

SECURITIES COMMISSION OF THE BAHAMAS

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**NOTICE RELATING TO THE POLICY FOR LICENSING SECURITIES INVESTMENT
ADVISORS PURSUANT TO THE SECURITIES INDUSTRY ACT, 1999**

This **NOTICE** is issued by the Securities Commission of The Bahamas (“the Commission”) pursuant to Section 30 of the Securities Industry Act, 1999. The Commission has responsibility for the licensing, regulation and supervision of the securities and capital markets. Additionally, the Commission is mandated, inter alia, to formulate policies to regulate and govern the securities and capital markets and to create and promote sound guidelines to ensure an effective licensing framework.

The public is hereby advised that all Securities Investment Advisors, whether new or existing, are required to provide and maintain the stated regulatory capital of \$25,000.00. Further, all Securities Investment Advisors must have suitable professional indemnity insurance coverage except for those Securities Investment Advisors who intend to provide investment advice only and not trade in securities or offer brokerage services. As a part of its risk management approach, the Commission applies the same standard that has been implemented for Broker-Dealers regarding professional indemnity insurance coverage to Securities Investment Advisors that trade in securities or offer broker-dealer services.

Entities providing investment advice only will be required to submit a notarised declaration to this effect to the Commission, accompanied by a detailed business plan that outlines the exact services that the company will be providing. Declaration forms can be found on the Commission’s website at www.scb.gov.bs

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