implementing the regulatory framework created by the MSRB as a result of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. ([Link](#))

### **MSRB Mandates Regulated Entity Participation in Business Continuity Testing**

The MSRB filed with the SEC, for immediate effectiveness, new MSRB Rule A-18 to require certain entities regulated by the MSRB to participate in its business continuity and disaster recovery plan testing. ([Link](#))

### ***Broker-dealer Compliance Support***

RRS' regulatory and compliance consulting and support solutions for broker-dealers' includes:

- SEC/FINRA compliance examinations
- AML program development and reviews
- Annual compliance meetings
- Written supervisory policies and procedures
- Regulatory mandates
- Compliance programs and training
- Code of ethics

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### **MSRB to Implement Gifts Rule for Municipal Advisors**

The MSRB has received approval from the SEC to limit the size and nature of gifts given by municipal advisors in their professional capacity advising state and local governments. ([Link](#))

### **MSRB Requests Comment on Shortening the Settlement Cycle for Municipal Securities**

The MSRB is seeking public comment on a proposal to facilitate shortening the settlement cycle for transactions in municipal securities in response to a securities industry-led initiative to shift the current settlement cycle for all fixed-income and equity securities from T+3 (trade date plus three days) to T+2 (trade date plus two days). ([Link](#))

### **Patrick Sweeney Joins MSRB Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors of the MSRB announced that Patrick Sweeney has joined the Board of Directors. The 21-member Board of Directors makes policy decisions, authorizes rulemaking, enhances market transparency systems and oversees operations of the MSRB. ([Link](#))

### **Municipal Securities Trading Volume Falls to Lowest Level in 10 Years**

The MSRB released municipal market statistics for the third quarter of 2015, showing the lowest par amount traded since at least 2005, when the MSRB first began collecting real-time trade data. ([Link](#))

### **MSRB Announces Members of Investor Advisory Group**

The MSRB announced the names of the members of its 2016 Investor Advisory Group, which was created recently to provide the MSRB's Board of Directors with access to additional expertise on municipal market practices, transparency and investor protection issues. ([Link](#))

## **NASAA**

### **NASAA cautions investors about 'The Next Big Thing'**

The NASAA issued an advisory reminding investors to be cautious when considering investing in three products recently making news: marijuana-related investments, binary options and digital currency. ([Link](#))

### **IARD System Fee Waiver Announced for Investment Adviser Firms**

The NASAA announced the waiver of the IARD system fees for investment adviser firms and the continuation of substantially reduced initial set-up and annual system fees paid by IARs. ([Link](#))

## **NASDAQ—NASDAQ-TRADER—**

## **OTCBB**

### **Equity Regulatory Alert:**

[2015 – 5](#) NASDAQ Announces Regulation SCI BC/DR Testing

### **Equity Trader Alert:**

[2015 – 173](#) Name/Symbol/CUSIP Changes and Reverse Split for CollabRx

[2015 – 174](#) NASDAQ to Begin Listing FactorShares Fund

[2015 – 175](#) NASDAQ to Begin Listing First Trust Fund

[2015 – 176](#) NASDAQ Chicago DR Data Center Migration Final UAT testing

[2015 – 177](#) NASDAQ to Begin Listing Two PowerShares Funds

[2015 – 178](#) NASDAQ will Add Good Till Cancel (GTC) Time in Force

[2015 – 179](#) Reverse Split and CUSIP Change for Capstone Turbine Corporation

### ***Did you know? IA AML Obligations...***

Investment Advisers (including registered and unregistered hedge funds) should keep in mind that although the Patriot Act does not specifically apply to them, they are responsible if one of their clients is on any of the SDN or OFAC lists. OFAC has jurisdiction over any individual, regardless of citizenship, who is physically located anywhere in the US, and American citizens and permanent resident aliens located anywhere in the world. If a hedge fund opens an account for a person or firm sanctioned by the US or residing in a country sanctioned by the US, the Fund would be violating US laws. Therefore, such firms need to have robust OFAC procedures even though they are not specifically subject to the AML requirements under the Patriot Act (yet).

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[2015 – 180](#) NASDAQ Enhances Lead Market Maker Programs

[2015 – 181](#) Reverse Split and CUSIP Change for Proshares UltraPro NASDAQ Biotechnology ETF

[2015 – 182](#) NASDAQ U.S. Markets will be closed

[2015 – 183](#) NASDAQ to Observe a Moment of Silence

[2015 – 184](#) Tick Size Pilot Data Collection Rule Proposals

[2015 – 185](#) Reverse Split and CUSIP Change for AEterna Zentaris Inc.

