

POLICY FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

CoinMarkets Investment Limited



This Policy sets out how we seek to manage conflicts of interest that may arise when we undertake investment services. Treating clients fairly is central to our culture and ethos. We are committed to be acting honestly, fairly and in accordance with the clients' best interests. If any terms of this Policy are unclear to you, you should seek independent legal advice. Please contact us for any questions you may have by E-mail at support@coin-mkt.com.

CoinMarkets Investment Limited (CoinMarkets) is a subsidiary company of UAB "Markets Investments" (Company Registration No.: 306334586) regulated by FCIS and incorporated in Vilnius, Zalgirio g. 88-101 Lithuania.

Risk warning: Digital asset trading is a rapidly growing industry with high potential, but it also carries significant risks due to its newness. The risks are even greater in leveraged trading as it amplifies both profits and risks. Therefore, it is crucial to have a thorough understanding of the industry, trading models, and rules before entering the market. We recommend identifying your risk tolerance and accepting only the risks you are willing to take. As with all trading, caution is advised. Please read the full <u>Risk Disclosure Statement</u> and <u>Terms and Conditions</u>.



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1. INTRODUCTION

Scope

This Policy for the Management of Conflicts of Interest (the "Policy") provides an overview of how CoinMarkets Investment Limited ("CoinMarkets", the "Company") seeks to manage potential conflicts of interest that may arise when offering investment services to clients. This Policy does not form part of any legal agreement between any client or prospective client.

Our business activities

We consider essential that we identify and manage conflicts of interest as they relate to our investment services we carry out at any time.

CoinMarkets's business relates to enabling primarily retail clients to trade Contracts for Difference ("CFDs") via our online trading platform CoinMarkets. We effectively receive, transmit and execute clients' orders in CFDs.

We act at all times as Principal (counterparty) to the trading of our clients.

2. OUR COMMITMENT FOR TREATING CUSTOMERS FAIRLY

Treating Customers Fairly is central to our corporate culture and ethos.

We have a duty to act honestly, fairly, professionally and in the best interests of our clients when dealing with them. Our framework for Treating Customers Fairly is premised on six key principles as follows

- i. Clients should be confident that treating them fairly is central to our corporate culture and ethos;
- ii. We market products and services to our retail clients having regard to whether they are appropriate for them, based on the targeted clients' knowledge and experience;
- iii. We provide our clients with clear, fair, not misleading and not aggressive information at all times: before, during and after their trading with us;
- iv. We do not offer clients investment advice. We communicate non-client specific market information and "colour" from sources which we reasonably believe, acting diligently, are credible;
- v. We provide high levels of client service and experience as measured by: best possible prices, speed of execution, quality of our knowledge on client enquiries. We do not promise what we cannot deliver. We are not aggressive or misleading in our dealings with clients and do not permit business or other introducers to be so either;
- vi. We are transparent on the basis that clients deal with us, especially where clients trade with us on a principal to principal basis. We advise clients of conflicts and the Over the Counter ("OTC") and non-transferability nature of our CFD product suite.

3. OUR CODE OF CONDUCT

CoinMarkets and its holding company UAB "Markets Investments" (collective the "Group") have in place a Code of Conduct applicable for all employees of the Group. The Code of Conduct deals with how Conflicts of Interest are managed internally and the processes, procedures adopted by the Group to this end. In relation to conflicts of interest, key points to note from the Code of Conduct indicatively include:

- i. All employees are bound by the terms of the Code of Conduct
- ii. All employees should at all-time be in full compliance to internal policies and procedures
- iii. Employees are advised through the Code of Conduct how to identify conflicts of interest and how to escalate these to their line management and the Compliance Department
- iv. All employees are bound by professional secrecy. Confidential information is only to be shared if essential for performing their specific duties and responsibilities
- v. Non-Group related executive or non-executive roles are only possible with prior permission, unless this relates to social causes



vi. Employees are prohibited from personally trading using the knowledge gained from inside/non - public information

4. THE LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK UNDER WHICH THIS POLICY IS ISSUED AND **IMPLEMENTED**

This Policy is issued pursuant to, and in compliance with the requirements of the Regulatory (Amendment) Code of 2023 issued by FCIS and incorporated in Vilnius, Zalgirio g. 88-101 Lithuania (the "Regulator").

