



Financial Services Commission
Mauritius

CIRCULAR LETTER
CL 270617

27 June 2017

To: The Directors,
Licensees/ Registered/ Approved/ Authorised Persons/ Applicants

Dear Sir/ Madam

**PROFESSIONAL COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEME OFFERING ITS SHARES
BY WAY OF PRIVATE PLACEMENT**

1. Further to the coming into force of the Securities (Preferential Offer) Rules 2017 and for the purposes of the Securities Act 2005, an offer of securities made by a professional collective investment scheme shall amount to a private placement where –
 - (a) the total cost of subscription or purchase for each person to whom the offer is made is for an amount of at least USD 200,000; and
 - (b) each person subscribes or purchases for his own account and no publicity is made by the person making the offer.
2. For this purpose **as from 1 July 2017**, all collective investment schemes also categorised as professional collective investment scheme pursuant to regulation 75 (1) (b) of the Securities (Collective Investment Schemes and Closed-end Funds) Regulations 2008 shall only on-board investors where the total cost of subscription or purchase for each investor is for an amount of at least USD 200,000.
3. For avoidance of doubt, provisions of the Securities (Preferential Offer) Rules 2007 shall **not** apply to Closed-End Funds which are not reporting issuers and Expert Funds offering its shares/ units by way of private placement.

Yours faithfully,

P.K. Kuriachen
Acting Chief Executive