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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:** Quarterly FOCUS filing due April 25th, 2017
- **DEADLINE:** Quarterly Form Custody due April 25th, 2017
- **DEADLINE:** Quarterly SIS filing due April 28th, 2017
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- **DEADLINE:** Quarterly OBS filing due May 2nd, 2017

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DOL

US Labor Department proposes extension to fiduciary rule applicability date. ([Link](#))

SEC

SEC Announces:

Holding companies and the application of rule 3a-2 under the investment company act. ([Link](#))

2017 Compliance Outreach Program Seminars for Investment Companies and Investment Advisers ([Link](#))

Agenda for April 5 Meeting of the Equity Market Structure Advisory Committee ([Link](#))

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SEC Proposes:

Inline XBRL Filing of Tagged Data ([Link](#))

Rule Amendments to Improve Municipal Securities Disclosures ([Link](#))

SEC Charges:

Mexico-Based Homebuilder in \$3.3 Billion Accounting Fraud ([Link](#))

Marijuana-Related Company and Executives With Touting Bogus Revenues ([Link](#))

Firms Involved in Layering, Manipulation Schemes ([Link](#))

SEC Halts:

Fraud Targeting Seniors ([Link](#))

Boiler Room Scheme Involving State Lottery Tickets ([Link](#))

List of No Action Letters:

Investment Company Act of 1940 — Section 12(d)(1)(E) ([Link](#))

SEC Final Rules:

Exhibit Hyperlinks and HTML Format ([Link](#))

Adoption of Updated EDGAR Filer Manual ([Link](#))

Amendment to Securities Transaction Settlement Cycle ([Link](#))

SEC Events:

SEC Votes to Seek Public Input on Possible Change to Industry Guide 3

The SEC voted to publish a request for public comment on disclosures called for by Industry Guide 3 - Statistical Disclosure by Bank Holding Companies. ([Link](#))

SEC Approves Rules to Ease Investor Access to Exhibits in Company Filings

The SEC voted to adopt rule and form amendments to make it easier for investors and other market participants to find and access exhibits in registration statements and periodic reports that were originally provided in previous filings. ([Link](#))

SEC Posts Notice of Availability of IFRS Taxonomy

The SEC published a taxonomy on its website so that foreign private issuers that prepare their financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) may submit those reports using XBRL. ([Link](#))

SEC's Office of the Investor Advocate to Hold Evidence Summit, Launch Investor Research Initiative

The SEC's Office of the Investor Advocate announced it will host an Evidence Summit to discuss strategies for raising retail investors' understanding of key investment characteristics such as fees, risks, returns, and conflicts of interest. ([Link](#))

SEC Economist Receives Award for Academic Work on Market Insights

SEC economist Dr. Giulio Girardi received the CFA Institute Financial Analysts Journal's Graham and Dodd Top Award for 2016. ([Link](#))

Executives Charged with Manipulating Company's Accounting Systems to Steal Money

The SEC charged two former executives at a credit card processing company with masterminding a fraudulent scheme to steal millions of dollars through phony expense reimbursements, inflated invoices, and other improper accounting tactics. ([Link](#))

SEC FOIA Office Receives Award for Exceptional Service

The SEC announced that its Office of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Services was recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice for "exceptional service" by FOIA professionals. ([Link](#))

Auditor Charged with Insider Trading on Client's Nonpublic Information

The SEC announced that an auditor based in the Silicon Valley has agreed to settle charges that he traded on inside information about a client on the verge of a merger. ([Link](#))

SEC, National Bank of Belgium Agree to Enhanced Cooperation and Information Sharing Regarding Euroclear

The SEC announced it has entered an arrangement with the National Bank of Belgium to enhance cooperation and information sharing regarding expanded services by Euroclear Bank, which provides clearance and settlement through its operation of the Euroclear System. ([Link](#))

SEC Adopts T+2 Settlement Cycle for Securities Transactions

The SEC adopted an amendment to shorten by one business day the standard settlement cycle for most broker-dealer securities transactions. ([Link](#))

