

DFSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Summary of Outcomes

The DFSA Board of Directors met in Dubai on **26 June 2019**.

Presentation - Dubai Mercantile Exchange (DME)

DME Chairman, Ahmad Sharaf, and Managing Director, Raid Al Salami, delivered a presentation to update the Board on DME matters.

Presentation – Update on UAE FATF Mutual Evaluation

The Supervision Division presented an update to the Board on the DFSA's preparations for the 2019 FATF UAE Mutual Evaluation.

The Chairman's Overview

The Chairman gave his customary overview and, amongst other things, reported on a recent trip to Beijing where he met with the Vice Chairman of the China Banking Regulatory Commission, the Governor of People's Bank of China and the incoming president of FATF. He also reported on meetings with the President of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the Vice Minister of Finance, the Vice Presidents of China Construction Bank and Agricultural Bank of China and the Presidents of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China and Bank of China. The DFSA's Director of International Relations accompanied the Chairman on his trip.

The Chairman also mentioned a recent trip to Zurich where he met with the Chairmen of UBS, Zurich Re and Swiss Re. The Chairman also met with the Chairman of the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority. Again, the DFSA's Director of International Relations accompanied the Chairman on his trip.

Chief Executive's Report

The Chief Executive provided an update on key policy matters, as well as general regulatory and internal DFSA matters.

The Chief Executive reported on a recent SEO dialogue meeting with the heads of major Authorised Firms in the Centre.

The General Counsel briefed the Board on recent legislative updates.

The Chief Executive reported that the pipeline of firms applying to the DIFC remains strong and he gave an update regarding some large firms.

International Matters

The Director of International Relations provided an update on forthcoming international engagements.

Committee Activity

The Legislative Committee approved Consultation Paper No. 126 dealing with changes to the DFSA's decision-making processes, and Consultation Paper No. 127 on miscellaneous changes. On the recommendation of the Legislative Committee, the Board approved and made proposed legislative reforms on which the Executive sought public comment under Consultation Paper No. 124: Property Crowdfunding. The Board also approved and made proposed legislative reforms to the AML module of the Rulebook.

The Risk Committee discussed macro risks and reviewed the Risk Inventory, including the assessment of the mitigating actions and levels of residual risk. The Committee also received an update on risk culture and discussed a paper on direct investor access to conventional security markets.

The Governance and Nominations Committee discussed recommendations arising from the Board effectiveness review, and other confidential Board matters.

The Audit Committee reviewed the DFSA's financial performance for the 5 months ended 31 May 2019. The Committee also reviewed the draft budget for 2020. The Committee received several project reports as part of the internal audit programme.

The Remuneration Committee reviewed remuneration costs for 2020 and discussed proposed changes to end of service gratuity arrangements for the DIFC. The Committee also discussed the DFSA's Tomorrow's Regulatory Leaders (TRL) Programme.

The Emirati Working Group received an update on the progress and development of UAE Nationals within the DFSA and discussed the DFSA's TRL Programme. The Chief Operating Officer provided an update on the DFSA's Corporate Communications activities to the Working Group.

Other Matters

Several other DFSA confidential matters were discussed by the Board.

The next meeting of the Board will be in Dubai on 5 September 2019.