



**Bank ABC Europe
Vendor Code of Conduct**

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1. About the Code

1.1. Introduction

ABC International Bank plc and Arab Banking Corporation S.A. (together, “**Bank ABC Europe**”) are committed to maintaining the highest standards of ethical and professional conduct.

This Vendor Code of Conduct (the “**Code**”) sets out the minimum standards of behaviour that is expected by organisations, their representatives and employees, and subcontractors who provide goods or services to Bank ABC Europe (herein referred to as the “**Vendors**”). This Code does not apply to individual contractors, agents or intermediaries, who are required to follow the Bank ABC Code of Conduct.

If a Vendor has any questions about this Code, they should seek advice from the Bank ABC Europe Head of Corporate Services.

1.2. Bank ABC’s Values

Bank ABC Europe’s values – Client Centric, Collaborative and Consistent - guide the way that Bank ABC Europe conducts its business. Bank ABC Europe seeks out Vendors that provide support in meeting these values and who maintain the highest ethical standard.

1.3. Key Principles

Bank ABC Europe expects all its Vendors to adhere to the following key principles:

- Comply with all applicable laws, regulations and standards;
- Take active steps to disclose and manage any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest in relation to the Vendor’s engagement with Bank ABC Europe;
- Adopt fair and ethical employment practices and take proportionate steps to identify and reduce risks of child labour and modern slavery in their supply chain;
- Provide a safe working environment for their employees and those affected by their activities;
- Take steps to reduce any environmental impact and make a positive social impact with the Vendor’s products and services;
- Have proportionate, up to date and operational business continuity capabilities in place;
- Refrain from offering gifts and hospitality to clients, directors, employees or contractors of Bank ABC Europe, as well as offering any facilitation payments in conjunction with any activities undertaken with or on behalf of Bank ABC Europe;
- Maintain the privacy and confidentiality of any information relating to Bank ABC Europe, its employees and its customers that a Vendor may receive in their capacity as a Vendor;
- Maintain appropriate and proportionate cyber security measures to prevent the use of their systems for criminal purposes;
- Comply with privacy and data protection laws and the contract terms to protect Bank ABC Europe’s customers, employees, assets, and data from risk; and,

Notify Bank ABC Europe of any event or action that causes a breach of this Code or otherwise may affect the good standing of Bank ABC Europe.

1.4. Compliance with the Code

Vendor management team and employees of Bank ABC Europe are expected to comply with the standards as set out in this Code.

This Code addresses a number of situations in which issues related to Bank ABC Europe's reputation or ethics may arise. It is recognised that this Code cannot cover all situations and Vendors are required to exercise good sense and sound judgement to make the right decision. In applying such judgement, the following should be considered to make the right ethical decision:

- Do I have all the information that I need to make an informed decision?
- Is it legal and in keeping with the spirit of the law?
- Is it consistent with this Code?
- Could it reflect negatively on my company or Bank ABC Europe?
- How would it look in the media?
- Does it feel right?

Vendors should inform Bank ABC Europe should their business change in a way that may affect their compliance with this Code.

Vendors who submit a proposal to, or enter into a supply agreement with, Bank ABC Europe will be provided with a copy of this Code. Vendors should understand that non-compliance with this Code may adversely affect their commercial relationship with Bank ABC Europe in the future.

Bank ABC Europe reserves the right to monitor, record, review, access and disclose all data and communications created, sent, received, stored or downloaded using Bank ABC Europe's resources as it deems appropriate, subject to applicable law and regulations.

Bank ABC Europe also retains the right to audit Vendor compliance with this Code and other applicable Bank ABC Europe policies at any time. This includes a technical, legal, regulatory, financial, and operational audit of Vendor policies and procedures, including subcontractors if necessary and in some cases may require an on-site inspection of the Vendor's books, records, systems, controls, processes and procedures related to Bank ABC Europe for adherence to this Code.

2. Human (and Labour) rights

2.1 Introduction

Vendors are expected to meet all applicable employment standards, labour, non-discrimination and human rights legislation.

2.2 Modern Slavery Act 2015

Vendors are expected to take proportionate steps to modern slavery in their business and their supply chains.

