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## **Panel Discussions on Creating Wealth in the ECCU**

As part of the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Eastern Caribbean Securities Market (ECSM), the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange (ECSE) and the Intermediary Working Group of licensed ECSE member broker-dealers (IWG), held two public panel discussions to promote participation in Eastern Caribbean Securities Market (ECSM) to potential corporate Issuers and Investors. The panel discussions were held on April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at the Harbor Club Hotel in Saint Lucia.

The panel held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, which targeted businesses and business advisors, focused on Financing Business Growth via the ECSM. The discussion was moderated by Laurent Hadley, Manager, Treasury & Investments, Bank of St Vincent & the Grenadines Ltd and included the following panelists:

- Trevor Blake, Managing Director, Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange Group
- Norlann Gabriel, Head – Regional Operations, First Citizens Investment Services Ltd
- Samantha Lewis, Analyst, Eastern Caribbean Securities Regulatory Commission, and
- Romario Sterling, Assistant Manager, Capital Market, VM Wealth Management Limited

The panel held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April targeted current and potential investors under the general theme of Investing on the Eastern Caribbean Securities Market (ECSM). The presentations focused on the role of the ECSM market institutions and provided insights on the process of building an investment portfolio. The session was moderated by Aaron Logie, Executive Manager, Finance, Grenada Cooperative Bank Ltd and included the following panelists:

- Geron Burnett, Senior Manager, Operations Division, Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange
- Francine Felicien, Analyst, Eastern Caribbean Securities Regulatory Commission,
- Gale Cumberbatch, Senior Investment Associate, First Citizens Investment Services Ltd, and
- Cedric Charles, Senior Manager, Investment Banking Services, Bank of Saint Lucia Ltd

Recordings of these panel discussions will be disseminated for the benefit of the wider regional public in the coming weeks via various media platforms and via the ECSE's and member broker-dealers' YouTube pages and social media channels.

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