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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **THE BERMUDA MONETARY AUTHORITY CONSULTS ON PROPOSALS TO REVISE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR INVESTMENT PROVIDERS**

#### **Enhanced Code to emphasise improved disclosure and information practices among investment providers for the protection of investors**

The Bermuda Monetary Authority has published a Consultation Paper outlining proposals to enhance its existing Code of Conduct for investment providers. The revised Code incorporates more explicit guidance to investment providers about how they should deal with both personal and institutional clients, in particular regarding the clarity of information and disclosures they provide to investors.

The revised Code was developed after the Authority conducted a review last year into common disclosure practices in the Bermuda investment industry. The Authority established a Working Group, comprising members of its supervisory team, and representatives from the investment industry and the Pension Commissioner's Office, to consider the results of the review and assist in developing the proposed revisions to the Code.

Jeremy Cox, CEO of the Authority said, "As Bermuda's financial services regulator we ensure our regulations are consistent with international standards, and one of our most important roles is investor protection. The proposals in this revised code will further strengthen standards for our investment industry to ensure Bermuda remains in line with international best practice and to maintain good business conduct in the market."

Graeme Dargie, Director, Banking, Trust and Investment added, "The enhanced Code builds on the guidance already established in the existing Code of Conduct for investment providers. Our new proposals provide very specific direction to the industry in key areas, including avoiding misleading or deceptive representation; avoiding or disclosing conflicts of interest; providing periodic information/ performance reports, disclosure of remuneration and commissions, and generally assisting clients with making informed investment decisions."

Mr. Dargie explained that a series of templates have also been developed for use by investment providers, to encourage greater consistency in the reporting and information they provide to investors.



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A copy of the Consultation Paper is available within the Consultation Papers/Banking section on the Authority's website: [www.bma.bm](http://www.bma.bm). Interested parties wishing to comment on the Paper are invited to complete the Summary of Consultation Comments form, which is available as an appendix to the Consultation Paper. Deadline for submission of comments is 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

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