

# CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICY

**This document contains a summary of our Conflicts of Interest Policy designed to identify the conflicts of interest that arise between ourselves and our clients and between different clients and to detail the procedures in place to manage such conflicts. Where we do not consider that the arrangements that we have in place are sufficient to ensure with reasonable confidence that a potential conflict of interest will not damage a client's interests, we will inform you of the nature of the conflict, the risks that arise due to this conflict, and the steps we have taken to mitigate these risks so that you may decide how to proceed.**

## INTRODUCTION

J&E Davy, trading as Davy, is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. Davy is a member of the Irish Stock Exchange and the London Stock Exchange. In the UK, Davy is authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland and authorised and subject to limited regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority. Details about the extent of our authorisation and regulation by the Financial Conduct Authority are available from us on request. The firm currently offers a comprehensive range of stockbroking and related financial services to retail and professional clients. In addition to these services other members of the Davy Group offer corporate finance and broking services to our clients. This involves the provision of a full capital markets service i.e. advice on floatations, secondary offerings, disposals, mergers and acquisitions, share buy backs, refinancing etc. The firm also acts as sponsor to a number of companies listed on the Irish and London Stock Exchanges to whom we provide transactional and day to day advice on the application of the relevant Listing Rules.

This document is not intended to provide a comprehensive account of the controls and procedures in place to manage all conflicts of interest ('conflicts') which may arise, it is intended to outline the main controls in place. We are committed at all times to ensuring that our business is conducted to high standards and in an ethical manner.

## IDENTIFICATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

As Davy offers a wide range of financial services it is inevitable that a number of potential or actual conflicts exist. This means that from time to time Davy may have interests which conflict with our clients' interests or with duties that we owe our clients. This includes conflicts arising between the interests of Davy, other entities within the Davy Group and employees on the one hand and the interests of our clients on the other and also conflicts between clients themselves.

In agreeing to our Terms of Business you acknowledge that when we are dealing for you, we, an associated company or some other person connected with us, may have an interest, relationship or arrangement that is relevant to that investment, transaction or service. When we enter into a transaction for you we, or one of our associated companies could be:

- dealing as principal for our or its own account by selling the investment concerned to you or buying it from you. We are registered with the Irish and London Stock Exchanges as a market maker in equities and with the Irish Stock Exchange as a primary dealer in Irish government bonds. We may also act as a principal in transactions in other investment instruments. If we have dealt as principal this will be shown on the contract note we issue to you;
- dealing as agent for more than one client;
- matching your transaction with that of another client by acting for them as well as for you;
- buying or selling units in a collective investment scheme or BES scheme where we are, or an associated company is, the trustee or operator of the scheme or an adviser;
- buying investments where we are, or an associated company is, involved in a new issue, rights issue, take-over or similar transaction to do with the security;
- providing investment advice or other services to another person about or concerning the investment in question;
- involved in business relationships with the company or a related entity in relation to the investment concerned;
- producing and distributing investment research on the company or related entity that you seek to buy or sell shares in.

#### PREVENTING OR MANAGING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

We use administrative and organisational arrangements to ensure that our employees act independently and in a manner designed to safeguard the interests of our clients. These arrangements include:

- we have intrnal rules in place to ensure that confidential information is dealt with appropriately;
- where necessary we have procedures in place ('Chinese Walls') which restrict the flow of information to certain employees in order to protect client interests and to prevent improper access to client information;
- we have rigorous rules and procedures in place governing personal account dealing by Davy staff and their associates;
- all staff members receive regular training on Davy internal rules and their obligations to act in the best interest of clients;
- where we execute your order against our own account we will ensure that in doing so you are getting the best possible result;
- we have order allocation procedures to ensure that investment opportunities are fairly allocated amongst clients;
- we have strict controls and procedures in place to manage the specific conflicts of interest that arise when producing and issuing investment research;
- reporting lines and remuneration of research analysts and corporate finance personnel are entirely independent;
- we follow best practice and do not allow access to published research ('blackout period') where necessary to manage the conflicts that exist in advance of and after an offering in a company's securities;
- we have a policy in place setting out our approach to giving and receiving gifts, entertainment or hospitality.

We monitor compliance with our conflicts policy and related procedures. Should you have further queries as to how Davy manages conflicts of interest you should contact our Compliance department, at [compliance@davy.ie](mailto:compliance@davy.ie).

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