

## **Statement from Guernsey International Business Association on easing lockdown restrictions in Guernsey.**

“The business sector will welcome the next stage of Guernsey’s exit strategy from lockdown, and that there is a roadmap for a number of business sectors to move back into operation. We continue to maintain that getting the economy moving again as soon as possible will support health and wellbeing across the community.

Guernsey’s public health strategy has, thus far, worked very well. The relatively low number of active cases, and the capability to test on-island, means that the exit strategy could potentially – subject to positive public health indicators – move at an increased pace than has been suggested previously. The financial services sector welcomes the States of Guernsey acknowledging that point, and setting out that it will actively monitor and where necessary update the exit strategy.

It is important that we remain competitive as a jurisdiction. Critical to that is ensuring that travel on and off-island is enabled at the right time without undermining the public health strategy. We welcome the States acknowledging that point too, and ensuring that an active watching brief is kept on when that step can be taken.”

**Tony Mancini, GIBA Chair**