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**Jalil Tarif**

## The Kickoff

The Secretariat General of the Union of Arab Securities Authorities (UASA) is pleased to announce the publishing of the first issue of the regular UASA E-Newsletter. The Newsletter will be issued in an electronic form on quarterly basis and will be posted in the place designated for this purpose on the UASA Website, [www.uasa.ae](http://www.uasa.ae).

The issuing of this newsletter comes in implementation of the action plan approved by the Board of the Union of Arab Securities Authorities in its seventh meeting, held on February 3rd, 2013 in Kuwait. The Newsletter includes a summary of the most important news and activities of the members of the UASA, especially those concerning the legislations and procedures relating to the oversight of the capital markets, including oversight over stock exchanges and procedures for law enforcement, as well as topics intended to raise the awareness of investors and educate them.

The Newsletter also includes the most important international news related to capital markets, including the recent developments in the global financial markets and the most important events and procedures issued by the international organizations concerned with capital markets such as the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) and other international organizations. The Newsletter also contains a number of news concerning the UASA, the Secretariat General and the various programs and activities related to the UASA.

On this occasion, the Secretariat General is pleased to provide this Newsletter to those who are interested in the Arab capital markets, and hopes that this publication will contribute to providing useful information to help all parties. The Secretariat General is also pleased to receive any comments or contributions aiming to develop this Newsletter in the future in a manner to provide more advantages and added value to further promote cooperation and coordination to best serve the Arab capital markets.

# The launch of the new website of the Union of Arab Securities Authorities

22/May/2013

The Secretary General of the Union of Arab Securities Authorities (UASA) Jalil Tarif, announced the launch of the new website of UASA [www.uasa.ae](http://www.uasa.ae), indicating that the creation of the website has been completed in both Arabic and English. The website now contains the basic information related to the work of UASA, including all information concerning the UASA; its members; the legislations that govern the functioning of the Arab securities authorities; the procedures implemented by the member authorities with regard to legislations and oversight the

markets; and the enforcement actions, as well as awareness programs and protection of investors. The website also contains information on major events and important news concerning the UASA and its members as well as news related to regional and global developments. All such information is continuously updated. Moreover, the website allows for the posting of "Investor Alerts" by the authorities for the protection of investors, as well as providing a member area for the use of members to facilitate

communication among the members.

The UASA Secretary-General confirmed that the launch of the new website of UASA has come in implementation of the work plan approved by the UASA Board at its seventh meeting which was held in Kuwait in February 2013. In addition to the creation of the website, the plan included the implementation of a variety of tasks, activities and programs aimed at promoting cooperation and coordination among the Arab securities authorities to best serve the interests of Arab capital markets. Within this framework, the UASA Secretariat has been organizing a series of training programs among the Arab Securities authorities in order to enhance mutual cooperation and ensure the transfer of knowledge. The first training program, organized by the Securities and Commodities Authority (SCA) of the United Arab Emirates was held on May 20 at the SCA headquarters in Dubai and addressed disclosure and electronic disclosure issues.

The second training program on investigation, enforcement and inspection, to be organized by the Jordan Securities Commission, will be held in Amman on 29 and 30 May. In addition, four other programs will be organized within the bilateral exchange program among the authorities of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the Arab Republic of Egypt, and Morocco.

These training programs will focus on the different training needs of the Arab securities authorities

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including licensing issues, insider trading, collective investment instruments, capital adequacy, awareness and education of investors, strategic planning and corporate governance.

The UASA Secretary-General explained that the new website was created by utilizing advanced technology so that the website would be easy to use by interested parties, researchers and investors, making it easier to obtain the required information efficiently and rapidly through the provision of effective and sophisticated search tools. It is worth mentioning that the Union of Arab Securities Authorities was established in 2007. The UASA's headquarter is located in Dubai, UAE, its membership includes 16 active and associate members representing (14) Arab securities authorities, including the Lebanese Financial Markets Authority which joined the Union membership last February, the Union of Arab Stock Exchanges and the Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA). It is also worth noting that the main functions of the securities authorities is to regulate Arab stock markets, whose market capitalization amounted to about (970) billion dollars, as well as to regulate brokerage firms, public shareholding companies and other entities associated with the

operation of capital markets. In addition, the securities authorities are concerned with the development of Arab capital markets in a manner to ensure efficiency and transparency and protect investors and dealers in the financial markets. It should further be noted that UASA has become an associate member

of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) last march, which would significantly contribute to the opening of new horizons for UASA and enhance its Arab, regional and international position and role to bring about advantages to the Arab capital markets.



# Jalil Tarif the secretary general of the UASA

The Union of Arab Securities Authorities appointed Jalil Tarif the position of the UASA's Secretary General of the after winning the confidence of the supervisory committee, he was chosen for the job in light of his experience and efficiency in many financial institutions.

Nasser Ahmed Shaibi CEO of the Qatar Financial Markets, the current chairman of the Union said on this occasion » The appointment of Mr. Tarif will contribute in developing work in the Union, and a boost towards achieving its objectives.

