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Securities Commission Announces Investor Education Celebration Plans

Nassau, The Bahamas, Tuesday 1 October 2024. The Securities Commission of The Bahamas (the Commission) announced today activities to help prepare Bahamians to make informed investment decisions as a part of its celebration of Investor Education Month and World Investor Week (WIW).

Prime Minister the Hon Philip Davis proclaimed October 2024 "Investor Education Month." WIW is an initiative of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO), the global standard setter for securities markets regulation. The global campaign raises awareness about the importance of investor education and protection and the work of IOSCO member securities regulators in these critical areas.

"We are excited about our initiatives this year to highlight the importance of investor education and our investor protection role," said Christian Rolle, Executive Director of the Commission. "We are also pleased to see several licensees participating in the World Investor Week celebration and encourage the public to engage with us throughout Investor Education Month."

The Commission has several initiatives planned for WIW, which is being celebrated Monday 7 October through Sunday 13 October 2024. These include two webinars to discuss "The Future of Money" and "Frauds and Scams" with an iPhone 16 giveaway for eligible attendees, an informational video series, television and radio appearances, and school visits. The Proclamation and additional information, including webinar registration links, can be accessed on the Commission's website at www.scb.gov.bs/world-investor-week-2024/.

IOSCO has identified Technology and Digital Finance, Crypto Assets and Sustainable Finance as the main themes of the WIW 2024 campaign. Supporting themes are Frauds and Scams Prevention, Basics of Investing and Investor Resilience.

The Investor Education Month Proclamation recognizes the role of financial and investor education in helping Bahamians to improve their capacity to manage their personal finances, protect themselves from falling prey to frauds and financial schemes, invest in a sustainable future, and prepare for their retirement years.

Follow the Commission's social media pages for information on investor education and scheduled WIW 2024 events.



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Editor's Information:

- 1. The Securities Commission of The Bahamas is a statutory body established in 1995. It is responsible for the regulation of securities, investment funds and the capital markets, financial and corporate service providers, digital assets and exchanges, and carbon credit trading.
- 2. More information about the Securities Commission of The Bahamas can be found at: https://www.scb.gov.bs/
- 3. For more information about the Commission's World Investor Week 2024 plans visit: https://www.scb.gov.bs/world-investor-week-2024/
- 4. IOSCO's World Investor Week (WIW) is a week-long, global campaign to raise awareness of the importance of investor education and protection, and to highlight the various initiatives of securities regulators in these two critical areas: https://www.iosco.org/news/pdf/IOSCONEWS740.pdf]
- 5. For information about World Investor Week global activities: www.worldinvestorweek.org
- A copy of the Investor Education Month Proclamation can be found at: https://www.scb.gov.bs/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Investor-Education-Month-Proclamation-2024-Newspapers.pdf