



## Terms and Conditions for the Provision of CFTC Registration Exemption Filing Services by Maples Compliance Services (Cayman) Limited

### Interpretation

These terms and conditions (the "**Terms**"), together with any written confirmations between MaplesFS and the Entity (each as defined below) relating to the provision of Services (as defined below), set out the entire agreement between Maples Compliance Services (Cayman) Limited ("**MaplesFS**") and the Entity for the provision of such Services. In these Terms, the following capitalised words and expressions shall have the following meanings:

**"Affiliate"** means in relation to any person or entity, any other person or entity that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with such person or entity;

**"CFTC"** means the Commodity Futures Trading Commission;

**"Confidential Information"** means all information disclosed (whether in written or other form) in confidence or which by its nature ought to be regarded as confidential by or on behalf of a party (the "**Disclosing Party**") to another party (the "**Receiving Party**"), including any business information which is not directly applicable or relevant to the arrangements contemplated by these Terms;

**"Effective Date"** means the date on which MaplesFS began providing Services to the Entity;

**"Electronic Transactions Act"** means the Electronic Transactions Act (As Revised) of the Cayman Islands;

**"Entity"** means the client entity that engages MaplesFS to provide the Services;

**"Fund"** means each investment fund in respect of which the Services are provided;

**"Indemnified Person"** means each of MaplesFS, its successors and permitted assigns and their respective directors, officers, shareholders, employees and agents and where any of these are companies, their respective directors, officers, shareholders, employees and agents;

**"Maples Group"** means MaplesFS and all other direct and indirect subsidiaries of Maples International Holdings Limited as well as the Cayman Islands partnership known as The Maples Group Partnership, and all the entities and undertakings using the name "Maples", "Maples and Calder" or "MaplesFS", including any derivation thereof, listed at [www.maples.com/legal/notice](http://www.maples.com/legal/notice);

**"Services"** means, upon instruction from the Entity, (i) registration of newly formed Funds annually on the CFTC online portal; (ii) deregistration of Funds that no longer require registration; and, (iii) submission of each Fund's annual exemption filing within sixty (60) days of 31 December in each year; and

**"Shareholder"** means the holder of a share in the Entity. In these Terms:

- (a) any reference to an Entity or a Fund which is constituted as a limited partnership shall mean such limited partnership acting through its general partner and any reference to an Entity or a Fund which is constituted as a trust shall mean such trust acting through its trustee;
- (b) use of the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
- (c) use of any gender includes all other genders;
- (d) references to provisions of any law or regulation shall be construed as references to those provisions as amended, modified, re-enacted or replaced;
- (e) any phrase introduced by the terms "including", "include", "in particular" or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words preceding those terms;
- (f) references to any document or agreement are to be construed as references to such document or agreement as is in force for the time being and as amended, varied, updated, supplemented, substituted or novated from time to time;
- (g) no person shall be found to have committed actual fraud or wilful default unless or until a court of the Cayman Islands has reached a final non-appealable determination to that effect; and
- (h) sections 8, 17 and 19(3) of the Electronic Transactions Act shall not apply.

### Appointment of MaplesFS

With effect from the Effective Date, MaplesFS shall provide the Services in respect of each Fund as the Entity shall so request in writing (which may include email) to MaplesFS. The Services shall be provided in accordance with these Terms. The Entity's request for the performance of a Service by MaplesFS shall be deemed and constitutes the Entity's acceptance of these Terms.

MaplesFS' duties and authority to act under these Terms are limited to the duties and authority provided for in these Terms. MaplesFS shall not otherwise be deemed to assume any other obligations to the Entity or a Fund.

### Remuneration

As remuneration for performing the Services, MaplesFS shall



be entitled to receive such fees in such amount as agreed in writing (which, for the avoidance of doubt, includes email) payable in arrear within 30 days of a relevant invoice date.

