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GLOBAL

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• BIS issues final guidance on the prudential treatment of problem assets

The <u>guidelines</u> include harmonised definitions for "non-performing exposures" and "forbearance" and aim at complementing the existing accounting and regulatory framework.

• IOSCO approves standards for cross-border enforcement cooperation

The <u>standards</u> offer securities regulators new enforcement powers to safeguard the stability of financial markets, while protecting depositors and preventing fraud and misconduct.

EUROPE

• EBA issues guidance on bail-in under the BRRD

It <u>publishes</u> 3 sets of guidelines to facilitate the use of bail-in: i) on conversion rates, ii) treatment of shareholders, and iii) treatment of AT1 and T2 instruments in bail-in.

• EBA updates risk Dashboard

It <u>summarises</u> the main risk and vulnerabilities in 4Q2016. Highlights the increase in CET1, but warns against still high levels of NPL, and low profitability in the sector.

• ESMA issues opinion on draft regulation on CCP recovery and resolution

It <u>welcomes</u> the Commission's proposed regulation on CCP recovery and resolution and proposes a few amendments.

• ESAs consult on draft guidelines to prevent terrorist financing and money laundering

They seek to <u>foster</u> a common approach to AML/CFT and establish a common understanding of payment service providers' obligations in this area. Deadline: 5 June.

• ESMA issues guidance regarding MiFID II and MiFIR implementation

It <u>explains</u> the functioning of Organised Trading Facilities. It also clarifies activities of Systematic Internalisers.





• ESMA issues final guidelines regarding circuit breakers under MiFID II

The report contains the calibration of <u>circuit breakers</u>, and issues regarding the publication of trading halts under MiFID II for trading venues.

• ESMA publishes report on shareholder identification and communication systems by issuers

It <u>finds</u> that there is need to further harmonise: i) shareholder identification processes, ii) key aspects of the transmission of information, and iii) communication formats.

• ESMA publishes supervisory briefing on the application of Credit Rating Agency regulation

<u>It seeks</u> to help sectoral Competent Authorities with supervision and enforcement of certain provisions, promoting convergence and support for the use of smaller CRAs.

• ESMA publishes responses to consultation on transfer of data between TDs

<u>Feedback</u> will be used to finalise the guidelines on Trade Repositories. Draft guidelines expected by the 3Q2017.

• ESMA publishes response to Capital Markets Union (CMU) mid-term review

It <u>supports</u> initiatives to accelerate the CMU and improve funding and growth on the EU. Presents suggestions on supervisory convergence, financial data, SMEs and crowdfunding.

• Council of the EU adopts directive regarding shareholders rights

In order to strengthen shareholders' rights, the new <u>requirements</u> apply to transparency, identification of shareholders, and the transmission of information, among other things.

• ESMA updates Q&As regarding MiFID II / MiFIR and EMIR

i) On <u>investor protection</u> under MiFID II / MiFIR, ii) On MiFIR <u>data reporting</u>, and iii) on the validation rules for reporting <u>under article 9</u> of EMIR.

• EIOPA publishes new set of Q&As

i) On <u>templates</u> for submission of information; ii) procedures and templates for solvency and financial condition reports; iii) classification of own funds; and iv) public disclosures.

• OJEU publishes regulatory technical standards under MiFID II and MiFIR (level II)

<u>Following</u> Directive 2014/65/EU of the EP and the Council with regard to the RTS for the admission of financial instruments to trading on regulated markets.

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• FCA publishes near final rules on MiFID II

These rules <u>include</u> changes regarding trading venues, transparency and high frequency trading. Final rules covering all remaining issues are expected by June.

• HM Treasury issues regulatory innovation plan

It presents <u>actions</u> that financial services regulators undertake in order to create a supportive regulatory framework for new business models and disruptive technologies.

Recent publications of interest (in English and Spanish):

- Financial Regulation Outlook. April 2017
- Press Article. Creating Green Opportunities. March 2017
- Press Article. Shadow banking: time to step out into the light. March 2017
- Regulation Watch. White Paper on the future of Europe. March 2017
- Regulation Watch. New package of banking reforms. November 2016
- Digital Economy Outlook. January 2017

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