[2015 – 186](#) NASDAQ Announces 2016 Saturday Testing Schedule

[2015 – 187](#) NASDAQ to Begin Listing FlexShares Fund

[2015 – 188](#) Reverse Split and CUSIP Change for Vringo, Inc. Common Stock (VRNG)

### **Data Technical News:**

[2015 – 26](#) Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. to Begin Listing on NASDAQ

[2015 – 27](#) NASDAQ U.S. Proprietary Data Feed Schedules

### **Options Trader Alert:**

[2015 – 28](#) BX Options Introduces Price Improvement Mechanism

[2015 – 29](#) PHLX Notifies Participants of Issue with Acceptable Trade Range Re-Pricing and Execution

[2015 – 30](#) BX Options Updates the System Settings Page

[2015 – 31](#) BX Options Introduces Pricing for Order Exposure Alerts

[2015 – 32](#) BX Options Introduces Pricing for PRISM

### **Options Regulatory Alert:**

[2015 – 33](#) NASDAQ Announces Regulation SCI BC/DR Testing

[2015 – 34](#) NOM Bid/Ask Differentials for "PCLN" Options Class

[2015 – 35](#) PHLX Bid/Ask Differentials for "NDX" and "PCLN" Option Classes

[2015 – 36](#) Expiring Exercise Declaration Submissions

### **UTP Vendor Alert:**

[2015 – 15](#) BATS BZX Exchange, BYX Exchange, EDGA Exchange, and EDGX Exchange: Modified Operational Hours

[2015 – 16](#) UTP SIP Early Close Schedule

[2015 – 17](#) National Stock Exchange (NSX) Reactivation in UTP (Participant ID 'C'): UPDATE

[2015 – 18](#) Launch of Investors' Exchange LLC (IEX) as a New Participant to UTP Plan

[2015 – 19](#) Moment of Silence

## **NYSE - EURONEXT – AMEX**

### **New York Stock Exchange, Intercontinental Exchange Announce Increased Capacity, Enhanced Performance for SFTI Network**

NYSE: ICE, announced several enhancements to its Secure Financial Transaction Infrastructure network (SFTI<sup>®</sup>), which will offer customers additional capacity, performance and flexibility, while reducing the complexity associated with connecting to multiple market venues. ([Link](#))

### **Intercontinental Exchange Reports ICE & NYSE Monthly Statistics for October 2015; Gasoil and Sugar Daily Volume up 23% and 72% over Prior October**

NYSE: ICE, reported October exchange traded volume. ICE's October 2015 futures and options average daily volume (ADV) decreased 2% compared to October 2014. ([Link](#))

### **Intercontinental Exchange to Acquire Trayport from BGC Partners and GFI for \$650 Million in Stock**

NYSE: ICE, announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Trayport for \$650 million in ICE common stock. Trayport is a subsidiary of GFI Group, which was acquired by BGC Partners in March 2015. ([Link](#))

### **ICE Futures Europe to Introduce a Containerised White Sugar Futures Contract in 2016**

NYSE:ICE, announced that ICE Futures Europe will introduce a new physically delivered containerized white sugar futures contract. ICE Futures Europe expects to launch the contract in the first quarter of

2016, with a first maturity of August 2016, subject to satisfactory completion of applicable regulatory processes. ([Link](#))

### **ICE Futures Singapore Launches with Commodity and FX Contracts Serving Asian Markets**

NYSE:ICE, announced the successful launch of trading and clearing for ICE Futures Singapore and ICE Clear Singapore. ([Link](#))

### ***“Find it – Before the Regulators”***

The staff at RRS are continually striving to ensure that the services and support we provide to our clients are the most up to date and comprehensive available. Frequently we are able to forecast regulatory trends based on the information our clients provide to us regarding new products, services or marketing trends. This “Find it – Before the Regulators” insight enables us to develop customized compliance solutions so that our clients can address any potential regulatory deficiencies before the regulators do.

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### **Square Celebrates IPO with “Square Market” at the New York Stock Exchange**

Square, Inc. (NYSE:SQ) began trading on the NYSE under the ticker symbol “SQ” after its IPO. Barclays is the Designated Market Maker for the company’s stock. ([Link](#))

### **Intercontinental Exchange Prices \$2.5 Billion in Senior Notes**

NYSE: ICE, announced that it priced an underwritten public offering of \$2.5 billion in new senior notes. The offering is being made under a shelf registration statement and is expected to close. ([Link](#))

### **ICE Endex announces results of European gas storage auction for GasTerra**

NYSE: ICE, announced the results of the ICE Endex gas storage auction held on behalf of GasTerra. ICE Endex auctions gas storage services in the Netherlands on behalf of GasTerra. ([Link](#))

