

## **Meeting of the Secondary Markets Expert Group**

**To be held on:** Wednesday 23 January 2019, 4.30pm – 6.00pm

**Venue:** Peel Hunt LLP, Moor House, 120 London Wall, London, EC2Y 5ET



**QUOTED  
COMPANIES  
ALLIANCE**

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome to Stephen Hanks, Markets Policy, FCA to provide an update on MiFID II, one year on.**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting (14 November 2018)**
- 4. Issues for discussion**
  - a) Mark Tubby to provide update on efforts to influence the Financial Services Bill in the event of a 'no deal' Brexit
  - b) ESMA consultation Integrating sustainability risks and factors in MiFID II (deadline: 19 February 2019)
  - c) FCA CP18/40 Consultation on proposed amendment of COBS 21.3 permitted links rules (deadline: 28 February 2019)
  - d) FCA consultation on DP18/10 Patient Capital and Authorised Funds (deadline: 28 February 2019)
  - e) Guests for future meetings
- 5. Communications – information only**
  - a) QCA review of which corporate governance codes AIM companies follow found that:
    - a. 89% follow the QCA Corporate Governance Code (823 companies)
    - b. 6% follow the FRC's UK Corporate Governance Code (55 companies)
    - c. 4% follow the code of another country or territory (34 companies)
  - b) The results of the QCA's Small & Mid-Cap Sentiment Index for H2 2018 were released in December. Findings included:
    - a. Small and mid-caps remain optimistic about their own prospects - 74% expect to increase the number of employees in the next 12 months
    - b. 47% of small and mid-caps plan to raise capital in the next 12 months
    - c. 67% of companies and 72% of advisors believe the new AIM Rule 26 (requiring companies to adopt a recognised corporate governance code) will improve the integrity of AIM.
  - c) In cooperation with UHY Hacker Young, the QCA released the Corporate Governance Behaviour Review 2018/19 in December. It analysed the corporate governance disclosures of 50 AIM companies.

- d) The project for updating the QCA Committee Audit Guide is progressing and is on course for release in the first half of this year.
  
- e) Henley Business School have been commissioned by the QCA and Downing LLP to undertake a research project to understand the role that NEDs play in smaller, growth companies. They are currently in the process of conducting interviews and focus groups and the findings will be released in the first half of this year.

## **6. Any Other Business**

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 10 April 2019, 4.30pm - 6.00pm (Venue: finnCap, 60 New Broad Street, London, EC2M 1JJ)