

## CP24/29: Private Intermittent Securities and Capital Exchange System: sandbox arrangements

The **CP24/29 Consultation Paper** outlines a proposed regulatory framework for the **Private Intermittent Securities and Capital Exchange System (PISCES)**, which aims to create a new type of trading platform for private company shares. Here's a summary of the key points:

### Purpose of Consultation

The FCA is seeking feedback on its proposed regulatory framework for PISCES, a platform designed to enable intermittent trading of private company shares. This would use market infrastructure in a regulated setting, similar to public markets but tailored for private companies.

### Key Aspects

1. **Regulatory Framework:** PISCES will be established under the **Financial Market Infrastructure (FMI) sandbox**, which is part of a Treasury initiative.
2. **Consultation Documents:** The consultation should be read alongside:
  - **The Treasury's consultation response** regarding the PISCES sandbox.
  - **Draft regulations** under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2023, which set out the framework for the sandbox.
3. **Target Audience:** The consultation will be of interest to various stakeholders, including:
  - Trading venue operators
  - Private companies
  - Current and potential investors in private companies
  - Regulated trading intermediaries
  - Post-trade service firms
  - Professional advisors (e.g., lawyers, accountants)
  - Relevant trade bodies
4. **Feedback Deadline:** Comments on the consultation paper should be submitted by **17 February 2025**.
5. **Next Steps:** After considering the feedback, the FCA will finalise the regulatory framework. The Treasury's statutory instrument is expected to be laid before Parliament by **May 2025**, after which the final rules will be published.

### Why PISCES Matters

The UK has one of the most liquid public markets globally, and bringing some of that market infrastructure to private companies through PISCES will help these companies, especially at different stages of their lifecycle. This framework aims to support the growth of private companies and foster innovation within the economy.