### **Intercontinental Exchange announces launch of 81 new energy contracts**

(NYSE:ICE), announced the introduction of 81 new energy futures and options contracts on December 14, 2015, subject to the satisfactory completion of applicable regulatory processes. ([Link](#))

## **FINCEN**

### **FinCEN Issues Assessment after Court Approval of FinCEN’s settlement with Desert Palace, Inc. d/b/a Caesars Palace**

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois approved the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network’s (FinCEN’s) settlement with Desert Palace, Inc. d/b/a Caesars Palace. ([Link](#))

## **PRA**

### **Bank of England maintains Bank Rate at 0.5% and the size of the Asset Purchase Programme at £375 billion**

The Bank of England’s MPC sets monetary policy in order to meet the 2% inflation target and in a way that helps to sustain growth and employment. ([Link](#))

### **Sterling money market data collection and the reform of SONIA**

The Bank of England has published the revised arrangements for its new sterling money market data collection. This reflects feedback received on the Bank’s July 2015 consultation, a new sterling money market data collection and the reform of SONIA. ([Link](#))

### **Target 2.0 – Students in the driving seat of the economy**

The sixteenth annual Bank of England and The Times Interest Rate

### **WebCRD/IARD Renewal**

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Challenge begins next week. More than one thousand students will be participating in the Challenge’s forthcoming regional heats. ([Link](#))

### **Labour’s Share - speech by Andy Haldane**

In a speech given at the Trades Union Congress, London, Andy Haldane discuss the wage inequalities, workers’ hours, technical education and threats to jobs and workers’ rights. ([Link](#))

### **The MPC’s forecasts and the yield curve: predictions versus promises - speech by Ben Broadbent**

In a speech given at Reuters, Canary Wharf, Ben Broadbent discuss the MPC’s central inflation forecast two years ahead, assuming that interest rates follow the path priced into financial markets. ([Link](#))

**Publication of the PRA and FCA review into the failure of HBOS**

The PRA and the FCA are publishing the Review into the failure of HBOS Group. This review was originally started by the former regulator, the FSA. ([Link](#))

**Target Two Point Zero results for 27 November 2015**

The sixteenth annual Target Two Point Zero – Bank of England and The Times Interest Rate Challenge is now underway, with 297 teams across the United Kingdom competing for the Challenge Trophy and £5,000 for their school or college. ([Link](#))

**PRA fines a large Bank £1,278,165 for outsourcing failures**

The PRA has announced that it has fined a large bank £1,278,165 for potentially putting its safety and soundness at risk by failing to properly manage its outsourcing arrangements. ([Link](#))

**Municipal Securities**

The RRS solutions for Municipal Securities Broker-Dealers include a wide range of preventative compliance services designed to reduce the potential for deficiencies during regulatory examinations. MSRB compliance services include examination, testing and support in the following critical areas:

- Trade Reporting (RTRS)
- Political contributions
- Underwriting activities
- Section 529 sales practices
- Official Statement Delivery
- Books and records
- Pricing
- Order Handling and Execution
- Customer confirmations
- Trade comparison and confirmation
- Supervisory Controls
- Written supervisory procedures

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**Bank of England and HM Treasury announce extension to the Funding for Lending Scheme**

The Bank of England and HM Treasury are announcing a two-year extension to the Funding for Lending Scheme (FLS). This extension will provide participants with additional flexibility to draw unused drawing allowances earned for positive net lending, with funding remaining available to support further improvements in credit conditions for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). ([Link](#))

**FCA****Credit card competition working fairly well but concern for customers in long-term debt**

The FCA has published its interim report into the credit card market, including its early thinking into potential remedies. The FCA found that competition is working fairly well for most consumers. ([Link](#))

**Almost 4,000 customers due redress totaling £1.7 million from payday firm CashEuroNet, says FCA**

CashEuroNet UK LLC, trading as Quick Quid and Pounds to Pocket has agreed with the FCA to provide redress to almost 4,000 customers to the value of £1.7m. This follows concerns raised by the FCA about the firm's lending criteria. ([Link](#))

**FCA consults on Market Abuse Regulation policy proposals and Handbook changes**

The FCA has published its policy proposals and Handbook changes to support the implementation of the new European Market Abuse Regulation regime, which will apply from 3 July 2016. ([Link](#))

**FCA's Project Innovate celebrates first anniversary with plans for 'regulatory sandbox'**

The FCA has published plans for implementing a 'regulatory sandbox'. The sandbox will allow businesses to test out new, innovative financial products, services or business models without incurring all the normal regulatory consequences of engaging in those activities. ([Link](#))

**The FCA asks for views on changes it plans to make to its rules and guidance as a result of the introduction of the Innovative Finance ISA and the regulated activity of advising on peer-to-peer agreements**

