

FCA Fund Authorisations

The FCA announced last week that from April 2015 they will reduce authorisation times for non-UCITS retail schemes (NURS) to 2 months (the same as UCITS funds which remain unchanged) and qualified investor schemes (QISs) to one month.

To meet these quicker authorisation times, the FCA have stated that they need firms' co-operation in submitting documents, including KIIDs, that are accurate and unambiguous. The FCA will also be setting deadlines for firms to respond to their subsequent queries which, if missed, will impact their ability to authorise funds on time.

Within the same announcement, the FCA have commented on their expectations on Derivative reporting and their disclosure review. Particularly interesting is that out of 19 funds reviewed, only two KIIDs provided clear descriptions of the risk associated with leverage. At Kii Hub we have a team of specialists that can assist with disclosure and plain language requirements – please contact us if you'd like more information.

The full announcement can be found on the following FCA link <http://www.fca.org.uk/firms/firm-types/fund-authorisation-and-supervision/fund-supervision/fund-authorisation-supervision-update>.

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