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1. INTRODUCTION

Banque de Patrimoines Privés S.A. (hereinafter the "Bank") is a credit institution active in the private banking and funds servicing.

The purpose of this Conflicts of Interest Policy (hereinafter the "Policy") is to take all reasonable steps to maintain and operate effective and adequate organizational and administrative arrangements to identify, assess, manage, mitigate or avoid any existing or potential conflict of interest and ensure the Bank always acts in the best interest of its clients and the Bank.

Any violation of the principles and rules laid down in this Policy will be reported to the Authorized Management and may lead to disciplinary actions, up to dismissal.

2. OTHER LINKED POLICIES AND REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

This Policy shall be read together with the following policies and procedures of the Bank:

- Whistleblowing policy;
- · Remuneration policy;
- Inducement policy;
- Internal corporate governance policy;
- Gifts and entertainments policy; and
- Code of Ethics.

3. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

This Policy is applicable to:

- the Board of Directors;
- · the Authorized Management;
- all other employees of the Bank;
- any tied agent, if any;
- any person directly or indirectly linked to the Bank by a control relationship.

The purpose of this Policy is to ensure that the Bank:

- has identified circumstances which may give rise to a conflict of interest entailing a risk of damage to the interests of clients or prospects;
- has established appropriate mechanisms and procedures to manage these conflicts of interest; and
- maintains procedures designed to prevent any damage to interests of clients or prospects through any identified conflict of Interest.

This Policy specifies the procedures to be followed and measures that have been adopted in order to prevent any such potential conflict of interest from arising or, where they do arise, from adversely affecting the interests of clients / prospects or from any potential impact on the Bank.



4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DEFINITION

A conflict of interest, for economic, personal, professional or political purposes, whether they are persistent or linked to a single event, may arise between:

- a. the Bank and a client: potential conflicts of interest may arise between the interests of a client and the Bank's interests. These types of conflicts include situations where the Bank may be favored at the expense of a client.
- b. two clients: potential conflicts of interest may arise between different clients if a client is favored compared to another. This may have a negative impact on the other client.
- c. an employee and a client: potential conflicts of interest may occur where the employee's interests and the client's interests are not aligned.
- d. the Board of Directors / the Authorized Management and the Bank: the members of the Board of Directors / Authorized Management may have external mandates that may lead to potential conflicts of interest.
- e. the Bank and its related parties (i.e. other Group's entities).
- f. the Bank / an employee and a service provider / third-party subcontractor.
- g. the interests of an investment vehicle, of the share/unitholders and of the Bank acting as Depositary bank.

Particular attention must be given to the conflicts of interest between the Bank and its related parties and third-party subcontractors as reflected in points e and f here above.

In addition to the present situations and events which may result in conflicts of interest, those in the recent past in so far as these events continue to have a potential impact on the institution or person concerned, shall be taken into consideration.

5. PROCESS OF IDENTIFICATION AND MANAGEMENT OF POTENTIAL OR EXISTING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Where the Bank identifies different types of potential or existing conflicts of interests, including when providing an investment services or/and an auxiliary services, the Bank considers that such conflict of interest may diminish the interests of the client or the prospect, on a non-exhaustive basis, in the situation where the Bank, any of its employees or any of its representatives or a direct or indirectly person linked to the Bank by means of a control relation:

- a. is likely to make a financial gain, or avoid a financial loss, at the expense of a client or a prospect;
- b. has an interest in the outcome of a service/activity provided to a client or a prospect or of a transaction carried out on behalf of a client, which is distinct from the interest of the client in that outcome:
- c. has a financial or other incentive to favor the interest of another client or group of clients over the interests of the client:
- d. is involved in the same transaction for more than one client;
- e. carries out the same activity as a specific client; and
- f. receives or will receive from a person different from the client an inducement with respect to an investment activity/service provided to the client, in the form of monetary benefits, goods or services other than the standard commission or fee for that activity/service.



5.1. Role of each employee of the Bank

Where an employee of the Bank becomes aware of circumstances that may or may have constitute a conflict of interest situation, which is or was likely to have an impact on the interests of a client / prospect, the Bank or any counterparty of the Bank, the employee must disclose promptly and on their own initiative and report the point in writing:

- to his/her immediate superior, who shall analyze the point and inform the Compliance function unless s/he considers that the circumstance will not lead to a potential or actual conflict of interest; and
- directly to the Compliance function without any delay.