Mr Shaibi: "The selection process came after a comprehensive thorough study for many applications, where the interview qualified applicants by the committee in charge to do so by the Union, was chosen advanced efficient, and which meets the requirements of the Union and job descriptions subject to the post of Secretary-General".

Mr. Shaibi concluded his speech by wishing the new Secretary-General every all the success for his new duties. For his part, Mr. Jalil Tarif new Secretary-General of the Union: » I am happy to be in this position to join the gentlemen concerned in the Arab financial sector and work together to overcome the difficulties and prevent any obstacles the Arab Markets may encounter, in addition to expand the Union base.

And am thankful the gentlemen members to for giving me their trust, I see that it's a great responsibility, and am will commit in doubling utmost energies to achieve the best results.

## The seventh assembly meeting of the UASA



February 3, 2013

The Union of Arab Securities Authorities (UASA) seventh assembly meeting held in Kuwait on the 3rd of February 2013 with the presence of the union's board members. The session began with an opening speech by Mr. Saleh Mubarak Al Falah – Chairman of Capital Markets Authority of Kuwait, and a speech by Mr. Nasser Ahmed Al Sheibi – Chairman of Qatar Financial Markets Authority and the Union's Chairman, and finally a speech of Mr. Jalil Tarif the union's secretary general. The Union's Chairman was honored by the Capital Markets Authority's Chairman of Kuwait for the efforts given during chairing the Union. The opening session was also attended by the Chairman of the Federation of Arab Stock Exchanges, as well as a representative from the Arab Monetary Fund.

The Board discussed the Union's objectives and strategies and decided to assign to the Secretariat to submit, after consulting with the members of the union board, the areas and programs that are prioritized and start implementing them according to their importance. The Board approved the work plan submitted by the General Secretariat for 2013. The Board also discussed the estimated budget and approved it, taking into account the changes that may occur as a result of the Secretariat revenue-generating activities and joining the IOSCO's membership. Furthermore, the board decided to hold the UASA's next annual meeting in Beirut / Lebanon, whom which welcomed to host the meeting in March 2014.

UASA's Board has approved the annual report submitted and the auditor's report and the accounts for the year 2012, and agreed to renew the appointment of Ernst & Young to audit the accounts of the Union for the year 2013. The board also accepted the application of the Capital Markets Authority of Lebanon membership in the UASA. The board assigned to the Secretariat to provide a summary on Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) and particularly with regards to its impact on the Securities Commissions.

## UASA's accepted as an affiliate member in IOSCO

25 March 2013

The International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) Board of Directors approved the application of the UASA's membership for IOSCO as per the IOSCO's board meeting decision which was held in Sydney - Australia on 22 / March / 2013.



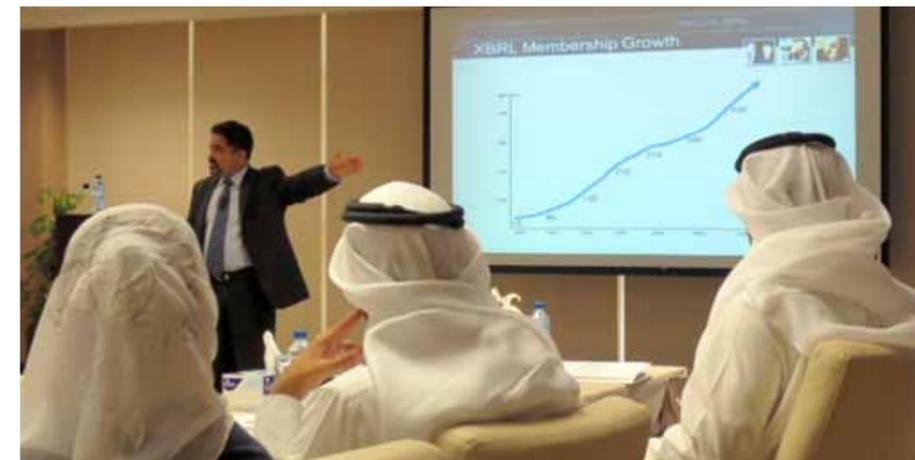
## Bilateral Exchange Program

2 April 2013

The UASA's General Secretariat is starting the implementation of a bilateral exchange training program in cooperation with the union's members during the year 2013.

This program includes (6) training programs to be held during this year. The dates will be determined in coordination between the UASA's General Secretariat and the Union members.

The table below shows a brief overview of these programs and topics that will be covered and its venue.



