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Refinitiv Benchmark Services (UK) Limited

Conflicts of interest public disclosure statement

Introduction

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- Anti-Bribery and Corruption;
- Gifts and Entertainment;
- Hiring and remuneration;
- Whistleblowing;
- Information Security
- Compliance Manual; and
- Personal Account Dealing

Conflicts of interest management

RBSL monitors its business and operations to identify activities which may cause an actual or perceived conflict of interest. In addition, every member of staff is responsible for identifying, reporting and escalating potential conflicts of interest. This ongoing identification is intended to ensure prevention, management and mitigation of conflicts of interest in order to protect the integrity and independence in the provision of benchmarks.

Any conflict identified is documented and retained within a conflicts of interest register. The conflicts of interest register is reviewed on at least an annual basis, or more frequently when a perceived or actual conflict of interest has been identified.

For further information on conflicts relating to WMR, please go to: [WMR COI Public Statement](#).



Governance and oversight

To oversee its business, RBSL operates a three lines of defence risk management framework and has in place a robust governance structure for its benchmark administration activities that includes the Board, Governance Forums, Oversight Committees, Risk Committee, as well as dedicated oversight and control functions. Compliance department members attend all committees providing assurance over RBSL's ongoing regulatory compliance.

RBSL's managers are accountable to the RBSL Board of Directors, themselves subject to the London Stock Exchange Group Code of Conduct as well as to requirements to manage and disclose conflicts under applicable law.

For further information on RBSL's control framework, please contact [RBSL](#)

Benchmark methodologies and statements

RBSL's benchmark methodologies and statements are clearly defined, rules-based and transparent, being publicly available on FTSE webpages. The benchmark methodologies are designed to define and minimise expert judgement.

Polices and training

LSEG and RBSL requires staff and RBSL Board members, to undertake mandatory compliance training including training on the [London Stock Exchange Group Code of Conduct](#), including conflicts of interest.

Whistleblowing and confidential employee hotline

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