In addition to the prompt declarations to be done, a self-declaration is required to every employee of the Bank on an annual basis.

Each employee of the Bank shall pay close attention to the conflicts of interest's issue and therefore must be attentive to any potential conflict of interest that may arise from the Bank's business activity.

The members of the authorised management who are subject to a conflict of interest, shall promptly inform the supervisory board, on their own initiative, as well as the Compliance function.

5.2. Role of the Compliance and Risk functions of the Bank

The Compliance and Risk functions shall:

- advise the Bank's concerned employees and Authorized Management on any potential or existing conflict of interest:
- advise the Authorized Management on the materiality of the identified conflicts of interest, based on the information provided by the department who identified the Conflict of interest;
- assist in the definition of measures to be taken to manage and mitigate any conflict of interest;

The Compliance function shall:

- be informed of any existing or potential conflicts of interest and be considered as the key contact of all the Bank's employees on this matter;
- ensure the conflict of interest Policy or a summary is available to the clients;
- · once notified, inform the Authorized Management accordingly;
- assist and advise the Authorized Management in the annual review process;
- maintain and keep up-to-date the conflicts of interest register;
- keep up-to-date the document "examples of conflicts of interests and measures to be taken";
- participate in the review process of the related policies and procedures (i.e. the Whistleblowing Policy; Remuneration Policy; Inducement Policy; Internal Corporate Governance Policy; Code of Ethics);
- raise awareness of the Bank's employees about the significance of compliance and related aspects, including the conflicts of interest.

5.3. Role of the Authorized Management of the Bank

The Authorized Management shall ensure that any existing or potential conflicts of interest related to the Bank's business activity (including the day-to-day operational activity, any new product / activity, etc.) are adequately identified and managed.



Once informed by the Compliance function of a potential or existing conflict of interest, the Authorized Management of the Bank may report it to the Board of Directors for decision on actions and measures to be taken to mitigate the identified conflict of interest.

In addition, members of the Authorized Management, who are subject to this Policy, shall inform the other members of the Authorized Management as well as the Board of Directors thereof on their own initiative and on a prompt manner of any existing or potential conflict of interest situations they may be involved in. These members shall abstain from participating in the decision-making processes where they may have a conflict of interest or which prevent them from deciding with full objectivity and independence; this shall be reflected in the minutes of the Executive Committee's meetings. A copy of these minutes shall be sent to the Compliance function of the Bank.

Besides, on an annual basis and in addition to the self-declaration referred to in section 5.1, the Authorized Management will have to fulfil a specific questionnaire on the organization of the Bank's activity to ensure that any existing or potential conflict of interest are adequately identified and managed. This questionnaire will have to be signed by each Authorized Manager and provided to the Compliance function. Moreover, the Authorized Management will have to inform immediately the Compliance function as soon as a new conflict of interest is identified due to a significant change impacting the nature of the Bank's activity.

Regarding existing or potential conflicts of interest impacting other Group's entities, the Authorized Management shall coordinate with them to define and implement an adequate strategy to manage and mitigate any identified conflicts of interest.

5.4. Role of the Board of Directors

Members of the Board of Directors of the Bank shall ensure that their respective mandates or interests remain compatible with any other function, position or interest they may have in terms of conflicts of interest and availability.

Members of the Board of Directors of the Bank shall inform the Authorized Management and the other members thereof on their own initiative and on a prompt manner of any existing or potential conflict of interest situations they may be involved in. These members shall abstain from participating in the decision-making processes where they may have a conflict of interest or which prevent them from deciding with full objectivity and independence; this shall be reflected in the minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings. A copy of these minutes shall be sent to the Compliance function of the Bank.

Each member of the Board of Directors shall inform the other members thereof of his/her potential personal interests and of the interests of any related natural and legal person; this shall be reflected in the minutes of the Board's meetings. A copy of these minutes shall be sent to the Compliance function of the Bank.