Overseas Traders Paying Back All Profits Plus Penalties in Insider Trading Case

The SEC announced three Peruvian traders have agreed to settle a pending case alleging that they traded on nonpublic information prior to the merger of two mining companies. ([Link](#))

SEC Names Sagar S. Teotia as Deputy Chief Accountant

The SEC announced the appointment of Sagar S. Teotia as a Deputy Chief Accountant in the agency's Office of the Chief Accountant. ([Link](#))

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FINRA

Regulatory Notices:

[17 – 09](#) The National Securities Exchanges and FINRA Issue Joint Guidance on Clock Synchronization and Certification Requirements Under the CAT NMS Plan

[17 – 10](#) 2017 GASB Accounting Support Fee to Fund the Governmental Accounting Standards Board

[17 – 11](#) SEC Approves Rules Relating to Financial Exploitation of Seniors

FINRA Conference & Events:

2017 FINRA Annual Conference ([Link](#))

FINRA Bars Registered Representative for Unauthorized and Unsuitable Trading in Elderly Customer's Retirement Account

FINRA announced it has barred a registered representative for making unauthorized and unsuitable trades totaling approximately \$15 million in a 73-year-old retiree's account, and for misrepresenting the reasons for the trades to the customer. ([Link](#))

FINRA Rulebook Consolidation

Since 2008, FINRA has been in the process of consolidating NASD Conduct Rules into the FINRA Rules. Firms are required to update their written supervisory and control procedures to address the Rule changes as they become effective.

These rule changes have included substantive revisions to existing rules and regulations, as well as new requirements. These significant revisions to industry rules impact all broker-dealers, and firms must stay vigilant in order to stay up-to-date.

RRS can provide planning and support to all aspects of the rule revisions affecting your firm including GAP analysis, project planning, drafting supervisory policies and procedures or training for the new rules.

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2017 FINRA Foundation Military Spouse Fellowship Application Now Open

FINRA Investor Education Foundation Military Spouse Fellowship Program is accepting applications for its 2017 class of financial fellows – a unique program designed to increase the financial capability of U.S. service members and their families. ([Link](#))

FINRA Proposes Streamlining Competency Exams

FINRA announced it has filed a proposal with the SEC to streamline competency exams and facilitate opportunities for professionals seeking to enter or re-enter the securities industry. ([Link](#))

FINRA Appoints Nathaniel Stankard as Senior Advisor to the CEO

FINRA has announced the appointment of Nathaniel Stankard as Senior Advisor to the CEO. ([Link](#))

Binary Options Follow-Up Schemes: Don't Lose Money Twice

FINRA issued an Investor Alert warning anyone involved in binary options trading through unregistered non-U.S. companies to be on guard for a one-two punch: losses followed up by potentially fraudulent pitches to help recoup those losses. ([Link](#))

FINRA Seeks Comment on Its Engagement Programs

FINRA issued a Special Notice seeking comment on how to enhance its programs for engagement with its members and other stakeholders, with focus on FINRA's advisory and ad hoc committees, rulemaking process, member relations programs, and the information it provides regarding its programs and operations. ([Link](#))

FINRA and Exchanges Charge Lek Securities and CEO Samuel F. Lek with Aiding and Abetting Securities Fraud

FINRA, along with the NYSE; NYSE Arca; NYSE MKT; the four Bats Exchanges, Bats BZX, Bats BYX, Bats EDGA, and Bats EDGX; Nasdaq; Nasdaq BX; and the International Securities Exchange, announced they have commenced disciplinary proceedings against Lek Securities Corporation and its Chief Executive Officer, Samuel F. Lek, for aiding and abetting manipulative trading by one of its customers. ([Link](#))

MSRB

MSRB Regulatory Notices for February 2017:

2017 – 05 Request for Comment on Draft Amendments to and Clarifications of MSRB Rule G-34, on Obtaining CUSIP Numbers

2017 – 06 Designation Information Regarding Mandatory Participation in Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Testing

