

## Terms of Business

Cadence Capital Advisors Limited (“Cadence”) is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland as an investment intermediary authorised under the Investment Intermediaries Act, 1995 and as an insurance intermediary registered under the European Union (Insurance Distribution) Regulations 2018. Copies of our regulatory authorisations are available on request. The Central Bank of Ireland holds registers of regulated firms. You may contact the Central Bank of Ireland by email at [retailintermediaries@centralbank.ie](mailto:retailintermediaries@centralbank.ie) or alternatively visit their website at [www.centralbank.ie](http://www.centralbank.ie) to verify our credentials.

These Terms of Business (“Terms”) outline the basis on which we provide regulated financial services to our clients. Please ensure that you read this document. These Terms apply to all business transactions undertaken for you or services provided to you and will remain in force until further notice. Should we make any material changes to our Terms, we will advise you in advance of providing any further services to you.

### Contact Details

Our registered office is at 9 Fitzwilliam Square East, Dublin 2, D02FX96. Our company registered number is 644517 and our Central Bank registration number is C191261.

### Statutory Codes

Cadence is subject to the Central Bank of Ireland’s Consumer Protection Code, Minimum Competency Code and Fitness and Probity Standards. These Codes offer protection to consumers and can be found on the Central Bank website at [www.centralbank.ie](http://www.centralbank.ie).

### Services

Cadence is authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland to provide investment advice and to receive and transmit orders in the following investment instruments:

- Personal Retirement Savings Accounts (PRSAs)
- Shares and Bonds
- Collective Investment Schemes

We hold appointments with a number of investment firms. A full list of these is available on request.

We provide investment advice based on a fair analysis of the market. According to the Consumer Protection Code, a “fair analysis of the market” means providing services on the basis of a sufficiently large number of investment products and Product Producers available on the market to enable us to make a recommendation in accordance with professional criteria regarding which investment product would be adequate to meet your needs.

In practice, before recommending an investment product to you we will assess the range of products available from the Product Producers we have appointments with to assess which is most suitable for you. In making this assessment we consider the following criteria:

- Your needs and the size of your order,
- The number of providers in the market,
- The market share of each of those providers,
- The number of relevant products available from each provider,
- The availability of information about the products,
- The quality of the product and service provided by the provider,
- Cost, and any other relevant consideration.

Our appointments enable us to recommend a wide range of investments including, *inter alia*, listed shares, investment trusts, Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) and other investment funds.

We are also authorised to recommend and arrange transactions on behalf of clients in relation to life assurance products.

#### **Account Opening requirements and Anti-Money Laundering**

In order to comply with legal and regulatory requirements we are obliged to request information from you to verify your identity as well as your source of funds and to keep a record of this information. Before opening an account for you, we will request such information and documentation where we deem it necessary to meet our obligations.

Should you not provide satisfactory evidence of your identity within a reasonable time, we may not be able to open an account for you. We may request updated identity and verification documents from time to time.

#### **Fact find, Statement of Suitability and Ongoing Advice**

All clients are required to complete Cadence's account opening Application Form. This document contains key information on your contact details, financial information, investment objectives and risk appetite and investment time horizon. We will also obtain further information in that regard through meeting with you.

It is important that the information you provide is complete and accurate as it will form the basis for future investment recommendations, and we accept no liability for any omissions or oversights on your part. You are also requested to notify us of any material changes to your personal circumstances as these may impact on the investment advice we provide to you.

Prior to providing any investment advice or recommendation, we will issue a Statement of Suitability to you demonstrating why we believe such investment advice or recommendation is appropriate to your needs. This statement sets out our understanding of your needs, objectives and circumstances

and the reasons why we are recommending certain investments, including the costs of our recommendations.

We provide ongoing suitability of investment products; we review our recommendations on a regular basis and if we recommend any changes to your portfolio we will provide an updated Statement of Suitability on each such occasion.

### **Sustainability Factors and Suitability Preferences**

We are required to gather information about your preferences around sustainability as these relate to your approach to investing and investments. Your sustainability preferences will be captured as part of the initial fact finding exercise.

When providing advice, the firm does not currently consider the adverse impacts of investment decisions on sustainability and is not in a position to incorporate your sustainability preferences. This is because the information available to us in product producers' literature to compare financial products and to make informed investment decisions about ESG products is not sufficient at present to allow us to make a reliable comparison. We expect that this position will change, and we will revisit our decision annually. When we are satisfied that we are in a position to do so, your sustainability preferences will form part of the assessment of investments that are suitable for you.

