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This is the seventy sixth volume of the BVI Financial Services Commission's Quarterly Statistical Bulletin. It provides important statistics, information and analysis on financial services activities for the third quarter of 2024. The FSC's Statistical Bulletin is one mechanism by which the FSC communicates the progress made within several different sectors of the Financial Services industry.

Registry of Corporate Affairs

The Registry of Corporate Affairs primarily administers the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, the Limited Partnership Act, 1996 the Limited Partnership Act, 2017, the UK Patents Act, 1925, the Trade Marks Act, 2015 and the Trade Mark Rules, 2015. It is responsible for ensuring that entities doing business in and from within the Territory are duly registered and maintains the required Registers of Companies and Limited Partnerships.

Table 1: Number of new Incorporations for Q3 2024

Incorporations

| | Q3 2024 | Q2 2024 | Q3 2023 | Total BCs on the Register (as at 30th September 2024) |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| *BC Quarterly Incorporations | 7,127 | 6,864 | 6,124 | 363,583 |

^{*}Company incorporations include new BCs, private trust companies, foreign companies and continuations.

The number of new incorporations in Q3 2024 increased by 16.38% when compared to the number of new incorporations in Q3 2023. The number of new incorporations increased by 3.83% when compared to the previous quarter.

Table 2: Number of new BCs for the selected listed Registration Categories**

| Other BC Registration Categories | Q3 2024* | Total number of Registrations on the Register (as at 30th September 2024) |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--|
| Private Trust Companies (PTCs) | 1,102 | 1,128 |
| Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs) | 36 | 38 |
| Foreign Companies | 55 | 68 |
| Continuations | 2,913 | 2,966 |

^{*}This figure represents the cumulative active total for the selected registration categories.

^{**} This table only lists selected registration categories and does not list all registration categories.

Chart A: Company Incorporations by quarter for the period (2020 - 2024)

Company Incorporations (2020 - 2024)



Table 3: Top 10 BC Transactions by quarter for the period (2022 - 2024)

| BC Transactions | Q3 2022 | Q4 2022 | Q1 2023 | Q2 2023 | Q3 2023 | Q4 2023 | Q1 2024 | Q2 2024 | Q3 2024 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Annual Fee Submission | 23,280 | 93,608 | 40,959 | 140,765 | 29,693 | 116,930 | 38,472 | 140,765 | 22,953 |
| Name Reservation (10 days) | 34,667 | 35,697 | 36,347 | 33,237 | 32,902 | 33,257 | 22,697 | 33,237 | 36,826 |
| Registration of Members | 304 | 254 | 329 | 270 | 237 | 219 | 262 | 270 | 246 |
| Registration of Directors | 18,453 | 18,634 | 17,166 | 16,488 | 16,480 | 15,892 | 15,930 | 16,488 | 18,136 |
| Request for Certificate of Good Standing | 9,174 | 9,611 | 9,454 | 9,639 | 8,951 | 8,668 | 8,904 | 9,639 | 8,549 |
| Request for Report | 3,944 | 4,416 | 4,280 | 4,557 | 3,929 | 4,439 | 3,779 | 4,557 | 3,921 |
| Filing of Notice of Appointment of Liquidator | 2,022 | 3,672 | 677 | 1,067 | 1,271 | 1,573 | 1,245 | 1,067 | 1,415 |
| Filing Notice of Completion of Liquidation | 1,829 | 2,859 | 1,777 | 1,094 | 1,097 | 1,633 | 1,204 | 1,094 | 1,164 |
| Registered Agent Intent to Resign | 1,522 | 1,054 | 860 | 957 | 596 | 678 | 638 | 957 | 729 |
| Notice of Change of Registered Agent | 1,337 | 1,572 | 871 | 1,325 | 1,149 | 2,241 | 2,001 | 1,325 | 2,165 |
| Application of Registration of Charge | 1,422 | 1,299 | 1,205 | 1,122 | 1,117 | 957 | 1,292 | 1,122 | 1,021 |

Name Reservation (10 days) is the most frequent transaction for Q3 2024. Annual Fee Submission is the second most frequent for the quarter. The total number of Name Reservations (10 days) transactions filed and approved for Q3 2024 is 36,826. Thirty-eight (38) Name Reservations (90 days) have also been filed and approved in Q3 2024 making the total number of Name Reservations filed and approved for Q3 2024: 36,864.

Limited Partnerships

The Limited Partnership Act, 2017 ("The LP Act") was enacted in December 2017 and applies to all newly formed BVI limited partnerships. The provisions of the 1996 Partnership Act continue to apply to limited partnerships which were formed prior to the commencement of the LP Act and have not re-registered under the LP Act.

Chart B: Limited Partnership Formations by Quarter



There was a 11.27% increase in the number of new Limited Partnerships (LPs) formed in Q3 2024 when compared to Q3 2023. There was a 15.05% decrease in the number of LPs formed in Q3 2024 when compared to Q2 2024.

Table 4: Selected Post Formation Transactions

| Q3 2024 Approved Transactions | Q3 2024 | Q2 2024 | Q3 2023 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| Amendment to Partnerships/General Amendments | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| L.P. Request Certificate of Good Standing | 68 | 38 | 63 |
| L.P. Notice of Dissolution | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| L.P. Notice of Completion of Liquidation | 6 | 17 | 2 |
| Request for Certifications | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| L.P. Registered Agent Intent to Resign | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| L.P. Notice of Resignation of Registered Agent | - | 4 | 1 |
| L.P. Registration of Charge | 2 | 2 | 2 |

Trade Marks

The Office of the Registrar of Trade Marks, Patents & Copyright within the Registry of Corporate Affairs is responsible for administering all laws relating to intellectual property in the British Virgin Islands. Responsibilities currently include the registration and post registration filings under the Trade Marks Act 2013, and the Trade Marks Rules, 2013 and the Registration of United Kingdom Patents Act, 1925 (CAP.156) of the Laws of the Virgin Islands and The United Kingdom Designs (Protection) Act, 1930 (CAP.159) of the Laws of the Virgin Islands.

Chart C: New Trade Mark Applications filed by Quarter



The total number of new applications to register a Trade Mark for Q3 2024 increased by 12.09% compared to Q3 2023. The total number of new applications to register a Trade Mark for Q3 2024 increased by 14.61% when compared to Q2 2024.

Since the enactment of the Trade Marks Act, 2013 (September, 2015) a total of 2,608 new applications to register a Trade Mark have been filed³.

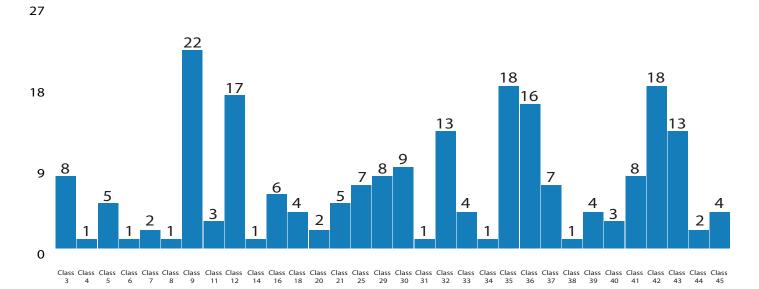
<u>Chart D: Annual Total Trade Marks Applications to Register a Mark 2022 - 2024</u>

345 2022 2023 2024 2024

³ Certificates of Registration are issued 3 months after the Gazette Publication date, provided no oppositions are received by the Office.

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The above frequency chart details the most popular Trade Mark Classes registered in Q3 2024. Classes 9, 35 and 42 are the top 3 Trade Mark Classes for Q3 2024. Class 9 is the overall frequent registration class for this quarter. Trade Mark Classes are designated under the Nice Classification (NCL) System. A description of all the classes may be accessed at www.wipo.int/ classifications/nice/en/. The World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) class index lists classes 1-34 as goods and classes 35-45 as services.

Chart F: Top 3 Popular Nice Classifications for Q3 2024



Advertising; business management, organization and administration; office functions

<u>Table 5: Post Registration Transactions for Trade Marks</u>

| Transactions | Q3 2024 | Q2 2024 | Q3 2023 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| Change of Name/Address/ Service or Agent Requests (TM19) | 369 | 123 | 44 |
| Renewal Requests (TM11) | 70 | 69 | 38 |
| Restoration Requests (TM11) | - | 8 | 1 |
| Application to Register Registrable Transaction other than license (TM13) | - | 62 | 10 |
| Search Requests (TM21) | 24 | 90 | 15 |
| Notice of Objection/Opposition/Withdrawal/ Rectification of Error/Variation (TM8) | - | 2 | 2 |
| Surrender Notices (TM12) | - | - | - |
| Request for copy of Extract (TM20) | 1 | 8 | - |
| Total | 464 | 362 | 110 |

Change of Name/Address/ Service or Agent Requests is the most frequent post registration transaction for Q3 2024. This is followed by Renewal Requests . The total number of post registration transactions filed increased by 321.81% in Q3 2024 when compared to Q3 2023. The total number of post registration transactions filed increased by 28.18% in Q3 2024 when compared to Q2 2024.

Table 6: Approvals to Act as Registered Trade Mark Agent

| Q3 2024 | Туре | Total No. of Trade Mark Agents | | |
|------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|----|
| | Individual | Legal Person | Partnership | |
| July | - | - | - | - |
| August | - | - | - | - |
| September | - | - | - | - |
| Cumulative Total | 8 | 17 | 3 | 28 |

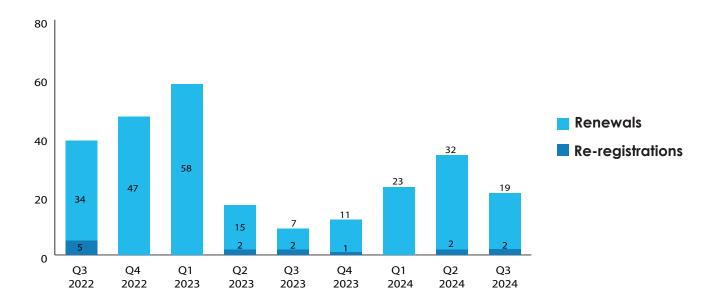
Patents

The re-registration of EU/UK Patents currently falls under the remit of Registry of Corporate Affairs, in the Office of Trade Marks, Patents and Copyright.

Chart G: Number of Applications for Re-registration of EU/UK Patents by Quarter



Chart H: Number of Patent Renewals and EU/UK Patents Re-registered by Quarter for the period (2022 - 2024)



Banking Services

Chart I: Total Number of Entities holding a Banking Licence

General Banking Licence



The following Balance Sheet and Financial Stability Indicators are representative of all commercial Banks in aggregate. All monetary values for the Banking Industry are recorded in USD '000s.

Table 7: Selected Balance Sheet Items in USD '000s

| Selected Balance Sheet Items | Q3 2024 | Q2 2024 | Q3 2023 |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cash Items | \$826,080 | \$639,614 | \$649,219 |
| Loans & Advances | \$1,577,311 | \$1,892,915 | \$1,632,056 |
| Investments | \$109,085 | \$116,110 | \$134,381 |
| Other Assets | \$721,958 | \$761,948 | \$666,018 |
| Total Assets | \$3,269,627 | \$3,420,456 | \$3,111,99 |
| Deposits | \$2,582,014 | \$2,757,258 | \$2,378,266 |
| Long Term Debt | \$8,614 | \$5917 | \$4,515 |
| Accrued Liabilities | \$17,952 | \$16,006 | \$15,136 |
| Other Liabilities | \$24,343 | \$20,556 | \$25,727 |
| Loss Reserves | \$8,962 | \$9,205 | \$8,303 |
| Total Liabilities | \$2,641,885 | \$2,808,942 | \$2,431,947 |
| Total Shareholder's Equity | \$627,741 | \$611,513 | \$680,052 |

Balance Sheet Analysis - The banking sector's total asset size for this quarter was reported at \$3.26 billion compared to the previous quarter reported at \$3.42 billion.

The balance sheet experienced changes from the previous quarter to Q3 2024 as:

Cash items increased by 29.15% from \$639 million to \$826 million.

Loans and Advances decreased to \$1.57 billion (16.67%) from the previous quarter.

Other Assets decreased by 5.25% during Q3 2024.

Deposits decreased by 6.36% from \$2.75 billion to \$2.52 billion.

Long Term Debt increased by 45.58% from \$5.91 million in Q2 2024 to \$8.61 in Q3 2024.

