





Now New Self-Regulatory Organization of Canada, a consolidation of IIROC and the MFDA

## IN THE MATTER OF THE MUTUAL FUND DEALER RULES<sup>i</sup>

and

## **GP** Wealth Management Corporation

## **ORDER**

(ARISING FROM THE SETTLEMENT HEARING ON FEBRUARY 2, 2023)

WHEREAS on December 22, 2022 the Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada (the "MFDA") issued a Notice of Settlement Hearing pursuant to section 24.4 of MFDA By-law No. 1 (now Mutual Fund Dealer Rules 7.3 and 7.4) in respect of GP Wealth Management Corporation (the "Respondent");

**AND WHEREAS** the Respondent entered into a settlement agreement with Staff of the New Self-Regulatory Organization of Canada, a consolidation of IIROC and the MFDA (the "Corporation"), dated January 9, 2023 (the "Settlement Agreement"), in which the Respondent agreed to a proposed settlement of matters for which the Respondent could be disciplined pursuant to sections 20 and 24.1 of MFDA By-law No. 1 (now Mutual Fund Dealer Rules 7.3 and 7.4.1);

**AND WHEREAS** the Hearing Panel is of the opinion that, between June 2013 and at least May 2016, the Respondent failed to adequately detect and query uniformity in the Know-Your-Client information recorded by former Approved Person AF for 88 leveraged accounts transferred to the Respondent, 23 new leveraged accounts opened at the Respondent, and 5 loan renewals in existing accounts at the Member, contrary to MFDA Rules 2.2.1 and 2.5.1 and MFDA Policy No. 2.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the Settlement Agreement is accepted, as a consequence of which:

1. The Respondent shall pay a fine in the amount of \$20,000 pursuant to section 24.1.2(b) of MFDA By-law No. 1 (now Mutual Fund Dealer Rule 7.4.1.2(b)) on the date of this Order;

2. The Respondent shall pay costs in the amount of \$5,000, pursuant to section 24.2 of MFDA By-law No. 1 (now Mutual Fund Deale Rule 7.4.2) on the date of this Order; and

3. If at any time a non-party to this proceeding, with the exception of the bodies set out in Mutual Fund Dealer Rule 6.3 (formerly section 23 of MFDA By-law No. 1), requests production of or access to exhibits in this proceeding that contain personal information as defined by the MFDA Privacy Policy, then the Corporate Secretary's Office, Mutual Fund Dealer Division, of the Corporation shall not provide copies of or access to the requested exhibits to the non-party without first redacting from them any and all personal information, pursuant to Rules 1.8(2) and (5) of the MFDA *Rules of Procedure*.

**DATED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2023

"Thomas J. Lockwood" Thomas J. Lockwood, K.C.

Chair

"Linda J. Anderson" Linda J. Anderson Industry Representative

"Robert Christianson"

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> On January 1, 2023, the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada ("IIROC") and the Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada (the "MFDA") were consolidated into a single self-regulatory organization that is temporarily called the New Self-Regulatory Organization of Canada (referred to herein as the "Corporation") and is recognized under applicable securities legislation. The Corporation adopted interim rules that incorporate the pre-amalgamation regulatory requirements contained in the rules and policies of IIROC and the by-law, rules and policies of the MFDA (the "Interim Rules"). The Interim Rules include (i) the Investment Dealer and Partially Consolidated Rules, (ii) the UMIR and (iii) the Mutual Fund Dealer Rules. These rules are largely based on the rules of IIROC and certain by-laws, rules and policies of the MFDA that were in force immediately prior to amalgamation. Pursuant to Mutual Fund Dealer Rule 1A and s. 14.6 of By-law No. 1 of the Corporation, contraventions of former MFDA

regulatory requirements may be enforced by the Corporation. Pursuant to Rule 1A of the Mutual Fund Dealer Rules, MFDA By-law No. 1 continues to be applicable to this proceeding.