### **Fees and Charges**

When provided services regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland we are a fee only advisor whereby we will charge you a fee for the investment advice we provide and will not charge a commission on transactions. We will disclose the specific fees that are payable by you in advance of providing a service to you. These vary and are subject to change.

### **Investor Compensation Scheme**

The Investor Compensation Act, 1998 provides for the establishment of a compensation scheme operated by the Investor Compensation Company Limited (ICCL) and for the payment of compensation to clients that are deemed to be 'eligible investors. Cadence is a member of this compensation scheme. The amount of compensation that you may receive under the compensation scheme is 90% of the net amount you have lost or €20,000; whichever is less. Full details of the Investor Compensation Scheme are available on [www.investorcompensation.ie](http://www.investorcompensation.ie).

### **Conflicts of Interest**

It is the policy of Cadence to act in the best interests of our clients and to avoid a conflict of interest when providing services. However, where an unavoidable conflict arises, we will advise you of this in

writing before providing any business service and request your written acknowledgment that you are aware of the conflict of interest and still want to proceed.

We have a written policy which sets out the steps that we take to ensure that we avoid or, where this is not possible, mitigate conflicts of interest that may arise in providing services to you. These steps include administrative and organisational arrangements appropriate to the size, nature and complexity of the business to ensure that staff always act in the best interests of clients. A copy of the policy is available on request; its main provisions are summarised in this Terms of Business.

It is our policy that none of our employees offer, give, solicit or accept gifts or rewards (monetary or otherwise). Employees of Cadence are remunerated substantially by salary rather than by variable remuneration based on commission or sales targets.

### **Data Protection**

Cadence is a Data Controller as defined in the Data Protection Acts 1988 to 2018 (“Acts”). We collect personal data about you in order to provide the highest standard of service to you and in order to comply with our legal and regulatory obligations. This includes account opening information and any other personal data you provide to us or that we collect or process in the normal course of providing the services set out in these Terms.

We take great care with personal data that is provided to us, taking steps to keep it safe, secure and private and to ensure it is used only for legitimate purposes and in accordance with data protection legislation including the Acts and the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

The data which you provide to us will be held in electronic format on a computer database and/or on paper files. Your data will be processed only in ways compatible with the purposes for which it was given. We may use your personal data for the purposes of:

- Providing the services we have been contracted to provide to you including investment advice and receipt and transmission of orders.
- Reporting and management information, including quality assurance.
- Prevention of money laundering, financing of terrorism and fraud and otherwise complying with legal and regulatory obligations.
- Providing you with information about our services and products that may be of interest and relevance to you. You have the right to ask us not to send you marketing material and, at any time, you can ‘opt out’ of receiving marketing material.

We may share your personal data with:

- Product producers we transmit orders to for execution.
- Regulators, law enforcement agencies and any other public bodies we are legally obliged to disclose such information to.
- Service providers of Cadence who have undertaken to keep such information confidential.

In order to comply with regulatory obligations, we are obliged to retain personal data for a minimum period of 6 years or such longer period as we are directed to by law. You have the right at any time to request a copy of any 'personal data' that we hold about you in whatever format. You may have other rights in relation to your personal data which apply in certain circumstances and which are described in more detail in our privacy statement on the Cadence website. You may request a copy of your personal data by writing to Sandra Robertson, Cadence Capital Advisors Limited, 9 Fitzwilliam Square East, Dublin 2.

By agreeing to these Terms of Business, you acknowledge the processing of your personal data as set out herein.

### **Complaints**

Cadence has a written procedure in place for the handling of any complaints that are made against our firm for services provided by us. This procedure ensures that all complaints are recorded and acknowledged in writing within 5 business days and are fully investigated. A copy of our Complaints Procedure is on our website and a printed copy is available on request. If you are dissatisfied with our handling of, or response to your complaint, you can refer the matter to The Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman. The Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman is a statutory officer who deals independently with unresolved complaints from consumers about their individual dealings with financial services providers. It is a free service to the complainant.

Further details relating to the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman, including how to make a complaint, are available at [www.financialombudsman.ie](http://www.financialombudsman.ie), by telephone on Lo-Call Number: 1890 88 20 90, or by writing to the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman, 3rd Floor, Lincoln House, Lincoln Place, Dublin 2.

### **Governing Law**

These Terms of Business shall be governed by the laws of the Republic of Ireland. These Terms of Business are effective from March 2026 and apply until further notice.