In April 2016, the Government will introduce the Innovative Finance ISA (IFISA). This will allow for peer-to-peer (P2P) agreements to be included within an ISA tax wrapper. Additionally, the Government intends to make advising on P2P agreements a regulated activity. ([Link](#))

**FCA fines and bans former Investment Analyst**

The FCA has fined a former Investment Analyst £139,000 and banned him from performing any function in relation to any regulated activity in the financial services industry for failing to act with honesty and integrity. ([Link](#))

**FCA publishes terms of reference for asset management market study**

The FCA has set out the areas it will focus on in its market study into competition in the asset management industry. Over the next year the FCA will assess. ([Link](#))

**Publication of the PRA and FCA review into the failure of HBOS**

The PRA and the FCA are publishing the review into the failure of HBOS Group. This review was originally started by the former regulator, the FSA. ([Link](#))

**FCA publishes Call for Inputs on Big Data**

The FCA has launched a Call for Inputs on the use of Big Data in the retail general insurance sector. The FCA will use the findings from this Call for Inputs to determine its next steps, including whether a market study, adjustments to policy or guidance or any other form of intervention is appropriate. ([Link](#))

**Financial Conduct Authority consults on changes to PPI complaint handling rules**

In a statement published, the FCA stated that we would consult on introducing a deadline for making payment protection insurance (PPI) complaints, accompanied by a consumer communications campaign, and on new rules and guidance for handling PPI complaints in light of the Supreme Court's. ([Link](#))

**FCA fines a large bank £72 million for poor handling of financial crime risks**

The FCA has fined a large Bank £72,069,400 for failing to minimize the risk that it may be used to facilitate financial crime. The Transaction involved investments in notes backed by underlying warrants and third party bonds. ([Link](#))

**The Financial Conduct Authority seeks views on its approach to small businesses**

The FCA is seeking views on whether the level of protection provided to small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in its Handbook of rules and guidance is broadly right. Additionally, the FCA is asking whether more SMEs should be given access to the Financial Ombudsman Service. ([Link](#))



## Resource Links

### Government

- U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission – [WWW.SEC.GOV](http://WWW.SEC.GOV)
- North American Securities Administrators Association - [WWW.NASAA.ORG](http://WWW.NASAA.ORG)
- FINCEN - [WWW.FINCEN.GOV](http://WWW.FINCEN.GOV)
- Commodity Futures Trading Commission – [WWW.CFTC.GOV](http://WWW.CFTC.GOV)
- Financial Conduct Authority - [WWW.FCA.GOV.UK](http://WWW.FCA.GOV.UK)
- Prudential Regulatory Authority – [WWW.BANKOFENGLAND.CO.UK](http://WWW.BANKOFENGLAND.CO.UK)

### SRO

- FINRA - [WWW.FINRA.ORG](http://WWW.FINRA.ORG)
- NASDAQ - [WWW.NASDAQ.COM](http://WWW.NASDAQ.COM)
- New York Stock Exchange - [WWW.NYSE.COM](http://WWW.NYSE.COM)
- Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board - [WWW.MSRB.ORG](http://WWW.MSRB.ORG)
- National Futures Association [WWW.NFA.FUTURES.ORG](http://WWW.NFA.FUTURES.ORG)

### Industry

- Alternative Investment Management Association “AIMA” – [WWW.AIMA.ORG](http://WWW.AIMA.ORG)
- Bank Insurance & Securities Association “BISA” – [WWW.BISANET.ORG](http://WWW.BISANET.ORG)
- Complinet – [WWW.COMPLINET.COM](http://WWW.COMPLINET.COM)
- Florida Securities Dealers Association “FSDA” – [WWW.FLORIDASECURITIES.COM](http://WWW.FLORIDASECURITIES.COM)
- Financial Market Association “FMA” – [WWW.FMAWEB.ORG](http://WWW.FMAWEB.ORG)
- Financial Services Institute “FSI” – [WWW.FINANCIALSERVICES.ORG](http://WWW.FINANCIALSERVICES.ORG)
- Investment Adviser Association “IAA” – [WWW.INVESTMENTADVISER.ORG](http://WWW.INVESTMENTADVISER.ORG)
- Investment Company Institute “ICI” – [WWW.ICI.ORG](http://WWW.ICI.ORG)
- Managed Funds Association “MFA” – [WWW.MANAGEDFUNDS.ORG](http://WWW.MANAGEDFUNDS.ORG)
- National Society of Compliance Professionals “NSCP” – [WWW.NSCP.ORG](http://WWW.NSCP.ORG)
- Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association “SIFMA” – [WWW.SIFMA.ORG](http://WWW.SIFMA.ORG)

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