The Entity shall reimburse MaplesFS shall for all expenses and disbursements (including, but not limited to, charges for photocopying, fax, telephone, printing, postage and other communications charges, as well as for any banking costs and the fees or charges of any government or official department, body or organisation, and any other similar expenses, costs, fees or charges) paid by MaplesFS on behalf of the Entity in connection with the performance of the Services.

The fees and expenses set out above shall be payable within thirty (30) days of the date of the applicable invoice (such date, the **"Invoice Due Date"**). MaplesFS reserves the right to charge interest in the event that an invoice remains unpaid following the Invoice Due Date. If MaplesFS exercises its right to charge interest, such interest will be at a daily rate of 7% per annum above the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) in effect at the relevant times the applicable invoice remains outstanding or at the maximum interest rate permitted by applicable law, whichever is less, until payment in full of the applicable invoice.

If MaplesFS is requested by the Entity to take any action in the course of providing the Services which, in the opinion of MaplesFS, may make it liable for the payment of money on behalf of the Entity, then MaplesFS shall be advanced the money necessary to make such payment on behalf of the Entity as a pre-requisite to taking such action.

#### **Representations and Warranties**

MaplesFS represents and warrants to the Entity that:

- (a) it is duly incorporated and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation and has and shall at all times have the necessary power to enter into and perform its obligations under these Terms;
- (b) these Terms constitute its legal, binding and enforceable obligation;
- (c) the delivery, observance and performance by MaplesFS of these Terms shall not result in any violation of any law, statute, ordinance, rule or regulation applicable to it; and
- (d) it has obtained all the necessary authorisations and consents to enable it to enter into these Terms and the necessary authorisation and consents shall remain in full force and effect at all times during the term of these Terms.

The Entity represents and warrants to MaplesFS that:

- (a) it is duly incorporated and in good standing under the laws of its place of incorporation and has and shall at all times have the necessary power to enter

into and perform its obligations under these Terms;

- (b) these Terms constitute its legal, binding and enforceable obligation;
- (c) the delivery, observance and performance by the Entity of these Terms shall not result in any violation of any law, statute, ordinance, rule or regulation applicable to it; and
- (d) it has obtained all the necessary authorisations and consents to enable it to enter into these Terms and the necessary authorisation and consents shall remain in full force and effect at all times during the term of these Terms.

The Entity hereby covenants with and undertakes to MaplesFS that it shall not use or permit the use of MaplesFS' name in any document, publication or publicity material relating to the Entity (including, but not limited to notices, circulars, promotional and sales literature, advertisements or stationery) without the prior written consent of MaplesFS.

#### **Responsibility and Limitation of Liability**

No Indemnified Person shall be liable to the Entity or any Shareholder or former Shareholder or any other person for any damage, loss, claims, proceedings, demands, liabilities, costs or expenses whatsoever suffered or incurred by the Entity or any Shareholder or former Shareholder or any other person at any time from any cause whatsoever unless arising directly as a result of the Indemnified Person's actual fraud or wilful default. The remaining provisions of this "Responsibility and Limitation of Liability" section shall not be construed so as to limit the generality of this paragraph.

MaplesFS shall not be liable for (i) any consequential, indirect or special loss or damage; or (ii) any economic losses (including loss of revenues, profits, contracts, business or anticipated savings), arising out of or in connection with these Terms, in each case whether or not MaplesFS has been advised of the possibility of such loss or damage and howsoever incurred. For the avoidance of doubt MaplesFS shall not be so liable for any loss of goodwill or reputation.

MaplesFS shall be entitled for all purposes to rely, without further enquiry, on the authenticity and accuracy of all information and communications (including by facsimile and email) of whatever nature received by MaplesFS in good faith in connection with the performance of the Services.

MaplesFS shall not be required to take any legal action (including the institution or defence of any proceedings) on behalf of the Entity.

