

# Regulatory & Compliance Update

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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>rd</sup>, 2016**
- **DEADLINE: Monthly SIS filing due December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

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### SERVICES SPOTLIGHT: BD and IA Renewal Filings

All payments for electronic form filings via IARD and Web CRD® are due **December 16, 2016, 6 p.m. Eastern Time** while form filings via IARD and Web CRD® are due **December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 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, 2016**. If you need assistance with any of these filings, please call us at (561) 368-2245.

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## SEC

### SEC Announces:

Staff guidance concerning investment adviser reliance on predecessor registrations. ([Link](#))

Agenda and Panelists for Fintech Forum ([Link](#))

Agenda and Panelists for the 35th Annual Small Business Forum ([Link](#))

Agenda for Investor Advisory Committee Meeting ([Link](#))

Agenda for Meeting of the Equity Market Structure Advisory Committee ([Link](#))

### SEC Charges:

Renewable Energy Company, CEO, and Others With Defrauding Investors ([Link](#))

### List of No Action Letters:

Regulation S-X under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 3-13 ([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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### **SEC Approves Plan to Create Consolidated Audit Trail**

The SEC voted to approve a national market system plan to create a single, comprehensive database known as the consolidated audit trail that will enable regulators to more efficiently and thoroughly track all trading activity in the U.S. equity and options markets. ([Link](#))

### **Firm Charged With Misleading Investors About Binary Options Profitability**

The SEC announced that an Israeli-based firm must pay more than \$1.7 million for misleading investors into trading binary options over the internet, and the agency warned that other firms may be out there actively trying to do the same thing. ([Link](#))

### **SEC Staff Provides Additional Economic Analysis on Proposed Derivatives Rule**

The SEC staff made available additional economic analysis related to the Commission's proposed rule regarding the use of derivatives by registered funds and business development companies. ([Link](#))

### **SEC Names Marc A. Panucci as Deputy Chief Accountant**

The SEC announced the appointment of Marc A. Panucci as a Deputy Chief Accountant in the Office of the Chief Accountant. ([Link](#))

### **Movie Producer Charged With Defrauding Hedge Fund Investors**

The SEC charged a former movie producer and self-proclaimed private equity executive with defrauding investors in hedge funds and using the money he stole to support his extravagant lifestyle. ([Link](#))

### **SEC Issues \$20 Million Whistleblower Award**

The SEC announced an award of more than \$20 million to a whistleblower who promptly came forward with valuable information that enabled the SEC to move quickly and initiate an enforcement action against wrongdoers before they could squander the money. ([Link](#))

**SEC Chair Mary Jo White Announces Departure Plans**

SEC Chair Mary Jo White, after nearly four years as the agency’s head, announced she intends to leave at the end of the Obama Administration. ([Link](#))

**Financial Institution Paying \$264 Million to Settle FCPA Charges**

The SEC announced a financial institution has agreed to pay more than \$130 million to settle SEC charges that it won business from clients and corruptly influenced government officials in the Asia-Pacific region by giving jobs and internships to their relatives and friends in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. ([Link](#))

**Chief Litigation Counsel Matthew C. Solomon to Leave SEC**

The SEC announced that Matthew C. Solomon, the Chief Litigation Counsel for the SEC’s Enforcement Division, will leave the agency. ([Link](#))

**Trading and Markets Director Stephen Luparello to Leave SEC**

The SEC announced that Stephen Luparello, Director of the Division of Trading and Markets, will leave the agency by the first of the year. ([Link](#))

***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.

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**Chief Accountant James Schnurr to Leave SEC**

The SEC announced that Chief Accountant James Schnurr intends to retire from the agency. ([Link](#))

**SEC Names Wesley R. Bricker as Chief Accountant**

The SEC announced Wesley R. Bricker will become the Chief Accountant and succeeds James Schnurr who plans to retire from the agency. ([Link](#))

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**SEC Votes to Renew Equity Market Structure Advisory Committee**

The SEC announced the Commission voted to renew the Equity Market Structure Advisory Committee’s charter until August 2017 with the current membership. ([Link](#))

**FINRA**

**FINRA Fines:**

Eight Firms a Total of \$6.2 Million for Supervisory Failures Related to Variable Annuity L-Shares ([Link](#))