Conflicts of interests involving related parties

The business relationships with any other Group's entities (hereafter "related parties") are subject to the Board of Directors' approval where they have or may have, individually or on an aggregate basis, a significant and negative impact on the Bank's risk profile or when a personal transaction has a significant influence on all of the transactions with the related parties.

Any material changes in the significant transactions carried out with related parties shall be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors as soon as possible.

Transactions with related parties shall be carried out in the Bank's interest. The Bank's interest is not met where transactions with related parties:



- are carried out on less advantageous terms for the Bank than those which would have applied to the same transaction carried out with a third party (at arm's length);
- impair the solvency, liquidity situation or risk management capacities of the Bank from a regulatory or internal point of view;
- exceed the risk management and control capacities of the Bank;
- are not part of the standard activities of the Bank; or
- are contrary to sound and prudent management principles in the interest of the Bank.

5.5. Role of other departments

The *Risk Management function*, through the New Products and Activities Committee, ensures that the analysis of any existing or potential conflict of interest is performed during the launch of a new activity or product.

The *Internal Audit function*, as part of the internal audit plan, performs a review of the conflicts of interest register and of the management process of conflicts of interest.

The *Human Resources function* of the Bank provides any new employee with a set of documents, including this Policy, the whistleblowing policy and the code of conduct (amongst other documents). Each new employee must sign a declaration stating that s/he acknowledges and understands these documents and commits him-/herself to consult any subsequent updated versions available on the Bank's intranet.

In addition, the *Corporate Secretary* shall establish a special report reflecting the transaction(s) submitted to the approval of the Board of Directors and in which any director faced a conflicting situation. This special report shall be presented to the shareholders meeting following the said Board of Directors' meeting(s), in accordance with the article 17 of the Articles of Association of the Bank.

6. MEASURES ADOPTED TO PREVENT CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The measures that the Bank will adopt for the prevention of conflicts of interest will be the following:

- a. Effective procedures to prevent or control the exchange of information between persons who participate in activities which could imply a risk of conflict of interests, when such exchange of information could diminish the interests of one or more clients. For example, the implementation of information barriers in order to control the exchange of information between the employees, physical separations and the supervision of contacts between and within those areas where special or privileged information may arise.
- b. The separated supervision of the persons whose principal functions are the fulfilment of activities or the provision of services on behalf of or in favour of clients with opposite interests, or that represent somehow different interests that might imply a conflict of interest, included those of the company. As for example:
 - i. the direction and supervision of employees of the Bank made by different and separated reporting lines.
 - ii. suitable segregation of functions and activities, as required by the CSSF circular 12/552, as amended, including through the management of information access and the use of Chinese walls.



- c. The elimination of any direct link between the remuneration of the certain persons who participate in the development of an activity and the remuneration of any other person who participate in the development of another activity, or the income generated by these, when a conflict of interests could arise in relation with such activities. Mitigation measures could be the implementation of prohibition of a remuneration system based on the achievement of commercial or business objectives directly linked to the provision of investment services.
- d. Measures to limit the possibility that any person could exercise an inadequate influence on the form in which another person carries out investment services or activities or auxiliary services.
- e. Measures in order to prevent or control the simultaneous or consecutive participation of a person in different investment services or activities or auxiliary services when such participation could diminish the suitable management of the conflicts of interests.
- f. To implement formative sessions regarding the management of conflicts of interest to ensure a fair treatment of clients.
- g. To control the personal investments and business activities of employees, and of the gifts that could be offered by, or received from, them.

In this regard, employees are informed about the prohibition to make improper use of information acquired by virtue of his/her position, irrespective of whether such employee or any associated person (i.e. immediate family members), would gain a personal advantage directly or indirectly.

Regarding the gifts and entertainments, please refer to the applicable gifts and entertainments policy of the Bank.

- h. Prohibition of certain practices associated with situations that may lead to market abuse, as the front-running.
- Establishment of procedures for a fair assignment of clients' orders, by means of systems
 of implementing recording systems in order to identify situations where a conflict of
 interest may arise.

7. DISCLOSURE OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO A CLIENT OR PROSPECT

The disclosure of a conflict of interest to a client or a prospect shall be considered as a measure of last resort to be used only where the organizational and administrative arrangements established by the Bank to prevent or manage its conflicts of interest are not sufficient to ensure, with reasonable confidence, that the risks of damage to the interests of the client are prevented.

