# **1.** CODE OF CONDUCT

## 1.1 Our Values

In our approach to business, we embrace the values of originality, integrity, transparency, professional excellence and adherence to an ethical investment policy.

The mission of PAÏR Investment Company Limited (PAÏR, PICL, and the Company) is to provide innovative alternative investment opportunities. We aim to generate superior risk-adjusted returns for our investors and strong profitable growth for our shareholders.

### **1.2** Business Ethics and Conduct

The successful business operation and reputation of PAÏR is built upon the principles of fair dealing and ethical conduct of our employees. Our reputation for integrity and excellence requires careful observance of the spirit and letter of all applicable laws and regulation, as well as a scrupulous regard for the highest standards of conduct and personal integrity.

The continued success of PAÏR is dependent upon the trust of our business partners and we are dedicated to preserving that trust. Employees owe a duty to PAÏR, its customers, and shareholders to act in a way that will merit the continued trust and confidence of the public.

PAÏR will comply with all applicable laws and regulations and expects its directors, officers, and employees to conduct business in accordance with the letter, spirit, and intent of all relevant laws and to refrain from any illegal, dishonest, or unethical conduct.

In general, the use of the good judgment, based on high ethical principles, will guide you with respect to lines of acceptable conduct. If a situation arises where it is difficult to determine the proper course of action, the matter should be discussed openly with your immediate supervisor and, if necessary, with your Human Resource Professional, for advice and consultation.

Compliance with this policy of human resource, business ethics and conduct is the responsibility of every PAÏR employee. Disregarding or failing to comply with this standard of business ethics and conduct could lead to disciplinary action, up to and including possible termination of employment.

### **1.3 Equal Employment Opportunity**

The success of this Company depends upon the full and effective use of the abilities of each of our employees. With this principle in mind, the company is committed to provide equal employment and advancement opportunities to all individuals; employment decisions at PAÏR will be based on merit, qualifications, and abilities. PAÏR is equal employment opportunity employer and does not discriminate against any person because of race, colour, creed, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, disability, age or any other characteristic protected by law (referred to as "protected status"). This non-discrimination policy extends to all terms, conditions and privileges of employment as well as the use of all company facilities, participation in all company-sponsored activities, and all employment actions such as promotions, compensation, benefits and termination of employment.

PAÏR will make reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with known disabilities unless doing so would result in and undue hardship. This policy governs all aspects of employment, including selection, job assignment, compensation, discipline, termination, and access to benefits and training.

Any employees with questions and concerns about any type of discrimination in the workplace are encouraged to bring these issues to the attention of their immediate supervisor or the Human Resource Department. Employees can raise concerns and make reports without the fear of reprisal. Anyone found to be engaging in any type of unlawful discrimination will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

### 1.4 Standards of Conduct and Work

Standards of conduct and capability are necessary in order to help employees understand the expectations the Company has of each individual. These standards are often statements of the obvious and serve merely as reminders of what is reasonably expected. But in other instances, they specify particular behaviour, which requires definition. As a general principle employees are expected to apply knowledge, skills and judgment to the best of their ability in order to bring credit to the Company and to maintain effective working relationships.

In particular employee should meet the following standards:

- Provide customers with the highest standard of professional service;
- Maintain confidentiality over customers' affairs both while employed and after you leave;
- Ensure the security of customers' records and the company's working papers;
- Conduct yourself responsibly in all your dealings with customers and staff;
- Declare any personal interest that you may have in a customers' business;
- Conform to the ethical and technical standards prescribed by your Professional Institute or other professional organizations;
- Report to a manager any unethical approach made to you in connection with the company's business.

PAÏR has a zero tolerance policy in regards to the use of illicit drugs / alcohols in the office premises, commits a violent act, or threatens to commit a violent act, harassment, sexual exploitation and fraud in all its manifestations. Contravenes of these may result in instant dismissal or termination of employment.

#### **1.5** Responsible Conduct during Office Hours

To be effective, the working relationship between employee and the Company must be based on mutual respect and confidence. The Company endeavours to demonstrate its concern and respect for employee and as an individual. It is expected that behaviour will earn that respect by being responsible, constructive and mindful of others. In particular employee:

- Should comply with all reasonable instructions or requests;
- Should maintain good relations with those for whom and with whom you work and avoid obstructive behaviour of actions, which threaten the health, or safety of others.