2017 – 07 MSRB Announces Date of Transition to a Two-Day Settlement Cycle for Municipal Securities Transactions

MSRB Upcoming Events:

Financial Markets Association Securities Compliance Seminar ([Link](#))

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MSRB Statement on SEC Proposal to Improve Bank Loan Disclosure

The MSRB endorsed the SEC for proposing regulatory changes to improve the content and timeliness of disclosure of information about bank loans and other alternative financings entered by issuers of municipal securities. ([Link](#))

MSRB Seeks Comment on Draft Amendments to and Clarifications of Rule on CUSIP Numbers

The MSRB is seeking comment on draft amendments to its regulation on the role of underwriters and financial advisors in obtaining CUSIP numbers for new issue municipal securities. ([Link](#))

MSRB Publishes Annual Fact Book of Municipal Securities Market Data

Last year saw the highest dollar volume of municipal securities transactions in any year since 2012, per the new *Fact Book* published annually by the MSRB. ([Link](#))

NASAA

NASAA Announces Federal Legislative Priorities

The NASAA released its recommendations to Congress regarding ways to strengthen investor protection and facilitate healthy capital formation. ([Link](#))

NASDAQ/NASDAQ TRADER/OTCBB

Equity Regulatory Alert:

[2017 – 2](#) Consolidated Audit Trail ("CAT") Clock Synchronization Requirements

Data News:

[2017 – 1](#) Nasdaq Releases Updated Global Data Policy Site

Equity Trader Alert:

[2017 – 46](#) Reverse Split and CUSIP Number Change for MannKind Corporation (MNKD)

[2017 – 47](#) Information Regarding the Merger of Linear Technology Corporation (LLTC)

[2017 – 48](#) Updated Timing: Nasdaq and BX Modify Functionality of Post Only Orders

[2017 – 49](#) Reverse Split and CUSIP Number Change for Fibrocell Science Inc. (FCSC)

[2017 – 50](#) Information Regarding the Merger Transaction between Pace Holdings Corp. (PACE) and Playa Hotels & Resorts N.V. (PLYA)

[2017 – 51](#) Winter Storm Stella: Nasdaq to Maintain Normal Market Hours for March 14-15, 2017

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[2017 – 52](#) Reverse Split, CUSIP Change, and Ratio Change for Medigus Ltd. (MDGS)

[2017 – 53](#) Reverse Split and CUSIP Change for VelocityShares ETNs (TVIZ, VIIX, & TVIX)

[2017 – 54](#) Reverse Split and CUSIP Number Change for Condor Hospitality Trust, Inc. (CDOR)

[2017 – 55](#) Dividend information for OFS Capital Corporation (OFS)

[2017 – 57](#) Reverse Split and Par Value Change for Rosetta Genomics Ltd. (ROSG)

[2017 – 56](#) Reverse Split and CUSIP Number Change for Tonix Pharmaceuticals Holding Corp. (TNXP)

[2017 – 58](#) Reverse Split and CUSIP Number Change for Cleantech Solutions International, Inc. (CLNT)

[2017 – 59](#) Nasdaq to Begin Listing StrategyShares' ETF

[2017 – 60](#) Nasdaq Saturday, March 25, 2017, Test Opportunity

[2017 – 61](#) Nasdaq Amends Third Party Services SEC Filing and Key Dates

[2017 – 62](#) Updated List of Securities Eligible for Small Cap Incentive Program

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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[2017 – 63](#) Information Regarding the Merger of Heritage Oaks Bancorp

[2017 – 64](#) Information Regarding the Suspension and Reverse Split of Vestin Realty Mortgage II, Inc. (VRTB)

[2017 – 65](#) Information Regarding the Merger of Middleburg Financial Corporation (MBRG)

[2017 – 66](#) Information Regarding the Redemption of the Warrant of Centennial Resource Development, Inc. (CDEVW)

Data Technical News:

[2017 – 5](#) Nasdaq Announces Disaster Recovery Connections for MFDS Data Feed Migrating to Chicago in Summer 2017

[2017 – 6](#) Daylight Savings Begins in March

[2017 – 7](#) Nasdaq To Add Instrument Registration Field to MFQS Directory Message on Mutual Fund Dissemination Service (MFDS)

[2017 – 8](#) Nasdaq Announces New Multicast IP Addresses for Nasdaq ISE Gemini Data Feeds in Chicago

[2017 – 9](#) Nasdaq will be taking over the real time and end of day distribution of selected ISE Indexes

Options Trader Alert:

[2017 – 18](#) Nasdaq Philadelphia Relocation

[2017 – 19](#) Symbol Migration Schedule for ISE Gemini transition to INET

[2017 – 20](#) INET Technology Roadmap for ISE

[2017 – 21](#) Expected Billing Practices During and After the Migration of ISE GEMINI, ISE, and ISE MERCURY

[2017 – 22](#) Preferred Allocation of Orders of Five (5) Contracts or Fewer on ISE Gemini

Options Regulatory Alert:

[2017 – 9](#) Consolidated Audit Trail ("CAT") Clock Synchronization Requirements

[2017 – 12](#) NOM and BX Option Bid/Ask Differentials for "PCLN" Options Class

[2017 – 11](#) PHLX Bid/Ask Differentials for "NDX" and "PCLN" Option Classes

[2017 – 10](#) ISE Bid/Ask Differentials for "NDX" and "PCLN" Option Classes

NYSE/EURONEXT/AMEX

NYSE Weekly Program-Trading Data Releases:

Intercontinental Exchange Reports ICE & NYSE February 2017 Volumes

NYSE: ICE reported February 2017 trading volume and related revenue statistics, which can be viewed on the company's investor relations website at <http://ir.theice.com/ir-resources/supplemental-information> in the Monthly Statistics Tracking spreadsheet. ([Link](#))

Intercontinental Exchange Sets Date for 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

NYSE: ICE will hold its 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The proxy statement and admission procedures will be available in early April for stockholders of record as of March 21, 2017. A live audio webcast and replay of the annual meeting will be available on the company's website www.theice.com in the investor relations and media section. ([Link](#))

Intercontinental Exchange Announces Election of Ann Cairns and Duriya Farooqui to ICE Board of Directors

NYSE: ICE announced that its Board of Directors has elected Ann Cairns and Duriya Farooqui as new Directors effective March 3, 2017. ([Link](#))

Intercontinental Exchange Statement on Competition Appeal Tribunal's Trayport Ruling

NYSE: ICE notes ruling by the Competition Appeal Tribunal (CAT) with respect to ICE's appeal against the Competition and Market Authority (CMA) prohibition decision about the acquisition of Trayport. ([Link](#))

Intercontinental Exchange Sets New Total Volume Record and Euribor Volume Record

NYSE: ICE announced a new total daily volume record of 10,703,582 contracts set on March 9, 2017. ([Link](#))

Intercontinental Exchange Statement on Competition Appeal Tribunal's Trayport Ruling

As announced in the beginning of March, the Competition Appeal Tribunal (CAT) has reversed the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) decision that the new agreement between ICE and Trayport should be terminated, and remitted this issue to the CMA for reconsideration. ([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.

For more information contact us at (561) 368-2245.

Intercontinental Exchange Requests Permission to Appeal Trayport Ruling

As announced in the beginning of March, the Competition Appeal Tribunal (CAT) has upheld the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) decision that ICE should divest Trayport. Following careful consideration of the CAT's judgment, ICE has requested permission from the CAT to appeal to the Court of Appeal. ([Link](#))

PRA

"Harrowing the ploughed field" – Refining the standardized capital regime

In a speech given at the British Banker's Association Conference, Martin Stewart, discuss the analysis that PRA has undertaken ([Link](#))

Watching the watchers: forward - looking assessment and challenge of a central bank's own financial risks

In a speech given at the GARP 18th Annual Risk Management Convention, Andrew Hauser, discuss how the Bank has responded to developments in financial risks in recent years. ([Link](#))

International Women's Day

We are marking International Women's Day in several ways, including a celebratory event hosted by Sam Woods with a panel discussion led by Jayne-Anne Gadhia, CEO of Virgin Money. ([Link](#))

Watching the States—Beware the Free Lunch!!

State Regulators have increased their emphasis on senior issues, and seminars in particular, in recent months. In fact, the AARP recently announced an initiative with NASAA to send "Monitors" to seminars as apparent undercover agents. The program is in response to last year's sweep examinations focusing on seminars by NASAA, the SEC and FINRA, where the regulators allegedly found after that while many free meal financial seminars were advertised as "educational," or "workshops," 100 percent of the "seminars" were instead sales presentations; 50 percent featured exaggerated or misleading advertising claims; and one-quarter involved possibly unsuitable recommendations to attendees.

This initiative is a reminder that firms must review their policies and procedures relative to seminars and senior marketing efforts. This review should include the seminar approval process, review of sales literature and presentations, and alerting their representatives of the importance of sticking to approved scripts and presentations. Firms should also consider asking the attendees to identify whether they are representing their own interests or that of a third party (i.e. AARP).

RRS' staff has extensive experience in dealing with State regulatory matters. RRS preventative compliance services include *review of marketing materials and communications with the public*, branch office examination, regulatory mandates, complaint assessment, and mystery shopping for branch offices and seminars.

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Bank of England/TNS Inflation Attitudes Survey

This news release describes the results of the Bank of England's latest quarterly survey of public attitudes to inflation, undertaken between 10 and 19 February 2017. ([Link](#))

Bank of England response to the resignation of Charlotte Hogg

Following recent events, Charlotte Hogg yesterday voluntarily offered her resignation. This morning, Court has accepted her resignation with deep regret. Anthony Habgood, Chair of Court, said: "In her time at the Bank, Charlotte Hogg has made a huge contribution in areas such as professionalising and modernising the management and operations of the Bank, leading the implementation of the strategic plan, championing diversity and driving forward the Bank's understanding of key issues such as Fintech and Operational Risk. ([Link](#))

Bank Rate held at 0.25%, government bond purchases at £435bn and corporate bond purchases at up to £10bn

The Bank of England's MPC sets monetary policy to meet the 2% inflation target, and in a way, that helps to sustain growth and employment. The Committee voted unanimously to continue with the programme of sterling non-financial investment-grade corporate bond purchases, financed by the issuance of central bank reserves, totalling up to £10 billion. ([Link](#))

Bank of England FinTech Accelerator launches new community and latest proofs of concept

Our Fintech Accelerator has launched a new community which brings together fintech-related organisations. The community has three aims: 1. To share developments, trends and insights. 2. To make sure the Bank is engaging with different fintech firms from across the sector. 3. ([Link](#))

Quarterly Bulletin 2017 Q1

The Bank of England publishes information on all aspects of its work in many formats. ([Link](#))

Productivity puzzles - speech by Andy Haldane

Andy Haldane, the Bank's Chief Economist, explores possible reasons for why productivity growth has consistently been underperforming in relation to expectations – the so-called 'productivity puzzle'. ([Link](#))

Insurance supervision at the PRA - speech by Sam Woods

Speaking at London Business School, Sam Woods, the Bank's Deputy Governor for Prudential Regulation and CEO of the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA), explores the PRA's role in maintaining 'a resilient insurance sector which does not pass risks back to policyholders when they crystallise'. ([Link](#))

Banking Standards Board: Worthy of Trust? Law, ethics and culture in banking - opening remarks by Mark Carney

Chaired by Dame Colette Bowe, Chairman of the Banking Standards Board – Mark Carney, William C Dudley, the Rt Hon the Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd, Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales. ([Link](#))

Index-Linked Treasury Stocks

In accordance with the terms of the prospectus dated 12 October 1983, the Bank of England announces that the rate of interest payable on the above stock for the interest payment due on 16 October 2017 will be £4.0438 per £100 nominal of stock. ([Link](#))