Authority's Name providing the training	Country	Training Topics	Training Duration
Jordan Securities Commission	Jordan	1. Inspection systems on entities subject to commission's monitoring and oversight. 2. Investigation and enforcement techniques .	2 days
Securities and Commodities Authority	UAE	1. Disclosure, E-Disclosure, insiders disclosure and systems applied with this regard.	2 days
Capital Market Authority	KSA	1. Oversight of collective investment schemes and dealing with the new instruments and ETFs. 2. Insider Trading. 3. Monitoring money laundry. 4. Brokerage firms' back office accounting systems and IT Audit systems.	3 days
Qatar Financial Markets Authority	Qatar	1. Dispute resolution procedures. 2. Trading surveillance systems and its management and oversight of financial markets.	2 days
Egyptian Financial Supervisory Authority	Egypt	1. Monitoring brokerage firms systems, financial efficiencies and capital adequacy. 2. Licensing requirements and dealing with licensed entities. 3. Methods of monitoring corporate governance principles implementation and procedures applied in evaluating comply in this regard.	2 days
CDVM	Morocco	1. Investor education and awareness programs and methods in dealing with investors. 2. Oversight of media and news related to capital markets and dealing with vendors information dissemination. 3. Strategic planning for the Commission's assessment of and its importance in work development and achievement.	2 days

\* Training program final content and deadline will be determined in coordination with the concerned members.

## Participating in the CFA conference

20 March 2013



The UASA's Secretary General, Mr. Jalil Tarif has attended the 4th annual CFA conference on investment in the Middle East that was held in Dubai on 20-21 March. Mr. Tarif participated in the work session on future developments of Arab capital markets oversight where he stressed on the importance of the role of the UASA regarding cooperation and coordination between the Arab Securities Authorities on legislation issues and strengthening oversight in dealing in Arab securities markets.

## Participating in the Federation of Arab Stock Exchanges annual conference

March 3, 2013

The UASA's Secretary General, Mr. Jalil Tarif has participated in the Federation of Arab Stock Exchanges annual conference in cooperation with Muscat Securities Market which was held in Muscat – Oman on the 3rd-4th of March 2013.

## Capital Markets Authority of Lebanon joins the UASA



The UASA's board of directors accepted the Capital Markets Authority of Lebanon as a new active member in the UASA as of the 3rd February 2013.

## The Bilateral Exchange Program on Disclosure and E-disclosure Systems



The Securities & Commodities Authority (SCA) held in cooperation with the Union of Arab Securities Authorities (UASA) Secretariat a training program on disclosure and e-disclosure systems at the headquarters of the Securities and Commodities Authority in Dubai on the 20th of May 2013.

Fifteen trainees representing four different Arab Securities Authorities have participated in this training program, in addition to the participation of other local organizations. During the program, SCA's experience on of disclosure and e-disclosure were reviewed, including the use of the XBRL language in order to enhance disclosure efficiency and transparency in United Arab Emirates capital market.

## The Bilateral Exchange Program on Investigation and Enforcement

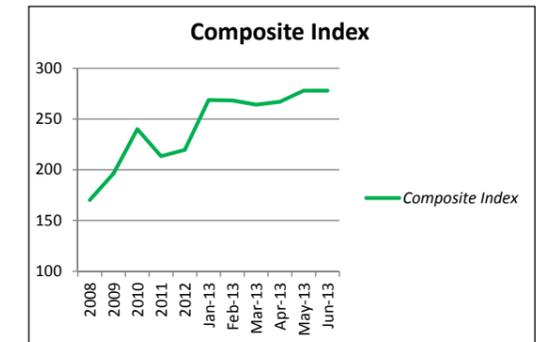
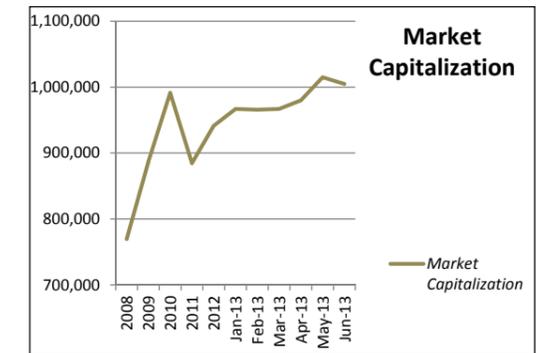
The Jordan Securities Commissions (JSC) held in cooperation with the Union of Arab Securities Authorities (UASA) Secretariat a training program on investigation and enforcement systems at the headquarters of the JSC in Amman on the 29th and 30th of May 2013.

Forty two trainees representing seven different Arab Securities Authorities have participated in this training program, in addition to the participation of other local organizations. During the program, JSC's experience on investigation and enforcement were reviewed, in order to enhance the efficiency and transparency in the Jordanian capital market.



## Summary of Arab Stock Markets Performance

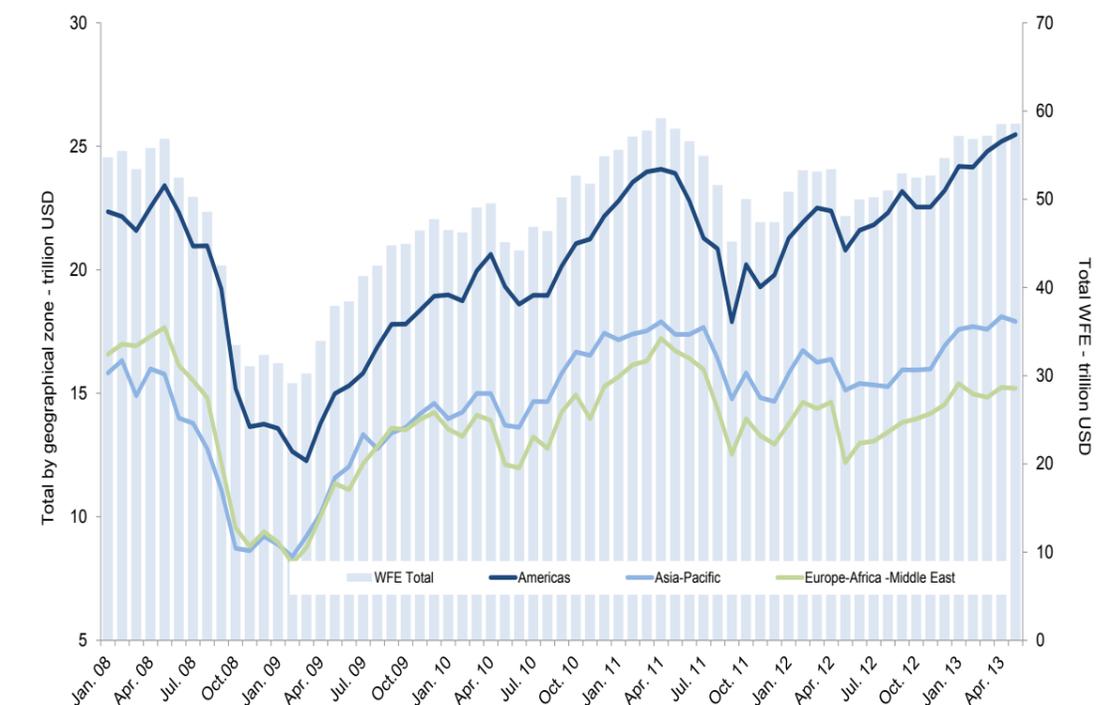
	Market Capitalization (U.S. Million)	Value Traded (U.S. Million)	Composite Price Index
2008	769,589	997,874	170.2
2009	887,087	567,872	196.3
2010	991,533	348,944	240.04
2011	884,490	379,897	213.36
2012	941,412	586,387	219.63
2013			
Jan	966,951	39,733	268.74
Feb	965,830	39,302	268.36
Mar	966,901	40,724	264.17
Apr	979,839	46,160	267.03
May	1,014,920	42,333	278.03
Jun	1,004,760	44,165	278.00



Source : <http://www.amf.org.ae/>

## Summary of the World Stock Exchanges Performance

### Evolution of monthly domestic market capitalization from 2008



Source : <http://www.world-exchanges.org/>

## Market Regulation

### Jordan Securities Commission - JSC

#### Corporate governance rules of public shareholding

Securities Commission of Jordan issued a directory of Corporate Governance for listed companies in Amman Stock Exchange on 29/7/2008, including some mandatory rules, which was based on binding legal provisions contained commitment to public shareholding companies, and guidelines to be applied through an assured method or an interpretation of non-compliance.

The objective was to follow this method in the past to give companies enough time

to adapt to the principles of corporate governance to enhance awareness and achieve full compliance with them gradually.

The Commission has recently revised the guidelines of the Corporate Governance directory and choose some of them to become mandatory and matching with the market environment in the Jordanian capital, and through the inclusion of these rules to the listing requirements of the companies listed in the

First Market in Amman Stock Exchange as a first step.

The mandatory rules focused on a new chapter which is separating the post of Chairman in the Board from any executive position or have at least two memberships in two independent Boards, and is formed by the Audit Committee and the Nomination and Remuneration Committee by members of the Board of Directors to be the majority of members in these committees of independent members.

#### Instructions to suspend the licenses of financial services companies upon request

Jordan Securities Commission (JSC) recently prepared the Draft Project of the "Instructions to Suspend the Licenses of Financial Services Companies upon Request", to regulate & to develop the capital market & to protect its dealers & investors.

By virtue of these "Instructions", the Commission shall grant Financial Services Companies upon their request a specified period of time to suspend their work to enable them to rectify & to re-organize their status according to the Securities Law & relevant instructions.

#### Instructions of Marketing Agreements to Financial Services Companies

Jordan Securities Commission (JSC) recently prepared the Draft Project of the "Instructions of Marketing Agreements to Financial Services Companies", to regulate & to develop Jordan capital market & to protect its

dealers & investors. This step shall permit the re-use of Marketing Agreements by Financial Services Companies in order to maintain an attractive investment environment & to eliminate previous malpractices.

The "Draft Project" includes the minimum requirements to be available in any Agreement between Financial Services Companies & Marketers.

### UAE - Securities and Commodities Authority - SCA

#### SCA Board Approves Regulation for Rights Issue

The board of directors of Securities and Commodities Authority (SCA) has approved a draft regulation for trading in capital increase issue rights. The Regulation allows a shareholder who does not want to or cannot subscribe for the share increase to sell his rights to for financial benefit. This new financial tool is arguably an addition to the markets and will further boost trading on those markets.