These points should be borne in mind while carrying out normal duties at the Company's offices and when staff attends social, business or training functions organized by, or associated with the Company, whether on or off the Company's premises.

It is not possible to list all the forms of behaviour that are considered unacceptable in the workplace. The following are examples of infractions of rules of conduct that may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

- Excessive absenteeism or tardiness or any absence without notice;
- Unauthorized absence from work station during the workday;
- Unauthorized use of telephones, mail system, or other employer-owned equipment;
- Supplying false or misleading information when applying for employment or during employment;
- Personal use of company fuel or credit cards;
- Theft or inappropriate removal or possession of company's property;
- Falsification of time keeping records;
- Working under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs;

- Possession, distribution, sale, transfer, or use of alcohol or illegal drugs or abuse of prescription drugs in the workplace, while on duty, or while operating employer-owned vehicles or equipment;
- Failure or refusal to submit or consent to a required alcohol or drug test;
- Fighting or threatening violence in the workplace;
- Boisterous or disruptive activity in the workplace;
- Negligence or improper conduct leading to damage of employer-owned or customer-owned property;
- Insubordination or other disrespectful conduct;
- Engaging in unethical or illegal behaviour;
- Having a conflict of interest;
- Violation of safety or health rules;
- Smoking in prohibited areas;
- Money laundering;
- Sexual harassment;
- Possession of dangerous or unauthorized materials, such as explosives or firearms, in the workplace;
- Unauthorized disclosure of business "secrets" or confidential information;
- Conduct that reflects adversely upon you, or PAÏR;
- Making or publishing false or malicious statements concerning an employee, supplier, client, or PAÏR;
- Violation of HR policies;
- Unsatisfactory performance or conduct, or performance or conduct that does not meet the requirements of the position;
- Insider Trading (Illegal transaction made based on privileged information, particularly trading in stocks & shares, whose value is likely to be affected by the release of news, of which only few people are aware of);
- Frequently making false and misleading statements;
- Other circumstances which warrant discipline.

Employment with PAÏR is with mutual consent and either party may terminate that relationship at any time as per the terms and conditions of the appointment letter.

### **1.6** Punctuality and Attendance

To maintain a safe and productive work environment, PAÏR expects employees to be reliable and to be punctual in reporting for scheduled work. It is also expected to take lunch/ meal times within the time limits set by the supervisor. Absenteeism and tardiness place a burden on other employees and on PAÏR.

- All employees at PAÏR must report to work five minutes earlier than the starting time (0855 hours); Employees are allowed a grace time of fifteen minutes, meaning that after 0915 hours employees are counted as latecomers. Similarly, employees returning beyond break time are considered latecomers. Office timings of PAIR are as follows:

Days	Timing	Break Time
Monday to Thursday	9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	(With one hour lunch / prayer break) 01:00 p.m. to 02:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	(With two hours' lunch / prayer break) 01:00 p.m. to 03:00 p.m.

- In case an employee is unable to report for work, he/she must inform his/her Supervisor beforehand, giving them sufficient time to manage resource replacement. The Supervisor will advise the employee of an alternative person to contact if he or she is unavailable. If the employee fails to inform the supervisor or the alternate person, the tardiness or absence will be considered, as an unapproved and unscheduled absence.
- If an employee remains absent without authorization for more than three consecutive working days, the Department Head should call him/her informing of his/her unauthorized absence, and ask to resume the duty immediately. In case the department head is unable to trace the employee during the said period, s/he is required to inform the HR Department for further action.
- HR Department will contact the employee, in case if the employee fails to respond within the two working days, this will lead to employee termination. In case, if the employee has joined the organization within 5 working days, then the employee has to provide the written explanation against the uninformed absent.
- These rules will be enforced uniformly on a non-discriminatory basis.
- Poor attendance and excessive tardiness are disruptive. Either will lead to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.
- It is the policy of PAIR that all employees mark their attendance through the time recording machine as soon as they enter the office premises and time out before leaving the workplace as the salary disbursement would be determined based on their marked attendance.
- Employees reporting for work 2 hours late will be considered absent for half the day.
- Based on the employee's immediate reporting supervisor recommendation and the workload, the employee working hours shall be taken into consideration and can be relaxed.
- If an employee enters the office without timing in or leaves the office without timing out, the day will be considered as the half day.
- Department Heads are responsible for the overall monitoring and supervision of their subordinates' attendance, regularity and punctuality.
- Employees that have more than 3 late coming within a month will be issued a negative memo.
- On issuance of consecutive 3 negative memos, the employee will be issued a warning letter. Any additional late coming after the issuance of a warning will render the employee liable to appropriate disciplinary action as deemed necessary by the Management.
- It is especially important for the Department Heads to encourage compliance with the prescribed rules by setting personal example.
- Management may, at its discretion, excuse late arrivals on case to case basis.

