

MAS Notice 1007

29 June 2021

NOTICE TO MERCHANT BANKS  
BANKING ACT, CAP. 19

APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS

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1 This Notice is issued pursuant to section 55(1) as applied by section 55ZJ(1) of the Banking Act (Cap. 19) [the “Act”] and section 58 and applies to all merchant banks in Singapore (“Merchant Banks”).

2 The expressions used in this Notice shall, except where expressly defined in the Notice or where the context otherwise requires, have the same meanings as in the Act.

3 For the purposes of section 58(1) as applied by section 58(14) of the Act, a Merchant Bank must submit annually for the Authority's approval, the name of the auditor that the Merchant Bank proposes to appoint or reappoint in respect of each financial year.

4 A Merchant Bank must have a robust process to consider the appointment, reappointment and removal of an auditor. A Merchant Bank must take into consideration, amongst others, the knowledge, independence and competence and effectiveness of an auditor in determining his appointment, reappointment or removal, as the case may be.

**Effective Date**

5 This Notice takes effect on 1 July 2021.