

Information on the Financial Services Act

1. PREAMBLE

The purpose of this brochure is to provide essential information on the Swiss Financial Services Act (hereinafter referred to as "FinSA").

This brochure contains a presentation of HBS SA (hereinafter "HBS"), an explanation of how HBS classifies its clients and the services it offers, as well as the accompanying protective measures.

Please note that the information provided is not exhaustive and may be updated in the future. Indeed, the FinSA provides for transitional periods to allow financial intermediaries to develop and adapt their procedures and practices.

The most recent version of this brochure is available at:

<https://www.hbs-sa.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/FinSA-brochure-HBS.pdf>

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 About HBS

Founded in 2003, HBS is a family office and asset manager focused on the service, management and advice for high-net-worth individuals. It offers a wide range of personalized services related to wealth administration and investment management. HBS offers asset management, investment advisory, execution only and family office services.

HBS is a public limited company under Swiss law registered in the Geneva Commercial Register (IDE CHE-110.039.814) headquartered in Geneva and has as well an office in London.

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2.3 Licence information

HBS announced itself to the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA) in order to obtain a portfolio manager's license in accordance with Art. 74, para. 2 of the Financial Institutions Act (FinIA).

HBS is affiliated with the supervisory body of the Swiss Association of Asset Managers (AOOS), located at 30 rue Rousseau, 1201 Geneva, Switzerland.

The AOOS supervises and controls the portfolio management activities of HBS in order to ensure compliance with the legal provisions and licensing requirements and the provisions of the Swiss Code of Conduct for the Practice of the Independent Asset Manager of the AOOS. AOOS also acts as a self-regulatory organization within the meaning of the Swiss Anti-Money Laundering Act (AMLA). AOOS is itself authorized and supervised by the FINMA.

3. CLIENTS CLASSIFICATION

3.1 Classification

As a financial services provider, HBS is required to classify its clients into one of the following three categories: retail, professional or institutional clients.

Institutional clients are state-supervised institutions such as banks, insurance companies, central banks or similar foreign institutions. Professional clients include institutional clients, as well as institutions such as pension funds, companies and family offices with professional treasury management and large companies. Finally, retail clients are all non-professionals clients.

The level of regulatory protection for these categories may vary depending on the client's knowledge and investment experience:

- retail clients receive the highest level of regulatory protection;
- professional clients are considered to have the knowledge and experience to invest in all asset classes and to be able to financially bear the investment risks associated with the financial service concerned;
- institutional clients benefit from the lowest level of regulatory protection.

3.2 Change of client category

Clients may declare in writing that they wish to change their category to one offering a lower level of regulatory protection (opting-out) or, conversely, a higher level of regulatory protection (opting-in).

Retail clients wishing to be classified as "professional clients" must submit their request using the form "Classification of Clients according to the Swiss Financial Services Act (FinSA)".

4. FINANCIAL SERVICES

4.1 Asset management mandate

By granting an asset management mandate, the client entrusts HBS with the responsibility of managing his assets on a discretionary basis. This management is based on the investment policy of HBS and is in accordance with the investment strategy chosen by the client as well as any constraints. The transactions are carried out without prior notification to the client.

4.2 Advisory mandate

With the advisory mandate, HBS gives investment recommendations with regard to the client's portfolio and the investment strategy that has been defined by him. The client is involved in the management of his assets, while benefiting from HBS advices and retaining the final investment decision.

In addition, HBS provides the retail client with the basic information sheet if it has to be drawn up for the recommended financial instrument, or the prospectus if it has to be drawn up.

4.3 Execution only services

Execution only services are limited to the execution or transmission of orders, and are intended for investors wishing to maintain complete autonomy in the management of their assets. HBS does not provide investment advice with this service. The analysis of financial instruments and risks is therefore the sole responsibility of the client.

Information on the absence of control of the appropriateness and suitability of transactions: in the case of an execution only service, the client is hereby informed that HBS will not verify the appropriateness or suitability of transactions. HBS will not remind the client of this absence of verification at a later date.

5. OTHER INFORMATION

5.1 Financial instruments and inherent risks

The main financial instruments and the risks they entail are detailed in the brochure "Risks Involved in Trading Financial Instruments" of the Swiss Bankers Association (SBA), available free of charge at www.swissbanking.org.

This brochure also contains information on the risks involved in buying, selling and holding financial instruments as well as the obligation of banks to disclose information to issuers, other financial institutions, financial market infrastructures or authorities involved in the processing of transactions.

5.2 Investissement universe

For asset management and advisory services, HBS range of financial instruments is mainly based on an open architecture, which is characterized by the following main elements

- access to a wide range of financial products (equities, bonds, mutual funds, structured products, etc.) covering the main asset classes and geographical areas
- search for the best internal and external expertise
- search for complementarities with HBS products

5.3 Execution of orders

HBS provides a professional, fair and transparent service based on the principle of best possible execution of client orders when buying or selling securities or any other financial instrument.

HBS transmits the orders received from clients to the custodian bank, which upon receipt execute them according to the principles of best execution. This principle also applies if the order is transmitted on HBS initiative within the framework of an asset management mandate.

5.4 Costs and fees associated with services

The fees related to the financial services and other services of HBS are available on request. This information is also available in the periodic statements issued by the custodian bank to the client.

5.5 Third party benefits

The remunerations of third parties (retrocessions) that HBS could receive will be reimbursed to the client, except in the case of an agreement to the contrary by which the client accepts that the benefits received from third parties remain with HBS.

5.6 Conflicts of interest

HBS has established an internal regulatory framework in order to prevent possible conflicts between the interests of clients and those of HBS, or of its employees and of clients among themselves. HBS has thus adopted a dedicated policy and employees are required to comply with this policy at all times.

HBS endeavors to identify, avoid or mitigate conflicts of interest that may arise in connection with the services offered to clients. If the measures implemented do not enable a disadvantage for clients to be avoided or if the effort required to do so is disproportionate, HBS will inform the clients concerned of the conflict in an appropriate manner.

5.7 Complaints

A complaint can be sent at any time by mail to HBS. It will be treated as soon as possible in order to improve the services of HBS.

5.8 Mediation body

Any client who considers the answers received from HBS to be unsatisfactory may initiate a mediation procedure before the mediation body, at the following address:

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