

Summary of B2B Bank Securities Services Inc. Complaint Handling Procedures

B2B Bank Securities Services Inc. (“B2BBSSI”) has procedures in place to handle any written or verbal complaints received from clients in a fair and prompt manner. This is a summary of those procedures, which we provide to new clients, clients who have filed a complaint and that we also make available on our website at b2bbank.com/dealerservices.

B2BBSSI is a carrying dealer and clients may be “introduced” to us by their investment dealer (“Introducing Dealer”).

B2BBSSI also has direct clients which do not involve an Introducing Dealer.

If applicable, clients should consider first discussing any concerns or questions they have with their financial advisor at the Introducing Dealer. This is likely the person who sold the client the product or service and who may be able to resolve the client’s questions or issues quickly. This may also save time should clients be unsure of where to direct their questions and complaints.

If applicable, clients should also consider directly contacting the authorized person in charge of the branch of their financial advisor or the compliance department of their Introducing Dealer. The Introducing Dealer is responsible for supervising the actions and activities of their financial advisors.

Clients who are direct clients of B2BBSSI or have any questions strictly relating to the services provided by B2BBSSI as carrying dealer may contact our Client Services Department in Toronto at 1.800.387.2087, or write to B2BBSSI at 199 Bay Street, Suite 610 PO Box 35 STN Commerce Court Toronto ON M5L 0A3, or email¹ to us at accounthelp@b2bbank.com or fax us at 1.866.659.3724.

B2BBSSI will respond to all complaints. However, where a complaint relates to a client’s Introducing Dealer or their financial advisor, clients should file those complaints directly to their Introducing Dealer.

B2BBSSI has appointed an individual to act as the Designated Complaints Officer who is responsible for overseeing B2BBSSI’s complaint handling process and to act as a liaison with various contacts such as the Canadian Investment Regulatory Organization (“CIRO”) and the Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments (“OBSI”).

An Investor’s Guide to Making a Complaint

We also provide new clients and clients who file a complaint with a separate document called How to Make a Complaint approved by CIRO that provides general information about their options for filing a complaint.

How to File a Complaint with B2BBSSI

Clients wishing to complain to B2BBSSI may file their complaint to our head office by contacting the Compliance Department by mail at 199 Bay Street, Suite 610 PO Box 35 STN Commerce Court Toronto ON M5L 0A3, or by fax to 416.945.1892. All complaints are forwarded to qualified compliance or supervisory personnel to be handled in compliance with B2BBSSI’s policies and procedures. We encourage clients to file their complaint in writing through mail or fax where possible. Where clients have difficulty putting their complaint in writing, they should advise us so that we can provide assistance by contacting B2BBSSI at 1.800.387.2087 and requesting to speak to a Compliance Officer regarding a complaint. For clients residing in Quebec, complaints may be filed with B2BBSSI by completing the Complaint or Allegation Reporting Form available from the Autorité des marchés financiers (“AMF”) web site www.lautorite.qc.ca and clients may also file a complaint directly to the AMF.

For confidentiality reasons, we will only deal with the client or another individual who has the client’s written authorization to deal with us on the client’s behalf.

Complaint Handling Procedures

We will acknowledge receipt of complaints promptly, generally within five days. Our initial acknowledgement will include a copy of this summary and the CIRO Brochure. We review all complaints fairly, taking into account all relevant documents and statements obtained from the client, our records, the client’s Introducing Dealer (if applicable), other staff members and any other relevant sources. Once our review is complete we provide clients with our written response. Our response may be an offer to resolve a client complaint, a denial of the complaint with reasons or another appropriate response. Our response will summarize the complaint, our findings and will contain a reminder about the client’s options, if the client is not satisfied with our response. We will generally provide our response within ninety days, unless we are waiting for additional information from the client, or the case is complex in nature and requires more time to investigate.

We will respond to communications the client sends us after the date of our response to the extent necessary to implement an agreed to resolution or to address any new and relevant information or a settlement proposal the client provides.

Settlements

If we offer the client a financial settlement, we may ask the client to sign a release for legal reasons.

Contacting B2BBSSI

Clients may contact us at any time to provide further information or to inquire as to the status of their complaint, by contacting the individual handling their complaint or by contacting our Designated Complaints Officer.

Additional Options

Clients who are not satisfied with the resolution provided by B2BBSSI or the manner in which the complaint was handled may contact:

- 1) B2B Bank Ombudsman Office
1360 René-Lévesque Boulevard West, Suite 600
Montreal, Quebec H3G 0E5
Tel.: 514.284.7192 or 1.800.479.1244
Fax: 1.800.473.4790
Email: ombudsman@b2bbank.com
- 2) Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments
20 Queen Street West, Suite 2400 P.O. Box 8
Toronto, Ontario M5H 3R3
Tel.: 416.287.2877 or 1.888.451.4519
Fax: 416.225.4722 or 1.888.422.2865
Email: ombudsman@obsi.ca
- 3) Canadian Investment Regulatory Organization
40 Temperance Street, Suite 2600
Toronto, Ontario M5H 0B4
Tel.: 1-877-442-4322
Fax: 1-888-497-6172
Email: info@ciro.ca
Website: www.ciro.ca
- 4) Autorité des marchés financiers (for clients residing in Quebec only)
Service du traitement des plaintes et de l’assistance
800, rue du Square Victoria, bureau 2200
Montréal, Québec, H3C 0B4
Tel.: 514-395-0337 or 1-877-525-0337
Fax: 514-873-3090

¹ Clients who choose to communicate by email should be aware of possible confidentiality issues regarding internet communications.