# **Conflicts of Interest**

#### **Policy**

Longview pays due regard to the interests of clients and aims to treat them fairly at all times. In accordance with FCA SYSC 10, Longview has implemented systems and controls to identify, prevent and manage conflicts of interest. Longview manages conflicts of interest fairly, both between itself and its clients and between two or more clients.

Longview's staff<sub>1</sub> must at all times take all appropriate steps to identify conflicts between Longview and its client(s) or between two or more clients. In addition, Longview's staff must take all appropriate steps to identify other conflicts of interest. If a member of staff perceives there to be a potential, actual or perceived conflict of interest, they should notify Compliance immediately. Compliance keeps a log of all conflicts and potential conflicts and how they are managed and mitigated.

Examples of where conflicts of interest exist or may potentially arise include but are not limited to;

- Brokers: broker selection and payment of commission to brokers;
- Research providers: provider selection and payment for research;
- Dealing and Investment Decisions: allocation of aggregated client orders, dealing errors;
- Staff: personal account dealing undertaken by members of staff;
- Staff: gifts, entertainment or inducements offered or received by Longview and its staff;
- Staff: outside business interests must not affect the ability of a member of staff to make judgements or decisions in the best interests of Longview and its clients;
- Staff: political contributions or charitable donations to persons or in relation to persons who are in positions to influence decisions to engage or retain Longview;
- Staff: personal relationships between members of Longview staff, as well as between a member of Longview staff and an employee of another relevant organisation (e.g., a portfolio company, a service provider or other investment firm) which may conflict with the Longview's interests;
- Research: Longview votes with its own interests which may conflict with the interests of clients.

Longview has established a policy for each of the above areas. For example, to address the potential voting conflict, we have established a Shareholder Activism policy. The Head of Compliance in London and the Head of Group Risk and Compliance in Guernsey are responsible on a day-to-day basis for implementing these policies, but other individuals or teams are responsible for managing relevant conflicts to the extent that they do not pose a material risk to clients.

#### **Procedure**

All staff should notify Compliance if they think there is a conflict of interest or the potential for a conflict of interest, outlining the reasons for the perceived conflict.

Compliance will investigate the concern and, if there is an actual or potential conflict of interest, discuss this with the relevant person(s).

If it is felt that the conflict of interest can be prevented or managed, Compliance will implement the appropriate systems and controls to mitigate the risk.

<sup>1</sup> The definition of staff in this instance includes members, employees, non-executive directors and any contractors appointed to Longview Partners (Guernsey) Limited, Longview Partners LLP or Longview Partners (USA) LLC.



If it is felt that the conflict of interest cannot be managed to an extent that is sufficient to ensure, with reasonable confidence, that risks of damage to the interests of a client will be prevented, then Compliance and the relevant person(s) will decide whether the conflict should be disclosed to the client, disclosed on the Form ADV or if the activity causing the conflict should cease.

Where a disclosure is made, it must be made in a durable medium and in sufficient detail to enable the client to take an informed decision with respect to the service. Disclosure should only be required when all other attempts at mitigating or managing the conflict have been exhausted. It must therefore clearly state that the organisational and administrative arrangements established by Longview to prevent or manage that conflict are not sufficient to ensure, with reasonable confidence, that the risks of damage to the interests of the client will be prevented.

For SEC registered investment advisers such as Longview, these disclosures take place in Form ADV Parts 1 and 2.

Compliance maintains a register containing a record of actual and potential conflicts of interest.

To meet these requirements, Longview has the following arrangements in place:

- Robust governance is achieved by key business decisions being taken on a day-to-day basis by the Executive Committees of Longview London and Longview Guernsey, and the maintenance of appropriate records of such decisions;
- The Head of Group Risk and Compliance in Guernsey, reports quarterly to the Risk, Audit, Compliance Committee (RACC) and Guernsey Board and the Head of Compliance in London reports monthly to the London ExCo;
- Rules to control or mitigate conflicts of interest are laid out in the standard employment terms and conditions, including the Staff Undertaking and the various policies it covers;
- A record of all conflicts of interest is maintained by Compliance. Longview has clear defined reporting lines, and a live organisational chart is maintained by the Relationship Management team;
- Remuneration or compensation arrangements are designed to mitigate potential conflicts arising. Investment management activity is based on a team approach, therefore members of staff are encouraged to act appropriately and not take inappropriate risks;
- · Mandatory training is provided to all staff on an ongoing annual basis as well as upon joining the Firm; and
- All staff are required to provide a quarterly attestation of compliance with the Firm's compliance
  procedures, and to complete all forms required by Compliance to manage conflicts of interest, such as those
  involving personal account dealing, outside business interests and political contributions, among others.

All conflicts of interest identified, and the management of these conflicts, are periodically monitored by the Compliance department as part of the risk-based Compliance Monitoring Programme.



## **Version Control**

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