# **Press Release**



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### **PUBLIC REPRIMAND AGAINST**

# ONE (1) FORMER UNIT TRUST SCHEME AND PRIVATE RETIREMENT SCHEME CONSULTANT

The Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia (FIMM) recently reprimanded **One (1) former** Unit Trust Scheme (UTS) and Private Retirement Scheme (PRS) Consultant for his misconducts/breaches of FIMM's Consolidated Rules dated 1 June 2016 (Revised on 10 October 2023) (FCR), as follows:

# **Falsification of Academic Certificate**

A former UTS and PRS Consultant was found to be in breach of Rules 4.1.1, 4.2.1 and 4.3.1(f) of the FCR for submitting a falsified academic certificate as part of his application for registration as a UTS and PRS Consultant to the Distributor. This former Consultant has been barred from registration with FIMM for a fixed period, details of which are listed below:

No.	Person Reprimanded	Distributor	Sanctions
1.	Muhamad Hismalehafis Bin Abdullah (Hismalehafis) (FIMM No.: F01075594)	UTS and PRS Consultant of Manulife Investment Management (M) Berhad	<ul> <li>Public reprimand pursuant to Rule 6.6.1(b)(ii) of the FCR; and</li> <li>Barred from registration with FIMM in respect of both UTS and PRS for two (2) years effective 2 October 2025 pursuant to Rule 6.6.1(b)(x) of the FCR.</li> </ul>

The Disciplinary Committee's decision was imposed after factoring in the various mitigating and aggravating factors applicable to the case.

#### FCR:

#### Rule 4.1.1:

"Any person who applies to FIMM for registration as a Distributor or Consultant must be fit and proper."

#### Rule 4.2.1:

"A person who is registered by FIMM as a Distributor or Consultant under these Consolidated Rules is required to continuously satisfy the fit and proper criteria upon registration. Failure to satisfy any of the fit and proper criteria constitutes a non-compliance of these Consolidated Rules and FIMM may suspend or revoke such registration or take such other action as it deems fit."

#### Rule 4.3.1(f):

"The factors set out below are relevant to the assessment of honesty, integrity and reputation of a person. The factors include, but are not limited to, whether the person(f) has been untruthful or provided false or misleading information to FIMM or SC or any other authorities or bodies, whether in Malaysia or elsewhere."

This Public Reprimand is imposed to send a strong message that FIMM will take action against those who fail to comply with any rules issued by FIMM. This is to deter UTS and/or PRS Consultants from committing any misconducts and to remind them that it is crucial to observe FIMM's Rules when marketing and distributing UTS and/or PRS in Malaysia to protect the interests of the investing public.

The misconduct of Hismalehafis was detected by FIMM.

For more information on matters related to UTS, PRS and investor protection, please visit <a href="https://www.fimm.com.my">www.fimm.com.my</a>.

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#### **Note to Editors**

#### **About Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia**

The Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia (FIMM) was established on 7 August 1993. By a gazette order dated 20 January 2011, FIMM was recognised by the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) as a Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO).

As an SRO, FIMM regulates and supervises its members and registered persons to strive for the highest level of integrity and standards of practice that will best serve the investment management industry and promote investor protection.

## FIMM's Code of Ethics and FIMM's Consolidated Rules

FIMM's Code of Ethics (**COE**) and FIMM's Consolidated Rules (**FCR**) can be downloaded from our website <a href="https://www.fimm.com.my">www.fimm.com.my</a>.