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DFSA participates in IOSCO’s World Investor Week

Dubai, UAE, 30 September 2019: The Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA) is participating in the International Organization of Securities Commissions’ (IOSCO) third annual World Investor Week. The global campaign, beginning today, aims to promote investor education and investor protection as well as highlight global securities regulators’ initiatives in these two critical areas. IOSCO is the international body that brings together the world’s securities regulators and sets global standards for the financial securities sector. World Investor Week will be recognised internationally until 6 October.

As a full member of IOSCO, the Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA) is proud to raise awareness of World Investor Week in the DIFC by focusing on different aspects of investor education and protection over the course of the week, as follows:

- Monday, 30 September: ‘Before You Invest’ highlighting the key things investors should consider before they invest in financial products.
- Tuesday 1 October: ‘A Smart Investor’ detailing key factors an investor should consider before making investment decisions.
- Wednesday, 2 October: ‘Investing in a Digital World’ where we try to demystify digital investments and share some of the basics with you.
- Thursday, 3 October: ‘If it Sounds Too Good to be True it probably is!’ Scams and How to Avoid Them.

Bryan Stirewalt, Chief Executive of the DFSA, stated: “The DFSA is proud to participate in IOSCO’s World Investor Week. As the financial regulator in the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC), we are keen to facilitate and promote investor education so that investors are better able to make appropriate financial decisions to understand the risks they take when investing, and to recognise when they need to seek professional advice.”

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About the DFSA:
The Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA) is the independent regulator of financial services conducted in and from the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC), a purpose-built financial free-zone in Dubai. The DFSA’s regulatory mandate covers asset management, banking and credit services, securities, collective investment funds, custody and trust services, commodities futures trading, Islamic finance, insurance, an international equities exchange and an international commodities derivatives exchange. In addition to regulating financial and ancillary services, the DFSA is responsible for administering Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) legislation that applies in the DIFC. Please refer to the DFSA’s website for more information.

Bryan Stirewalt was appointed Chief Executive of the DFSA on 1 October, 2018, after nearly 8 years as the DFSA’s Managing Director of the Supervision Division. In his role as Chief Executive, Bryan has taken the lead in steering the work of the DFSA and further developing its capability as a robust regulator delivering world-class financial regulation in the DIFC. Bryan has played a vital part in executing the DFSA’s regulatory mandate and developing its risk-based supervision framework. Bryan plays an active role in supporting the work of international standard-setting bodies. He now serves as the Co-Chair of the Basel Consultative Group (BCG), which provides a forum for deepening the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision’s engagement with non-member, global supervisors on banking supervisory issues. Through this role, Bryan also serves as an Observer at the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision.