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Subject: Questionnaire for Harlequin Group investors

This request asked:

Please may I have a copy of the "Online Questionnaire" sent to Harlequin Group investors as mentioned on the 17th February 2017 case status.

Section 1: About you

1. **Title** Miss Mrs Ms Miss
 Other (please specify:)
 2. **First name**
 3. **Last name**
 4. **Date of birth**
 5. **Current occupation**
 6. **Home address**
 7. **Work address**
 8. **Home telephone number**
 9. **Work telephone number**
 10. **Mobile telephone number**
 11. **Email address**
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12. Which is your preferred method of contact?

Home telephone Work telephone Mobile telephone Email

13. Are you willing to be a witness at Court for any criminal prosecution?

Yes No

14. Are you willing for us to share your answers with other UK Regulators (e.g. the FCA, FSCS)?

Yes No



Section 2: About your investment

15. Have you purchased a property(ies) in: [Tick all that apply]

- Buccament Bay in St Vincent and the Grenadines
- Merricks in Barbados
- Marquis Estate in St Lucia
- The Hideaway in Dominican Republic
- Las Canas in Dominican Republic
- Two Rivers in Dominican Republic
- Garapua Beach Resort in Brazil
- Other (please specify below:)

16. What is the name of the seller in the "preliminary contract for the sale of off-plan property"? (e.g. Harlequin Property (SVG) Limited, Harlequin Resorts (St Lucia) Limited etc. Provide the seller's details for each property purchased.)



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17. What is the identifying number of the property in the "preliminary contract for the sale of off-plan property"? (Provide details for each property purchased.)

18. What is the name of the resort development in the "preliminary contract for the sale of off-plan property"? (Provide details for each property purchased - e.g. Buccament Bay, Marquis Estate etc.)

19. When did you sign the "preliminary contract for the sale of off-plan property"? (Provide details for each property purchased.)

20. What was the target completion date in the "preliminary contract for the sale of off-plan property"? (Provide details for each property purchased.)



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- 21. If the target completion date has passed, what reason(s) was given for the delay in meeting the target completion date?**

- 22. Why did you invest in a Harlequin property? What key features of the investment(s) attracted you to it?**

- 23. How did you become aware of Harlequin's investments? Were you introduced by a financial advisor? (Tell us when and by whom.)**

- 24. Please provide the details of all sales persons, marketing agents or Financial Advisors that were involved in your Harlequin investment? What role did they play in informing your decision to invest?**



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25. How did you think your money would be used by Harlequin once you had invested? Who explained this to you?

26. Did you look at the harlequinproperty.co.uk website before you invested?

Yes No

27. Were you aware of the “Buccament Bay Guidelines for Purchasers” document?

Yes No

28. Were you aware of the “Frequently Asked Questions on the preliminary contract for the sale of off-plan property” document?

Yes No

29. Were you given any information about the level of risk associated with the proposed investment? If so, what information were you given and by whom?

30. Did you carry out any of your own research on the property(ties) you were purchasing? If so, what research did you undertake?



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- 31. Have you contacted anyone for information about the progress of your investment property? If so, what were you told, when were you told and by whom?**

- 32. Did you receive any updates from Harlequin or their agents regarding your investment? If so, what were you told, when were you told and by whom?**

- 33. Were you ever aware of a problem with your investment? If so, what was the problem, when were you made aware of it and how did you become aware of it?**

- 34. Are you satisfied in your investments with Harlequin Property?**

Yes

No



Section 3: Financing your investment

- 35. What is the total purchase price of the property(ies) you have purchased?
(Provide details for each property purchased.)**

- 36. How much of the total purchase price have you paid Harlequin to date?
(Provide details for each property purchased.)**

- 37. How much do you owe Harlequin on completion of the property(ies)?
(Provide details for each property purchased.)**

- 38. What is the name of the company that you paid your funds to? (e.g. Harlequin
Management Services (South East) Limited.)**



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- 39. What are the details of the bank account you transferred your funds to? (Provide as much detail as possible e.g. account number, sort code, bank, name of account holder.)**

- 40. How did you raise funds to pay the 30% deposit? (e.g. loan, mortgage, re-mortgage, savings, SIPPS etc. or a combination. Provide details for each property purchased.)**

- 41. If you paid the deposit by loan, did you enter into a finance agreement with Harlequin to repay the interest on your loan?**

Yes No

- 42. If you paid the deposit via a loan, what advice did you receive and from whom?**

- 43. If you invested via your SIPP, what is the name of your SIPP Administrator?**



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- 44. If you invested by SIPP, what is the name of the Financial Advisor you used?
Please provide their contact details.**

- 45. How do you intend to repay the balance of the monies owed to Harlequin on completion of your property? E.g. do you intend to get a mortgage or do you have sufficient funds available? (Provide details for each property purchased.)**



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46. What were you told by Harlequin about the availability of mortgages?

47. If you intended to get a mortgage to complete your purchase, what advice did you receive and from whom?

48. When were returns due on your investment? Have you received any returns?



Section 4: Miscellaneous

49. Have you ever signed a confidentiality agreement with Harlequin?

50. Have you visited any of the Harlequin resorts? Provide details of visits.

51. If you have completed your purchase for a property, when did you complete the purchase?

52. If you have completed your purchase for a property, has title to the land been registered in your name?

Yes No

53. If you have completed your purchase for a property, have you entered into a Management Agreement to manage your investment property?

Yes No



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54. Have you sold any of your Harlequin investments? If so, please provide details. Did you make a profit?

55. Have you ever tried to recover your monies from Harlequin? Please provide details?

56. Have you ever been told that the SFO investigation into Harlequin Property has concluded? If so, please provide details of who you spoke to and what they said.



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57. Would you have purchased a Harlequin property if Harlequin were unable to arrange a mortgage for you on completion?

Yes No

58. Would you have invested in a Harlequin property if you knew that the completion date for your property was a year or more away from the completion date in your preliminary contract for the sale of off-plan property?

Yes No

59. Would you have invested in a Harlequin property (other than Buccament Bay) if you knew that most of your money was being used to construct the Buccament Bay resort?

Yes No

60. Would you have invested in Harlequin property if you knew that the Harlequin Group of companies required external sources of finance (such as bank loans etc) to complete the resorts?

Yes No



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61. What has been the impact (on your health, wellbeing, lifestyle, finances etc.) of your investment in Harlequin?

62. Is there anything else about your Harlequin investment you would like to tell us about?

63. Did you complete the previous Harlequin Property SFO Questionnaire in 2013.

Yes No

Thank you for completing the SFO Questionnaire. Please return the completed questionnaire in the prepaid envelopes or post them to:

**HLM01 Harlequin Investigation Team
Serious Fraud Office
2-4 Cockspur Street
London
SW1Y 5BS**

Alternatively, you can complete the questionnaire online by following the link at:

<http://www.sfo.gov.uk/our-work/our-cases/case-progress/harlequin-property.aspx>

Please send us your completed questionnaire by Friday 21st August 2015.
