

## THIS WEEK AT THE UK REGULATORS 22 OCTOBER 2018

### **FCA confirms greater access for SMEs to the Financial Ombudsman Service**

On 16 October 2018, the FCA confirmed plans to extend access to the Financial Ombudsman Service to more small and medium sized enterprises. SMEs with an annual turnover below £36.5m and fewer than 50 employees, or an annual balance sheet below £5m, will now be able to refer unresolved complaints to the ombudsman service.

<https://www.fca.org.uk/news/press-releases/fca-confirms-greater-access-smes-financial-ombudsman-service>

### **FCA and TPR publish joint pensions strategy**

On 18 October 2018, the FCA and The Pensions Regulator (TPR) published a joint pensions regulatory strategy, setting out how they will work together to tackle the key risks and issues facing the pensions and retirement sector over the next five to ten years. The strategy aims to provide pensions and retirement income products that support people and increase financial provision for later life; pensions that are well funded, well governed and deliver value for money, and which enable people to make well informed decisions. The strategy also outlines areas where the FCA and TPR will work together, including a strategic review of the entire consumer pensions journey, and how to drive value for money for members of pension schemes.

<https://www.fca.org.uk/news/press-releases/fca-and-tpr-publish-joint-pensions-strategy>

### **Thirty second guide: The week in overview**

The main policy development last week was the FCA's publication of a discussion paper on climate change and green finance, seeking views on its proposed approach to managing the impact of climate change and the transition to a low carbon economy on financial markets. In addition, the PRA has published a consultation paper seeking views on banks' and insurers' approaches to managing the financial risks from climate change.

The FCA has confirmed that it has published near-final rules on extending access to the Financial Ombudsman Service to more small and medium-sized enterprises and is consulting on increasing the Financial Ombudsman Service's award limit by 1 April 2019. It is also consulting on the fee-rate it is proposing to charge professional body supervisors to recover the costs of establishing and running the Office for Professional Body Anti-Money Laundering Supervision.

In addition, the FCA and The Pensions Regulator have launched a joint pensions strategy identifying key issues which contribute to the prospect of people not having adequate income, or the income they expected, in retirement.

The PRA also released a policy statement last week regarding implementing the extension of the Senior Managers and Certification Regime to insurers.

## FCA warnings

Name of firm	Date of warning	Details
Unicominsurance.net	16 October 2018	Clone firm <a href="https://www.fca.org.uk/news/warnings/unicominsurancenet-clone">https://www.fca.org.uk/news/warnings/unicominsurancenet-clone</a>
Cullen Price Group	16 October 2018	Unauthorised firm <a href="https://www.fca.org.uk/news/warnings/cullen-price-group">https://www.fca.org.uk/news/warnings/cullen-price-group</a>
Padmar Investments Limited	17 October 2018	Clone firm <a href="https://www.fca.org.uk/news/warnings/padmar-investments-limited-clone-authorised-firm">https://www.fca.org.uk/news/warnings/padmar-investments-limited-clone-authorised-firm</a>
Marcel Miller	17 October 2018	Clone firm <a href="https://www.fca.org.uk/news/warnings/marcel-miller-clone-authorised-firm">https://www.fca.org.uk/news/warnings/marcel-miller-clone-authorised-firm</a>
Square Global Ltd t/a Square Global Enterprise	18 October 2018	Clone firm <a href="https://www.fca.org.uk/news/warnings/square-global-ltd-t-square-global-enterprise-clone">https://www.fca.org.uk/news/warnings/square-global-ltd-t-square-global-enterprise-clone</a>
Scrilliy	18 October 2018	Clone firm <a href="https://www.fca.org.uk/news/warnings/scrilliy-clone">https://www.fca.org.uk/news/warnings/scrilliy-clone</a>
Red Arc Global Investments plc	19 October 2018	Unauthorised firm <a href="https://www.fca.org.uk/news/warnings/red-arc-global-investments-plc-clone-fca-recognised-collective-investment-scheme">https://www.fca.org.uk/news/warnings/red-arc-global-investments-plc-clone-fca-recognised-collective-investment-scheme</a>
Ellis David Insurance Brokers	19 October 2018	Clone firm <a href="https://www.fca.org.uk/news/warnings/ellis-david-insurance-brokers-clone">https://www.fca.org.uk/news/warnings/ellis-david-insurance-brokers-clone</a>
Loan For Tenant	19 October 2018	Clone firm <a href="https://www.fca.org.uk/news/warnings/loan-tenant-clone-authorised-firm">https://www.fca.org.uk/news/warnings/loan-tenant-clone-authorised-firm</a>
Global Wealth Asia	19 October 2018	Clone firm <a href="https://www.fca.org.uk/news/warnings/global-wealth-asia-clone">https://www.fca.org.uk/news/warnings/global-wealth-asia-clone</a>