The Regulation will provide new investment options and give greater in-depth to local financial markets. It also seeks

to further develop the markets and to allow the trading of new securities for more relief for shareholders of listed companies, giving them priority of trading in their capital increase issue rights in accordance with the best international practices.

The SCA board has also approved a suggestion to make the implementation of XBRL compulsory on listed public joint stock companies and brokerage firms in view of the success recorded during the trial period and the benefits the markets will be deriving from the

implementation of the system. The XBRL system will be implemented from beginning of 2014, when the annual reports of the year 2013 will be announced in accordance with the system, while brokerage firms will also be making disclosure of their financial statements, financial liquidity, segregation of accounts and financial liability reports.

All companies who will be subjected to the new system shall be notified early to allow them enough time to prepare technically for successful implementation of the system.

## Market Regulation

### KSA - Capital Market Authority - CMA

#### Publication of the draft Investment Funds Regulations for public consultation

As part of the CMA's efforts to develop the capital market and improve methods of system and entities trading in securities, and based on the Capital Market Law issued by Royal Decree Number (M/30) Dated 2/6/1424 H, the CMA has prepared a developed draft of the Investment Funds Regulations,

and a summarized Glossary of related terms, that regulates the establishment, offering and management of investment funds and associated activities in the Kingdom, which reflects the international best practice and standards aiming at achieving the desired objectives. The CMA Board has issued its

resolution Number (1-24-2013) Dated 11/6/1434H 21/4/2013, which includes publishing the draft Investment Funds Regulations and the summarized Glossary of related terms on the CMA's website to enable concerned and interested parties to provide their comments and observations.

### Oman - Capital Markets Authority - CMA

#### Amendment of Certain Provisions of the Executive Regulation of the Capital Market Law

The amended Article 156/1 of the Executive Regulation of the Capital Market Law with regard to trading by the staff of the company operating in securities which provides for the terms and conditions for their trading on the market. Clause (1) of the Article was replaced as follows: "Trading shall only be through the company for which the staff

is working and shall disclose this account to the company."

The amendment included replacement of the text of Article 301 with regard to insider trading as follows: "Insiders shall not deal in the securities of the issuer on the basis of undisclosed material information. Insiders shall not allow any other person access to

any material information prior to disclosure."

The amendment cancelled the closed period prior to disclosure of financial statements (accounts closing period) and the legal liability will continue on the insider for dealing on the basis of undisclosed information at all times.

### Egyptian Financial Supervisory Authority - EFSA

#### EFSA amends Listed Companies Rules to determine the Allowed Percentage for GDR Issuance

EFSA's BOD issued in its decision No. 8 for year 2013 amending Article 12 Bis 1 of the Listing and Delisting Regulations in the Egyptian Stock Exchange issued with a Capital Market BOD decision No. 30 for year 2002 dated 18/6/2002 to determine the maximum allowed percentage for GDR issuance for each listed company. A paragraph was added to Article 12 Bis 1 stating that the rate of Issued shares in form of GDRs shall not exceed one third of the capital source of the company.

#### EFSA issued Regulations for Brokerage Companies and Portfolio Management Companies regarding exchanging GDR's with Listed Securities in the Stock Exchange

EFSA BOD in its last session issued regulations regarding brokerage companies and portfolio management companies on GDR's in exchange for listed securities. These regulations include rules controlling brokerage companies in getting approval from EFSA for dealing on GDR's, and prohibiting the practice of this activity by any company that didn't get approval from EFSA. It also included requirements for obtaining EFSA's approval, the issued and paid capital should exceed 20 million Egyptian pound, the solvency of the company not to be less than 10%, and the need for a competent committee specialized in trading in GDR's with a number of employees not less than 2 persons specialized in that activity.

#### Amending Listing and Delisting Rules at the Egyptian Exchange

EFSA's BOD issued a decision that amends Listing and Delisting Rules at the Egyptian Exchange. The decision includes increasing the minimum limit of issued and paid capital for companies wishing to be listed at the

Exchange to be 50 million EGP or its equivalent, that is to be compatible with the maximum limit of the capital of small and medium companies listed for the first time. The decision also included

increasing the number of shareholders of the companies being listed at the Exchange to be 500 shareholders instead of 100. Upon listing, their contribution shall not exceed 1% from the offered shares.

## Market Oversight

### Jordan Securities Commission - JSC

#### Electronic Disclosure System

The JSC has started the implementation of "Electronic Disclosure System" (EDS). The (EDS) shall enable Public Shareholding Companies (PSCs) & parties subject to the Commission monitoring, to provide it with materials intended to be disclosed via specified "Electronic Forms". The Commission will receive & audit the content of these "Forms" prior to publishing them promptly

on the website to the public. Afterwards, it will document them on the System.

The System will enhance the swiftness & accuracy of sending & disseminating disclosures issued by companies & will allow them to view many reports. The success of this Project depends greatly on players that are effective & strategic i.e. (PSCs). Therefore, the

Commission will select a number of companies from various sectors of the capital market to take part in the Trial Phase of this Project. The Commission shall familiarize & train them on the System in order to specify the required improvements to be applied to the Trial Copy, prior to finalizing it on the Final Copy that will be activated afterwards on all (PSCs) by the end of August 2013.