In completing any form or filing in connection with a Service, the Entity shall be solely responsible for the content of such form or filing, and MaplesFS shall complete and submit such form or filing based solely on the instructions of the Entity. The Entity is responsible for reviewing all forms and filings and ensuring the accuracy and completeness of all information therein, and MaplesFS shall not be liable for any errors or





omissions contained therein or any missed filings resulting therefrom.

It shall be a condition precedent to MaplesFS' obligation to perform the Services that MaplesFS is provided in a timely manner (and in no event later than 30 days prior to the relevant filing deadline) with all information and instructions necessary to complete and submit the relevant filing on behalf of a Fund.

MaplesFS shall not be responsible for any failure or delay in making a filing as a result of the portal used by the relevant authority for filing being offline, unavailable, or wholly or partially disabled, impaired or severely delayed.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Terms, MaplesFS shall not be responsible for the performance of any other function required to be carried out by the Entity, a Fund or any other service provider on behalf of the Entity or a Fund.

Unless caused by their actual fraud, the maximum aggregate liability of all Indemnified Persons under these Terms shall be limited to an amount not exceeding three times the fees paid to MaplesFS for the Services in the twelve month period prior to:

- (a) the final non-appealable determination of liability by a court of the Cayman Islands; or
- (b) the termination of these Terms, whichever is greater.

The provisions of this "Responsibility and Limitation of Liability" section shall survive the termination of these Terms.

#### **Indemnity**

The Entity agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnified Persons against all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, proceedings, claims, judgments, demands, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind (including legal fees and expenses) whatsoever (an "**Indemnified Loss**") which they or any of them may incur or be subject to over any claim or matter arising under or in connection with these Terms or as a result of the performance of these Terms or as a result of the performance of the Services and/or arising out of, or in connection with any delay or failure by the Entity to perform its obligations under these Terms, except to the extent that the same are a result of the actual fraud or wilful default of the relevant Indemnified Person and this indemnity shall expressly inure to the benefit of any such Indemnified Person existing or future.

An Indemnified Person shall be entitled to receive regular advances from the Entity to cover the cost of defending an Indemnified Loss provided that the Indemnified Person enters into a written agreement that all such advances shall be repaid to the Entity (without interest) if a court of the Cayman Islands has reached a final non-appealable determination that the Indemnified Person is not entitled to the indemnity under the first paragraph of this section.

If an Indemnified Person is found to have committed actual fraud or wilful default all advances made pursuant to the

paragraph immediately above shall be reimbursed to the Entity.

The provisions of this "Indemnity" section shall survive the termination of these Terms.

#### **Instructions and Reliance**

In performing the Services MaplesFS shall be entitled to rely upon instructions given by, or purporting to be given by, a director, officer or authorised signatory or representative of the Entity or by any legal adviser or administrator appointed by the Entity, without requiring any independent enquiry by MaplesFS.

#### **Delegation of Services**

MaplesFS shall be entitled to appoint such nominees, agents and delegates (each a "**Delegate**") as it sees fit to perform in whole or in part any of the Services. MaplesFS shall remain liable for any loss caused by such Delegate but only to the extent that it would have been liable for such loss under these Terms if such loss were caused by MaplesFS itself. The fees and other remuneration of any such Delegate shall (unless specifically agreed otherwise) be paid by MaplesFS out of its own fees received pursuant to these Terms.

#### **No Commercial Advice**

For the avoidance of doubt the Entity agrees that MaplesFS is not responsible for the commercial structuring of the Entity or the Funds or their respective business, investment strategy or objectives or for the rendering of investment, commercial, legal, tax, regulatory, accounting or any other advice whatsoever to the Entity, the Funds or any other person.

#### **Right to Receive Advice**

If MaplesFS shall at any time be in doubt as to any action to be taken or omitted by it in the performance of the Services, it may request and shall receive directions or advice from the Entity or any legal, tax, financial, administrative or other advisor of the Entity and may, but shall not be required to, act thereon. The reasonable costs of obtaining any directions or advice pursuant to this section shall be borne by the Entity. Where any such directions or advice are received by MaplesFS under this section, MaplesFS shall have no liability for any action taken or thing done (or omitted to be taken or done) pursuant thereto.