As a minimum, Bank ABC Europe expects its Vendors to:

- Prohibit the use of forced labour and give employees, whether local or expatriate, the right and the ability to leave employment when they choose;
- Ensure that child labour is not used, and that the employment of young workers adheres to local regulations; and
- Ensure that wages meet legally mandated minimums and industry standards without unauthorized deductions.

2.3 Employment Practices

Bank ABC Europe expects that its Vendors adopt and follow fair and ethical employment practices. In addition to following all applicable labour law and regulatory requirements Vendors are expected to:

- Treat all employees fairly and not discriminate against any person in its employment based on gender, nationality, age, colour, ethnic origin, disability or religious beliefs;
- Prohibit the illegal use, possession, solicitation, manufacture, distribution, dispensation, transfer or sale of controlled substances (illegal drugs), as well as the unauthorised consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages and abuse of prescription drugs on Bank ABC Europe premises or while working on Bank ABC Europe business; and
- Conduct appropriate and reasonable background screening of all employees, including investigations for any prior criminal activity, to ensure the integrity and good character of the Vendor's employees.

3. Conflicts Management and Business Ethics

3.1 Conflicts Management

It is important that Vendors of Bank ABC Europe avoid situations where the interests of the Vendor or an employee of the Vendor conflicts, or appears to conflict, with the interests of Bank ABC Europe or its clients.

A conflict of interest exists, or may be perceived to exist, where a personal, or corporate, circumstance impairs professional judgment or the ability to act in the best interests of Bank ABC Europe or its clients.

Bank ABC Europe expects its Vendors to promptly disclose and manage any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest in relation to their engagement with Bank ABC Europe.

3.2 *Business Ethics*

Bank ABC Europe expects that its Vendors conduct their business in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations of the jurisdictions in which they operate. This includes the expectation that Vendors will:

- maintain integrity standards in all business activity;
- comply fully with all their obligations in relation to all taxes due within the jurisdictions in which they operate. Vendors must not participate in tax evasion or facilitate tax evasion by others;
- respect the human rights, and strive to improve the lives, of the people and communities in which they operate;
- have policies and procedures in place designed to prevent and detect fraud, money laundering, bribery and corruption;
- comply with local governmental environmental standards;
- avoid the use of hazardous substances and maintain minimum waste;
- comply with international sanctions requirements (as set out by the UN);
- follow a practice of “fair competition” and “fair dealing” by not participating in practices such as entering into non-compete agreements (whether formal or informal) to fix prices, allocate markets or clients, boycotting (or refusing to deal with) certain Vendors or clients (unless legally required to do so) or making the provision of a product or service conditional upon their use of Bank ABC Europe’s products or services;
- demonstrate a commitment to Corporate Social Responsibilities (CRS) such as:
 - Resource efficiency and sustainability
 - Health and safety
 - Staff accommodation and staff treatment
 - Community and economic development;
- not enter into any secret agreement or side arrangement with any Bank ABC Europe employee or client;
- not take any action on behalf of Bank ABC Europe that could be perceived as an attempt to bribe, accept a bribe, or engage in corrupt activity (including the offering of facilitation payments);

- not use any Bank ABC Europe name, or logo, in any advertising, promotional material, press release, client list or similar material without first obtaining prior written consent from the Bank ABC Europe Corporate Communications department. Vendors, and their staff, must not post, share or like anything on social media that could be viewed as a violation of this Code; and
- not engage in, or support, the trafficking of human beings for any purpose.

4. Raising Concerns

Bank ABC Europe is committed to integrity, honesty and transparency in everything that we do.

If a Vendor becomes aware, or suspects, violations to this Code or of Bank ABC Europe’s policies, standards or procedures, applicable laws or regulations, they are requested to promptly report such violations using the resources described below.

Bank ABC Europe will treat all reports confidentially, fairly and in a timely manner. As long as the Vendor makes the report in good faith, Bank ABC Europe will not take any action that would cause them to suffer any detriment, loss of employment or victimisation.

Vendors can raise their concerns through the Bank ABC Europe external Whistleblowing Hotline in the following way:

Hotline: 0800 048 8546 Online Reporting: <http://www.bankabc.ethicspoint.com/>

Mail: Head of Compliance, Arab Banking Corporation House, 1-5 Moorgate, London EC2R 6AB

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