### UAE - Securities and Commodities Authority - SCA

#### Launch of Technical Analysis Certification Program

The Securities and Commodities Authority (SCA) has announced the launch of a technical analysis certification program, the first of its kind in the United Arab Emirates.

The announcement came at the opening of the Technical Analysis seminar, organized by the SCA in collaboration with the International Federation of Technical Analysts (IFTA), during which the two signed a cooperation agreement.

#### Training Program on Compliance Officer

The Securities and Commodities Authority (SCA) has signed a joint agreement to offer a training program which will lead to awarding Compliance Officer – Advanced Level certificate. The program is being organized in collaboration with the International Compliance Association (ICA) and the International Compliance Training (ICT).

#### SCA showcases its XBRL experience to GCC representatives, calls for setting up XBRL Committee at GCC Level

The Securities and Commodities Authority (SCA) has organized at its Dubai headquarters a workshop for representatives of market regulators from member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). The workshop aims at highlighting the XBRL system, which is being used by many of the advanced international markets. It is also to outline the value it will add to GCC markets, in terms of enhancing transparency, facilitating the release of financial statements and boosting corporate governance.

### Morocco - Conseil Déontologique des Valeurs Mobilières

#### Monthly reporting on share buy-back program launched by listed companies in order to help stabilize the market

The Moroccan Capital Market Authority (CDVM) discloses publicly the transactions conducted during the month of May 2013 by the companies which obtained approval from General Meetings to initiate a stock buy-back program, in order to adjust their share price. These transactions were carried out by the said companies either directly, or via their subsidiaries or controlled companies.

### Capital Markets Authority of Lebanon

#### CMA Lebanon issues decisions on disclosure and crowd funding

The Capital Markets Authority of Lebanon issued new decisions related to disclosure and disclosure policies that companies should have and crowd funding to finance small, medium and startup companies.

## Market Oversight

### Egyptian Financial Supervisory Authority- EFSA

#### Amending the Requirements of Basic and Technical Structure of the information systems at Brokerage Companies which offer online Trading

Egyptian Financial Supervisory Authority (EFSA)'s BOD issued a new regulatory decision regarding defining the requirements of the basic and technical structure of information systems at brokerage companies which offer online trading. The decision includes the possibility of using the e-mail as a mean

of receiving orders on condition that an electronic signature shall be used. That signature which may be obtained from competent bodies at Information Technology Industry Development Agency (ITIDA). Also, the decision sets other conditions that protects and

secures the companies from any hackers that may harm the company and dealers' interests. The decision grants Brokerage Companies which offer online trading a period of six months to adjust its positions pursuant to decisions no. 49 and 50 of 2006 starting from the date of applying the new requirements.

#### The return of Intra-day trading

EFSA announced the decision to return intra-day trading on Thursday 23 May 2013, which completes the return of work of market mechanisms to their former nature and provide more liquidity. It is worth mentioning that the intra-day trading

was suspended due to the precautionary measures that EFSA took to restore work of the Capital Market after 25th January revolution. It included a number of measures and mechanisms to reduce market turmoil at the

beginning of trading and allow it to return gradually to its normal, in order to achieve maximum protection to investor rights, and emphasis on the credibility of the Capital Market.

## Education and Awareness

### UAE - Securities and Commodities Authority - SCA

#### SCA's fifth annual conference

The 5th Annual Conference of the UAE Securities and Commodities Authority (ESCA) was held in Dubai under the theme: "The UAE Capital Markets – An Important Engine for Economic Growth". Participants in the conference issued a number of

recommendations, including the need to have clearly defined Sukuk regulatory rules within the capital market laws to vitalize these markets in the UAE, the need to have and apply the requirements of transparency and appropriate practices in

the promotion of these products and to maintain the products' Sharia-compliant features, and the need to have international cooperation agreement in assets management which, is very important for the industry and investors alike.

### KSA - Capital Market Authority - CMA

#### CMA Launches English Interactive Website for "The Smart Investor" Program

The Capital Market Authority (CMA) launched the English version of its interactive website "The Smart Investor", its nationwide program that targets children to raise their financial awareness as potential future investors.

Last year the "The Smart Investor" program reached a target audience of 3.5 million in Saudi Arabia via its participation in numerous public events, malls, and visits to public and private schools all across the country.

The interactive website can be reached at: [www.smart-investor.net](http://www.smart-investor.net)



## Education and Awareness

### Qatar Financial Markets Authority - QFMA

#### QFMA launches its application on Apple Store

Qatar Financial Markets Authority "QFMA" launched its application on iPhone and iPad devices (Apple store: QFMA), for the latest news to be followed easily and for the most important issuances of the QFMA to

become accessible by those interested and dealers in the capital market. The application will be a link between the QFMA and interested parties and dealers whether individuals or

companies, so they can find laws, regulations and reports in a simplified electronic way, as well as know the listed companies and financial services companies dealing in the capital market.