#### **Force Majeure**

In these Terms, the expression "**Force Majeure**" shall mean each (or combinations) of the following causes affecting the performance by a party of its obligations under these Terms:

- (a) "act of God", explosion, fire, accident, lightning, tempest, hurricane, earthquake, flood, fog or bad weather;
- (b) outbreak of war, hostilities, riot, civil disturbance, act of terrorism;



- (c) pandemic, epidemic, disease, outbreak, communal medical event, quarantine, shelter in place order, or similar occurrence;
- (d) strikes and labour disputes of all kinds (other than strikes or labour disputes of the party claiming the Force Majeure event);
- (e) compliance with any law or governmental order; and
- (f) any cause or circumstances of any kind beyond the reasonable control of the party seeking to rely on the delay.

If either party is prevented or delayed in the performance of any of its obligations under these Terms by any of the events in the first paragraph of this section, that party shall as soon as practicable serve notice in writing on the other party, specifying the nature and extent of the circumstances giving rise to Force Majeure. Subject to service of such notice and to the fourth paragraph of this section, such party shall have no liability in respect of the performance of such of its obligations as are prevented by the Force Majeure events, or for any loss or damage suffered by the other party as a result of such non-performance, during the continuation of such events, and for such time after they cease as is necessary for that party, using all reasonable endeavours, to recommence its affected operations in order for it to perform its obligations.

If either party is prevented from performing its obligations for a continuous period in excess of three months, either party may terminate these Terms immediately on service of written notice upon the party so prevented, in which case neither party shall have any liability to the other except that rights and liabilities which accrued prior to such termination shall continue to subsist (save that the provisions of the "Responsibility and Limitation of Liability", "Indemnity" and "Confidential Information" sections shall remain in force).

The party claiming to be prevented or delayed in the performance of any of its obligations under these Terms by reason of Force Majeure shall use reasonable endeavours to bring the Force Majeure event to a close or to find a solution by which these Terms may be performed despite the continuance of the Force Majeure event.

#### **Confidential Information**

The Entity and MaplesFS shall, at all times, treat as confidential and not disclose to any other person the Confidential Information, save where it is or was:

- (a) already known to the Receiving Party;
- (b) in the public domain or becomes public knowledge otherwise than as a result of the unauthorised or improper conduct of the Receiving Party;
- (c) disclosed as required by any law or order of any court, tribunal or judicial equivalent, or pursuant to any direction, request or requirement (whether or not having the force of law) of any central bank,

- governmental, supervisory or other regulatory agency or taxation authority;
- (d) disclosed for legitimate business purposes to Affiliates, professional advisors, service providers or agents, engaged by the Entity or MaplesFS, who receive the same under a duty of confidentiality;
- (e) disclosed by MaplesFS to an Affiliate for risk management and regulatory purposes;
- (f) made available by a third party who is/was entitled to divulge such information and who is not under any obligation of confidentiality in respect of such information; or
- (g) disclosed with the consent of the Disclosing Party.

The Entity and MaplesFS shall ensure, and it is deemed to be understood and relied upon, that any Confidential Information relating to any principals, Affiliates, shareholders, directors, officers, employees and agents of the Disclosing Party is and has been provided with its or their consent which the Disclosing Party will be responsible for obtaining.

#### **Electronic Communication**

MaplesFS may communicate by e-mail in providing the Services. E-mail communication is not secure and can be subject to possible delay, data corruption, interception, amendment or loss. The Entity accepts the inherent risks of communicating by e-mail including the possible unauthorised interception, redirection, copying or review of e-mails and attachments and the transmission of viruses. The use of e-mail by MaplesFS to communicate and transmit information will not in and of itself constitute a breach of MaplesFS' confidentiality obligations under these Terms.

The terms of this "Electronic Communication" section shall survive the termination of these Terms.

#### **Use of Technology and Artificial Intelligence**

In providing services to the Entity, MaplesFS may use a range of technologies provided by third-party service providers. Such technologies may include, but are not limited to, those that facilitate minute-taking, document digitisation, document automation, audio transcription, remote conferencing, workflow management, electronic discovery, and digital signature, including those that may utilise artificial intelligence capabilities and/or cloud-based systems. MaplesFS exercises reasonable care and skill in selecting and utilising such technologies in accordance with its legal, regulatory, and professional obligations, as well as these Terms, including by employing appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect the security and privacy of any information shared with the relevant service providers.

#### **Non-Exclusivity**

MaplesFS may provide similar services to any other company, entity or person on such terms as may be arranged





with such company, entity or person, provided that the provision of the Services is not thereby impaired, and may retain for its own use and benefit fees or other money payable thereby; and MaplesFS shall be deemed not to be affected with notice of, nor be under any duty to disclose to the Entity, any fact or thing which may come to the knowledge of MaplesFS or any employee or agent of MaplesFS in the course of so doing or in the course of its business in any other capacity or in any manner whatsoever, otherwise than in the course of carrying out the Services.

MaplesFS may acquire, hold or deal with for its own account or the account of any customer or other person either in its own name or in the name of such customer or person or of a nominee any securities for the time being issued by the Entity or a Fund or any investment in which the Entity or a Fund is authorised to invest and shall not be required to account to the Entity or any Fund for any profit arising from such acquisition, holding or dealing.

#### **No Partnership and No Employment Relationship**

Nothing in these Terms shall constitute a partnership between the Entity and MaplesFS.

The directors, officers, employees or agents of MaplesFS shall not be deemed to be employees of the Entity or entitled to any remuneration or other benefits from the Entity.

#### **Termination**

These Terms and the obligations hereunder (other than such obligations expressly stated to survive termination) shall terminate automatically with respect to the performance of a Service upon the completion of the applicable Service by MaplesFS and the payment in full of all related fees and expenses by the Entity.

Either party may terminate these Terms and the obligations hereunder (other than such obligations expressly stated to survive termination) by giving not less than thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party.

Any termination of these Terms howsoever occasioned shall be without prejudice to any other rights or remedies to which a party may be entitled under these Terms or at law and shall not affect any accrued rights nor liabilities of either party (including, without limitation the obligation of the Entity to make payment to MaplesFS for any Services supplied prior to the termination taking effect) nor the coming into or continuance in force of any provision hereof which is expressly or by implication intended to come into or continue in force on or after such termination.

On the termination of these Terms, MaplesFS shall be entitled without prejudice to its other rights under these Terms to receive all fees and other moneys accrued due up to the date of such termination.

#### **Notices**

Any notice or other communication given under these Terms shall be in writing and signed by or on behalf of the party giving

it and shall be served by delivering it personally or sending it by pre-paid recorded delivery or registered post (or registered airmail in the case of an address for service outside the Cayman Islands) or fax or email to the address and for the attention of the relevant party set out in the paragraph below (or as otherwise notified by that party under these Terms). Any such notice shall be deemed to have been received:

- (a) if delivered personally, at the time of delivery;
- (b) in the case of pre-paid recorded delivery or registered post, 48 hours from the date of posting;
- (c) in the case of registered airmail, five days from the date of posting;
- (d) in the case of fax, at the time of transmission; and
- (e) in the case of email, at the time of receipt which means at the time the email enters the receiving party's information processing system.

Provided that if deemed receipt occurs before 9.00 a.m. on a Business Day the notice shall be deemed to have been received at 9.00 a.m. on that day, and if deemed receipt occurs after 5.00

p.m. on a Business Day, or on a day which is not a Business Day, the notice shall be deemed to have been received at 9.00 a.m. on the next Business Day. For the purpose of this section, "**Business Day**" means any day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a public holiday on which banks are open for non-automated business in the place at or which the notice is left or sent.