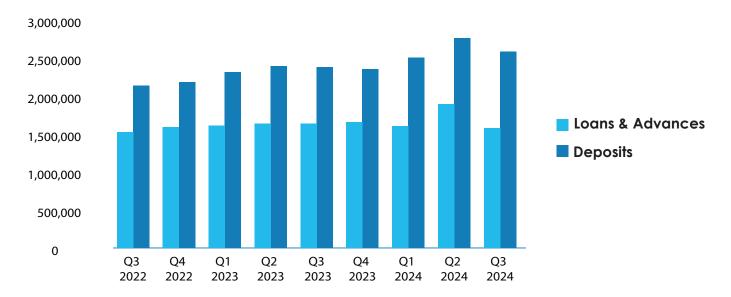
Accrued Liabilities increased to \$17.9 million (12.16%).

Other Liabilities increased by 18.42% to \$24.3 million.

Loss Reserves decreased from \$9.2 million in Q2 2024 to \$8.9 million in Q3 2024 (2.64%) due to an increase in provisioning for potential loan losses.

Total Shareholder's Equity increased by 2.65% from \$611.5 million in Q2 2024 to \$627.7 million in Q3 2024.

Chart J:Total Loans and Deposits by quarter for the period (2022 - 2024) in USD '000s



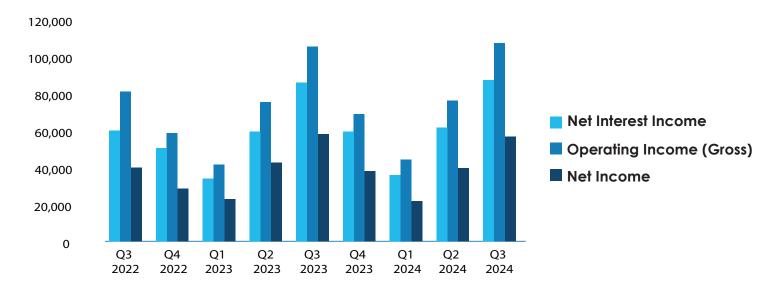
Total Deposits increased by \$203,748 (8.57%) in Q3 2024 when compared to Q3 2023 and decreased by \$175,244 (6.36%) when compared to Q2 2024.

Table 8: Statement of Income for Licensed commercial BVI Banks in USD '000s

| | Q3 2024 | Q2 2024 | Q3 2023 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Net Interest Income | \$87,224 | \$61,603 | \$85,907 |
| Operating Income (Gross Income) | \$107,274 | \$75,977 | \$105,342 |
| Net Income | \$56,595 | \$39,656 | \$57,974 |

The Net Interest Income recorded for all commercial banks increased by 1.53% in Q3 2024 when compared to Q3 2023. Net Interest Income increased by 41.59% in Q3 2024 when compared to Q2 2024. Net Income decreased by 2.38% in Q3 2024 when compared to Q3 2023 and increased by 42.71% when compared to Q2 2024.

Chart K: Net Interest Income, Operating Income Gross and Net Income by quarter for the period (2022 - 2024) in USD '000s



The above chart indicates a consistent pattern in the amount of Net Interest Income, Operating Income (Gross) and Net Income from 2022 to 2024. Q3 in each given year out-performs the other quarters while Q1 is the lowest performing among the quarters.

<u>Table 9: Solvency Indicators for Licensed commercial BVI Banks</u>

| Solvency | Q3 2024 | Q2 2024 | Q3 2023 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Adjusted Risk-weighted Assets | \$1,477,619 | \$1,488,753 | \$1,426,288 |
| Risk-asset Ratio | 43.13% | 42.39% | 48.34% |
| Net Income | \$56,595 | \$39,656 | \$57,974 |

Adjusted Risk-weighted Assets recorded for all commercial banks increased by 3.60% in Q3 2024 when compared to Q3 2023. Adjusted Risk-weighted Assets decreased by 0.75% in Q3 2024 when compared to Q2 2024.

