Soneri Bank Limited – Code of Conduct



This Code of Conduct (Code) outlines the principles, policies and laws that govern the activities of Soneri Bank Limited (Bank), and to which the Board members, employees and others who work with the Bank, or represent the Bank directly or indirectly must adhere. All employees are required to read, understand, sign and follow the Code of Conduct.

Soneri Bank Limited (Bank) expects all of its employees to act in full compliance with the policies & guidelines set forth in this Code of Conduct. It is employee's responsibility to make oneself familiar with the following and other policies related to their own business unit:

- 1. No employees shall engage directly or indirectly, in any other business but shall faithfully and diligently, perform the duties entrusted to him /her from time to time and devote maximum time and attention to work of the Bank, and ensure his/her best endeavors to promote its interest and welfare. Neither shall take up any activity which will bring him/her any reward or remuneration or benefit, directly or indirectly other than from the job at the Bank.
- 2. No employee or his/her immediate family shall enter into speculative and trading activity in stocks, shares, bonds, or any other securities or commodities, either on his/her own account or that of any other person, firm, company, nor shall involve in other speculative activity (ies) including betting/gambling. Further, an employee and his/her immediate family shall not derive any benefit or assist others to derive any benefit from the access to and possession of information about the Bank, which is not in the public domain and thus constitutes inside information. All the employees are required to comply with the applicable company law on prevention of inside trading.
- 3. No employee shall accept any presents either in cash or kind from Bank clients, suppliers, vendors and contractors or others, by way of illegal

gratification or otherwise. Any such instance where business judgment has been compromised due to such monetary or non-monetary gifts will be considered as a violation of this code. Accepting gifts and benefits that may appear as engaging others in bribery or influencing for a consideration for an official or business favor is prohibited.

- 4. No Employee shall give or take bribe or engage in any form of corruption.
- 5. No payment or transaction should be made or undertaken, by an employee or authorized or instructed to be made or undertaken by any other person or the Bank if the consequence of that transaction or payment would be the violation of any law in force.
- 6. No employee shall take part in, subscribe in any aid of, assist in or take part in any political activity whatsoever. No employee shall canvass or otherwise, interfere or use his/her influence in connection with or take part in any election to a legislative or local body, whether in Pakistan or elsewhere. Provided that a Bank employee who is qualified to vote at such election may exercise his/her right to vote.
- 7. An Employee must not peruse such outside business activity(ies) and relationships using Banks resources (including but not limited to physical space, office supplies, office communication equipment or time) or allow any outside business, civic or charitable activities to interfere with his/her never job performance. Employee must compromise on integrity, either for personal or professional benefit. Each employee is also personally responsible for the integrity of the information, reports and records under his/her control.
- 8. Employee shall not commit any act of subversion or misconduct or misbehaviors; and will also not act in any manner, which could be prejudicial or detrimental to the interest of the Bank. The Bank shall be entitled to dispense with the services of



- any employee, any time per the law of his/her and/or repeated employment negligence, disobedience, dishonesty, breach of trust, acts of any other misconduct or subversion without any notice.
- 9. All Employees shall avoid, during his/her employment or thereafter to disclose or divulge to any person whomsoever any information relating to the Bank or its customers, suppliers, employees or any confidential information which he/shemay have access to while being in the service of the Bank. All Employees shall be bound to protect the confidentiality of the non-public information at all times.
- 10. Notwithstanding anything contained hereinabove every employee will abide by all the laws of the land including Labor Laws where applicable.
- 11. Employees are expected to be at work on time every business day. In the event that employee is absent or late due to illness, accident or personal reasons, he/she is required to inform his/her supervisor as soon as possible so that the department may make other arrangements for substitute help while the employee is away.
- 12. In case of resignation every employee will have to attend his/her duties until the resignation is accepted and employee is properly relieved by the competent authority. In case he/she fails to attend his/her duty after tendering resignation, the resignation will not be considered and he/she may be dealt according to the relevant HR Policy.
- 13. All employees are expected to comply with ethical standards as a critical element of their responsibilities. It is encouraged to raise possible ethical issues and Bank prohibits any retaliatory action against any individual for raising legitimate concerns regarding ethics, discrimination or harassment matters or for reporting suspected violations. In case of any issue that has been reported, investigation / inquiry shall be held, and all employees are required to fully cooperate with

- any appropriately authorized internal or external investigations.
- 14. Employees are expected to dress in a manner consistent with the nature of work performed. While at work, all employees are expected to dress neatly and appropriately in normal office as per the Dress code policy of the Bank. Use of Jeans, Tshirts, shirts without collar, fancy color shirts and see-through fabrics, clothes with advertising logos or logos promoting offensive messages i.e. cigarettes, alcohol and/or drugs, joggers, sandals and slippers are strictly prohibited.
- 15. All employees are expected to abide with the personal hygiene requirements. This includes taking care of body odor, bad breath, teeth, nails, ears, eyes, nose, hair, hands, feet and health.
- 16. All employees are responsible for safeguarding the tangible and intangible assets of Bank and its customers, suppliers and distributors that are under their control. Bank assets may be used only for proper company purpose. Misappropriation, carelessness or waste of Bank assets is a breach of one's duty to the Bank and should be avoided at all cost.

