

Extended Variable Capital Companies Grant Scheme

With effect from 16 January 2023, the validity of the Variable Capital Companies Grant Scheme (“**VCCGS**”) has been extended for two years from 16 January 2023 to 15 January 2025 (both dates inclusive).

The Financial Sector Development Fund (“**FSDF**”) will provide co-funding of 30% towards eligible expenses that are paid to Singapore-based service providers for qualifying work related to the incorporation or registration of a Variable Capital Company (“**VCC**”) in Singapore. The maximum amount of grant that can be availed per application is S\$30,000.

Applicant Eligibility

- The eligibility criteria for the VCCGS requires that first-time Qualifying Fund Managers who have not incorporated a VCC before, or have not re-domiciled a foreign corporate entity as a VCC successfully, and have not applied for the VCCGS previously.

Project Eligibility

- The Extended VCCGS is exclusively available to first-time qualifying fund managers who have incorporated a VCC or re-domiciled a foreign corporate entity to Singapore as a VCC for the first time.
- This eligibility applies to those who have received a Notice of Incorporation or Notice of Transfer of Registration from ACRA.
- The following conditions must be met:
 - The set-up of the VCC cannot be funded by other government grants or incentives for the same set of qualifying costs and commitments simultaneously.
 - Each applicant can only apply for the Extended VCCGS for qualifying work related to one VCC, which has been incorporated or re-domiciled successfully.
 - The qualifying expenses must be paid to Singapore-based service providers for the work performed in Singapore relating to the incorporation and registration of the VCC and its sub-fund(s), if any.
 - The grant scheme does not allow Qualifying Fund Manager to co-funding solely for the registration of sub-fund(s) without the accompanying incorporation or transfer of registration of a VCC. However, the qualifying set-up costs incurred for the registration of sub-fund(s) can be claimed by Qualifying Fund Manager as part of the set-up of an umbrella VCC.
 - Formal submission of applications should be made within three months from the date mentioned on the Notice of Incorporation issued by ACRA (for a newly incorporated VCC) or within three months from the date of ACRA's approval of VCC's evidence of de-registration (for a foreign corporate entity re-domiciled to Singapore as a VCC).

Funding

- 30% co-funding, capped at S\$30,000 per VCC, is available for legal services, tax services and administrative or regulatory compliance services.

Minimum Operational Period

- If a VCC (Variable Capital Company) is granted funding under the Extended VCCGS, it is mandatory for the VCC to remain operational for at least one year from the Registration Date. This implies that the VCC cannot be wound up in the initial year from the Registration Date. If the VCC is terminated within the first year from the

Registration Date, the Qualifying Fund Manager must inform Monetary Authority of Singapore ("**MAS**") immediately and within one week from the date of the application for winding up or passing of the resolution for a voluntary winding up.

- MAS has the right to claw back the awarded grant if the VCC is wound up within the first year from the Registration Date or if the recipient fails to notify MAS of the VCC's winding up within one week from the date of winding up.