

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission ("CySEC") wishes to inform its supervised entities and the participants in the market in general that in December 2017 the European Commission adopted a [proposal for a regulation](#) and a [proposal for a directive](#) to amend the current EU prudential rules for investment firms.

The aim of the review is to introduce more proportionate and risk-sensitive rules for investment firms. Under these proposals, the vast majority of investment firms in the EU would no longer be subject to rules that were originally designed for banks. At the same time, the largest and most systemic investment firms would be subject to the same regime as European banks.

A person, who wishes to send his comments/views regarding the above mentioned proposal, can do this through the [European Commission's website](#) by **March 8, 2018, the latest.**

The proposals will be discussed by the European Parliament and the European Council. Once adopted, an implementation period of 18 months is envisaged before the new regime starts to apply.

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