Notices to MaplesFS shall be sent to the following:

MaplesFS: Maples Compliance Services  
(Cayman)  
Address: Limited  
PO Box 1093, Boundary  
Hall Cricket Square  
Grand  
Cayman  
KY1-1102  
Cayman Islands

For the attention of: Global Head of

Fiduciary Fax number: (345) 945

7100  
email address: [CFTC-Exemptions@maples.com](mailto:CFTC-Exemptions@maples.com)

or such other address or facsimile number or email address as may be notified in writing from time to time.

Notices to the Entity shall be sent to the contact details specified by the Entity to MaplesFS in writing on or about the Effective Date.

In providing such service it shall be sufficient to prove that the





envelope containing such notice was addressed to the address of the relevant party set out in these Terms (or as otherwise notified by that party under these Terms) and delivered either to that address or into the custody of the postal authorities as a pre-paid recorded delivery, registered post or airmail letter, or that the notice was transmitted by fax to the fax number of the relevant party set out in these Terms (or as otherwise notified by that party under these Terms), or any email to the email address of the relevant party set out in these Terms.

#### **Data Protection**

In providing the services and otherwise fulfilling its obligations under these Terms, MaplesFS may from time to time be required to process information which: (i) constitutes "personal data" as defined in section 2 of the Data Protection Act (As Revised) of the Cayman Islands ("DPA"); and (ii) is disclosed to or otherwise made available to MaplesFS by or on behalf of the Entity ("**Relevant Personal Data**"). The Entity acknowledges and agrees that: (a) to the extent MaplesFS acts as a "data controller" (as defined in section 2 of DPA) in respect of the Relevant Personal Data, MaplesFS may process the Relevant Personal Data in accordance with the applicable data protection laws (including DPA) and MaplesFS's privacy notice (available at [www.maples.com/privacy](http://www.maples.com/privacy) or upon request); and (b) to the extent MaplesFS acts as a "data processor" (as defined in section 2 of DPA) in respect of the Relevant Personal Data, the provisions of the "Data Processing Addendum (Cayman)" (in the form available at [www.maples.com/privacy](http://www.maples.com/privacy)) shall apply to any processing of Relevant Personal Data undertaken by MaplesFS.

#### **Assignment**

These Terms may not be assigned or novated by either party without the written consent of the other party save only that MaplesFS may assign or novate these Terms to any other entity within the Maples Group without such written consent upon written notice to the Entity.

#### **Third Party Rights**

A person who is not a party to these Terms may not, in its own right or otherwise, enforce any term of these Terms except that the Indemnified Persons may, in their own right, enforce their rights pursuant to the Responsibility and Limitation of Liability and Indemnity provisions of these Terms subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act (As Revised) of the Cayman Islands.

Notwithstanding any other term of these Terms, the consent of any person who is not a party to these Terms (including, without limitation, any Indemnified Person) is not required for any amendment to, or variation, release, rescission or termination of these Terms.

The provisions of this "Third Party Rights" section shall survive the termination of these Terms.

#### **Severance**

If any provision herein shall be determined to be void or unenforceable in whole or in part for any reason whatsoever such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the remaining provisions or any part thereof contained within these Terms and such void or unenforceable provisions shall be deemed to be severable from any other provision or part thereof herein contained.

#### **Entire Agreement**

These Terms supersede all previous agreements between MaplesFS and the Entity for the provision of Services to the Entity. These Terms set out the entire agreement and understanding between the parties with respect to its subject matter.

#### **Governing Law and Jurisdiction**

These Terms and any dispute, claim, suit, action or proceeding of whatever nature arising out of or in any way related to it or its formation (including any non-contractual disputes or claims) are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of the Cayman Islands.

Each of the parties to these Terms irrevocably agrees that the courts of the Cayman Islands shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine any claim, suit, action or proceeding, and to settle any disputes, which may arise out of or are in any way related to or in connection with these Terms, and, for such purposes, irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts.