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Annexure-A

Investor Charter – Stock Brokers

1. VISION

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

2. 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.

3. 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 operational and 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.



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4. 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 stockbrokers 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.



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5. Various activities of Stock Brokers with timelines

S.No.	Activities	Expected Timelines		
1.	KYC entered into KRA Systemand CKYCR	3 working days of account opening		
2.	Client Onboarding	Immediate, but not later than oneweek		
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	days from the date of upload of nique Client Code to the Exchangeby e 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 the T day		
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	5 days 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		



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6. DOs and DON'Ts for Investors

DOs DON'Ts 1. Read all documents and conditions being 1. Do not deal with unregistered stock agreed before signing the account broker. opening form. 2. Do not forget to strike off blanks in 2. Receive a copy of KYC, copy of account your account opening and KYC. opening documents and Unique Client 3. Do not submit an incomplete account Code. opening and KYC form. 3. Read the product / operational 4. Do not forget to inform any changein framework / timelines related to various information linked to trading account Trading and Clearing & Settlement and obtain confirmation of updation in processes. the system. 4. Receive all information about brokerage, 5. Do not transfer funds, for the fees and other chargeslevied. purposes of trading to anyone other 5. Register your mobile number and email than a stock broker. No payment ID in your trading, demat and bank should be made in name of employee accounts to get regular alerts on your of stock broker. transactions. 6. If executed, receive a copy of Demat 6. Do not ignore any emails / SMSs Debit and Pledge Instruction (DDPI) received with regards to trades done, However, DDPI is not a mandatory from the Stock Exchange and raise a requirement as per SEBI / Stock concern, if discrepancy is observed. Exchanges. Before granting DDPI, 7. Do not opt for digital contracts, if not carefully examine the scope and familiar with computers. implications of powers being granted. 8. Do not share trading password. 7. Receive contract notes for trades 9. Do not fall prey to fixed / guaranteed executed, showing transaction price, returns schemes. brokerage, GST and STT/CTT etc. as 10. Do not fall prey to fraudsters sending applicable, separately, within 24 hours of emails and SMSs luring to trade in execution of trades. stocks / securities promising huge 8. Receive funds and securities/ profits. commodities on time, as prescribed by 11. Do not follow herd mentality for SEBI or exchange from time to time. investments. Seek and expert 9. Verify details of trades, contract notes professional advice for your

and statement of account and approach



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relevant authority for any discrepancies. Verify trade details on the Exchange websites from the trade verification facility provided by the Exchanges.

- 10. Receive statement of accounts periodically. If opted for running account settlement, account has to be settled by the stock broker as per the option given by the client (Monthly or Quarterly).
- 11. In case of any grievances, approach stock broker or Stock Exchange or SEBI for getting the same resolved within prescribed timelines.
- 12. Retain documents for trading activity as it helps in resolving disputes, if they arise.

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Additionally, Investors may refer to Dos and Don'ts issued by MIIs on their respective websites from time to time.



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7. Grievance Redressal Mechanism

The process of investor grievance redressal is as follows:

1.	Investor	Investor can lodge complaint/grievance against stock		
	complaint/Grievances	broker in the following ways:		
		Mode of filing the complaint with stock broker		
		Investor can approach the Stock Broker at the		
		designated Investor Grievance e-mail ID of the stock		
		broker. The Stock Broker will strive to redress the		
		grievance immediately, but not later than 21 days of the		
		receipt of the grievance		
		Mode of filing the complaint with stock exchanges		
		with stock exchanges		
		i. SCORES 2.0 (a web based centralized grievance		
		redressal system of SEBI)		
		(https://scores.sebi.gov.in)		
		Two level review for complaint/grievance		
		against stock broker:		
		• First review done by Designated		
		body/Exchange		
		Second review done by SEBI		
		ii. Emails to designated email IDs of Exchange		
2.	Online Dispute	If the Investor is not satisfied with the resolution		
	Resolution (ODR)	provided by the Market Participants, then the Investor		
	platform for online	has the option to file the complaint/ grievance on		
	Conciliation and	SMARTODR platform for its resolution		
	Arbitration	through online conciliation or arbitration.		



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3.	Steps	to	be	followed	in
	ODR			Revie	w,
	Conciliation		aı	nd	
	Arbitra	atio	n		

- 1. Investor to approach Market Participant for redressal of complaint
- 2. If investor is not satisfied with response of Market Participant, he/she has either of the following 2 options:
 - i. May escalate the complaint on SEBI SCORES portal.
 - May also file a complaint on SMARTODR portal for its resolution through onlineconciliation and arbitration.
- Upon receipt of complaint on SMARTODR portal, the relevant MII will review the matter andendeavor to resolve the matter between theMarket 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 by 30 days with consent of the parties to dispute.



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8. <u>Handling of Investor's claims / complaints in case of default of a Trading</u> Member / Clearing Member (TM/CM)

Default of TM/CM

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

- Circular is issued to inform about declaration of Stock Broker as Defaulter.
- Information of defaulter stock broker is disseminated on Stock Exchange website.
- Public Notice is issued informing declaration of a stock broker as defaulterand inviting claims within specified period.
- Intimation to clients of defaulter stock brokers via emails and SMS forfacilitating lodging of claims within the specified period.

Following information is available on Stock Exchange website for information ofinvestors:

- Norms for eligibility of claims for compensation from IPF.
- Claim form for lodging claim against defaulter stock broker.
- 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