

FOREIGN ACCOUNT TAX COMPLIANCE ACT (“FATCA”) AND COMMON REPORTING STANDARD (“CRS”)

Dear Valued Customers

IMPORTANT NOTICE

On 30 June 2014, Malaysia and the United States had reached an agreement on a Model 1 IGA to implement Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (“FATCA”). The IGA was formally signed on 21 July 2021 to improve tax transparency. Under the IGA, the Malaysia-based financial institutions will provide the local tax authority - Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (“IRBM”) information of accounts of US persons. The information of which will then exchange between the Malaysia and US tax authorities.

While Common Reporting Standard (“CRS”) is an internationally agreed standard for information-gathering and reporting requirement for financial institutions introduced by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (“OECD”). The main objective of CRS is to help tax authorities around the world to identify taxpayers who have kept their money with financial institutions outside the jurisdiction of their tax residency and such information has not been disclosed to the tax authorities.

There are over 100 jurisdictions that have committed to the implementation of CRS and this includes Malaysia. The CRS came into effect in Malaysia on 1st July 2017. Financial Institutions will be required to carry out due diligence procedures to identify “Reportable Accounts” held by account holders who are tax residents of jurisdictions outside of Malaysia.

MUFG Bank (Malaysia) Berhad as a financial institution incorporated in Malaysia is required to comply with the FATCA and CRS requirements and to report the financial account information of Reportable Account Holders (individuals or entities) to the IRBM. In-line with this requirement, MUFG Bank (Malaysia) Berhad will request the Account Holder to complete the Self-Certification form for the FATCA and CRS.

A Self-Certification form is a certification by the Account Holder that provides the Account Holder’s status and any other information that may be reasonably requested by the Financial Institution to fulfil its reporting and due diligence obligation (such as determining whether the Account Holder is a resident for tax purposes in a foreign jurisdiction).

Upon account opening, MUFG Bank (Malaysia) Berhad (similar to any other bank in Malaysia) would require your cooperation to complete the Self-Certification form that includes a declaration of your tax residence status. In certain (but not all cases), you may be requested to provide documentary evidence to substantiate the tax residency declared in your self-certification form.

If you have any queries in relations to the FATCA, CRS and your tax matters, please consult your tax advisor or the local tax authority.

Thank you.