

COMPLAINTS HANDLING POLICY

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- “**Global Markets**” is the financial markets sales and trading division within GBM. HBFR Global Markets specialises in foreign exchange, credit and rates, structured derivatives and debt markets.
- “**Global Banking**” is made up of teams in charge of client relationship management (corporates, financial institutions and public sector entities) and product experts: Mergers & Acquisitions, structured finance, debt (DCM) and equity (ECM) capital markets, infrastructure and real estate financing, leverage and acquisition finance, asset finance.

HSBC Continental Europe GBM is committed to act in its clients’ best interest and provide them with the best customer experience. Consequently, as difficulties may arise in relation to the provision of investment services, HSBC Continental Europe GBM has adopted arrangements to enable the handling of complaints in a fair, clear and harmonised manner for all its clients.

For the purpose of this policy, a complaint should be understood as any written or oral statement, received through any recordable means, and acting the dissatisfaction of a client or potential client in relation to the provision of an investment service or the performance of an investment activity by HSBC Continental Europe GBM.

Clients and potential clients can submit complaints free of charge.

COMPLAINTS HANDLING TIMELINE

HSBC Continental Europe GBM will acknowledge receipt of a complaint within 10 business days, unless the client or potential client has already been provided a response during such a period and it is satisfied with HSBC Continental Europe GBM’s resolution of its complaint.

HSBC Continental Europe GBM aspires to fully respond and resolve complaints within 2 months of their reception. In the unlikely event where, due to particular circumstances, a complaint could not be resolved within 2 months, HSBC Continental Europe GBM would provide the client with the rationale for the delay.

CONTACTS TO LODGE A COMPLAINT

For any complaint, a client should **in priority** refer to its **usual commercial contact** within HSBC Continental Europe GBM.

In the event where it would not be satisfied by the resolution provided by its usual commercial contact, a client can submit its complaint:

- Via **post mail** to the following address

*HSBC Continental Europe
Réclamations Clients GBM (CMG)
38 avenue Kléber
75116 Paris*

- Via **email**
reclamations-clients-gbm@hsbc.fr

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISMS

Where a client or potential client is not satisfied with HSBC GBM's response to its complaint or the actions undertaken to resolve the complaint, the client or potential client may refer the complaint to an alternative dispute resolution entity recognised by an EEA financial regulator, or be able to take civil action.

If the client or potential client is an eligible complainant (as defined under the rules of the AMF), it may refer its complaint to the Médiateur de l'Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF ombudsman).

The Médiateur de l'Autorité des Marchés Financiers can be contacted at:

Autorité des marchés financiers

La médiation

17, Place de la Bourse

75082 PARIS CEDEX 02

More information on the AMF ombudsman is available on the AMF's website at:

http://www.amf-france.org/en_US/Le-mediateur-de-l-AMF/Presentation