### **1.7** Conflicts of Interests

Employees have an obligation to conduct business within guidelines that prohibit actual or potential conflicts of interest. This policy establishes only the framework within which PAÏR wishes the business to operate. The purpose of these guidelines is to provide general direction so that employees can seek further clarification on issues related to the subject of acceptable standards of operations. For more information or questions about conflicts of interest, employees should contact the Human Resource Department.

Transactions with outside firms must be conducted within a framework established and controlled by the executive level of PAÏR. Business dealings with outside firms should not result in unusual gains for those firms. Unusual gain refers to bribes, product bonuses, specific fringe benefits, unusual price breaks, and other windfalls designed to ultimately benefit either, the employer, the employee, or both. Promotional plans that could be interpreted to involve unusual gain require specific executive-level approval.

An actual or potential conflict of interest occurs when an employee is in a position to influence a decision that may result in a personal gain for that employee or for a relative as a result of PAÏR's business dealings. For the purposes of this policy, a relative is any person who is related by blood or marriage, or whose relationship with the employee is similar to that of persons who are related by blood or marriage.

No "presumption of guilt" is created by the mere existence of a relationship with outside firms. However, if employees have any influence on transactions involving purchases, contracts, or leases, it is imperative that they disclose to an officer of PAÏR as soon as possible the existence of any actual or potential conflict of interest so that safeguards can be established to protect all parties.

Personal gain may result not only in cases where an employee or relative has a significant ownership in a firm with which PAÏR does business, but also when an employee or relative received any kickback, bribe, substantial gift, or special consideration as a result of any transaction or business dealings involving PAÏR.

No employee shall receive payments, gifts or favours from suppliers or customers. Exceptions include:

- Food, refreshments, consumables in small quantity or entertainment at lunch or business meetings;
- Advertising or promotional material of nominal value;
- Awards from charitable organizations.

If an employee is offered a gift of value beyond PKR 3,000 the individual shall report the facts of the gift to the HR Department immediately for a final determination. This report shall necessarily include:

- The name of the person or organization offering the gift of value;
- The reason for the offer and the circumstances under which it was offered;
- A description of the gift and its value;
- The date of the offer;
- Whether or not the gift has been accepted;
- The employee may be required to surrender a gift of value above what is stipulated in the policy upon specific instruction in writing from the MD/CEO.

To ensure orderly operations and provide the best possible work environment, PAÏR, expects employees to follow rules of conduct that will protect the interests and safety of all employees and the Company.

It is the responsibility of all employees, to ensure that they do not violate this policy.

### **1.8** Honesty and Integrity

As a representative of PAÏR, employees are expected to maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity both inside and outside normal working hours. For much of employee's working time they will occupy a position of trust and should be prepared to conform to the following principles:

- Be fair in all dealings with others;
- Respect the property of the Company and of other people;
- Advise supervisor or manager of any significant error or omission in any work as soon as possible.

