Investor Charter–Stock Broker

VISION:

To follow highest standards of ethics and compliances while facilitating the trading by clients in securities in a fair and transparent manner, so as to contribute in creation of wealth for investors.

MISSION:

- i) To provide high quality and dependable service through innovation, capacity enhancement and use of technology.
- ii) To establish and maintain a relationship of trust and ethics with the investors.
- iii) To observe highest standard of compliances and transparency.
- iv) To always keep 'protection of investors' interest' as goal while providing service.
- v) To ensure confidentiality of information shared by investors unless such information is required to be provided in furtherance of discharging legal obligations or investors have provided specific consent to share such information.

Services provided to Investors by stockbrokers include

- I. Execution of trades on behalf of investors.
- II. Issuance of Contract Notes.
- III. Issuance of intimations regarding margin due payments.
- IV. Facilitate execution of early pay-in obligation instructions.
- V. Periodic Settlement of client's funds.
- VI. Issuance of retention statement of funds at the time of settlement.
- VII. Risk management systems to mitigate operation a land market risk.
- VIII. Facilitate client profile changes in the system as instructed by the client.
- IX. Information sharing with the client w.r.t. relevant Market Infrastructure Institutions (MII) circulars.
- X. Provide a copy of Rights & Obligations document to the client.
- XI. Communicating Most Important terms and Conditions(MITC)to the client.
- XII. Redressal of Investor's grievances.

Rights of Investors

- I. Ask for and receive information from a firm about the work history and background of the person handling your account, as well as information about the firm itself (including website providing mandatory information).
- II. Receive complete information about the risks, obligations, and costs of any

investment before investing.

- III. Receive a copy of all completed account forms and rights & obligation document.
- IV. Receive a copy of Most Important Terms & Conditions' (MITC).
- V. Receive account statements that are accurate and understandable.
- VI. Understand the terms and conditions of transactions you undertake.
- VII. Access your funds in a prescribed manner and receive information about any restrictions or limitations on access.
- VIII. Receive complete information about maintenance or service charges, transaction or redemption fees, and penalties in form of tariff sheet.
- IX. Discuss your grievances with compliance officer / compliance team / dedicated grievance redressal team of the firm and receive prompt attention to and fair consideration of your concerns.
- X. Close your zero balance accounts online with minimal documentation
- XI. Get the copies of all policies(including Most Important Terms and Conditions) of the broker related to dealings of your account
- XII. Not be discriminated against in terms of services offered to equivalent clients
- XIII. Get only those advertisement materials from the broker which adhere to Code of Advertisement norms in place
- XIV. In case of broker defaults, be compensated from the Exchange Investor Protection Fund as per the norms in place
- XV. Trade in derivatives after submission of relevant financial documents to the broker subject to brokers' adequate due diligence.
- XVI. Get warnings on the trading systems while placing orders in securities where surveillance measures are in place
- XVII. Get access to products and services in a suitable manner even if differently abled
- XVIII. Get access to educational materials of the MIIs and brokers
 - XIX. Get access to all the exchanges of a particular segment you wish to deal with unless opted out specifically as per Broker norms
 - XX. Deal with one or more stock brokers of your choice without any compulsion of minimum business
- XXI. Have access to the escalation matrix for communication with the broker
- XXII. Not be bound by any clause prescribed by the Brokers which are contravening the Regulatory provisions.

2. Various activities of Stock Brokers with time lines

S.No.	Activities	Expected Timelines
1.	KYC entered into KRA System and CKYCR	3workingdaysofaccountopening
2.	Client On boarding	Immediate, but not later than one week
3.	Order execution	Immediate on receipt of order, but not later than the same day

4.	Allocation of Unique Client Code	Before trading
5.	Copy of duly completed Client Registration Documents to clients	7daysfromthedateofuploadof Unique Client Code to the Exchange by the trading member
6.	Issuance of contract notes	24 hours of execution of trades
7.	Collection of upfront margin from client	Before initiation of trade
8.	Issuance of intimations regarding other margin due payments	At the end of theTday
9.	Settlement of client funds	First Friday/Saturday of the month / quarter as per Exchange pre- announced schedule
10.	'Statement of Accounts' for Funds, Securities and Commodities	Monthly basis
11.	Issuance of retention statement of funds/commodities	5days from the date of settlement
12.	Issuance of Annual Global Statement	30 days from the end of the financial year
13.	Investor grievances redressal	21 calendar days from the receipt of the complaint

3. Dos and DON'Ts f or Investors

DOs	DON'Ts
1. Read all documents and conditions being agreed before signing the account opening form.	 Do not deal with un registered stock broker. Do not forget to strike off blanks in
2. Receive a copy of KYC, copy of account opening documents and Unique Client Code.	your account opening and KYC.3. Do not submit an incomplete account opening and KYC form.
 3. Read the product / operational framework / timelines related to various Trading and Clearing & Settlement processes. 4. Receive all information about 	4. Do not forget to inform any change in information linked to trading account and obtain confirmation of updation in the system.
brokerage, fees and other charges levied.5. Register your mobile number and	5. Do not transfer funds, for the purposes of trading to anyone other than a stock broker. No
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Additionally, Investors may refer to Dos and Don'ts issued by MIIs on their respective websites from time to time.

1. Grievance Redressal Mechanism

The process of investor grievance redressal is as follows:

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i. May escalate the complaint on SEBI SCORES portal.
May also file a complaint on SMARTODR portal for its resolution through online conciliation and arbitration.
3. Upon receipt of complaint on SMARTODR portal, the relevant MII will review the matter and endeavor to resolve the matter between the Market Participant and investor within 21 days.
4. If the matter could not be amicably resolved, then the matter shall be referred for conciliation.
5. During the conciliation process, the conciliator will endeavor for amicable settlement of the dispute within 21 days, which may be extended with 10 days by the conciliator with consent of the parties to dispute.
6. If the conciliation is unsuccessful, then the investor may request to refer the matter for arbitration.
7. The arbitration process to be concluded by arbitrator(s)within 30 days, which is extendable by30dayswithconsentofthepartiestodispute.

2. <u>Handling of Investor'sclaims/complaints incase of default of a Trading</u> <u>Member / Clearing Member (TM/CM)</u>

Default of TM/CM

Following steps are carried out by Stock Exchange for benefit of investor, in case stock broker defaults:

- Circular is issued to inform about declaration of Stock Broker as Defaulter.
- Information of defaulter stockbroker is disseminated on Stock Exchange website.
- Public Notice is issued informing declaration of a stock broker as defaulter and inviting claims within specified period.
- IntimationtoclientsofdefaulterstockbrokersviaemailsandSMSforfacilitating lodging of claims within the specified period.

Following information is available on Stock Exchange website for information of investors:

- Norms for eligibility of claims for compensation from IPF.
- Claim form for lodging claim against defaulter stockbroker.
- FAQ on processing of investors' claims against Defaulter stock broker.
- Provision to check online status of client's claim.
- Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for handling of Claims of Investors in the Cases of Default by Brokers
- Claim processing policy against Defaulter/Expelled members
- List of Defaulter/Expelled members and public notice issued