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MFSA Launches the Journal of Financial Supervisors Academy – Volume I

Malta Strengthens Global Regulatory Dialogue with Groundbreaking Academic Publication

The Malta Financial Services Authority (MFSA) has launched the first volume of the Journal of Financial Supervisors Academy (JFSA), an international academic journal dedicated to advancing research and innovation in financial regulation and supervision.

The JFSA is a pioneering MFSA initiative that bridges academic research and supervisory practice, creating a global platform for debate and collaboration. It aims to enrich policymaking with academic rigour and diverse perspectives, ensuring regulators remain agile in a rapidly evolving financial landscape.

Volume I features contributions from leading academics, economists, legal scholars, and supervisory professionals, covering topics such as digital finance, capital markets, independence of regulators, and collaboration between national competent authorities and universities.

MFSA CEO Kenneth Farrugia described the launch as “a significant milestone for Malta, demonstrating our commitment to shaping regulatory thought leadership and strengthening the intellectual foundations of financial supervision.”

Professor Christopher P. Buttigieg, Chief Officer Supervision and Editor-in-Chief, added: *“The Journal of the Financial Supervisors Academy was established to bridge the gap between academic research and practical supervision. The upcoming Volume II will delve deeper into the evolving nature and art of financial supervision, reflecting current developments within the financial system.”*

As part of the launch, the MFSA Editorial and Coordination Team, together with contributing academics, had the honour of presenting the first volume of the JFSA to Her Excellency Myriam Spiteri Debono, President of Malta during an official visit at San Anton Palace in Attard, the historic official residence of the President of Malta. This symbolic gesture underscores Malta’s commitment to academic collaboration and regulatory excellence.

In her address, Her Excellency Myriam Spiteri Debono, President of Malta, remarked: *“It is a pleasure and an honour to be a patron of the Journal of the Financial Supervisors Academy. At its core, financial supervision supports the growth of the financial system while protecting its integrity and the interest of citizens. In today’s world, supervision cannot be static. It must*

evolve, adapt and anticipate threats – whether they arise from technological disruptions, cybercrime or misconduct.”

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About MFSA

The Malta Financial Services Authority (MFSA) is the single regulator of financial services in Malta, covering banks, insurance companies, investment services, trusts and pensions. In 2018, the MFSA became the first European regulator to develop a framework to regulate virtual financial assets. The MFSA’s mission, as enshrined in its Strategic Statement, is to enhance its position as an independent, proactive and trustworthy supervisory authority with the main purpose of safeguarding the integrity of markets and maintaining stability within the financial sector, for the benefit and protection of consumers. The MFSA licenses over 2,000 entities to operate in the financial services sector.