**Regulatory Notices:**

[16-42](#) Broker-Dealer, Investment Adviser Firm, Agent and Investment Adviser Representative, and Branch Renewals for 2017

[16-43](#) SEC Approves Rule Amendment to Create a New Academic Corporate Bond TRACE Data Product

**Information Notices:**

[11/22/16](#) FINRA Reminds Firms of Exercise Cut-Off Time for Options Expiring on the Friday After Thanksgiving

### **FINRA Receives SEC Approval for Enhanced Price Disclosure to Retail Investors for Fixed-Income Securities**

The SEC has approved FINRA's proposal requiring its member firms to disclose on retail customer confirmations the "mark-up" or "mark-down" for most transactions in corporate and agency debt securities. ([Link](#))

### **FINRA Sanctions Investment Bank \$3.4 Million for Reporting Violations, Failing to Comply With Discovery Obligations in Arbitrations, and Other Supervisory Failures**

FINRA announced that it has fined an investment bank \$1.575 million and ordered the firm to pay \$1.85 million to customers for failing to report required information to FINRA, failing to produce documents in discovery to customers who filed arbitrations, and for not applying applicable sales charge waivers to customers. ([Link](#))

### **FINRA Names Stephen M. Cutler to Board of Governors**

FINRA has named a new Large-Firm Governor – Stephen M. Cutler to its Board of Governors. ([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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### **Study Finds 1 in 3 Student Loan Holders With Payments Due Are Late With Payments and More Than Half Regret Their Borrowing**

A new study by the Global Financial Literacy Excellence Center at the George Washington University School of Business found that many borrowers are struggling to make student loan payments and regret their borrowing. ([Link](#))

### **New Award Honors Retired FINRA CEO**

The FINRA Investor Education Foundation announced a new prize program to recognize outstanding service and research to advance investor protection and financial capability in the United States. ([Link](#))

## **MSRB**

### **MSRB Regulatory Notices for November 2016:**

[2016-26](#) MSRB Announces the Effective Date of the Academic Historical Transaction Data Product

[2016-27](#) Interpretive Notice Regarding Rule G - 47, on Time of Trade Disclosure

[2016-28](#) New Disclosure Requirements Under MSRB Rule G-15 and Prevailing Market Price Guidance Pursuant to Rule G-30

### **MSRB Identifies Potential Risks For Retail Municipal Market Investors**

In a recent letter to the SEC Investor Advocate on potential risks to retail investors in the municipal market, the MSRB identified disclosure practices, price fairness and transparency, types of ownership of municipal bonds and senior investor protection as areas of particular concern. ([Link](#))

### **Municipal Securities Investors To Gain Access To Dealer Compensation Information**

Ushering in an historic change for transparency of the municipal market, the MSRB has received approval from the SEC to require municipal securities dealers to disclose their compensation when transacting with retail investors. ([Link](#))

**MSRB Announces Members Of Investor Advisory Group**

The MSRB announced the members of its 2017 Investor Advisory Group, which provides the MSRB's Board of Directors with access to additional expertise on municipal market practices, transparency and investor protection issues. ([Link](#))

**MSRB Announces Operations And Technology Leadership Transition**

The MSRB announced that Al Morisato, Chief Operations and Technology Officer, will be leaving the MSRB in April 2017. ([Link](#))

**MSRB Reminds Investors Of Risks Of Rising Interest Rates In Municipal Market**

Following the recent steep rise in municipal bond yields, the MSRB, the national regulator for the municipal market, issued a statement cautioning investors about the potential risks to bond positions and bond portfolios of rising interest rates. ([Link](#))

**NASAA**

**NASAA Statement on SEC Chair Mary Jo White**

A statement from Mike Rothman, NASAA President and Minnesota Commissioner of Commerce regarding the announcement SEC Chair Mary Jo White intends to leave the agency at the conclusion of the Obama Administration. ([Link](#))

**NASDAQ/NASDAQ TRADER/OTCBB**

**Equity Trader Alert:**

[2016-283](#) Information regarding Liberty Interactive Corporation Split-Off of Liberty Expedia Holdings

[2016-284](#) UPDATED: Information Regarding Upcoming Merger of National Interstate Corporation

[2016-282](#) Information Regarding the Merger of Full Circle Capital Corporation

[2016-285](#) Reverse Split, Change of Name, and Change of Symbol for Bidel Inc.

