

### **COMPLAINTS HANDLING PROCEDURE**

## THE NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY, CANADA; THE NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY, CANADA BRANCH and NT GLOBAL ADVISORS, INC. (Collectively "Northern Trust Canada")

Although Northern Trust Canada is committed to a positive and rewarding client experience, we understand that at times you may encounter an issue which you need to bring to our attention. To address any complaints you may have, we have a process in place to assist you in resolving your concerns in a professional, open and efficient manner. If you have a concern that you would like to bring to our attention, please follow the steps below.

#### Step 1.

Speak with your Account Manager about your concern or complaint, especially if your concern is about fees or service. Your Account Manager will consult with your Relationship Manager who will address your concern and try to resolve it to your satisfaction. If your Relationship Manager is unable to resolve your issue, we encourage you to contact the Northern Trust Canada Ombudsman.

#### Step 2.

Northern Trust Canada has appointed an Ombudsman who is responsible for receiving and dealing with, or designating one or more officers or employees of Northern Trust Canada to receive and deal with, any complaints you may have that have not been resolved by your Account Manager or Relationship Manager. The Ombudsman will provide an initial timely acknowledgment of receipt of your complaint, conduct a review of your concerns, and respond to you in writing with his/her findings within ninety (90) days of receiving your complaint. You will be entitled to receive updates on the status of your complaint upon reasonable request. The final written response of the Ombudsman will contain a description of your complaint, the results of the internal investigation, the rationale for the final position and the rights for further escalation. With respect to further escalation, if you believe your concerns have not been addressed to your satisfaction after receiving Northern Trust Canada's written response, you may have your complaint escalated to an external dispute resolution service (see below).



Step 3.

Canada's financial institution and securities regulators have several dispute resolution services to assist you in finding a resolution to your complaint. Which one you contact about your concerns depends on where you live in Canada. If you live in Quebec, you may have Northern Trust Canada or your legal representative, forward a copy of your complaint file to the Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF), the regulatory body responsible for administering the regulatory framework and providing review and mediation services in Quebec. If you live outside of Quebec, you may forward your complaint in writing to the Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments (OBSI). OBSI is not a regulator but an independent dispute resolution service committed to resolving financial institution and investment disputes. Either organisation, as applicable, will review your concerns and Northern Trust Canada's response, and will provide you with a written review of their findings. If you choose to engage either the AMF or OBSI, please contact them within six months of receiving Northern Trust Canada's written response.

#### Additional Resources

The Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (FCAC) supervises all federally regulated financial institutions to ensure they comply with federal consumer protection provisions. These provisions cover a variety of operating practices that directly affect clients, including providing clients with information about their rights and responsibilities when dealing with a financial entity and monitoring financial entities' compliance with their codes of conduct and public commitments. If you feel your concerns are a matter of federal consumer protection, you may contact FCAC in writing.

#### Northern Trust

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OBSI:

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AMF:	Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF) 800, square Victoria, 22e étage C.P. 246, tour de la Bourse Montréal, QC H4Z 1G3 Telephone: (514) 395-0337 www.lautorite.qc.ca
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