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Capital Markets - Things to Know



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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.

What are Capital Markets?

'Capital Markets' are markets in which individuals and institutions trade (buy/sell) financial securities. Securities can be shares or stocks, debentures, bonds and other financial instruments.

Who can invest in Capital Markets?

Any member of the public can invest in securities of Companies which are listed on the Stock Exchange of Mauritius Ltd (SEM). Such person thus becomes a shareholder/investor and one of the owners of those securities.

Why invest in Capital Markets?

A person becoming a shareholder/investor may be entitled to monetary benefits such as dividends, bonus, rights issue, capital growth (price increase in value). He may further diversify his investment portfolio by investing in different products.

How to invest in Capital Markets?

In order to buy or sell securities, an investor needs to contact a **licensed investment dealer (formerly known as a stockbroker)** who will transact on his behalf on the SEM. He will need to open an account with the Central Depository and Settlement System (CDS) to settle his trades and enter a contract

with his investment dealer and pay the appropriate fees. There are different categories of investment dealers which are licensed by the Financial Services Commission (FSC). Please refer to FSC's website: <http://www.fscmauritius.org>

Because of the level of risks involved when trading in securities, an investor/potential investor should seek the advice of a professional with the appropriate expertise and experience. A professional may be a licensed investment dealer, a licensed investment adviser, a law practitioner or a company secretary amongst others.

Who are the parties to Capital Markets?

• Market Intermediaries

- 1) Investment Dealers (formerly known as Stock-broking Company) and their representatives (previously known as stockbrokers and dealer's representatives);
- 2) Investment Advisers and their representatives, e.g., entities or individuals providing investment advice.

• Collective Investment Schemes (CISs) and closed-end funds and CIS functionaries (CIS Managers, CIS Administrators and/or Custodians).

Who regulates the Capital Markets sector?

The FSC was established in 2001 and licenses, regulates, monitors and supervises activities in the financial services sector other than banking including Capital Markets.

As part of its functions, the FSC:

- a) promotes the confident and informed participation of investors and consumers in, and the efficiency of, securities markets in Mauritius;
- b) improves the protection of investors in Mauritius from unfair, improper and fraudulent practices in relation to securities;
- c) fosters fair, efficient, transparent and informed markets for securities in Mauritius.

What happens when you are not satisfied with the services provided?

Complaints can be addressed in the first instance to investment dealers, investment advisers, the Securities Exchanges and then the FSC.

When do I contact the FSC?

If you still remain unsatisfied with the response, you may make a complaint to the FSC.