



SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

Specialized Companies Division Islamic Finance Department

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Mr. Sarfaraz Khan,
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Subject: Application for grant of Shariah compliance certificate for Islamic Brokerage Window.

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your letter dated March 10, 2026, on the subject cited above.

In this regard, I am pleased to inform you that, under regulation 16(15) of the Securities Brokers (Licensing and Operations) Regulations, 2016, the Commission has approved the proposed Shariah-compliant brokerage services model through an Islamic window of **Optimus Capital Management (Private) Limited**, subject to the following conditions:

- a) All customer bank accounts and margin accounts maintained with the National Clearing Company of Pakistan Limited (NCCPL) shall be held with Islamic banks or Islamic banking windows of conventional banks. However, for settlement purposes, funds may be temporarily transferred to designated settlement accounts. In such cases, any income arising from Riba-based elements shall be treated in accordance with the guidance of the respective Shariah Advisor.
- b) Trading activities shall be restricted to securities that have been screened and approved by persons duly authorized in accordance with the process prescribed under the Shariah Governance Regulations, 2023.
- c) Nothing contained in the approved model shall supersede or override the applicable regulations of the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX), Central Depository Company (CDC), NCCPL, or the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP). In case of any Shariah-related concerns, the relevant institutions shall be engaged to seek appropriate regulatory alignment. Until such alignment is achieved, full compliance with existing regulatory requirements shall be ensured.
- d) The approved Shariah-compliant brokerage services model shall remain subject to further regulatory developments and frameworks to be introduced by PSX and SECP, including, but not limited to, areas such as intra-day trading and futures trading.

Further, Optimus Capital Management (Private) Limited is expected to ensure full compliance with the Guidelines for offering Islamic financial services, 2023. The guidelines are available at SECP's website at:

<https://www.secp.gov.pk/document/guidelines-for-offering-islamic-financial-services-2023/?wpdmdl=46632&refresh=69f3466324bd21777550947>

Yours truly,



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