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The Government of Maldives invites investors to participate in the growing capital markets sector, with opportunities to invest in equity markets, private placements, corporate bonds, and sukuk. Leverage a transparent regulatory framework, access to a developing secondary market, and attractive returns in key sectors such as telecommunications, infrastructure, and real estate.

Private Placements via Viyana Platform:

- Foreign investors can register on Viyana (www.viyana.mv), a platform for subscribing to unlisted securities, including private corporate bonds, development-backed sukuk, and real estate-linked debt offerings.
- The platform has raised over MVR 400 million (USD 25.9 million) in capital and provides estimated returns of 7-10%, making it attractive to institutional and high-net-worth investors.

Equity Investments in Listed Companies:

- The Maldives Stock Exchange (MSE) provides opportunities to invest in sectors such as telecommunications, banking, and state-backed enterprises.
- The Maldives Stock Exchange Index (MASIX) has shown steady growth, with a CAGR of 15.6% from 2019 to 2024.

Corporate Bonds and Sukuk Markets:

- Capital Market Development Authority (CMDA) has plans to develop the OTC market to allow secondary trading of corporate bonds and sukuk, facilitating easier access to fixed-income instruments.
- Potential for green bonds and infrastructure-linked sukuk to appeal to ESG-focused investors.

Entry of Capital Market Service Providers:

- Foreign institutions are encouraged to establish operations in custodianship, fund management, and credit rating services, providing potential for returns through fees and commissions.
- Fund Establishment and Management: Foreign fund managers can establish real estate, hospitality, or infrastructure investment funds under CMDA's licensing regime.
- Funds offer investors access to regulated investment vehicles in high-growth Maldivian sectors.



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