

Complaints Handling Procedures

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AQR Pty Limited ("AQR Australia") has developed these procedures to ensure that complaints are handled in a clear and effective manner. These procedures represent AQR Australia's commitment to fair and transparent dealings with our clients and prospective clients.

How to lodge a complaint

All complaints should be addressed to the Compliance Officer of AQR Australia:

Phone: +61 2 8023 6500 Fax: +61 2 8023 6511

E-mail: AustLegalcompliance@aqr.com

Postal address: AQR Pty Ltd., GPO Box 2604, Sydney NSW 2000

Street address: AQR Pty Ltd., Suite 30.3 Level 30, 420 George Street, Sydney

NSW 2000

Should you need additional assistance to lodge your complaint please, also contact the Compliance Officer of AQR Australia using the above contact details.

How can a complaint be made and what information may be required?

A complaint maybe made by any communication medium, such as: phone, email or letter.

In order to investigate a complaint effectively, AQR Australia will need the following information from you:

- o appropriate identification and contact details; and
- o sufficient details about the nature of the complaint together with relevant background information.

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Investigation and resolution

Once a complaint is received AQR Australia will commence its investigation into the matter.

Possible resolutions include:

- Rectifying an issue; or
- o Providing additional information or documentation to enable the complainant to understand what happened and how we have addressed the matter.

How long will it take?

Initial acknowledgement

AQR Australia will aim to acknowledge all complaints received within 24 hours of receipt, or as soon as practicable. Such acknowledgement maybe verbal or written.

Resolution within five business days

Where possible, AQR Australia will attempt to resolve the matter as quickly as it can, aiming for within five business days.

Resolution more than five business days -

If the matter cannot be resolved within five business days, or if specifically requested by you, AQR Australia will provide a formal response, which is a written communication from AQR Australia to the complainant that:

- Advises them of the outcome from their complaint;
- Explains their right to take the complaint to Australian Financial Complaints Authority ("AFCA") if they are not satisfied with the resolution; and
- Provides the contact details of AFCA.

If AQR Australia rejects or partially rejects the complaint, we will clearly set out the reasons for the decision by:

- Identifying and addressing all the issue raised;
- o Setting out the findings and refer to information supporting the findings; and
- o Provide enough details for the complainant to understand the basis for the decision and be informed when deciding to refer the matter to AFCA.

The length of time AQR Australia takes to resolve a complaint will depend on the nature and complexity of the issues a complainant has raised, and the extent of the enquiries required to enable

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those issues to be addressed. However, a formal response will be made within **30 Calendar days** from the point of receiving the complaint.

AFCA Membership

AQR Australia is a member of the Australian Financial Complaints Authority. If an issue has not been resolved to your satisfaction, you can refer the matter to AFCA. AFCA provides fair and independent financial services complaint resolution services that are free to consumers.

Website: www.afca.org.au Email: info@afca.org.au

Telephone: 1800 931 678 (free call)

In writing to: Australian Financial Complaints Authority, GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3001

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