#### **1.9** Confidentiality

Throughout the course of business, employees are likely to be entrusted with sensitive or confidential information. The company is committed to the utmost integrity in all of its business activities and employees are expected to maintain the highest standards of professional confidentiality at all times. Employees must avoid unauthorized disclosure of confidential information inside or outside PAÏR, either directly or by implication. Information, for this purpose, includes that held in computer. In particular staff should:

- Exercise due care in referring to confidential documents / information in a public place;
- Leave any files, data, software or computers in areas not considered secure for this purpose, locked personal luggage left in unoccupied hotel rooms or cars is not considered secure.

The protection of confidential business information and trade secrets is vital to the interests and the success and reputation of PAÏR. Such confidential information includes, but is not limited to, the following examples:

- Compensation data;
- Financial information;
- Pending projects and proposals;
- Proprietary production processes;
- Scientific data;
- Disciplinary actions.

All employees may be required to sign a non-disclosure agreement as a condition of employment. Employees who improperly use or disclose trade secrets or confidential business / non business information will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment and legal action, even if they do not actually benefit from the disclosed information.

#### **1.10** Personal Appearance

Dress, grooming, and personal cleanliness standards contribute to the morale of all employees and affect the business image PAÏR presents to customers and visitors.

During business hours or when representing PAÏR, you are expected to present a clean, neat, and tasteful appearance. You should dress and groom yourself according to the requirements of your position and accepted social standards for a conservative and professional financial institution. This is particularly true if your job involves dealing with customers or visitors in person.

Your supervisor or department head is responsible for establishing a reasonable dress code appropriate to the job you perform. If your supervisor feels your personal appearance is inappropriate, you may be asked to leave the workplace until you are properly dressed or groomed. Under such circumstance, you will not be compensated for the time away from work. Consult your supervisor if you have questions as to what

constitutes appropriate appearance. Where necessary, reasonable accommodation may be made to a person with a disability.

Without unduly restricting individual tastes, the following personal appearance guidelines should be followed:

- Employees should not have visible tattoos.
- Male employees must wear a tie, dress pants, dress shirts, and formal shoes. Suits should be worn when required, and where appropriate.
- Male employees should not have any visible piercing particularly facial or on their ears.
- Male employees should have neat well-groomed hair, long hair is not allowed.
- On Friday, male employees may wear Shalwar Kameez with "waistcoat/coat".
- Female employees must wear modest clothes, which are not revealing, shalwar kameez/kurta, skirts below knee length, shirts that are not distracting or revealing, pants, which are not tight fitting, are allowed.
- Female employees should not wear dangling earrings to avoid distractions.
- Female employees with hair below shoulder length should have their hair neatly tied back.

#### 1.11 Employee ID Card

The purpose of this policy is to facilitate security screening of individuals entering and working at PAIR Investment.

All employees are issued Company's standard Identity Card by the HR Department which he/she is required to wear at all times while on Company's premises;

The card may not be used by any individual other than the employee to whom it is issued;

No fee is charged for the issuance of initial permanent ID card or change in employee detail, i.e., changes in name, designation or department etc.;

For renewal of an ID card, employee must submit his/her previous ID card;

In the event of loss/theft or any damage to ID card, employee must report immediately to Human Resource Department;

In the event of separation from employment, ID card must be returned to the Human Resource Department; The ID card is the sole property of PAIR and it can be taken back at any time for any reason;

Any misuse, alteration or fabrication of the card will be subjected to strict disciplinary action;

Printed or copied version of ID card is strictly forbidden;

Department Head must ensure that every subordinate is wearing his/her employee ID card as per policy; HR department will re-issue the card by making a deduction of an amount of Rs. 200/- from the employees account.

#### **1.12** Internal and External Communication

Written communications should be signed by a Head of Department in the name of PAÏR. In such cases suitable wording should make it clear that the individual is signing the report in his capacity as a Senior Representative of PAÏR.

Correspondence which commits the Company financially must be authorized by Competent Authority.

Any external or inter-office correspondence of a routine nature where the Company's Letter Head is used may be signed by a Manager or a designated representative of PAÏR in his name on behalf of the Company.

No personal communication of any kind should be made using PAÏR letterhead.

Use of e-mails for religious propagation, politicking and racial matters are strictly forbidden.

Note: Written communications and correspondence also includes e-mails.

