

## **Setting up Credit Companies in Macao**

One popular enquiry about business operation in Macao is the establishment of credit companies in Macao; that is, **banks, asset management companies and investment funds**. There are now 27 banks in Macao, of which 4 are established locally and 23 are established overseas. Two forms of entity are available which can be established as credit companies and are operated under the supervision of Monetary Authority of Macao (AMCM):

### **Local Credit Companies incorporated in Macao**

Credit companies incorporated in Macao shall take the form of Limited Company by Shares. Shares shall either be registered shares or bearer shares held under custodian. The minimum requirement of share capital is MOP 100 million and must be subscribed and fully paid up in accordance with the regulation of the Article 21, Decree-Law no. 32/39/M – Macao Financial System Act.

To establish a credit company in Macao, a business plan is required to submit to AMCM including the reasons of establishment, feasibility studies and operation plan to ensure there no conflict with the economic and financial policy of Macao government. AMCM will conduct investigation on the background and financial status of the applicant.

### **Branches of Credit Companies Incorporated Overseas**

Credit companies incorporated outside Macao wishing to open branches in Macao should obtain authorization from AMCM. The minimum capital to be invested in the branch is MOP 50 million. Authorized representative has to be appointed to execute the application. A business plan, due diligence documents of the parent company, background information of the shareholders, including the ultimate beneficial owners and directors of the proposed credit company are also required when registering the branch.

### **Our services in application for a Macao Offshore Banking License**

Our firm recently received a case about setting up an offshore bank in Macao. Manivest provides services in the application for Macao Offshore Banking License, including the drafting of business plan and submitting the necessary documents to the relevant governmental bodies. Our efforts in providing such professional services suits the specific needs to the client.

As the requirement and application procedures differ for different kinds of credit companies. If you wish to have further details in connection to the specific types of credit companies in Macao, please feel free to contact us for further details.