

Dolfin Financial (UK) Ltd - In Special Administration ("Dolfin" / the "Company") Update for Clients and Creditors ("stakeholders") October 2021

This is an update for clients and other stakeholders affected by the special administration of Dolfin.

The Joint Special Administrators ("JSAs") recognise the impact that the Special Administration of Dolfin has had on clients. With this in mind, this document seeks to provide an update on progress to date and immediate next steps. It should be noted that the information provided in this update is generic and that each Client and/or Creditor's position may differ.

The update is prepared for information purposes only and, whilst the JSAs endeavour to ensure its accuracy and applicability, no reliance should be placed on it by any party in respect of their own individual circumstances.

Clients' and Creditors' Committee ("the Committee") - Voting outcome

The JSAs wrote to all known Clients and Creditors on 14th September 2021 to provide details of the Nominees that had been proposed to form the Committee and to seek votes in support of the Nominees.

Having collated and reviewed the votes submitted in advance of the deadline, noon on 30th September 2021, the JSAs can confirm that the Nominees formally elected to the Committee are follows:

Client Nominee	Client Nominee Representative
Mr Shiqi Xu	Leon Chua (Jackson & Lyon LLP)
Dolfin Asset Services Limited	Tim Symes (Stewarts Law)
RMS Investment Funds SPC	Phoebus Theologites
Mr Ye Li	Nuo Zang
Creditor Nominee	Creditor Nominee Representative
Robin Watts	Himself

The JSAs wish to remind Clients and Creditors that separate votes were conducted for the Creditor and Client nominees. This process was carried out in accordance with the relevant legislation and to ensure that the JSAs could achieve an appropriate reflection of all parties' interests on the Committee.

For the avoidance of doubt, the role of the Committee is to act in the best interests of all Clients and Creditors, and not just their own.

Should any Client or Creditor have any queries in relation to the progress of the Special Administration, these should continue to be directed through the JSAs and their team at <u>dolfin@smithandwilliamson.com</u> and not through individual committee members.

Client statements to 30th June 2021 / Return of Client Custody Assets & Client Monies

Based on the work undertaken to date, the JSAs have not identified any shortfall in relation to Client Assets.



Since the meeting of Clients and Creditors ("the Meeting") on 2nd September 2021, the JSAs have continued working towards preparing Client statements as at 30th June 2021 when Dolfin entered special administration.

We recognise, both from concerns raised at the Meeting and in communications received during the intervening period, that access to information on Client holdings is of paramount importance for several reasons, including but not limited to:

- Future access to Client Custody Assets and Client Monies
- Tax reporting purposes
- Visa extension / renewal applications

Whilst the JSAs do not wish to delay the issue of individual client statements, we must first ensure that the Company's accounts and records are reconciled to individual positions and correctly reflect the correct individual Client positions. Moreover, this information must be in a format which can be efficiently shared with each Client and we are working to establish a means to do so within the parameters of the software systems available to and operated by Dolfin.

This process is progressing well and the JSAs hope to release a further update within the next month in respect of the potential release of Client statements. We recommend that Clients monitor the webpage for further details. However, Clients should note that the progress made by the JSAs in respect of the transfer of those remaining Client Assets **not** forming part of the transfer to Britannia Global Markets Limited ("Britannia"), which is detailed further below, may impact on whether or not Client statements are released and, if so, the timing of this.

In the meantime, please note that the JSAs and the wider team will be unable to prioritise individual Client requests for statements confirming Client Monies and Custody Asset holdings. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Should you be experiencing any difficulties in respect of meeting either tax or visa requirements, you should seek independent advice on the options available to you.

Clients should also note that Corporate Action Income ("CAI") (such as dividends paid in respect of shareholdings) continues to be received after 30 June 2021 on some Clients' Custody Assets. This income will not be shown on any 30 June statements. However, Clients should note that this income is accounted for individually and held in safekeeping for the benefit of the Clients to which this CAI is due.

Transfers of Client Assets to Britannia and future possible transfers

As previously noted, shortly after the Special Administration the JSAs entered into an agreement with Britannia to transfer a large number of Clients and their Client Assets from Dolfin to Britannia.

This transfer is progressing well with a very large proportion of Client Custody Assets and Client Monies having been transferred. There remains a few Client Assets remaining to transfer, which both parties remain committed to progressing as quickly as possible.

The JSAs continue to explore the possibility of transferring the residual client business of Dolfin, with a number of expressions of interest having been received. We thank those parties. This remains under ongoing consideration.

Thank you

Adam Stephens & Kevin Ley Joint Special Administrators of Dolfin Financial (UK) Ltd