

## **Clarksons Securities AS**

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# Reclassification Client Categorization

Clarksons Securities AS (CS) is required by the Norwegian Securities Trading Act to classify its customers with reference to professionalism in relation to investment services and activities and all financial instruments. The customers are classified as non-professional customers/retail, professional customers or qualified counterparties.

## 1. CLIENT INFORMATION

Name/Company name:

National ID number (for private persons)/ Company number (for companies):

## 2. CLASSIFICATION STATUS

Please tick the appropriate boxes below:

Current classification/categorization:	Non-professional	Professional	Eligible Counterparty
New classification/categorization:	Non-professional	Professional	Eligible Counterparty

## 3. RECLASSIFICATION FROM NON-PROFESSIONAL TO PROFESSIONAL

If the request is to be reclassified from non-professional to professional, please answer the questions below and attach documentation confirming that the criteria's are met.

Such a reclassification results in a lower level of investor protection. **Non-professional / retail clients** have the highest level of investor protection. Please see page 2 "5. *Information*" for information about the different client classifications. **Professional clients** are in some areas regarded as able to safeguard their own interests and are normally expected to have sufficient knowledge to assess whether a transaction is appropriate. This means that professional clients must, to a greater extent than non-professional clients, themselves obtain the information they regard as necessary. As a result, the services provided by CS will therefore to a lesser extent be tailored to suit the client's individual needs.

#### 2 of 3 requirements must be met to be re-classified from non-professional to professional client:

I/We hold a financial portfolio (cash and financial instruments) exceeding EUR 500,000 in Norwegian kroner	
I/We have conducted at least 10 transactions, in significant size (amounting to at least EUR 10.000), per quarter the last 12 months	
I/We work/have worked in the financial sector for at least one year in a professional position which requires/required knowledge of the transactions or services to be provided	

## 4. SELF-DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I/We hereby confirm that I/we request to be reclassified as stated in this form. By requesting a reclassification from a higher investor protection level to a lower investor protection level, I/we hereby waive parts of the investor protection and understand the consequences of losing the protection. I/we are aware that professional clients are deemed to have sufficient knowledge and experience and are financially able to manage risk in transactions that are conducted. The agreement applies in relation to all transactions, investment services and types of products.

Place/Date:

Signature:



## 5. INFORMATION

#### CS can request additional documentation confirming that the criterias' above are met.

#### **Eligible Counterparties**

The following are invariably deemed to be eligible counterparties:

1. investment firms, 2. credit institutions, 3. insurance companies, 4. collective investment undertakings and management companies for such undertakings, 5. pensions funds and management companies for such funds, 6. other authorized and regulated financial institutions, 7. public bodies at the national level, including central banks and supranational organisations.

#### **Professional Clients**

The following clients shall automatically be regarded as professionals in relation to all investment services, all investment activities, and all financial instruments, unless notified to us otherwise:

- 6. entities which are authorised or regulated to engage in business activities in the financial markets in the EEA or a third country and considered, or engaged in activities corresponding to those of: a) credit institutions, b) investment firms, c) insurance companies, d) other authorised and regulated financial institutions, e) collective investment undertakings and management companies for such undertakings, f) pensions funds and management companies of such funds, g) commodity and commodity derivatives dealers, h) local undertakings, i) other institutional investors,
- 7. large undertakings meeting at least two of the following size requirements on a company level:
  - a) balance sheet total of no less than the equivalent of EUR 20,000,000 in Norwegian kroner,
  - b) annual net turnover of no less than the equivalent of EUR 40,000,000 in Norwegian kroner,
  - c) own funds of no less than the equivalent of EUR 2,000,000 in Norwegian kroner,
- 8. national and regional governments (except for municipal bodies), including government bodies managing government debt at the national or regional level, central banks and international and supranational institutions,
- 9. other institutional investors whose main business is to invest in financial instruments, including entities engaged in securitisation of assets or other financing transactions.

#### Non-professional / Retail Clients

Any client that is not regarded as professional with reference to the requirements above will be considered as a non-professional / retail client.

For full details of customer classification, definitions, investor protection and other information, please refer to the document "Information and Guidelines on Client Categorization" which can be found on CS web page: https://securities.clarksons.com/Investment-Banking/Compliance/ClientClassification