Supporting the Development of FINTECH: Approaches and Challenges for Consumer Protection

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FINTECH HUB TIMELINE





FINTECH HUB - ACTIVITIES

FinTech Hub launched on Jun 7th, 2016.

Activities:

- Establish a dedicated communication channel between the regulator and the market
- Foster research and studies
- Estimulate and facilitate internal discussions
- Provide information and assistance to fintech startups
- Promote educational initiatives (fintech startups and entrepreneurs)*
- Assess potential impacts on markets regulated by CVM
- Forge partnerhsips with similar international hubs

^{*}Educational Centre: education (publications and events) and local partnerships.



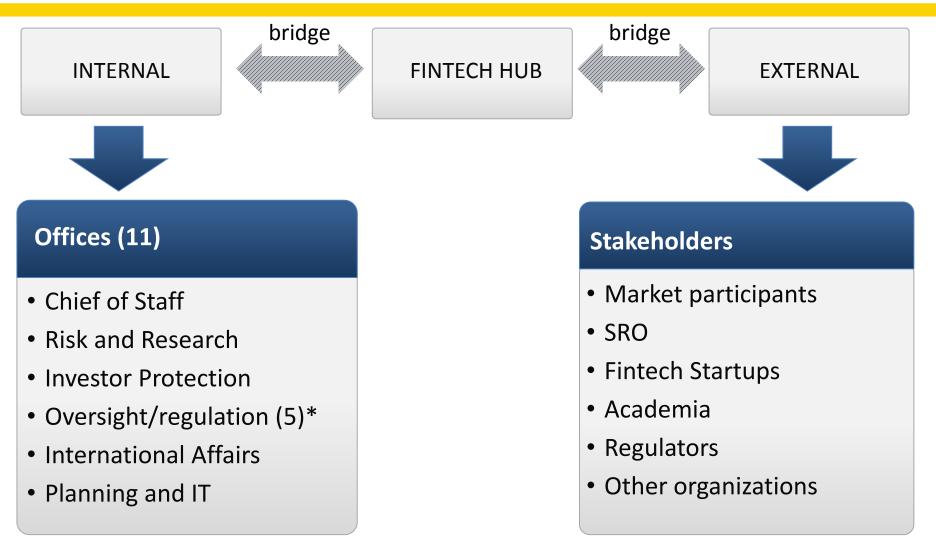
FINTECH HUB - GUIDELINES

Guidelines:

- Achieve the right balance between financial inovation and investor protection/financial stability;
- Foster greater competion in markets;
- Proactive approach:
 - expanding the outreach to Fintech startups;
 - identifying trends;
 - monitoring market practices.



FINTECH HUB - 2 BRIDGES



^{* 5} Offices: Market Regulation; On-Site Inspections; Institutional Investors; Market Surveillance; and Securities Registration.



"FINTECH DAY"

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A) THE EVENT:

- One-day event (Dec. 5th)
- Speakers: regulators, SRO, academics, market participants, fintechs and entrepreneurs.
- Participants: 500 attendees (Brazil and abroad).

B) AGENDA:

- Opening remarks Chairmen of Israel Securities Authority and CVM
- Keynote Corporate governance and innovation: building bridges

• OVERVIEW:

- FinTech: Overview and trends
- DLT in capital markets
- Keynote Cubo: fostering entrepreneurship in Brazil

• DISCUSION:

- Round-table FinTech impact on capital markets
- Case Studies Panel

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Example:

- Prof. Juan Pablo Pardo-Guerra (PhD, Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego).
- "Evaluation Cultures, Organizational Logistics, and the Limits of Financial Regulation"
- Why a certain securities regulator took 6 years to act on a practice? Why fail to act?
- Analysed 7,500 speeches of commissioners
- Data on the professional background of Commissioners combined with congressional debates, oral histories etc.
- Showed that the dominance of professional background withing economics, lawand accounting hindered the ability of the regulator to act on highly technical controversies of market infrastructure and market technology

