MiFID Application Form – Investment Firm

Application for authorisation   
under the European Union (Markets in Financial Instruments) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 375 of 2017)

2021

NOTES ON COMPLETION

1. **Please read the Guidance Note on completing an application for authorisation underthe European Union (Markets in Financial Instruments) Regulations 2017 (S.I 375 of 2017 (“the MiFID Regulations”), the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council), Markets in Financial Instruments Regulation (EU 600/2014), European Union Investment Firms Regulation[[1]](#footnote-1) and Investment Firms Directive[[2]](#footnote-2), any associated implementing and delegated acts, any European Supervisory Authority guidance including any opinions, guidelines, questions and answers, finally any guidance, which the Central Bank may issue from time to time, together the “MiFID Framework” , provide a comprehensive regulatory regime for investment firms and regulated markets in Ireland in conjunction with this Application Form. The Guidance Note is available on the Central Bank of Ireland’s (“the Central Bank”) website** [**www.centralbank.ie**](http://www.centralbank.ie)**.**
2. All applications must be **typed**.
3. All questions must be addressed before the application can be considered. If a question does not apply, please write **“N/A”** or **“None”** as appropriate. **Do not leave any answer boxes blank. Incomplete applications will be returned.**
4. Where applicant firms are required to “confirm”, a tick (****) placed in the relevant box will be taken as confirmation.
5. Where it is highlighted that information “must” be provided or an action “must” be taken, a tick (****) placed in the relevant box will be taken as confirmation that the information has been provided or that action has been taken.
6. If insufficient space has been provided for a reply, please provide that information on a separate sheet/document and refer to it in the space provided for the answer. Please ensure that any separate sheets/documents are clearly marked with the name of the applicant organisation and reference the appropriate question.
7. Where the firm is requested to provide a reference to a separate sheet/document, please ensure the document name, page number and paragraph that provides for the requested information is completed in the Application Form.
8. Further information or clarification may be requested (having regard to the replies furnished) for the purpose of considering and evaluating an application.
9. The applicant firm must submit its application pack to the Central Bank via [investmentfirmauthorisations@centralbank.ie](mailto:investmentfirmauthorisations@centralbank.ie).
10. A Programme of Operations as mandated by Article 7 of MiFID must accompany this Application Form.
11. Please follow the instructions below when completing this Application Form.

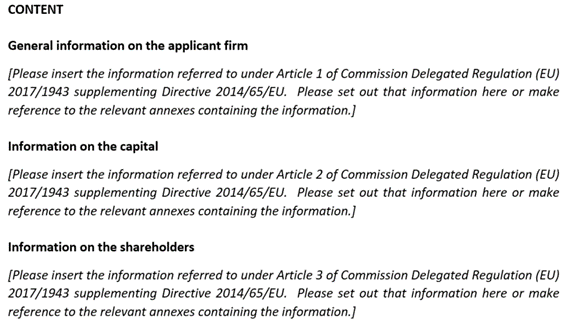
The Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1943 with regard to regulatory technical standards on information and requirements for the authorisation of investment firms prescribe two forms for investment firms seeking authorisation under Directive 2014/65/EU:

1. Application form for authorisation as an investment firm (“Form A”); and
2. List of members of the management body (“Form B”).

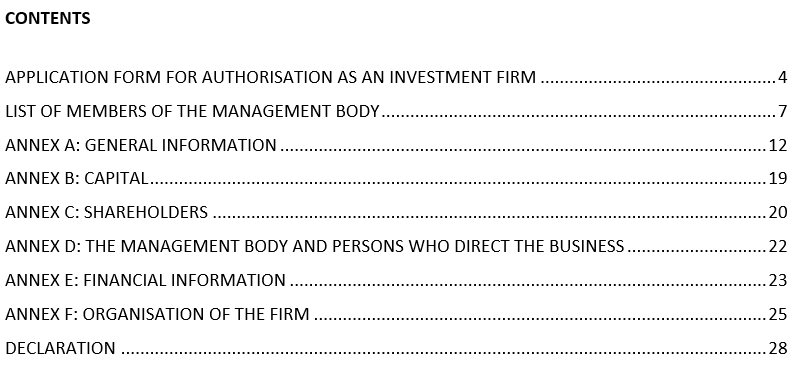
#### **Form A**

Form A is on page 6 of this document. The “Content” section of the form requires the applicant firm provide information referred to in each of 6 articles of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1943 having regard to Article 7(4) of Directive 2014/65/EU.

Reference to Articles in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1943



Six annexes, A-F, have been created to facilitate applicant firms in providing the required information. Each annex corresponds to a required piece of content within Form A and the relevant Article in the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1943.

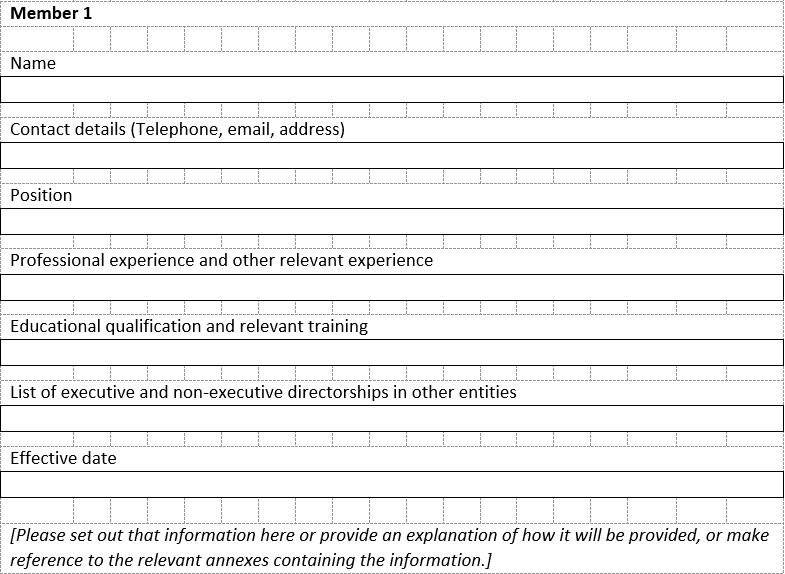


Annexes A-F

Applicant firms must complete each annex and then cross refer from Form A to each annex as appropriate.

#### **Form B**

Form B is on page 9 of this document. The form requests certain information for each member of the management body. The information required is captured through the Individual Questionnaires (“IQ Forms”) which are submitted for each Pre-approved Control Function (“PCF”) holder through the Central Bank’s Fitness and Probity system. IQ forms are still required to be submitted as part of a complete application and therefore applicant firms should cross refer from Form B to the appropriate section of the relevant IQ Form.



Cross refer here to appropriate section of relevant IQ Form.

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| **ANNEX A: GENERAL INFORMATION** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |
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| **A1** | Full legal name, Legal Entity Identifier (LEI), MIC and segment codes of the applicant firm. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Legal Name** | | | | | | | | |  | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **A2** | Registered trading name under which the applicant firm will provide investment services as an investment firm, if different from A1 above. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **A3** | Legal status of the applicant firm (e.g. limited company incorporated in Ireland, partnership, sole trader, etc.). | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **A5** | Address of the applicant firm's head office/principal place of business, if different from A4 above. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **A6** | If the applicant firm has a website address or other social media presence disclose the address. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **A7** | Contact details of a principal of the applicant firm, in the State, in relation to this application. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **A8** | Name and address of the applicant firm's solicitors or other professional advisors, including the contact details of the applicant firm's contact point at the firm. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **A9** | Do you grant the Central Bank permission to liaise with the named solicitors or professional advisors in respect of this application? | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **A10** | Company registration number. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **A11** | Complete the following tables setting out the investment services and activities, ancillary services and financial instruments (pursuant toSchedule 1 Part 1 of the MiFID Regulations) in respect of which the applicant proposes to provide services to clients. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | | **Investment services and activities as set out in Section A of Annex I of MiFID ("MiFID Activities")** | | | | | | | | | | **()** | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1 | | Reception and transmission of orders in relation to one or more financial instruments. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2 | | Execution of orders on behalf of clients. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 3 | | Dealing on own account. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 4 | | Portfolio management. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5 | | Investment advice. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 6 | | Underwriting of financial instruments and/or placing of financial instruments on a firm commitment basis. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 7 | | Placing of financial instruments without a firm commitment basis. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 8 | | Operation of an MTF. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 9 | | Operation of an OTF. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | | **Ancillary services as set out in Schedule 1 Part 2 of the MiFID Regulations ("MiFID Ancillary Activities")** | | | | | | | | | | **()** | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1 | | Safekeeping and administration of financial instruments for the account of clients, including custodianship and related services such as cash/collateral management but excluding maintaining securities accounts at the top tier level. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2 | | Granting credits or loans to an investor to allow him/her to carry out a transaction in one or more financial instruments, where the firm granting the credit or loan is involved in the transaction. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 3 | | Advice to undertakings on capital structure, industrial strategy and related matters and advice and services relating to mergers and the purchase of undertakings. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 4 | | Foreign exchange services where these are connected to the provision of investment services. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5 | | Investment research and financial analysis or other forms of general recommendation relating to transactions in financial instruments. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 6 | | Services related to underwriting. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 7 | | Investment services and activities as well as ancillary services of the type included under Section A or B of Annex I of MiFID related to the underlying of the derivatives included under points (5), (6), (7) and (10) of Section C of Annex I of MiFID where these are connected to the provision of investment or ancillary services. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | | **Financial instruments as set out in Schedule 1 Part 3 of the MiFID Regulations ("MiFID Instruments")** | | | | | | | | | | **()** | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1 | | Transferable securities. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2 | | Money-market instruments. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 3 | | Units in collective investment undertakings. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 4 | | Options, futures, swaps, forward rate agreements and any other derivative contracts relating to securities, currencies, interest rates or yields, emission allowances or other derivatives instruments, financial indices or financial measures which may be settled physically or in cash. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 5 | | Options, futures, swaps, forward rate agreements and any other derivative contracts relating to commodities that must be settled in cash or may be settled in cash at the option of one of the parties other than by reason of default or other termination event. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 6 | | Options, futures, swaps, forward rate agreements and any other derivative contract relating to commodities that can be physically settled provided that they are traded on a regulated market, an MTF, or an OTF, except for wholesale energy products traded on an OTF that must be physically settled. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 7 | | Options, futures, swaps, forward rate agreements and any other derivative contracts relating to commodities that must be settled not otherwise mentioned in point 6 above and not being for commercial purposes, which have the characteristics of other derivative financial instruments. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 8 | | Derivative instruments for the transfer of credit risk. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 9 | | Financial contracts for difference. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 10 | | Options, futures, swaps, forward rate agreements and any other derivative contracts relating to climatic variables, freight rates or inflation rates or other official economic statistics that must be settled in cash or may be settled in cash at the option of one of the parties other than by reason of default or other termination event, as well as any other derivative contracts relating to assets, rights, obligations, indices and measures not otherwise mentioned in this Annex, which have the characteristics of other derivative financial instruments, having regard to whether, inter alia, they are traded on a regulated market, OTF, or MTF. | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | 11 | | Emission allowances, consisting of any units recognised for compliance with the requirements of Directive 2003/87/EC (Emissions Trading Scheme). | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
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| **A12** | Does the applicant intend providing Investment Business Services as defined in Section 2(1) of the Investment Intermediaries Act, 1995 (as amended), where such services are not Investment Services listed in Annex I of MiFID(”IIA Services”)? | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | If yes, the applicant firm must complete the following tables. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Investment Business Services as provided in Section 2(1) of the Investment Intermediaries Act, 1995, (as amended) and not provided for in MiFID (“IIA Services”)** | | | | | | | | | | | | **()** | |  |  |  |  |
|  | (f) Acting as a deposit agent or deposit broker. | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | (g) The administration of collective investment schemes, including the performance of valuation services or fund accounting services or acting as transfer agents or registration agents for such funds. | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | (i) Acting as a manager of a designated investment fund within the meaning of the Designated Investment Funds Act, 1985. | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | **Investment Instruments as defined in Section 2(1) of the Investment Intermediaries Act, 1995 (as amended) and not provided for in MiFID (“IIA Instruments”)** | | | | | | | | | | | | **()** | |  |  |  |  |
|  | (b) Non-transferable securities creating or acknowledging indebtedness issued by or on behalf of a government, local authority or public authority. | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | (h) Sale and repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements involving transferable securities. | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | (i) Agreements for the borrowing and lending of transferable securities. | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | (j) Certificates or other instruments which confer property rights in respect of transferable securities and/or rights to acquire, dispose of, underwrite or convert an investment instrument and/or a contractual right (other than an option) to acquire an investment instrument other than by subscription. | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | (jj) A rolling spot foreign exchange contract. | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | (kk) A tracker bond or similar instrument. | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | (l) Hybrid instruments involving two or more investment instruments. | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
|  | (n) Personal Retirement Savings Account within the meaning of Part X of the Pensions Act, 1990 (as amended). | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
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| **A13** | Does the applicant firm propose to hold client funds or client financial instruments, on a temporary basis or otherwise? | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **A14** | Does the applicant firm propose acting as a Systematic Internaliser or as an algorithmic or high frequency trader? | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **A15** | Does the applicant firm propose providing independent advice? | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **A16** | Please provide copies of the applicant firm's corporate documents, including a certified copy of the certificate of incorporation, by-laws and the articles of association, and, where applicable, a copy of applicant firm’s registration with the Companies Registration Office. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **A17** | Has the applicant firm ever been regulated by the Central Bank or any other regulatory agency, under either its current legal name or any other prior legal name, in the State or elsewhere? | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **A18** | Provide details of the applicant firm's regulatory or legal background, both in the State or elsewhere, under both its current legal name and all prior legal names, details of qualifying shareholder (Natural Person and / or Legal Person(s)) which could impact on the authorisation decision. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **A19** | Name, address and telephone number of the applicant firm’s auditors, if known, including the contact details of the applicant firm's contact at the firm. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **A20** | Has the applicant firm changed its legal advisors, bankers or auditors in the three years prior to the date of application? | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **ANNEX B: CAPITAL** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  | |  | |
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| **B1** | Does the applicant firm intend to use private financial resources for capital/funding purposes? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | |  | |
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| **B2** | Specify the form that the applicant firm’s CET1 instrument(s) will take, setting out the composition in each row in the below table with reference to the EBA CET1 List(s)[[6]](#footnote-6): | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  | |  | |
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| **B3** | Please provide evidence of firm’s receipt of paid-up share capital and other types of capital raised. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  | |  | |
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| **B4** | Please provide a copy of the applicant firm’s Constitution and copies of all relevant agreements and contracts regarding the capital raised. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  | |  | |
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| **B5** | Does the applicant firm use or expect to use borrowed funds or Tier 2/eligible liabilities taking the form of loans? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  | |  | |
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| **B6** | Please provide details of the sources of financial resources (further capital if required) expected to be available should they be required by the applicant firm subsequent to authorisation. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  | |  | |
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| **ANNEX C: SHAREHOLDERS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | |
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| **C1** | A comprehensive shareholder chart must be provided. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | |
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| **C2** | List all **direct** shareholders/partners/members/beneficial holders who:   1. hold qualifying holdings and specify the amount of these holdings; or 2. are in a position to exercise significant influence over the management of the applicant firm. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | |
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|  | **Identity of Shareholder/ Partner/ Member** | | | | **Amount of Qualifying Holding** | | | | **Date Acquired** | | | | **Beneficial Holder (Yes/No)** | | | | | **Significant Influence (Yes/No)\*** | | | | | | | **Close Links (Yes/No)\*** | |  |  |  |  | |
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| **C3** | List all **indirect** shareholders/partners/members/beneficial holders who:   1. hold qualifying holdings and specify the amount of these holdings; or 2. are in a position to exercise significant influence over the management of the applicant firm, up to and including the ultimate parent (if applicable). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | |
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| **C4** | Where the applicant is a partnership, list the names of the partners and their status (e.g. managing, general, limited) and the percentage of capital held by each partner. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | |
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|  | **Name of Partner** | | | | | | | **Status** | | | | | | | | **% of Partnership** | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | |
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|  | An Individual Questionnaire must be submitted, in hard copy / scanned with signatures, for each partner or shareholder/member with a qualifying holding or having a significant influence who is not required to submit an online Individual Questionnaire pursuant to D1 below. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | |
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| **C5** | Disclose in the Programme of Operations the processes in place to ensure the existence of close links does not prevent the Central Bank from effectively supervising the applicant firm. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | |
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| **C6** | In relation to each direct or indirect shareholder/member with a qualifying holding or having a significant influence as disclosed in C2 and C3 above, please provide all required documentation and information as listed in the Guidance Note. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | |
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| **C7** | For all corporate shareholders that are members of a group, a comprehensive organisational chart of the group must be provided. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | |
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| **C8** | For each group identified in C7 above:   1. list the main activities of each firm within the group and identify any regulated entities within the group together with the names of the relevant supervisory authorities; | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | |
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|  | 1. describe the relationship between the financial entities of the group and the non-financial entities of the group. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | |
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| **ANNEX D: THE MANAGEMENT BODY AND PERSONS WHO DIRECT THE BUSINESS** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **D1** | List all the members of the management body and persons effectively directing the business, including their job titles and time commitments (monthly and annual). | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | **Name** | | **CF/PCF No.** | | **Job Title** | | | **Time Commitments** | | | | **Relationships/ Interests** | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | An Individual Questionnaire must be submitted on-line to the Regulatory Transactions Division for each person listed in the table above. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **D2** | Confirm that the applicant firm has performed due diligence procedures in respect of the suitability of each member of the management body. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **D3** | Include in the Programme of Operations details of the annual human and financial resources devoted to the induction and training of each member of the management body. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **ANNEX E: FINANCIAL INFORMATION** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **E1** | Will the applicant firm be subject to consolidated supervision under Regulation (EU) No 575/2013? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 1. Please provide the legislative reference and explanation for the applicant firm’s answer. 2. Please outline the levels in the group at which consolidated supervision applies (if applicable), either on a full or sub-consolidated basis, and what entities are included in scope. 