

# Handling of Complaints

Société Générale Capital Canada Inc. and Société Générale (Canada Branch)'s (hereinafter referred to as "**SG Canada**") business is founded upon the trust and confidence of its customers and counterparties. To ensure that a high level of confidence is consistently maintained, SG Canada is committed to handling all customer complaints in an efficient, transparent, fair and uniform manner, in accordance with applicable Canadian laws and regulations as they apply to institutional clients.

To that end, SG Canada allows clients or their legal representatives to formalize a complaint or expression of dissatisfaction to SG Canada and obtain a response within a clearly defined timeframe.

# WHAT IS A COMPLAINT?

Under SG Canada's Client Complaints Handling Policy, a complaint is a claim or expression of dissatisfaction:

- resulting from the sale of a product or service supplied by SG Canada;
- concerning a financial product or service of SG Canada or a failure to provide such a product or service as agreed;
- concerning services fees or the payment of charges or commissions of SG Canada;
- relating to any alleged breach of obligation of SG Canada, damage or misconduct, including without limitation, a breach of confidentiality, theft, fraud, misappropriation of funds or securities, forgery, money laundering, market manipulation, insider trading, misrepresentation, or unauthorized trading;
- resulting from any interaction with a SG Canada employee, or any unreasonable refusal to provide a service or any alleged regulatory breach by SG Canada or its employees.

Conversely, requests for information, fees negotiations, clarifications, advice or services do not constitute a complaint.

### FILING A COMPLAINT WITH SG CANADA

Complaints may be expressed orally or filed by email to a representative of the desk servicing your account, to the Compliance Department (CA-CPLE@sgcib.com) or also in writing by mail to one of the following addresses:

Société Générale Capital Canada Inc. C/O Département de Conformité (Complaints) 1501, avenue McGill College, bureau 1800 Montréal, Québec H3A 3M8 Société Générale Canada C/O Département de Conformité (Complaints) 1501, avenue McGill College, bureau 1800 Montréal, Québec H3A 3M8

# STEPS FOLLOWING THE RECEIPT OF A COMPLAINT

Upon receipt of your complaint, SG Canada will appoint a Designated Supervisor to ensure a follow-up of your file.



You will receive an acknowledgement of receipt within 10 working days of the receipt of your written complaint.

The Designated Supervisor will proceed with the review of the complaint and conduct an investigation. His/her contact information will be made available on the acknowledgement of receipt.

A detailed response to your complaint will be sent by mail or e-mail as soon as possible following the Designated Supervisor's investigation and no later than 56 calendar days after the receipt of the complaint. The response will include a summary of the complaint, the results of the investigation, SG Canada's decision regarding the measures taken to satisfy the complaint and will inform you of the other options available to you in the event you are unsatisfied with the decision.

In the event that we are not able to provide you with a response within the 56-day period, our Designated Supervisor will contact you within that timeframe to inform you of the reasons for the delay and the new expected response time.

# WHAT IF YOU'RE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE RESPONSE TO YOUR COMPLAINT?

### Arbitration

If your complaint is not resolved to your satisfaction by SG Canada, arbitration is available through ADR Chambers (adrchambers.com/ca or 1-800-856-5154) in Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut or through the Canadian Commercial Arbitration Centre (ccac-adr.org/en/ or 1-800-207-0685) in Québec, two independent arbitration organizations designated by Canadian Investment Regulatory Organization.

Arbitration is a process where a qualified arbitrator hears both sides and makes a final, legally binding decision about your complaint.

The arbitrator acts as the judge in the proceedings and reviews facts presented by each side of the dispute. Either side can choose to be represented by a lawyer, though this is not required. Arbitrators can award up to \$500,000 dollars (CAD).

The cost related to arbitration procedures are often less than the cost of judicial proceedings. For more information on the process applicable to your situation, please visit the following: adrchambers.com/ca or ccac-adr.org/en/

#### Judicial Proceedings

You also have the option of taking legal action, bearing in mind the legal time limits applicable to your situation.

Should this be your preferred option, please consult with a legal advisor of your choosing as soon as possible. SG Canada is in no way providing legal advice and nothing in this document should be construed as such.