FINTECH SURVEY



Data collection period: from August to October 2016 (publication: June 2017)

Sources: fintech firms (e-mail and website link)

Survey Highlights:

- 94 respondents, 80 fintech firms;
- 75% from São Paulo e Rio de Janeiro;
- 70% staff < 11 employees (including founders);
- For 67%, personal funds were the primary means of startup, including launch with funding founder and family; and only 10% funded by financial system;
- 57% need funding;
- Areas: Crowdfunding, Digital Securities, Automated Advice, Distributed Ledger Technology, Algorithmic Trading, High-Frequency Trading and Financial Education;
- Suggestions to improve regulation or processes.



REGULATORY REFORMS – FINTECH INVESTMENT-BASED CROWDFUNDING

A) INVESTMENT-BASED CROWDFUNDING (NEW RULE)

- Public hearing in 2016 (to be issued in 2017)
- Based on in-depth studies regarding crowdfunding practices in Brazil and abroad
- Replace current system of automatic exemptions with a new rule that not address a single activity but rather the market as whole

Expected benefit: Promote a higher growth of crowdfunding market in the following years (benefiting market innovation and capital formation in securities markets)

Objectives:

- Facilitate SME capital formation;
- Protect investors;
- Provide certainty to different participants (small firms, portals and investors);

Highlights:

- Automatic exemptation registration of offering and issuer, and
- Registration and supervision of funding portals;
- Provide investors with educational materials.



REGULATORY REFORMS – FINTECH INVESTMENT-BASED CROWDFUNDING

Key aspect and main consequence of the proposed rule:

- Reduces red tape and regulatory costs on funding for small firms;
- On the downside, efficiency gains may impact investor protection.

Adoption of a twofold approach:

- Investor protection increased.
- New tools to engage the VOICE OF RETAIL INVESTORS in the regulatory process:
 - understand investors' preferences pertinent to the new regulation; and
 - bring the views and opinions of those affected by the proposed rule.

Engaging investors:

- Seeking input from retail investors <u>before</u> and <u>after</u> the public announcement of the Pulbic Notice and Comment period.
- Method: surveys (before/after) and in-depth interviews (after).



INVESTMENT-BASED CROWDFUNDING

REGULATORY PROCESS

a) 1st Survey:

- July 2015 (before the public notice and comment period).
- Questionnaire sent out to 316 investors (44% replied).
- Conclusions:
 - 86% would invest in a startup;
 - For 88%, the investment limit (R\$ 10 thousand) was fine and could be even smaller (attention to regulatory costs);
 - Preferred sectors: technology, health, food industry, real estate;
 - Identified risks: fraud, business failure, misinformation, illiquidity;
 - However, 56% wanted returns in less than 2 years.

b) 2nd Survey:

- Feb-March 2017 (after the public notice and comment period);
- Questionnaire sent out to 1,039 people with questions on investor's preferences;
- 20% invest and 70% would invest in a small firm.



INVESTMENT-BASED CROWDFUNDING REGULATORY PROCESS

c) Interviews:

- May 2015 (after public notice and comment period).
- 22 in-depth interviews:
 - 14 open-ended questions; and
 - introductory overview of the research project and the draft rule.
- Conclusions:
 - 70% want to invest AND support the society and entrepreneurs; and 30% are seeking high-risk and high return investments.
 - Preferences on educational materials: short videos, simplicity, success stories.
 - "Crowdfunding" is an English expression evoking rewards-based/donationbased crowdfunding.
 - A need for detailed information on funding portals.



REGULATORY REFORMS – FINTECH **NEW RULE ADOPTED ON JULY 13TH**

Highlights of the new rule:

- Creation of a regulatory framework for portals serving as a GATEKEEPER to the information required for investor` decision making process.
- Streamlined procedure. Funding portals will register with CVM by filling a form and are exempted from broker-dealer registration requirements.
- All offerings will be exempted of registration under the public offerings rule. CVM staff may review the information provided by the portal.
- Allows for Syndicate Funding. Platforms will also offer syndicated deals (beyond non-syndicate deals), where a "lead investor" will select a startup, conduct due diligence and monitor its progress on behalf of other investors ("backers"). In SF, lead investor` skills and reputation are important for backers make investment decisions.