3. Provide details of the relevant supervisory authority for the purposes of consolidation (if not the Central Bank) and a contact name within that supervisory authority. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Name of Supervisory Authority:** | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **E2** | Financial projections[[10]](#footnote-10) at an individual and, where applicable, at consolidated group and sub-consolidated levels, covering a period of three years must be provided in the Programme of Operations. Such financial projections must include:   1. A monthly breakdown for the first year of operation; 2. Detailed projected profit and loss accounts; and 3. Detailed projected balance sheets. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **E3** | Detailed planning assumptions for the above forecasts as well as explanations of the figures, including:   1. expected number and type of clients by service (include both regulated services listed in A11 & A12 above and unregulated services); 2. percentage income expected to accrue from each service; 3. expected volume of transactions/orders; and 4. expected assets under management. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **E4** | Does the applicant firm expect any one client to produce more than 10% of its gross annual income? If yes, explain the circumstances. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **E5** | Provide a breakdown of the nature of the applicant firm’s proposed client base:   * Retail Clients; * Professional Clients; and/or * Eligible Counterparties. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **E6** | Where applicable, provide forecast calculations of the applicant firm's compliance with its capital and liquidity requirements:  Class 1 and Class 1 Minus firms under IFR-IFD are subject to the requirements in (EU) No 575/2013 and forecast solvency ratio.  Class 2 & 3 firms under IFR-IFD are subject to the requirements of Directive (EU) 2019/2034 on the prudential supervision of investment firms and amending Directive 2013/36/EU, and Regulation (EU) 2019/2033 on the prudential requirements of investment firms and amending (EU) 575/2013,  and demonstrating its solvency, for the first three years from the date of authorisation. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **E7** | For companies that are already active, please provide the annual reports containing the statutory financial statements, at an individual and, where applicable, at consolidated group and sub-consolidated levels for the last three financial periods, approved by the external auditor where the financial statements are audited. Please also provide the most recent management accounts along with any other financial reports, annexes or documents filed with the relevant competent authority. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **E8** | Provide details of the nature of any charges (including the type of charge), guarantees, indemnities or other security or commitments (including letters of comfort) given by the applicant to third parties which are in effect at the date of application or which it is envisaged will be given, in the twelve months from the date of authorisation (also include those relating to other group entities). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **ANNEX F: ORGANISATION OF THE FIRM** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **F1** | Does the applicant propose to establish branches? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **F2** | Does the applicant propose to appoint tied agents? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **F3** | Does the applicant intend to provide services in other EEA jurisdictions under the freedom to provide services? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **F4** | Please provide a Programme of Operations covering the three years from the expected date of authorisation including information on existing and/or planned regulated and unregulated activities to be carried out by the applicant firm both in and outside the State. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **F5** | Does the applicant firm’s business model create an obligation for the applicant firm to report transactions under MiFID? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | If yes, include rationale in the Programme of Operations. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |
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| **F6** | Does the applicant firm propose acting as an MTF or OTF? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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|  | If yes, please provide the information prescribed by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/824 along with Table 1 as mandated by the Annex of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/824. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |
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| **F7** | The Programme of Operations must include an overview of the organisational structure and internal control systems of the applicant firm including an organisational chart which captures the following:   1. The places of business which the applicant firm maintains or proposes to maintain in the State together with the names of the heads of those offices; 2. All staff to be employed at commencement of authorisation; 3. Reporting lines within the applicant firm, including to the Board of the applicant firm; 4. Any overlapping functions that will be carried out; 5. Committees/sub-committees; 6. Pre-Approval Controlled Function (“PCF”) roles; 7. Controlled Function (“CF”) roles; and 8. Roles of senior management. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **F8** | A brief biography of each head of internal management and supervisory functions must be included in the Programme of Operations highlighting their qualifications, expertise and experience. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **F9** | A description of the human and technical resources allocated to each service and/or activity listed in A11 and A12. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **F10** | Where the applicant firm is seeking permission to hold client assets (client funds and client financial instruments), the following information should be provided:   1. A Client Asset Management Plan (“CAMP”) specifying any client asset safeguarding arrangements (in particular, where client assets are deposited with a third party, the name of the third party and related contracts); 2. An outline of the applicant firm's proposed approach to the seven core principles of the Client Asset Requirements contained in Part 6 of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) (Investment Firms) Regulations 2017 (S.I. No. 604 of 2017**)** (“CAR”); 3. An outline of the proposed level of client asset activity for the applicant firm, to include projected level of client funds, client financial instruments, number of clients and number of transactions over the next two years; and 4. Confirmation that the applicant firm is satisfied that its arrangements will be adequate to comply with the CAR and be capable of complying with the CAR. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **F11** | The Programme of Operations must include an overview of the policies and procedures that the applicant firm has in place in relation to compliance with Conduct of Business rules. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **F12** | Information on the status of the application undertaken by the applicant firm to become a member of the investor compensation scheme of the Home Member State or evidence of membership to the investor compensation scheme, where available. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **F13** | Will the applicant firm be engaging in outsourcing critical or important operational functions, or any investment services or activities? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **F14** | The Programme of Operations must include an overview of the principles that underlie the applicant firm's Conflicts of Interest policies to include measures to identify and to prevent or manage conflicts of interest and a description of product governance arrangements. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **F15** | The Programme of Operations must include an overview of the systems for monitoring the activities of the applicant firm, including back-up systems, where available, and systems and risk controls where the firm wishes to engage in algorithmic trading and/or provide direct electronic access. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **F16** | The Programme of Operations must include an overview of the principles that underlie the applicant firm's Compliance, Internal Control, and Risk Management policies to include monitoring, internal audit and advice and assistance. If a separate Internal Audit function will not be established, please provide rationale. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **F17** | The Programme of Operations must include detailed information on the principles that underlie the applicant firm's Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing policy. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **F18** | The Programme of Operations must include detailed information on the applicant firm's Business Continuity Plan including systems and human resources (key personnel). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **F20** | The Programme of Operations must include detailed information on the applicant firm's Record Management, Record-Keeping and Record Retention policies. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **F21** | Please provide a description of the applicant firm's manual of procedures. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |

| INVESTOR COMPENSATION COMPANY LEVY (“ICCL”) INFORMATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **1** | Please confirm that you are aware that your firm will be legally obliged under the Investor Compensation Act, 1998 to make an annual contribution to the Investor Compensation Scheme. Details of this scheme can be found at [www.investorcompensation.ie](http://www.investorcompensation.ie). | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
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| **2** | If the applicant firm or any person associated with the application was previously authorised/registered with the Central Bank, confirm whether any contributions that were due under the following were discharged in full;   1. Industry Funding Levy 2. Investor Compensation Scheme | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | Applicant Y/N  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |
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| **3** | The Central Bank will provide your industry correspondence details (including email addresses), authorisation status, and other relevant information to the Investor Compensation Company DAC (the “ICCL”) in order to allow the ICCL fulfil its statutory obligations and objectives.  **I confirm my understanding of this section** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |  | Applicant Y/N |  |  |
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| The Applicant Firm hereby confirms that it is responsible for this application for authorisation including compliance with the authorisation requirements set out in the European Communities (Markets in Financial Instruments) Regulations 2017.  The Applicant Firm warrants that it has truthfully and fully answered the relevant questions in this form and disclosed any other information which might reasonably be considered relevant for the purpose of the application.  The Applicant Firm warrants that it will promptly notify the Central Bank of any changes in the information it has provided and will supply any other relevant information which may come to light in the period during which the application is being considered and, if the application is accepted, thereafter. | | | | | | | |
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1. Regulation (EU) 2019/2033 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on the prudential requirements of investment firms and amending Regulations (EU) No 1093/2010, (EU) No 575/2013, (EU) No 600/2014 and (EU) No 806/2014. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Directive (EU) 2019/2034 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on the prudential supervision of investment firms and amending Directives 2002/87/EC, 2009/65/EC, 2011/61/EU, 2013/36/EU, 2014/59/EU and 2014/65/EU [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
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