The above procedures must be followed by all employees at all times. Any breach of these procedures will be regarded as serious and subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

## 1.13 Private Work Outside Employment

Employee should not undertake any form of paid work similar to the kind of work that they are employed to do in PAÏR, without the prior written approval of the Management.

Employees may hold outside jobs as long as they meet the performance standards of their job with PAÏR and only if management of PAÏR has been notified and has approved arrangement. All employees will be evaluated by the same performance standards and will be subject to PAÏR scheduling demands, regardless of any existing outside work requirements. Under no circumstances may an employee use the assets or resources of PAÏR, or anytime at the office, in connection with any outside business activity.

If PAÏR determines that an employee's outside work interferes with performance or the ability to meet the requirements of PAÏR as they are modified from time to time, the employee will be asked to terminate the outside employment if he or she wishes to remain with PAÏR.

Outside employment constitutes a real or potential conflict of interest is prohibited (e.g. no work will be permitted for another financial institution). Employees may not receive any income or material gain from individuals outside PAÏR for materials produced or services rendered while performing their jobs.

### 1.14 Public Commitments

If an employee has commitments arising out of membership of any voluntary organizations, or participate in public duties, they should make this known both to the person to whom they are normally responsible and the HR Department at the earliest opportunity.

#### 1.15 Speaking Engagements and Press Articles

From time to time employee may be invited to speak at courses, seminars or meetings, or write articles for books or the press. PAÏR encourages such activities, but is mindful of its corporate image. Employee must submit drafts of relevant texts, sufficiently in advance of publication to allow proper consideration, to an appropriate individual.

We have a duty of confidentiality regarding our customer's affairs. If a lecture or article, for example, is illustrated by reference to a real situation, great care must be taken that the customer cannot be identified.

Similar consideration must be given to any such mention in any of PAÏR promotional material. Situations may be identified if the customer's consent to inclusion has been obtained in writing.

Where employees are acting on behalf of PAÏR in the Company's time, all fees received must be passed on to the Company.

### **1.16** Promotional Material

All advertisements, brochures and other documents which are intended to promote PAÏR or its services must be approved by the either Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer. Employees must therefore submit drafts of relevant texts sufficiently in advance of publication to allow proper consideration.

## 1.17 Money Laundering

It is crucial to the Company's continued success that its integrity is not undermined by inadvertently handling the proceeds of any kind of criminal activity. Employees are responsible for reporting any potential money laundering activities to the Compliance department in accordance with PAÏR Know Your Customer and Anti-Money Laundering Policy Manual

## **1.18** Personal Account Dealing

It is paramount that all employees understand the implications of 'insider dealing' and avoid any kind of conflict between personal dealings and those of the Company or its clients.

# 1.19 Contact with the Press and Other Media

The nature of the Company's business means that it may receive media attention and be approached for information by journalists and other interested parties. To ensure that accurate and consistent information is passed on to the media, only specifically authorised employees are permitted to act as spokespersons for the Company.

Any unsolicited approach by a journalist for information about the Company should be referred immediately to the MD/CEO. It is important to bear in mind that deliberate and unauthorized disclosure of information to the press will be considered a disciplinary matter.

## **1.20** Intellectual Property

The Company retains copyright or any intellectual property in any new material employee produce in the conduct of the Company's business.

# 1.21 Copyright

Unless it is otherwise stated in any publication, assume copyright restrictions apply. When copying material, ensure a very limited portion of each publication is copied and ensure a very limited internal distribution. Do not record copied material electronically without first checking that the Company has appropriate right to the material. This applies when scanning documents into any computer.

### **1.22** Workplace Monitoring

Workplace monitoring may be conducted by PAÏR to ensure quality control, employee safety, security, and customer satisfaction.

Employees who regularly communicate with customers may have their telephone conversations monitored or recorded. Telephone monitoring is used to identify and correct performance problems through targeted training. Improved job performance enhances our customer's image of PAÏR as well as their satisfaction with our service.

Computers furnished to employees are the property of PAÏR. As such, computer usage and files may be monitored or accessed.

PAÏR may conduct video surveillance of non-private workplace areas. Video monitoring is used to identify safety concerns, maintain quality control, detect theft and misconduct, and discourage or prevent acts of harassment and workplace violence.

Because PAÏR is sensitive to the legitimate privacy rights of employees, every effort will be made to guarantee that workplace monitoring is done in an ethical and respectful manner.

# **1.23** Workplace Violence Prevention

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### 1.24 Solicitation

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PAÏR recognizes that employees may have interests in events and organizations outside the workplace. However, employees may not solicit or distribute literature concerning these activities during working time. (Working time does not include lunch periods, work breaks, or any other periods in which employees are not on duty).

Examples of impermissible forms of solicitation include:

- The collection of money, goods, or gifts for community groups;
- The collection of money, goods, or gifts for religious groups;
- The collection of money, goods, or gifts for political groups;
- The collection of money, goods, or gifts for charitable groups;
- The sale of goods, services, or subscription outside the scope of official organization business;
- The circulation of petitions;
- The distribution of literature not approved by the employer;
- The solicitation of membership, fees, or dues.

In addition, the posting of written solicitations on company bulletin boards is restricted. These bulletin boards display important information, and employees should consult them frequently for:

- Affirmative Action statement;
- Employee announcements;
- Internal memoranda;
- Job openings;
- Organization announcements;
- Worker's compensation insurance information;
- State disability insurance/ unemployment insurance information.

If employees have a message of interest to the workplace, they may submit it to the Manager for approval. The Manager will post all approved messages.

#### Unacceptable behaviour

Listing all forms of behaviour that are considered unacceptable in the work-place is not possible. The following are examples of infractions of rules of conduct that may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. The list is not intended to be exhaustive:

- Theft or inappropriate removal or possession of property;
- Working under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs;
- Possession, distribution, sale, transfer or use of alcohol or illegal drugs in the workplace, while on duty or while operating employer-owned vehicles or equipment;
- Fighting or threatening violence in the workplace;
- Sexual or other unlawful or unwelcome harassment,
- Possession of dangerous or unauthorized materials, such as explosives or firearms, in the workplace;

- Unauthorized use of telephones, mail system or other employer-owned equipment;
- Unauthorized disclosure of business "secrets" or confidential information.

Our clients and other parties with whom we do business entrust PAÏR with important information relating to their businesses. It is Company's policy that all information considered confidential will not be disclosed to external parties or to employees without a "need to know." If there is a question of whether certain information is considered confidential, the employee should first check with his/her immediate supervisor.

### 1.25 Protection against Harassment at Workplace

Sexual harassment by any employee is an unacceptable behaviour in PAIR. It is defined as:

Any unwelcome sexual advance, request for sexual favours or other verbal or written communication or physical conduct of a sexual nature or sexually demeaning attitudes, causing interference with work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment, or the attempt to punish the complainant for refusal to comply to such a request or is made a condition for employment.

It is prohibited in any circumstance including any interaction or situation that is linked to official work or official activity outside the office. It constitutes a violation of this Code and is punishable.

A complaint can be filed with one of the members of the Inquiry Committee against any employee of the company if such behaviour is experienced.

The Committee can according to the preference of the complainant initiate an informal or a formal inquiry.

The Management has to make sure that the process is just and no retaliation against the complainant is allowed.

Once the Committee reaches a decision and recommends a penalty, in case the accused is found guilty the management/competent Authority has to implement the decision.

The Inquiry Committee may recommend to take an appropriate action against the complainant if allegations levelled against the accused are found to be false and made with mala fide intentions

#### Inquiry Committee:

PAIR has constituted a standing Inquiry Committee to look into complaints under this Code. The Committee is consisted of three members, of whom at least one member shall be a woman. One or more members may be co-opted from outside the organization if the organization is unable to designate three members from within as described above. A Chairperson of the Committee shall be designated from amongst them.

In case a complaint is made against one of the members of the Inquiry Committee that member shall be replaced by another for that particular case. Such a member may be from within or outside the organization.

Sexual harassment inquiring committee shall be headed by Managing Director / Chief Executive Officer. Other members shall include the following Departmental Heads:

- Head of Human Resource Secretary to the Committee;
- Head of Compliance.