Chart L: Risk Asset Ratio by quarter for the period (2022 - 2024)

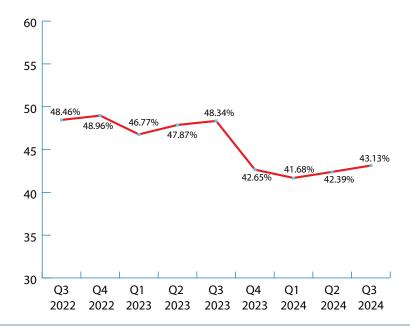


Table 10: Asset Quality Indicators for Licensed commercial BVI Banks

| Asset Quality in USD '000s | Q3 2024 | Q2 2024 | Q3 2023 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total Non-Performing Loans | \$110,877 | \$118,547 | \$107,412 |
| Non-Accruing Loans | \$110,877 | \$118,547 | \$107,412 |
| Non-Performing Loans as a percentage of Total Loans | 7.03% | 6.26%* | 6.58%* |
| Loan Loss Reserves | \$8,962 | \$9,205 | \$8,303 |

^{*}Please note correction made to Non-Performing Loans as a percentage of Total Loans.

Total Non-Performing Loans in Q3 2024 increased by 3.23% when compared to Q3 2023 and decreased by 6.47% when compared to Q2 2024. Loan Loss Reserves increased in Q3 2024 by 7.94% when compared to Q3 2023 and decreased by 2.64% when compared to Q2 2024.

Table 11: Profitability Indicators for Licensed commercial BVI Banks

| Profitability | Q3 2024 | Q2 2024 | Q3 2023 |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Return on Assets | 1.73% | 1.16% | 1.86% |
| Return on Equity | 9.03% | 6.49% | 8.52% |
| Profit Margin | 49.21% | 50.11% | 55.95% |
| Net Interest Margin to Gross Income | 81.31% | 81.08% | 81.55% |
| Non-Interest Expense to Gross Income | 47.81% | 48.33% | 44.46% |

Table 12: Concentration & Sensitivity to Market Risk for Licensed commercial BVI Banks

| Concentration | Q3 2024 | Q2 2024 | Q3 2023 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| Deposits | | | |
| Ten (10) largest depositors as a percentage of total deposits | 35.32% | 38.92% | 34.02% |
| Demand Deposits as a percentage of total deposits | 34.33% | 30.54% | 33.06% |
| Related Deposits as a percentage of total deposits | 5.00% | 4.56% | 5.90% |
| Loans | | | |
| Ten (10) largest loans as a percentage of total loans | 20.01% | 16.72% | 18.33% |
| Market loans as a percentage of total loans | 70.87% | 65.87% | 62.82% |
| Related loans as a percentage of total loans | 68.57% | 61.37% | 58.24% |
| Sensitivity to Market Risk | | | |
| Net Open Position | 757 | 1,377 | 946 |
| Net Open Position as a percentage of Capital | 0.12% | 0.22% | 0.14% |

Financing and Money Services

<u>Chart M: Total number of Money Services Business and Financing Business Licensees</u>



The following tables provide Balance Sheet and Financial Stabiltiy indicators in exact USD for the Money Services Business Sector.

<u>Table 13: Selected Balance Sheet Items in USDs for the MSB Sector</u>

| | Q3 2024 | Q2 2024 | Q3 2023 |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cash Items | \$1,097,284 | \$1,087,710 | \$1,083,184 |
| Total Assets | \$4,145,532 | \$4,273,397 | \$4,006,767 |
| Total Liabilities | \$2,306,994 | \$2,423,172 | \$2,230,826 |
| Total Shareholders' Equity | \$1,838,538 | \$1,850,225 | \$1,775,939 |

<u>Table 14: Financial Stability Indicators for the MSB Sector</u>

| | Q3 2024 | Q2 2024 | Q3 2023 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| Current Ratio (Current Assets to Current Liabilities) | 323.56% | 172.61% | 253.79% |
| Current Assets to Total Assets | 79.81% | 80.51% | 79.65% |
| Net Profit Margin | -6.90%% | 14.00% | 11.91% |
| Return on Assets | -0.39% | 0.86% | 0.78% |
| Return on Equity | -0.88% | 1.99% | 1.76% |

<u>Table 15: Totals for money transmitted to and from the BVI in USDs by MSBs</u>

| Amount Received for Transmission: | Q3 2024 | Q2 2024 | Q3 2023 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| From the BVI to Foreign Countries | \$10,905,647 | \$11,695,838 | \$11,457,267 |
| To the BVI from Foreign Countries | \$1,736,692 | \$1,708,856 | \$1,794,107 |
| Number of Transactions | | | |
| From the BVI to Foreign Countries | 36,576 | 42,012 | 38,574 |
| To the BVI from Foreign Countries | 3,891 | 3,977 | 4,139 |

