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Joint MFSA and Residency Malta Agency Communication on a New Residency Scheme for Family Offices

In line with the National Strategy for Financial Services, which identified family offices as a potential area for growth, an initiative is being launched to continue actively positioning Malta as an attractive jurisdiction for families looking to establish their offices, or a branch thereof, in Malta.

Scope

This new initiative focuses on granting residence permits to individuals forming part of a family office structure. More specifically, ultimate beneficial owners and senior employees holding an eligible office in terms of the Senior Employees of Family Offices, Back Offices and Treasury Management Tax Regulations (L.N. 250 of 2025) of entities which:

- i. form part of a family office structure; and
- ii. are duly authorised by the Malta Financial Services Authority ("MFSA"),

may be eligible for consideration. The granting of residence permits in such circumstances remains without prejudice to the satisfactory outcome of the relevant application process. Moreover, for the purposes of point (ii), authorisation shall include a licence, registration, recognition, notification or any other form of approval or permission issued by the MFSA to an entity.

Application Process and Fees

The issuance of these residence permits will be administered by the Residency Malta Agency. A thorough due diligence process will be maintained, with the rigorous checks already in force at the Residency Malta Agency being complemented by the fitness and properness assessments carried out by the MFSA during the authorisation process.