

October 31, 2016

CYSEC Board Decision

| Announcement date: | 31.10.2016 | Board decision date: | 26.09.2016 |
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| Regarding: | Falcon Brokers Ltd | | |
| Legislation: | Directive DI144-2007-15 of 2015 – the Investor Compensation Fund Directive | | |
| Subject: | Initiation of the compensation payment process by the Investor Compensation Fund for Clients of IFs ('the I.C.F') | | |
| Judicial Review: | <u>Click here</u> | Judicial Review Ruling: | <u>Click here</u> |

The Board of the Cyprus Securities Exchange Commission ('the CySEC') wishes, subject to paragraphs 3(1)(a) and 23 of Directive DI144-2007-15 of 2015 ('the I.C.F. Directive'), to inform the public and especially the covered clients of the company Falcon Brokers Ltd (the 'Company'), of the following:

- 1. The Company's CIF authorisation has been withdrawn as of March 2016.
- 2. The Company, has not until today, settled its obligations arising from the services that it offered to its client, as it should have done in accordance with section 25(4) of Law 144(I)/2007.
- 3. The CySEC has ascertained that the Company (as a member of the I.C.F.) cannot fulfill its obligations towards its clients in the near future, for reasons which do not consist of a temporary lack of liquidity which can be dealt with instantly.
- 4. The CySEC has not been able to communicate with the Company from the date of the withdrawal of its authorization, as the Company's contact number seems to be disconnected.
- 5. The CySEC issues, with this announcement, its decision reached at its meeting, dated 26 September 2016, for the commencement of the compensation payment process by the I.C.F.
- 6. Following this announcement and subject to the provisions of paragraph 24 of the I.C.F. Directive, the I.C.F. will publish, in at least three newspapers of national coverage, an invitation towards the Company's covered clients, to submit their claims against the Company in respect of the covered services, specifying the

procedure for submitting the relevant applications, the submission deadline and their content. The said publication will be posted on the website of the CySEC.

7. All affected clients (covered clients of the Company) are invited to study the I.C.F. Directive as well as the information for the submission of compensation applications found on the CySEC's website and take all appropriate actions for the submission of their claims.

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