**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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[2016-286](#) Reverse Split and CUSIP Number Change for Signal Genetics, Inc.

[2016-281](#) UPDATED: Information Regarding Upcoming Merger of CEPHEID

[2016-287](#) Information Regarding Upcoming Merger of Sky-mobi Limited ADS

[2016-288](#) Information regarding Novatel Wireless, Inc. new holding company.

[2016-289](#) Nasdaq to Begin Listing Global X Exchange Traded Fund

[2016-290](#) Reverse Split and CUSIP Number Change for Galena Biopharma, Inc.

[2016-291](#) Updated Timing: Nasdaq and BX Modify Functionality of Post Only Orders

[2016-292](#) U.S. Market Holiday Reminder: Thanksgiving

[2016-293](#) Information Regarding Merger Transaction between QLT Inc. and Aegerion Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

[2016-294](#) UPDATED: Information Regarding Upcoming Merger of SolarCity Corporation

[2016-295](#) Information Regarding Upcoming Merger of Ocean Shore Holding Co.

[2016-296](#) Information Regarding Upcoming Merger of CIFIC LLC

[2016-297](#) Information Regarding Reverse Merger Transaction of Carbylan Therapeutics, Inc. and KalVista Pharmaceuticals Limited

[2016-298](#) Information regarding Great Elm Capital Group, Inc. Non-Transferable Rights offering

**“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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[2016-299](#) Reverse Split, Change of Name, and Change of Symbol for StemCells, Inc.

[2016-300](#) Reverse Split and CUSIP Number Change for Cascadian Therapeutics, Inc.

[2016-301](#) Information Regarding Upcoming Merger of Starz

[2016-302](#) Reverse Split and CUSIP Number Change for WaferGen Bio-systems, Inc.

[2016-303](#) ACTION REQUIRED: FINRA/Nasdaq TRF to Expand Carryover of Match-Compare Trade Reports and Enforcement of Reversal Logic for Match-Compare Trade Reports

[2016-303](#) Nasdaq Announces Ratio Change for IRSA Propiedades Comerciales

[2016-304](#) Nasdaq to Begin Listing New NextShares

[2016-305](#) Reverse Split and CUSIP Number Change for GenVec, Inc.

[2016-306](#) Nasdaq to Begin Listing Blackrock Exchange Traded Fund

**Data Technical News:**

[2016-37](#) Nasdaq Introduces Glimpse for Best of Nasdaq Options (BONO) Subscribers

**Options Trader Alert:**

[2016-32](#) Nasdaq Announces ISE Gemini Connectivity and UAT Schedule

[2016-33](#) Nasdaq PHLX Directed Allocation Changes

[2016-34](#) ISE Nasdaq Technology Migration: Upgrade to SSH File Transfer Protocol (SFTP or SCP)

[2016-35](#) NOM Updates SQF Port Pricing

**Options Regulatory Alert:**

[2016-36](#) NOM and BX Options Bid/Ask Differentials for "PCLN" Options Class

[2016-37](#) PHLX Bid/Ask Differentials for "NDX" and "PCLN" Option Classes

[2016-38](#) Expiring Exercise Declaration Submissions

**NYSE/EURONEXT/AMEX**

**NYSE Weekly Program-Trading Data Releases:**

**ICE Futures Europe Receives FBOT Authorisation**

NYSE:ICE announced that the Commodity Futures Trading Commission has approved ICE Futures Europe’s application to become registered under the Foreign Boards of Trade requirements. ([Link](#))

**Intercontinental Exchange Reports Solid Third Quarter Earnings Growth**

NYSE:ICE reported financial results for the third quarter of 2016. ([Link](#))

**Intercontinental Exchange Board Approves Fourth Quarter \$0.85 Dividend**

NYSE:ICE announced a \$0.85 per share dividend for the fourth quarter of 2016. ([Link](#))

**Intercontinental Exchange Board Approves Fourth Quarter \$0.85 dividend; and Following 5-for-1 Stock Split \$0.17 Dividend per Share**

NYSE:ICE announced a \$0.85 per share dividend for the fourth quarter of 2016. ([Link](#))

**ICE Futures Europe Announces Record Daily Volume in Low Sulphur Gasoil Contract**

NYSE:ICE announced that the ICE Futures Europe Low Sulphur Gasoil contract achieved a daily volume record of 766,054 contracts. ([Link](#))

**Intercontinental Exchange Reports ICE & NYSE October 2016 Statistics**

NYSE:ICE reported October 2016 trading volume and related revenue statistics, which can be viewed on the company's investor relations website in the Monthly Statistics Tracking spreadsheet. ([Link](#))

**Intercontinental Exchange CFO Scott Hill to Present at JP Morgan Ultimate Services Conference**

NYSE:ICE announced Scott A. Hill, Chief Finance Officer will speak at the JP Morgan Ultimate Services Conference. ([Link](#))

**Intercontinental Exchange Appoints Jonathan Reeve as Global Head of Connectivity and Consolidated Feed Businesses**

NYSE:ICE announced that Jonathan Reeve has been appointed Global Head of ICE Data Services' Connectivity and Consolidated Feed businesses. ([Link](#))

**ICE Clear Netherlands announces Goldman Sachs International as a new General Clearing Participant**

NYSE:ICE announced that Goldman Sachs International has joined ICE Clear Netherlands as a General Clearing Participant. ([Link](#))

**Platts & ICE to Improve Natural Gas Price Transparency and Bolster North America Benchmarks**

S&P Global Platts and Intercontinental Exchange announced they have entered into a strategic agreement to strengthen North America's natural gas benchmarks, streamline the reporting process,

and further improve transparency in over-the-counter pricing. ([Link](#))

**Intercontinental Exchange Announces Appointment of Lee Yi Shyan as Chairman of ICE Futures Singapore and ICE Clear Singapore**

NYSE:ICE announced the appointment of Lee Yi Shyan as Chairman of ICE Futures Singapore and ICE Clear Singapore. ([Link](#))

**ICE Endex Announces Results of European Gas Storage Auction for GasTerra**

NYSE: ICE announced the results of the ICE Endex gas storage auction on behalf of GasTerra. ([Link](#))

**Intercontinental Exchange Chairman & CEO Jeffrey C. Sprecher to Speak at Goldman Sachs US Financial Services Conference**

NYSE:ICE announced Jeffrey C. Sprecher, Chairman and CEO will speak at the Goldman Sachs US Financial Services Conference. ([Link](#))

**WebCRD/IARD Renewal**

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**FINCEN**

**Treasury Finalizes Action to Further Restrict North Korea's Access to the U.S. Financial System**

FinCEN issued a final rule under Section 311 of the USA PATRIOT Act to further restrict North Korea's access to the U.S. financial system. ([Link](#))

**Supplement to the Final Rule Imposing the Fifth Special Measure Against a Commercial Bank**

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia remanded to FinCEN a Final Rule issued under Section 311 that would have severed a commercial bank from the U.S. financial system. ([Link](#))

## PRA

### **Dame Clara Furse steps down from the Financial Policy Committee**

Dame Clara Furse, an external member of the Bank of England's Financial Policy Committee, has stepped down from the FPC. ([Link](#))

### **Challenges for financial markets - speech by Jon Cunliffe**

A speech given by Jon Cunliffe at the Association for Financial Markets in Europe's Annual Dinner, Bank of England Deputy Governor for Financial Stability Jon Cunliffe reflects on the factors that have influenced London's position as a global financial centre. ([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 Rate held at 0.25%, government bond purchases at £435bn and corporate bond purchases at up to £10bn**

The Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee sets monetary policy to meet the 2% inflation target, and in a way that helps to sustain growth and employment. ([Link](#))

### **New Bank of England rules bring UK closer to ending taxpayer bailouts**

The Bank of England is announcing new rules designed to make it easier to manage the failure of banks and building societies in an orderly way, as part of reforms to end taxpayer bailouts in the UK. ([Link](#))

### **Bridging the gap between institution and innovation - speech by Charlotte Hogg**

In a speech at Web Summit in Lisbon, Charlotte Hogg, the Bank's Chief Operating Officer, gave an update on the work of the Bank's FinTech Accelerator since its launch in June. ([Link](#))

### **Why are interest rates low? - speech by Jon Cunliffe**

In a speech at the University of Manchester, Bank of England Deputy Governor for Financial Stability, Sir Jon Cunliffe, discusses the factors that have influenced the level of interest rates over the recent past. ([Link](#))

### **Consultation on restoring the deposit protection limit to £85,000**

Plans to restore the limit of protection provided by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme to deposits with firms authorised by the PRA to £85,000. ([Link](#))

### **Umbrellas don't cause rain - speech by Gertjan Vlieghe**

In a speech at Sheffield University, external MPC member Gertjan Vlieghe discusses how the UK economic outlook has evolved recently and what this implies for the stance of monetary policy. ([Link](#))



**Stress testing the UK banking system: 2016 results**

The results of the 2016 stress test of the UK banking system have been published. ([Link](#))

**Financial Stability Report explained**

The latest Financial Stability Report, which sets out the Financial Policy Committee’s view on the UK financial system’s stability and an assessment of any risks to it. ([Link](#))

**Financial Policy Committee dates for 2017**

Financial Policy Committee dates for 2017. ([Link](#))

**Bank of England statement on Polymer Banknotes**

The Bank of England is aware of some people’s concerns about traces of tallow in the new five pound note. The Bank of England respect those concerns and are treating them with the utmost seriousness. ([Link](#))

**FCA**

**FCA prohibits six individuals for their part in unauthorised collective investment scheme**

In a case brought by the FCA six individuals have been prohibited from performing any function in relation to any regulated activity for their parts in the operation of an unauthorized collective investment scheme. ([Link](#))

**Debt purchaser agrees to redress package**

A debt purchase and collections firm, has entered into an agreement with the FCA to provide redress to more than 500,000 customers for historic failures in its due diligence and collections process. ([Link](#))

**An Equity Portfolio Manager pleads guilty to insider dealing**

A former Equity Portfolio Manager at BlackRock, has pleaded guilty to two counts of insider dealing. ([Link](#))

**FCA acts to improve competition in the current account market**

The FCA has announced that it will take action to improve competition in the current account market. This follows a series of recommendations which were

proposed by the Competition and Markets Authority as part of its investigation into retail banking. ([Link](#))

**FCA unveils successful sandbox firms on the second anniversary of Project Innovate**

The FCA marks the second anniversary of Project Innovate by announcing the firms that were successful in their applications to begin testing in the first cohort of the regulatory sandbox. ([Link](#))

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**Statement on the FCA’s review of Royal Bank of Scotland’s treatment of customers referred to its Global Restructuring Group**

This statement provides an update on the FCA review of Royal Bank of Scotland’s treatment of small and medium enterprise customers in financial difficulty. ([Link](#))

**FCA introduces cap on early exit pension charges**

The FCA has announced its final rules on capping early exit charges for consumers eligible to access the government’s pension reforms from age 55. ([Link](#))

**FCA publishes rules for the sale of the Lifetime ISA**

The FCA has outlined its proposed approach to regulating the promotion and distribution of the Lifetime ISA. ([Link](#))

**FCA finds weak price competition in some areas of the asset management sector**

The FCA has published the interim findings of its asset management market study, which suggests that there is weak price competition in a number of areas of the asset management industry. ([Link](#))

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**FCA charges sixth defendant in alleged investment fraud**

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Following an investigation by the FCA, sixth defendant appeared before the City of London Magistrates Court charged with conspiracy to defraud, together with offences under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and the Fraud Act 2006. ([Link](#))

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**Customers to be shown how much they could gain from shopping around for an annuity**

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Annuity providers will be required to inform their customers how much they could gain from shopping around and switching provider before they purchase

an annuity under plans announced by the FCA. ([Link](#))

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**FCA launches call for input on high-cost credit and overdrafts**

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The FCA has announced that it is seeking evidence and feedback to further inform its work on high-cost credit, including a review of the payday loan price cap. ([Link](#))

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**Two plead guilty to insider dealing**

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In a case brought by the FCA two investment advisors have pleaded guilty to three counts of insider dealing on day three of their trial at the Central Criminal Court. ([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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“Find It - Before the Regulators”

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