





EDFIS/C/017/2017 3rd May 2017

Chief Executive Officer
Compliance Officer
All Banks
Investment Firms Category 1 and 2
Life Insurance Companies
Trust Companies
All Financing Companies
Manama
Kingdom of Bahrain

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA)

The Central Bank of Bahrain "CBB" would like to inform all licensees that the Kingdom of Bahrain has signed the FATCA Intergovernmental Agreement "IGA" Model One on 18th January, 2017 and that the agreement is currently in final stages of ratification. A copy of the signed IGA can be publically found in the link below:

 $\frac{https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/tax-policy/treaties/Documents/FATCA-Agreement-Bahrain-1-18-2017.pdf}{}$

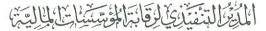
In this regard, all reporting licensees should comply with the FATCA IGA agreement and are required to nominate an in-charge to ensure all automatic exchange of information requirements relating to tax matters (including those relating to FATCA and CRS) are met and duly reported to the CBB. The following details of the nominated person in charge of automatic exchange of tax related information should be sent to the Compliance Directorate on e-mail: sara.alawadhi@cbb.gov.bh, not later than 11th May 2017.

Name: Position:

Contact number(s):

Email:

Licensees are requested to comply with all clauses stipulated in the FATCA IGA and ensure readiness for reporting once the CBB announces the FATCA reporting deadline.



Executive Director of Financial Institutions Supervision

Should you have any queries in respect to any matter referred to herein, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Ahmed Bumtaia, Director of Compliance Directorate at the CBB on Tel: 17 547 107, or email: abumtaia@cbb.gov.bh.

Yours faithfully,

Abdul Rahman Al Baker