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**Chief Executive Officer**

All Banks

Manama - Kingdom of Bahrain

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Legal Professionals Account Opening Guidance**

As part of the Central Bank of Bahrain's ("CBB") outreach plan for financial institutions and in light of new requirements issued by the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs, and Waqf (MOJ) for lawyers and law firms, the CBB is hereby providing account opening guidance for legal professionals, see attached "**Legal professionals – Account Opening Guidance**" which provides a summary of steps to be implemented by retail banks at the account opening stage for lawyers and law firms.

Individual lawyers, lawyers employed by law firms and law firms are required by the MOJ to maintain a bank account registered in the name of the individual lawyer or law firm. The bank account must be utilized for client money only. The bank accounts should be opened based on a no-objection letter from MOJ, which specifies the name/ title for the corporate bank account and other relevant information for the purposes of KYC. It should be noted that the MOJ requires the law firms to also register the corporate bank account with it.

The guidance should be read in conjunction with laws of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the CBB Rulebook.

Yours faithfully,

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