5. IDENTIFICATION AND NATURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND THEIR SOURCES AND **OUR APPROACH TO MANAGING THESE**

Conflicts of interest are unavoidable in financial institutions such as CoinMarkets with a diverse range of activities, including those trading as Principal with their clients. CoinMarkets seeks to manage conflicts of interest fairly at all times.

CoinMarkets hereby identifies and discloses a range of circumstances which may give rise to a conflict of interest and potentially but not necessarily be detrimental to the interests of one or more clients. Such a conflict of interest may arise if CoinMarkets or any person directly or indirectly employed, remunerated or controlled by CoinMarkets and its affiliates, or a client, is likely to make a financial gain, or avoid a financial loss, at the expense of a client.

We also map out below, our approach to managing these indicative areas of conflicts of interest:

Circumstances of potential conflict of interest*	Our approach to managing these (indicative actions)
 When a client enters into any order to Buy or Sell a Contract for Difference ("CFD") on our online trading platform MT Global, the client trades with us as his / her counterparty. We are the Principal to each trade that the client enters. This means that: The client may only close each position he trades with us. The client's positions are not transferable to any other regulated investment firm. This is a major difference to when clients trade for example in Shares. In such cases, clients can move their holding in Shares to be traded through another investment firm – broker. In CFDs, clients can only trade / close their position with the investment firm – broker they initially opened their position with. If clients make profits on their trading, we lose. If the clients register losses on their trading, this means we profit. 	 Prices quoted for CFDs are based on the published prices of underlying instruments on the regulated exchanges where such instruments are regularly traded or, with respect to Foreign Exchange, based on the aggregation of prices received from global investment banks and other liquidity providers. We disclose our Spreads and charges on our trading platform CoinMarkets. Our marketing communication is developed on the basis of being fair, clear and not misleading to clients and is issued following approval by the Compliance department. We clearly disclose the percentage of loss as part of the standardized risk warning required for CFDs.



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CoinMarkets, its employees, 3rd parties acting on behalf of or on the basis of specific agreements with the Company (such as affiliates, websites and social media) may have an interest in maximizing trading volumes in order to increase dealing revenues or their variable remuneration pay. This may be inconsistent with the need for clients to trade prudently or for minimizing clients' transaction costs. Safecap employees may also receive bonuses or other form of variable pay that links to the trading performance of clients.	 Employees who receive any form of variable pay (including performance related pay) are subject to limitations and enhanced monitoring. Awards are structured so as to have regard to long term client satisfaction as opposed to short term Company gains, recognizing that our long-term success is premised on maintaining satisfied clients over the long term. Any websites, affiliates or other online introducers do not have any role in our assessment of the clients' knowledge and experience for onboarding purposes, such decision to onboard being at the entire discretion of CoinMarkets. Local registrations with regulatory authorities have to be adhered to by affiliates where appropriate.
Where investment research or market information is provided this does not take account of the circumstances and investment objectives of individual clients. CoinMarkets or legal and natural persons affiliated with it may have a position or trade in financial instruments that may be covered by such investment research.	 We do not offer any form of investment advice and our disclaimers make this fact explicitly clear. Market research is performed on behalf of CoinMarkets by 3rd parties not employees of CoinMarkets. to the trading generated from our clients. Other than being a Principal to clients' trading or hedging for the market risk emanating for this trading, neither CoinMarkets or its holding company or affiliates trade in any form of financial instrument for the purpose of shortterm financial gains.
Employees or business associates may have a personal holding in a security of a company and where such employees or business associates are involved in executing clients' orders, and – in breach of internal policy – encourage or push the client to trade in such a security	 Our Code of Conduct states clearly that we do not engage in investment advice and the consequences for any breach of this requirement. We monitor client communications to ensure that our staff do not engage in any form of investment advice. Other indicative points as set out in the Code of Conduct extracts of which are set out above.
Other internal conflicts stemming from the different nature of Investment services available to clients.	Necessary digital and audit trails remain available at all times to the Compliance function. Points of risk are subject to the 'Compliance Monitoring Program' according to our Risk Assessment and Risk-Based Approach.

^{*}Note that the above are only indicative areas of potential conflicts of interest.

6. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

In the case where the measures put in place are not sufficient to avoid or manage a conflict of interest relating to a client, CoinMarkets will disclose the conflict of interest before undertaking further business with the client.