

FINANCIAL MARKETS LAW COMMITTEE ("FMLC") ASSET MANAGEMENT SCOPING FORUM TERMS OF REFERENCE

Background and Remit

The Financial Markets Law Committee ("FMLC") has established the Asset Management Scoping Forum to provide a space for discussion of current and future issues of legal uncertainty related to the asset management industry.

Formerly titled the Buy-side Scoping Forum, the implementation of MiFID II has been an area of great focus for members of this Forum. The Forum has discussed the AIFMD and the Market Abuse Regulation as well as influenced the FMLC's work on the European Supervisory Authority's Q&A process and the FCA's Asset Management Market Study.

The Forum will make recommendations as to the FMLC's work on asset management issues. The final decision on these matters rests with the Committee.

Conduct of Business

Members of the Forum should meet at least every quarter but may, if it is deemed necessary, meet more regularly. A Forward Schedule, containing meeting dates for the year, will be circulated at the beginning of every year.

Members of the Forum act in a purely personal capacity. The names of the institutions that they ordinarily represent may be mentioned for information purposes only.

For reasons of diversity of perspective, inclusion and practicality, any one organisation should not have multiple colleagues (i.e. more than a maximum of two) with membership of the Forum.

Non-members may be invited to attend meetings as guest speakers. For reasons of continuity and accountability, the participation of non-members *qua ad hoc* observers are usually permitted. This rule does not apply to individuals from regulatory authorities and international standard setting bodies, who may be invited to attend Forum meetings to ensure transparency.

Issues for the FMLC/Output

The Forum will not itself have any *vires* to initiate projects or pass resolutions affecting the FMLC. Where a substantive issue of legal uncertainty is raised by members of the Scoping Forum, this may be proposed by the Secretariat to the FMLC as a topic which may require further action. The Committee may then establish working groups and undertake further work on the issue.

Moderators

The Moderators of the Scoping Forum will be chosen on a rotational basis.

Secretariat

The Secretariat will support the Moderator and the Forum during meetings, as well as manage Forum-related communications outside meetings. The Secretariat will help draft and circulate meeting agenda and related documents in advance of Forum meetings. Members are encouraged to suggest agenda items through the Secretariat.