## Policy developments

	FCA	PRA
	<b>Proposed developments</b>	
<b>Consultation papers</b>	<p>On 16 October 2018, the FCA published a consultation paper CP18/31, proposing to increase the Financial Ombudsman's Service's award limit to £350,000 for complaints by firms on or after 1 April 2019, and £160,000 for complaints before 1 April 2019, and which are referred to the ombudsman service after that date.</p> <p><b>Deadline for responses: 21 December 2018</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.fca.org.uk/publications/consultation-papers/cp18-31-increasing-award-limit-financial-ombudsman-service">https://www.fca.org.uk/publications/consultation-papers/cp18-31-increasing-award-limit-financial-ombudsman-service</a></p>	<p>On 15 October 2018, the PRA published a consultation paper CP23/18, seeking views on a draft supervisory statement (SS) on banks' and insurers' approaches to managing the financial risks from climate change. The SS sets out the PRA's proposed expectations of how firms address the financial risks from climate change.</p> <p><b>Deadline for responses: 15 January 2019</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/prudential-regulation/publication/2018/enhancing-banks-and-insurers-approaches-to-managing-the-financial-risks-from-climate-change">https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/prudential-regulation/publication/2018/enhancing-banks-and-insurers-approaches-to-managing-the-financial-risks-from-climate-change</a></p>
	<p>On 18 October 2018, the FCA published a consultation paper CP18/32 on the fee-rate it is proposing to charge professional body supervisors in 2018/19 to recover the costs of establishing and running the Office for Professional Body Anti-Money Laundering Supervision.</p> <p><b>Deadline for responses: 14 December 2018</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.fca.org.uk/publication/consultation/cp18-32.pdf">https://www.fca.org.uk/publication/consultation/cp18-32.pdf</a></p>	
<b>Discussion papers</b>	<p>On 15 October 2018, the FCA published a Discussion Paper (DP18/8) on climate change and green finance. This DP sets out the impacts of climate change on the FCA's objectives, the opportunities and risks the transition to a low carbon economy presents and the action the FCA will take to ensure markets function well and deliver good outcomes for consumers.</p> <p><b>Deadline for responses: 31 January 2019</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.fca.org.uk/publications/discussion-papers/dp18-8-climate-change-and-green-finance">https://www.fca.org.uk/publications/discussion-papers/dp18-8-climate-change-and-green-finance</a></p>	

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	<b>Finalised policy and guidance</b>	
<b>Policy statements</b>		<p>On 18 October 2018, the PRA issued a Policy statement (PS26/18) which provides feedback to responses to CP18/18, which set out the PRA's proposal for technical changes to its rules for the implementation of the extension of the Senior Managers and Certification Regime (SM&amp;CR) to insurers. The extended SM&amp;CR for insurers will come into effect on 10 December 2018.</p> <p><b>Implementation/effective date: 10 December 2018</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/prudential-regulation/publication/2018/strengthening-accountability-implementing-the-extension-of-the-smcr-to-insurers">https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/prudential-regulation/publication/2018/strengthening-accountability-implementing-the-extension-of-the-smcr-to-insurers</a></p>

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