### Kuwait - Capital Markets Authority - CMA

#### CMA begins broadcasting messages on "Twitter"

The Capital Markets Authority of Kuwait began broadcasting short messages in "Twitter" addressed to an audience of investors and traders and those interested in the activities of securities, including those awareness messages and simplified legal guidance and investment advice in general, in addition to the decisions and instructions issued by the Authority and other relevant news items. (@cma\_kwt)

## International Cooperation

### UAE - Securities and Commodities Authority - SCA

#### Securities and Commodities Authority (SCA) signs an MOU with its Polish counterpart

The Securities and Commodities Authority (SCA) and its Polish counterpart have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) aimed at boosting cooperation in the area of securities and investment. The MoU promotes exchange of training and technical

assistance between the two authorities, through consultations between them to identify areas of interest for training and technical assistance, with the aim of boosting further the development of capital markets in their respective countries, promoting joint assistance,

sharing of information to help the two authorities discharge their duties in a way that would ensure full respect for and strict implementation of the standing laws concerning securities companies, futures contracts and options and other investment activities.

### Oman - Capital Markets Authority - CMA

#### Signing of a memorandum of understanding with the Nigerian Federal Securities Commission

The Capital Market Authority of Oman a memorandum of understanding with the Commission of Securities and Exchange of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 in Dubai on

the sidelines of the meeting of the Regional Committee of the African and the Middle East of the Iosco, aiming note bilateral exchange of information and the achievement of joint cooperation between the two

institutions, in order to protect investors and the integrity of the securities markets further by providing a framework for cooperation and raising the level of mutual understanding between them.

### Kuwait - Capital Markets Authority - CMA

#### CMA Kuwait joins the Islamic Financial Services Board Membership

The Capital Markets Authority of Kuwait announced joining the Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB) membership, the IFSB promotes the development of a prudent and transparent Islamic financial services industry through introducing new, or adapting existing international standards consistent with Sharia's principles, and recommend them for adoption.

## International Cooperation

### Egyptian Financial Supervisory Authority - EFSA

#### EFSA signed an MOU with the National Securities and Stock Market Commission of Ukraine

The Egyptian Financial Supervisory Authority (EFSA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding related to Exchanging Information with National Securities and Stock Market Commission of Ukraine which is a member in the IOSCO.

The Memo is aiming at protecting investors and maintaining market's integrity through providing a frame of cooperation between both countries and establishing channels of communication, mutual understanding,

exchanging technical and regulatory information, offering help in auditing and monitoring to ensure the efficiency of the two Authorities, that is besides granting the secrecy of information exchanged between the two Authorities.

### Palestine Capital Market Authority - PCMA

#### (CMA) and the Institute of British investment signed an agreement in developing a certificate known as "Palestinian legislation securities sector"

The Capital Market Authority of Palestine and the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment (CISI), a global enterprise specializing in professional certification for the financial sector, based in Britain signed an agreement to develop a certificate known as "Palestinian legislation securities sector".

## Others

### KSA - Capital Market Authority - CMA

#### Saudi Arabia Appoints New Chairman of CMA

Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah has appointed H.E. Mohammad Bin Abdulmalik Bin Abdullah Al-Sheikh as the new chairman of the Capital Market Authority (CMA) at the rank of minister.



### Iraqi Securities Commission



#### Laying the foundation stone for the reconstruction of Iraqi Securities Commission (ISC) building

The Iraqi Securities Commission laid the foundation stone for the reconstruction of ISC building through a special ceremony. It was implemented according to the specifications and during the limited period of time, the total area of the seven floors building project is 1815 meters.

### Egyptian Financial Supervisory Authority - EFSA

#### Appointing a Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Authority

The Chairman of the Board of Directors issued a resolution No. 337 for the year 2013 the appointment of Dr. / Mohamed Ahmed Mohamed Meit - Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Egyptian Financial Supervisory Authority for a year.

## International Organization of Securities Commissions - IOSCO

### IOSCO Published Report on Technological Challenges to Market Surveillance

22 Apr 2013

The Board of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) published today a final report on Technological Challenges to Effective Market Surveillance: Issues and Regulatory Tools, which makes recommendations to help market authorities address the technological challenges facing effective market surveillance. An effective surveillance regime is needed to ensure that trading in a given market is fair and orderly, and that market authorities have the ability to detect or uncover market

abuse. But in recent years, technological developments in securities markets render it increasingly difficult to achieve these goals.

This final report provides an overview of current market surveillance regimes and identifies the main challenges that technological developments pose to these regimes. It also makes final recommendations to help market authorities develop the regulatory tools for addressing these challenges, particularly with respect to improving surveillance capabilities on a cross-market and cross-asset

basis; and making more useful to market authorities the data collected for surveillance purposes.

To help market authorities achieve the two goals of an effective surveillance regime, this report considers new regulatory tools for dealing with the challenges they face, including audit trail or surveillance data that permits the reconstruction of trades and order books; a single reporting point for transactions within a jurisdiction; and unique entity identifiers.



