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ICI Global Comment Letter on AMF Consultation on Funding of Research by Investment Firms Under MiFID II

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TO: ICI Global Members SUBJECTS: International/Global
MiFID, EMIR, AIFMD, UCITS V RE: ICI Global Comment Letter on AMF Consultation on
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On 27 October we submitted a response to the Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF) public consultation on new rules for the funding of research by investment firms under MiFID II.^[1] Our letter expressed support for the AMF's generally reasonable and workable interpretations of the MiFID II investment research provisions which will allow firms to implement the requirements in a flexible and principles-based manner.

Among other issues, we supported AMF's determination not to extend the application of the investment research rules beyond the scope required by MiFID II, as well as the determination to consider the application of these requirements to fixed income research in a separate analysis or consultation. In addition, we recommended that the AMF update the 2007 instruction setting out a non-exhaustive list of services that should be excluded de facto from the research budget. Lastly, we agreed with the AMF's principles governing the establishment of the research budget, which require discipline and transparency, but provide appropriate flexibility, as well as the flexible operational and organizational processes outlined regarding research payment accounts and CSAs.

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endnotes

^[1] The consultation is available at:
http://www.amf-france.org/en_US/Publications/Consultations-publiques/Archives.html?xtor=

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