Fiduciary Services

Table 16: Number of Fiduciary Services Licensees by Quarter

| Fiduciary Services Licensees Q3 2024 | Licensees as at 30th June 2024 | Q3 2024 Licences Issued | Q3 2024 Licences Re-classified | Q3 2024 Licences Cancelled | Licensees as at 30th September 2024 |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Class I Trust | 53 | - | - | - | 53 |
| Class II Trust | 25 | - | - | - | 25 |
| Class III* | 32 | - | - | - | 32 |
| Restricted Class II Trust | 46 | - | - | - | 46 |
| Restricted Class III* | 112 | - | - | - | 112 |
| Company Management | 19 | - | - | - | 19 |
| Authorised Custodian | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Total | 288 | - | - | - | 288 |

^{*} Pursuant to the Banks and Trust Companies (Amendment) Act, 2018, "Class III Trust Licence" was changed to "Class III Licence" and "Restricted Class III Trust Licence" was changed to "Restricted Class III Licence".

<u>Table 17: Post Licensing Transactions for Fiduciary Services Licensees for Q3 2024</u>

| Q3 2024 Post Licensing Transactions | July | August | September | Total |
|--|------|--------|-----------|-------|
| Change in Authorised Agent | 7 | - | - | 7 |
| Change in Ownership/Shareholding* | - | 6 | 7 | 13 |
| Change in Undertaking | 2 | 6 | 4 | 12 |
| Extension to Submit Audited Financial Statements | 5 | 4 | 0 | 9 |
| Application to vary the insurance requirements | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Total | 14 | 16 | 13 | 43 |

^{*}Change in Ownership/Shareholding includes acquisitions, imposition of share pledges and charges on shares.

Insolvency Services

<u>Table 18: Total number of Insolvency Practitioners with a full and restricted licence</u>

| Current No. insolvency Practitioners (IP) Licensees | Q3 2024 | Q2 2024 | Q3 2023 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| Current # of licence IP's (full licence) | 29 | 30 | 29 |
| Current # of licence IP's (restricted licence) | - | - | - |
| Total No. of IP's | 29 | 30 | 29 |

Investment Business

Table 19: Number of New Approvals by Quarter

| | Q3 2024 | Q2 2024 | Q3 2023 | Total as at 30th September 2024 |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------------------------|
| Investment Business Licences | 2 | 1 | - | 134 |
| Approved Investment Managers | 68 | 61 | 53 | 989 |
| Authorised Representatives (SIBA)* | 1 | - | - | 57 |

^{*} Securities and Investment Business Act, 2010

<u>Table 20: Number of Investment Business Licences by Sub-category as at the end of 30 September 2024</u>

| Investment Business Licence by Sub-category* | Total Licences at 30th September 2024 |
|---|--|
| Category 1 Sub-category A – Dealing as Agent | 23 |
| Category 1 Sub-category B – Dealing as Principal | 34 |
| Category 2 – Arranging Deals in Investments | 24 |
| Category 3 Sub-category A – Managing Segregated Portfolios (Excluding Mutual Funds) | 3 |
| Category 3 Sub-category B – Managing Mutual Funds | 43 |
| Category 3 Sub-category C – Managing Pension Schemes | 3 |
| Category 3 Sub-category D – Managing Insurance Products | 1 |
| Category 3 Sub-category E – Managing Other Types of Investment | 20 |
| Category 4 Sub-category A – Investment Advice (Excluding Mutual Funds) | 27 |
| Category 4 Sub-category B – Investment Advice (Mutual Funds) | 10 |
| Category 5 Sub-category A – Custody of Investments (Excluding Mutual Funds) | 6 |
| Category 5 Sub-category B – Custody of Investments (Mutual Funds) | 2 |
| Category 6 Sub-category A – Administration of Investments (Excluding Mutual Funds) | 13 |
| Category 6 Sub-category B – Administration of Investments (Mutual Funds) | 24 |
| Category 7 - Operating an Exchange | 1 |

Table 21: Number of New Funds Registered by Quarter

| | Q3 2024 | Q2 2024 | Q3 2023 | Total at 30th September 2024 |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|------------------------------------|
| Professional | 20 | 17 | 11 | 858 |
| Private | 4 | 4 | 5 | 283 |
| Public | - | - | - | 19 |
| Foreign | - | - | - | 1 |
| Incubator | 6 | 7 | 5 | 166 |
| Approved | 18 | 22 | 12 | 371 |
| Private Investment Funds | 12 | 10 | 16 | 389 |
| Total | 60 | 60 | 49 | |

^{*}The total number of funds registered includes 155 Segregated Portfolio Companies (Regulated) as at 30th September 2024.