REGULATORY REFORMS – FINTECH **CROWDFUNDING**

Investor protection rules:

A) Investment limits for individual Investors of the course of the year:

- Permission to invest (in the aggregate across crowdfunding offerings) up to R\$
 10,000 (or US\$ 3,000);
- If annual income or financial investments > R\$ 100 thousand: upper limit is R\$ 10,000 or 10% of the greater of: investor`s annual income or financial investments.

B) Limits on capital raised:

• Issuers permitted to raise a maximum aggregate amount of R\$ 5 mi (US\$ 1,6 mi).

C) Funding portal:

- Written procedures must be implemented so as to achieve compliance with CVM rules
- Records must be created and maintained for 5 yrs.
- Needs to handle investor's complaints
- Educational materials for investors will be developed.
- Annual Report must be published.
- Escrow accounts must be set.



REGULATORY REFORMS – FINTECH **CROWDFUNDING**

Investor protection rules:

D) Issuers:

 Disclosure requirements on the firm, business plan, securities offered, posoffering information, conflicts of interest, risks etc.



REGULATORY REFORMS – FINTECH ROBO-ADVISORS

B) INVESTMENT ADVISORS AND ASSET MANAGERS (Proposed ammendments to existing rules: Rule # 43, of 1985; and Rule # 558, of 2015)

- addresses the use of automated systems and/or algorithms (robo-advisors) by market participants to provide investment advice/analysis;
- services should comply with securities regulation; and
- market participants are not exempted from their responsibilities (conduct standards toward investors; segregation of activities within the same financial institution etc.).

Objectives:

- protect investors by:
 - properly allocating responsibilities among registered market participants;
 - setting rules to ensure the monitoring of those systems.

NEW INITIATIVES



A) CVMTECH

Motivation

- Strategic Project INSIDERS > recommendation to improve analysis capacity
- Exponential growth of computing power and data availability
- Increased market interconnection
- Multifaceted and not fully mapped challenges to regulators' ability to effectively exercise their legal mandates
- New risks and vulnerabilities
- Redesign of traditional regulatory perimeters (e.g. crowdfunding)

Objective:

- By March 2018, deliver a Digital Strategy (DS) for CVM, covering areas such as: people (skills and organizational culture), technologies (tools and data), processes and services.
- DS will include a vision statement (for 2023) and a roadmap, establishing initiatives and priorities.
- REGTECH, DATA INFRASTRUCTURE, hiring & training, disclosure rules etc.

NEW INITIATIVES



LAB

B) FINANCIAL INOVATION LAB

Objective

 Foster the debate on green funding, and the creation and dissemination of financial instruments and mechanims that promotes sustainable development in Brazil. Market competitiveness.

Projects

Green Bonds, Social Impact Instruments, and Green Finance. 3 yrs.

Participants:

- **Founders**: Interamerican Development Bank, CVM and the Brazilian Association of Development Banks.
- **Partners**: other Brazilian regulators, Ministry of Finance, SRO's, financial institutions, NGO's, specialists etc.
- Consultants: hired for the projects.

LAUNCH: International Seminar on AUG 3rd, in Rio de Janeiro.



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WORLD INVESTOR WEEK







Resources

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From 2nd through 8th October 2017, securities regulators on six continents will promote investor education and protection through World Investor Week, an initiative of International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO).

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RESOURCES

Guidelines and tool for participants in World
Investor Week.





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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Press Release: IOSCO Celebrates World Investor Week (28 June 2017)

Resource: WIW Implementation Guide Now Available



WORLD INVESTOR WEEK

Participating Countries

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