The disclosure of conflicts of interest by the Bank does not exempt the latter from the obligation to maintain and operate effective organizational and administrative arrangements.

The disclosure shall include a specific description explaining the general nature and sources of conflicts of interest that arise in the provision of the discretionary portfolio management and execution only



services, as well as the risks to the client that arise as a result of the conflicts of interest and the steps undertaken to mitigate these risks, in sufficient details to enable that client to take an informed decision with respect to the investment service in the context of which the conflicts of interest arise.

In accordance with the foregoing, if this situation occurs, the concerned department shall inform the Compliance function of the Bank and submit a draft communication to the Compliance function for review prior to sending to the client. This communication shall be clear, fair and not misleading. In this regard, a model of communication to the client or the prospect is at disposal.

Once the communication is duly approved internally and provided to the client or the prospect, it shall be kept and stored by the Compliance function of the Bank.

8. REGISTRATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Bank maintains and keeps up-to-date, on an on-going basis, a register of any potential or existing conflicts of interest identified with respect to the Bank's business activity.

The information required to be included in the conflicts of interest register of the Bank.

The Authorized Management shall ensure, at least on an annual basis and where necessary on an adhoc basis, an escalation to the Board of Directors, including, *inter alia*, any new existing or potential conflicts of interest identified and the measures taken to manage and mitigate them.

9. LIABILITY, CIRCULATION, UPDATE AND CONTROL OF THE POLICY

The Compliance function of the Bank will be in charge of keeping up-to-date this Policy and update it at least once a year. Likewise, this function will be the responsible of its wide circulation to the areas affected within the Bank, coordinating the formative sessions and assuring its implementation.

The Compliance function of the Bank will review on an annual basis the content and scope of this Policy and will proceed to necessary adjustments, a.o. if normative changes happened or as a consequence of the adoption of other internal policies and procedures.

The Bank will provide its clients with a description of this Policy. Nevertheless, upon client's request, the Bank will provide them with a detailed version of such Policy on a durable form or on the Bank's website.

10. APPLICABLE LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments;



Directive 2011/61/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2011 on Alternative Investment Fund Managers and amending Directives 2003/41/EC and 2009/65/EC and Regulations (EC) No 1060/2009 and (EU) No 1095/2010;

Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities:

Commission Delegated Regulation 231/2013 of 19 December 2012 supplementing Directive 2011/61/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to exemptions, general operating conditions, depositaries, leverage, transparency and supervision;

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/438 of 17 December 2015 supplementing 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to obligations of depositaries;

Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2017/593 of 7 April 2016 supplementing Directive 2014/65/EU:

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/565 of 25 April 2016 supplementing Directive 2014/65/EU;

Grand-ducal Regulation of 30 May 2018 on the protection of financial instruments and funds belonging to clients, product governance obligations and the rules applicable to the provision or reception of fees, commissions or any monetary benefits;

Law of 5 April 1993 on the financial sector, as amended;

Law of 15 June 2004, as amended, on Investment Companies in Risk Capital (SICAR);

Law of 13 February 2007, as amended, on Specialized Investment Funds (SIF);

Law of 17 December 2010 on undertakings for collective investment, as amended;

Law of 12 July 2013 on Alternative Investment Fund Managers (AIFM);

Law of 10 May 2016 transposing Directive 2014/91/EU (UCITS V);

Law of 23 July 2016 on Reserved Alternative Investment Fund (RAIF);

CSSF circular 16/644 of 11 October 2016, as amended, on provisions applicable to credit institutions acting as UCITS depositary subject to Part I "and UCIs subject to Part II" of the Law of 17 December 2010 relating to undertakings for collective investment and all UCITS, where appropriate, represented by their management company;

CSSF circular 07/307 of 31 July 2007, as amended, on MiFID: Conduct of business rules in the financial sector (being reviewed at the moment of issuance of the policy);

CSSF circular 12/552 of 11 December 2012, as amended on Central administration, internal governance and risk management.

CSSF circular 22/811 of 16 May 2022, on Authorisation and organisation of entities acting as UCI administrator

The above list is not exhaustive and only points out the major legal and regulatory framework the Bank is subject to with respect to conflicts of interest.