Chart N: Total Number of Active Mutual Funds by quarter for the period (2022 - 2024)

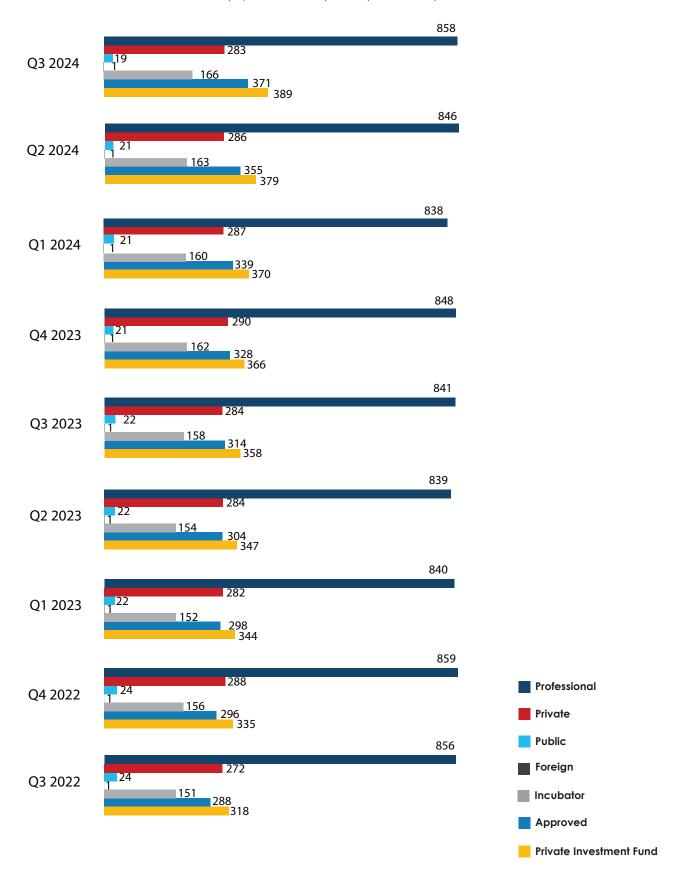


Table 22: Number of Mutual Funds Incorporated or Re-registered as a SPC as at 31 March 2024

| | Q3 2024 | | Q3 2023 | | Cumulative Totals as at 30th September 2024 | | |
|---|---------|-------|---------|-------|---|-------|-----|
| | Inc.* | Reg.* | Inc.* | Reg.* | Inc.* | Reg.* | |
| Certificates Granted- Professional Mutual Funds | 3 | - | 5 | 1 | 1 | - | 91 |
| Certificates Granted- Private Mutual Funds | - | - | 3 | - | 1 | - | 25 |
| Certificates Granted- Public Mutual Funds | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Certificates Granted-Incubator Funds | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Certificates Granted - Approved Funds | 2 | - | 2 | 2 | 1 | - | 22 |
| Certificates Granted - Private Investment Funds | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 20 |
| Total | 7 | - | 10 | 4 | 3 | - | 159 |

^{*} Inc. - Incorporated

Virtual Assets Service Providers

Table 23: Number of New Approvals by Quarter

| | Q3 2024 | Q2 2024 | Q3 2023 | Total as at 30th September 2024 |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------------------------|
| VASP* Licensee | - | 2 | - | 2 |
| Authorised Representatives (VASP)* | 1 | - | 5 | 13 |
| Sandbox | - | - | - | 1 |

