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To: All ADGM Data Controllers.

OFFICE OF DATA PROTECTION CIRCULAR NO (2) OF 2020: CONFIRMS ADEQUACY OF UNITED KINGDOM DATA PROTECTION REGIME POST-BREXIT

The purpose of this circular is to update you that ADGM will continue to recognise the UK as an Adequate Country for data transfers.

Following the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union and the end of the transition period on 31 December 2020, the Office of Data Protection confirms that the Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) will continue to recognise the United Kingdom (UK) as an adequate country for transferring personal data.

In accordance with Section 4 of the ADGM Data Protection Regulations 2015, the transfer of Personal Data to a recipient located in a jurisdiction outside ADGM may take place only if that jurisdiction is deemed to have an adequate level of protection for that personal data.

The Office of Data Protection (ODP) maintains [the list of Adequate Jurisdictions](#).

For all ADGM Data Controllers that transfer personal data to the UK, no changes should be necessary following the end of the transition period.

For more information about data protection in the ADGM, visit our [guidance notes page](#).

About the Office of Data Protection

The ODP is the independent data protection body responsible for promoting data protection within ADGM. The ODP maintains the register of Data Controllers, enforces the obligations upon Data Controllers and upholds the privacy rights of individuals (Data Subjects).

Yours Sincerely,

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