17. An employee must not:

- steal, embezzle or misappropriate money, funds or anything of value from the Bank, doing so shall subject him/herto potential disciplinary action according to the bank policy
- use Bank assets for personal gain or advantage
- remove bank assets from their premises and facilitiesunless properly authorized by the relevant competent authority
- use Bank's stationery or corporate documents, Bank's brand name for nonofficial purposes since such implies endorsement from Soneri Bank.
- 18. Employee at the time of separation from Bank should return Bank assets, facilities (blackberry, laptop, mobile etc), visiting and Identity cards, stamps etc.



- 19. If employees are supplied with an identification card, this must be worn visibly when on Bank's premises. Each employee is also responsible for the safekeeping ofhis/her ID card.
- 20. Bank's telephone, e-mail, voice-mail, computer, systems etc are primarily for business purposes. Employees may not use these systems in a manner that could be harmful or embarrassing to Bank. Personal communications using these systems must be kept to a minimum. In case of his/her separation from the Bank, all rights to property and information generated or obtained as part of an employment relationship remains the exclusive property of the Bank only.
- 21. Records are very important business assets. The Bank is committed to managing its records in a consistent, systematic and reliable manner; records provides evidence for business activities and decisions and are often required to meet legal and regulatory requirements. Employees are required to retain the records in accordance with their importance and applicable statutory record retention requirements and Bank policies.
- 22. The Bank is also committed to accuracy in tax related records and tax reporting in compliance with the overall intent and applicable laws. Tax returns must be filed on a timely basis and taxes due paid in time.
- 23. The Bank believes that diversity in the staff is critical to its success and is fully committed to equal employment opportunity, compliance with fair employment practices and nondiscrimination laws. The Bank prohibits sexual or any other kind of discrimination, harassment or intimidation, whether committed by or against a supervisor, coworker, customer, vendor or visitor.
- 24. Where husbands, wives or other relatives are employed in the same or related areas, no employee should allow personal and/or domestic circumstances to impinge upon or affect either working relationships or the breach of bank's

- employment regulations regarding confidentiality and fidelity.
- 25. An employee must never use Bank systems to transmit or receive electronic images or text of a sexual nature or containing ethnic slurs, racial epithets or any other material of a harassing, offensive or lewd nature.
- 26. Selling, manufacturing, distributing, possessing, using or being under the influence of illegal drugs on the job is prohibited.
- 27. To protect the well being of Bank's valued customers and employees, smoking and eating betel leaf within the premises of Bank is strictly prohibited.
- 28. All employees must comply with all applicable health and safety policies.
- 29. No employee may take unfair advantage of anyone through manipulation, concealment, abuse of confidential information, misrepresentation of facts or other unfair dealing practices.
- 30. No employee other than the authorized personnel is allowed to publish, make speech, give interviews or make public appearance that are connected to Bank's business interests, else an approval is required from HR, Head of Compliance and President.
- 31. Employees responsible for buying assets on Bank's behalf should purchase all goods and services on the basis of quality, price, availability, terms and service. Employees responsible for customer relationship must never lead a supplier or customer to believe that they can inappropriately influence any procurement decisions at Bank. Employees shall ensure to abide by all the provision of the Fixed Asset Management and Expenditure Control Policies of the Bank
- 32. Real or perceived conflicts of Interest in any process or form should be disclosed and avoided. An employee or any of his/her relatives / associates should not derive any undue personal benefit or advantage by virtue of his/her position or

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relationship with the Bank. Any dealings with a related party must be conducted in such a way that no preferential treatment is given and adequate disclosures are made as required by the law and as per the applicable policies of the Bank.

- 33. Employees should also take steps to ensure that business related paper work and documents are produced, copied and faxed are properly filed and stored or if not needed, should be properly discarded to minimize the risk that an unauthorized person might obtain an access to confidential information. Access to work areas and systems should also be properly controlled.
- 34. Employees of the Bank are strictly prohibited to disclose the fact to the customer or any other quarter that a suspicious transaction or related information is being or has been reported to any authority, except if required by law.
- 35. Employees must be sensitive to any activities, interests or relationships that might interfere with or even appear to interfere with his/herability to act in the best interests of Bank and its customers.
- 36. If any personal investment that affects or appears to affect an employee's ability to make an unbiased business decision for Bank, should be avoided.
- 37. An employee must notify authorized person or HR of any business relationship or proposed business transaction Bank may have with any company in which he/she or a related party has a direct or indirect interest or from which he/she or related party may drive a benefit. Even if related party or relative is employed, this may raise conflict of interest. Therefore, it should be avoided.
- 38. Bank employee and their families are encouraged to use Bank for their personal financial services needs.
- 39. The Code of Conduct is subject to variances, modifications, and amendments, from time to time through the resolution of the Board of Directors.
- 40. In case of the breach of any of the above 'Code of Conduct", the employee shall be liable to

disciplinary action. This shall be without prejudice' to any other rights and remedies of the Bank.

Failure to observe these policies may result in a disciplinary action, up to and including immediate termination of employment or any other relationship with the Bank. Furthermore, violations of this Code may also be violations of the law and may result in civil or criminal penalties.

If an employee has any questions about these policies or would like to report violation of the Code of Conduct, he/she may approach Head of Compliance Division or Head of Human Resources for further guidance and advice

DECLARATION: I hereby acknowledge that I have received the 'Code of Conduct' document. I further acknowledge that I have read and clearly understood standards of conduct contained in the code and will abide by them. If I am found acting in contravention of standards of the Code, I may be subjected to disciplinary action as per the Policy and Procedures of the Bank.

Name:	
Employee No:	
Designation:	
Branch/Unit/Location:	
Signature:	
Date(dd/mm/yyyy):	