^{*}Virtual Assets Service Providers Act, 2022

^{*} Reg. - Registered

Insurance

<u>Table 24: Total Number of Insurers and Functionaries by Quarter</u>

| Insurance Licensees and Functionaries | Q2 2024 Licensees | Q3 2024 Licences Issued | Q3 2024 Licences Cancelled | Licensees as at 30th September 2024 |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Insurers | | | | |
| Captive Insurers | 44 | - | - | 44 |
| Domestic Insurers | 38 | - | - | 38 |
| Functionaries | | | | |
| Agents | 12 | - | - | 12 |
| Brokers | 2 | - | - | 2 |
| Insurance Managers | 5 | - | - | 5 |
| Loss Adjusters | 2 | - | - | 2 |
| Total | 103 | - | - | 103 |

<u>Table 25: Number of Insurance Post Licensing Transactions for Q3 2024</u>

| Insurance Q3 2024 Post Licensing Transactions | Total |
|--|-------|
| Approval of Change of Auditor | 1 |
| Approval of Compliance Manual | 1 |
| Approval of certain Asset as an Allowable Asset | 1 |
| Transfer of shares | 2 |
| Extension of time to submit audited financial statements | 14 |
| Total | 19 |

Approved Persons Regime

The Approved Persons Regime falls under the office of the Deputy Managing Director, Regulation and primarily processes applications of senior officers, including directors, compliance officers and money laundering reporting officers (MLROs). Table 26 below indicates the number of approved persons appointments for Q3 2024.

Table 26: Approved Persons Appointments

| Q3 2024 Approved Persons Appointments | | | | |
|---|-------|--|--|--|
| Transaction | Total | | | |
| Appointment of Director | 26 | | | |
| Appointment of Compliance Officer | 4 | | | |
| Appointment of Compliance Officer and Money Laundering Reporting Officer | 16 | | | |
| Appointment of Senior Officer | 5 | | | |
| Total | 51 | | | |

Enforcement

The Enforcement Committee is responsible for determining and administering enforcement action on licensees for any contravention or breach of financial services legislation. Enforcement actions range from warning letters to complete licence revocation. In Q3 2024, enforcement action was levied, notably: 9 Notices of Adminstrative Penalty/Fine and 1 issuance of a warning letter.

Onsite Inspections

Onsite inspections are conducted by the Compliance Inspection Unit. The Unit conducts full scope and thematic inspections on all licensees on a periodic basis. There were ten (10) thematic inspections of trust companies concluded in Q3 2024.

Chart O: Total number of inspections conducted from 2020 - Q2 2024 for which close-out meetings were held in the given year

Total Number of Inspections Conducted from 2020 - 2024.



The Licensing and Supervisory **Committee (LSC)**

The Licensing and Supervisory Committee (LSC) grants approvals and authorisations for specified initial licensing and ongoing applications under any Financial Services legislation. Table 27 below indicates the number of matters brought to the LSC by the various Divisions within the Commission.

Table 27: Number of Matters Referred to the LSC in Q3 2024

| Matters Referred to LSC in Q3 2024 | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------|--------|-----------|-------|--|
| | July | August | September | Total | |
| Banking, Insolvency and Fiduciary | 42 | 29 | 18 | 89 | |
| Investment Business/ SIBA/ VASP | 84 | 47 | 63 | 194 | |
| Insurance | - | 1 | 3 | 4 | |
| Registry of Corporate Affairs | 1 | - | - | 1 | |
| Specialised Supervision Unit | - | - | 1 | 1 | |

International Cooperation

Table 28 below records the number of incoming and outgoing requests for information. Requests are classified as formal or informal. Within the context of the Financial Services Commission's International Cooperation obligations, formal requests for information refers to requests for information made or received consistent with a specific MoU or MMoU signed by the Financial Services Commission and a foreign regulatory authority and other requests made or received where there is a duty to cooperate requiring the sharing of documents and information permitted under the BVI Financial Services Commission Act, 2001 (as amended).

Table 28: Incoming and Outgoing Requests for Information

| Legal and Enforcement Division Statistics | | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|---------|--|--|
| | Q3 2024 | Q2 2024 | Q3 2023 | | |
| Formal Incoming Requests | 21 | 23 | 24 | | |
| Informal Incoming Requests | - | - | - | | |
| Formal Outgoing Requests | 9 | 21 | 2 | | |
| Informal Outgoing Requests | - | - | - | | |
| FIN-NET | 27 | 30 | 27 | | |