Brexit and the pound - speech by Ben Broadbent

Ben Broadbent, Deputy Governor of Monetary Policy, speaking at Imperial College, looks at the effect of Brexit on the pound. He discusses what economics should say about its reaction to the referendum result. Ben also looks at how depreciations work in small open economies, their impact on profitability and investment in the tradable sector. ([Link](#))

2017 stress test scenarios explained

The Bank of England carries out stress tests on banks to check how they might cope with difficult economic situations. ([Link](#))

Financial Policy Committee statement from its meeting, 22 March 2017

At its meeting on 22 March, the FPC reviewed developments since its meetings on 23 and 29 November 2016. The FPC assessed the outlook for UK financial stability by identifying the risks faced by the UK financial system and assessing the resilience of the system to them. ([Link](#))

FCA

Inside the mind of a scammer: FCA reveals the tactics investment fraudsters use to deceive over 55s

The FCA is urging over 55s to check investment opportunities are genuine before they part with their money. This comes as new research*, commissioned as part of the FCA's ScamSmart campaign, reveals that only two in five (42%) think they know how to spot a fraudulent investment opportunity. ([Link](#))

FCA proposes reforms to the availability of information in the UK equity IPO process

The FCA has launched a Consultation Paper (CP) proposing a package of measures to reform the availability of information during the UK equity IPO process. ([Link](#))

FCA finalise plans to place a deadline on PPI complaints

The FCA has confirmed that it will introduce a deadline for making new PPI complaints. ([Link](#))

FCA publishes Insurance Distribution Directive consultation

The FCA has published the first of its two consultation papers on the implementation of the IDD. The Insurance Mediation Directive (IMD) was introduced in early 2005 and was designed to encourage competition between insurance firms, as well as ensure appropriate levels of protection for customers, across the EU. The IDD aims to strengthen and consolidate the existing rules of IMD. ([Link](#))

Financial regulators of Japan and UK announce Exchange of Letters on Co-operation Framework to support innovative FinTech companies

The Financial Services Agency of Japan (JFSA) and the UK's Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) have exchanged letters on a Co-operation Framework to support innovative FinTech companies. ([Link](#))

FCA publishes update to pension redress methodology

The FCA has announced proposals for updating the methodology used to calculate the redress owed to consumers who were given unsuitable advice to transfer out of a defined benefit (DB) pension scheme. ([Link](#))

Nick Stace appointed as Non-Executive Director

The FCA confirmed the appointment of Nick Stace as a Non-Executive Director to its board. ([Link](#))

New Chair of the FCA's Smaller Business Practitioner Panel announced

The FCA Chairman, John Griffith-Jones, has announced the appointment of a new Chair for the FCA's independent Smaller Business Practitioner Panel. ([Link](#))

Tesco to pay redress for market abuse

The FCA announced that Tesco plc and Tesco Stores Limited (Tesco) have agreed they committed market abuse in relation to a trading update published on 29 August 2014, which gave a false or misleading impression about the value of publicly traded Tesco shares and bonds. ([Link](#))

FCA fines former investment banker for sharing confidential information over WhatsApp

The FCA has fined a former investment banker, £37,198 for sharing client confidential information over WhatsApp. The FCA found that he failed to act with due skill, care and diligence. ([Link](#))

FCA publishes near final rules on MiFID II and encourages firms to submit applications for MiFID II authorisation

The FCA has published near final rules on the implementation of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID) II. These include changes to the trading of financial instruments including issues affecting trading venues, transparency of trading and algorithmic and high frequency trading. ([Link](#))

Resource Links*

Government

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

SRO

- FINRA - WWW.FINRA.ORG
- NASDAQ - WWW.NASDAQ.COM
- New York Stock Exchange - WWW.NYSE.COM
- Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board - WWW.MSRB.ORG
- National Futures Association WWW.NFA.FUTURES.ORG

Industry

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

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Reader Survey

“Find It - Before the Regulators”

The RRS staff continually strives 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 our extensive regulatory experience and the information our clients provide 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 regulatory deficiencies before the regulators do. If you have question or suggestions, please speak with your account representative or call us at (561) 368-2245.

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