



L'INSTITUT DES FONDS D'INVESTISSEMENT DU CANADA

# OPERATIONS WORKING GROUP UPDATE

OPERATIONS DAY NOVEMBER 16, 2017

### **SPEAKERS**

- Blair Munn, IFDS- Chair
- David Howarth, PFSL- Vice-Chair
- Russ White, Fundserv
- Sarv Pamenter, Franklin Templeton



#### **AGENDA**

- IFIC Operations Working Group overview
- Highlights of work plan items
- Review of top operational items
- T+2 Update
- Householding Update
- Attendee feedback and participation



#### **OVERVIEW**

- Operations Working Group overview
- Background & current membership
- How to get involved
- Mandate and work plan



#### 2017/2018 MEMBERSHIP

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#### MANDATE

To provide advice on all operational and administrative matters affecting the mutual funds industry, including service providers and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall:

- Liaise with other industry groups and with respect to such matters
- Provide a forum for Members to share information, discuss emerging issues and offer perspectives on their own operational matters, prepare research, submissions and recommendations relevant to such matters

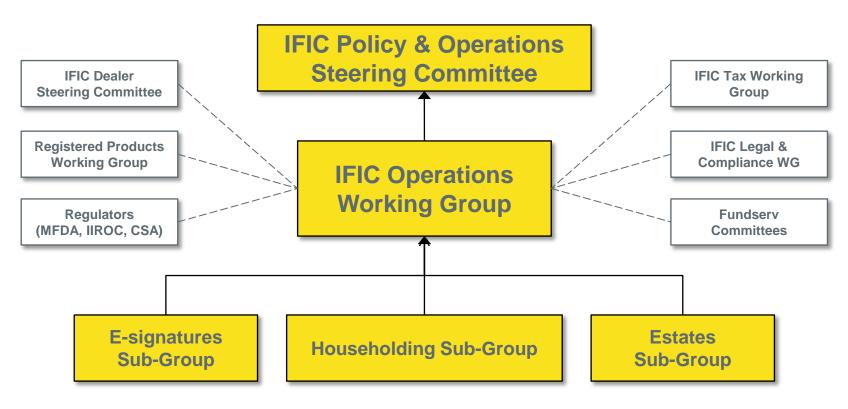


#### WORKPLAN

- Monitor FATCA/CRS Implementation issues
- Plan Operations Day
- Monitor emerging operational issues
- Oversight of operational committees
  - Cybersecurity Sub-group
  - Estates Sub-Group
  - Householding Sub-Group
  - E-signatures Sub-group



# **OVERSIGHT**





# WORKPLAN (CONT.)

- Receive and provide feedback to relevant groups
  - Registered Products Working Group
  - Regulatory Reduction Sub-Group
- Maintain and develop operational guidance
- Obtain updates from relevant committees
  - Legal and Compliance Working Group
  - Taxation Working Group



# WORKPLAN (CONT.)(2)

- Monitor Point of Sale/CRM2 implementation
  - Recent BCSC research on CRM2 shows CRM2 is working
- Address full cost disclosure operational issues
  - IFIC has met with insurance regulators and CLHIA on the plans for full cost disclosure in the insurance industry
  - IFIC supportive of full cost disclosure for mutual funds
- Monitor policy reform in the payment industry
  - Replaces top operational item verification of banking information



#### TOP OPERATIONAL ITEMS

#### Timeliness of T2033 transfers

- Members interested in increasing timeliness of transfers
- Statistics being collected about transfers that take more than 10 days
- View to overcome roadblocks that are more about customer retention than risk mitigation efforts

#### Estates Processing

- Sub-Group requesting additional CRA guidance on certain issues
- Error Corrections/Letter of Indemnity
  - IFIC guidance on document and CRA's increased focus on late filing penalties to be developed



# TOP OPERATIONAL ITEMS (CONT.)

- E-signatures
  - Update provided this morning
- Householding
  - Update to follow
- FRDS
  - Monitor developments on concerns about the reinvest default options for funds that make a regular payout



#### **CLOSED ITEMS**

#### Return Mail

- Item raised at 2016 Operations Day
- No industry appetite for systems build to record more return mailed information

#### 10% bulk free switching

- No industry appetite to accommodate these requests
- Structural differences between centralized and decentralized dealers

#### Verification of Banking Information

The group will now monitor policy reform in the payment industry



#### T+2 UPDATE

- The transition from T+3 to T+2 settlement was successfully implemented on September 5, 2017
- Implementation was a success because of broad participation from industry stakeholders with coordination from CCMA and Fundserv
- The SEC has already asked US industry for analysis on the costs and benefits of moving to T+1



# T+2 UPDATE (cont.)

- CCMA's mandate has been extended to cover T+1 and T settlement
- CCMA is interested in obtaining cost/benefit information from a Canadian perspective for a T+1 transition



# IFIC manager and dealer member survey

- Broad fund manager participation, limited dealer participation
- Survey provided broad information on industry practices on householding
- Firms householded accounts based on various factors with some commonalities



### Summary of householding forms

- Householding forms from 8 firms were compared
- Many commonalities were found between firms
- Group discussed whether a common definition could be developed or a minimum definition



## Industry trends

- Several IIROC dealers are working with Fundserv and fund companies on the automation and reconciliation of linked accounts
- New programs are being established by fund companies
- Several MFDA dealers are using the programs and forms



### Next steps

- Fundserv account linking group to study issue
- Householding Sub-group to continue to meet
- Role of IFIC in developing standards to be considered



#### **2017/2018 PRIORITIES**

### Other Top Operational items

- What is top 3 operational item in your firm that has not been discussed in this session?
- The Operations WG would review the issue and investigate what steps the industry could take to address the additional issues



# Questions?