### IOSCO Publishes Principles for the Regulation of Exchange Traded Funds

The Board of the International Organization of Securities Commissions published the final report on Principles for the Regulation of Exchange Traded Funds, containing nine important principles intended to guide the regulation of ETFs and foster industry best practices in relation to these products. Investor interest in ETFs has increased worldwide as evidenced by the sharp increase in funds invested in these types of products. Assets managed under ETF structures totaled almost USD 1.9 trillion at end January 2013, representing roughly 7% of the global mutual fund market.

### IOSCO Launches Investor Education Gateway

The International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) launched an Investor Education Gateway on its Website. This new online tool is part of IOSCO's broader investor education initiative and aims to enhance the sharing of investor education information among IOSCO members and the public. The information contains online investor education materials from many of IOSCO's members, as well as published IOSCO reports and presentations regarding investor education.

### SROCC Meeting

The Self-Regulatory Organization Consultative Committee (SROCC) of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO), held its 2013 Mid-Year Meeting in Toronto, Canada, on May 21. The Mid-Year Meeting will be followed by the SROCC Training Program, from May 22-23.

### IOSCO Published Principles of Liquidity Risk Management for CIS

The International Organization of Securities Commissions published today the final report on Principles of Liquidity Risk Management for Collective Investment Schemes, which contains a set of principles against which both the industry and regulators can assess the quality of regulation and industry practices concerning liquidity risk management for collective investment schemes (CIS). Good liquidity risk management is a key feature of the correct operation of a CIS. Its

fundamental requirement is to ensure that the degree of liquidity that the open-ended CIS manages will allow it, in general, to meet redemption obligations and other liabilities. The principles of liquidity risk management published today provide details on how compliance with this requirement can be achieved. These principles have been designed to address the specificities of liquidity risk management in the context of the operation of a CIS. Generally, the principles aim

to reflect a level of common approach and to be a practical guide for regulators and industry practitioners. They are addressed to the entity/entities responsible for the overall operation of the CIS, and in particular its compliance with the legal / regulatory framework in the respective jurisdiction but do not provide directly applicable standards to firms. When being implemented, the principles have to be transposed taking into account the local regulatory framework.

## ORGANIZATION OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT OECD



### Financing small business: a key to economic recovery

Access to finance remains a key challenge for small and medium-sized enterprises and a stumbling block to recovery in most countries, according to a new OECD report. Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) requesting loans in 2011 generally faced higher interest rates than in 2009-2010.

Credit conditions continued to be tougher for SMEs than for larger companies as small businesses faced shortened maturities and increased demands for collateral. In a number of countries, the interest rate spread between SMEs and large firms grew in 2011. The analysis of financial

indicators from 25 countries between 2007-2011 shows that SME lending grew moderately in many developed economies. The more pronounced increase in financing of small companies in emerging economies was accompanied by a rapid expansion of credit to the business sector overall.

### OECD's Regional Round Table: Corporate Governance of state-owned enterprises

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) will hold its 5th Regional Round Table on corporate governance of State-owned Enterprises in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region in Istanbul during the period 2-3 / 7/2013.

## International Council of Securities Associations - ICSA

### ICSA Emerging Markets Committee: Financing of SMEs through Capital Markets in Emerging Market Countries

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Considering the essential role of the SMEs in every economy, coupled with the recent developments in the global financial markets, ICSA Emerging Markets Committee decided to work on Financing of SMEs through Capital Markets in Emerging Market Countries. The report recommended several methods for the development of SME markets in emerging market countries. The study finds that separate equity markets have been established for SMEs in several of the economies in this report, with quite successful results. However, in general, policy makers have not introduced

measures intended to improve SME's access to fixed income markets. Based on the results of the study we recommend that policy makers facilitate SME's access to both equity and fixed income markets through the establishment of separate markets specifically for those firms. One notable feature of the dedicated equity markets that have been established for SMEs is that listing requirements have been relaxed, which in turn has reduced issuance costs for the SMEs active in those markets. Therefore, we recommend that the listing rules for any dedicated equity and fixed income markets established for SMEs should be more relaxed than those in the main market.

## Morgan Stanley Capital Investments MSCI

### New Emerging Markets – UAE and Qatar



The UAE and Qatar receive upgrades to 'Emerging Market status' by Morgan Stanley Capital Investments (MSCI). The upgrade facilitates foreign investment in both UAE and Qatar. The equity index provider Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) has upgraded the UAE and Qatar to emerging market, from frontier market status, due to significant improvements in the UAE and Qatar stock exchanges adopting better market technology and transparency standards.

## USA SEC AND FSC

### Training Programme on Effective Oversight of Capital Markets

The Financial Services Commission, Mauritius ('FSC') will host a Regional Training Programme on the Effective Oversight of Capital Markets: Compliance, Examinations, Investigations and Prosecutions of Securities Fraud and Abuse in collaboration with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (USSEC), in Mauritius from 05 to 08 August 2013.

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