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Press Article

It has come to the attention of the Financial Services Commission (“FSC”) that certain views have recently been expressed in the media on the regulatory framework for Robotic and Artificial Intelligence Enabled Advisory Services. The FSC wishes to highlight the following:

1. The FSC, on 29 October 2020 published on its website, a consultation paper where the views on the framework were invited from the public and relevant stakeholders. Views received were taken on board for the publication of the Rules on Robotic and Artificial Intelligence Enabled Advisory Services.
2. The decision of the FSC to introduce this regulatory framework for the benefit of its stakeholders is aligned with its objective to foster the availability of new and innovative services in Mauritius. This also ensures that activities conducted in these areas are adequately regulated thereby protecting clients and the public.
3. Licensees are required to comply with prudential conduct of business, as well as, with the standards for the prevention of Anti-Money Laundering and Combatting the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) in line with the mandate of the FSC, as well as, requirements under the Financial Action Task Force to ensure that all businesses have proper AML/CFT controls.

4. Opinions expressed in the article to the effect that no country has adopted the regulation of robo-advisors is inaccurate and could be misleading. The FSC has carried out a benchmarking exercise with international jurisdictions (including

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Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Abu Dhabi, and Bahrain) in the formulation of these Rules. These jurisdictions already offer the possibility to their business stakeholders and financial consumers to engage and benefit from these innovative services to satisfy their investment and wealth management needs, amongst others.

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About the FSC

The FSC is the integrated regulator for the non-banking financial services sector and global business.

The vision of the FSC is to be an internationally recognised Financial Supervisor committed to the sustained development of Mauritius as a sound and competitive Financial Services Centre.

In carrying out its mission, the FSC aims to promote the development, fairness, efficiency and transparency of financial institutions and capital markets in Mauritius; suppress crime and malpractices so as to provide protection to members of the public investing in non-banking financial products; and ensure the soundness and stability of the financial system in Mauritius.

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