



## ARTICLE 38(6) CSDR PARTICIPANT DISCLOSURE

### 1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to disclose the levels of protection associated with the different levels of segregation that Citibank Korea Inc. (*we*) provides in respect of securities that we hold directly for clients with Central Securities Depositories within the EEA (*CSDs*), including a description of the main legal implications of the respective levels of segregation offered and information on the insolvency law applicable. This disclosure is required under Article 38(6) of the Central Securities Depositories Regulation (*CSDR*) in relation to CSDs in the EEA.

Under CSDR, the CSDs of which we are a direct participant (see glossary) have their own disclosure obligations and we include links to those disclosures in this document.

This document is not intended to constitute legal or other advice and should not be relied upon as such. Clients should seek their own legal advice if they require any guidance on the matters discussed in this document.

### 2. Background

We record each client's individual entitlement to securities that we hold for that client in one or more client securities accounts established and maintained for such client in our own books and records pursuant to the terms of the custodial services agreement between the client and us. We also open accounts with the CSDs in which we hold clients' securities. We currently make two types of accounts with the CSDs available to clients: Individual Client Segregated Accounts (*ISAs*) and Omnibus Client Segregated Accounts (*OSAs*).

An ISA is used by us to hold the securities of a single client and therefore the client's securities are held by us in a CSD account which is separate from accounts used to hold the securities of other clients and our own proprietary securities.

An OSA is used by us to hold the securities of a number of clients on a collective basis. However, we do not hold our own proprietary securities in OSAs.

### 3. Main legal implications of levels of segregation

#### *Insolvency*

#### *The principle of conflicts of law in Korea*

A Korean court will look to the Private International Law of Korea ("**PIL**") to determine what law should govern the validity and enforceability of the ownership in the securities. Article 21 of the PIL states that the acquisition, disposition or change of the right to things with respect to bearer securities shall be governed by the law of the jurisdiction where the security is held. However, there is no rule on the securities deposited or registered with the intermediary (including a CSD).

Korea is not a party to the Convention on the law applicable to certain rights in respect of securities held with an intermediary (so called, Hague Securities Convention), and Korean law does not have any specific provision in this regard. The



applicable law with respect to securities held with foreign depositories have been discussed by Korean legal scholars and the prevailing view is that the law of the jurisdiction where the intermediary is located governs, which is called the Place of the Relevant Intermediary Approach (“**PRIMA**”). However, PRIMA has not been officially recognized and admitted by any administrative or judicial authority in Korea.

However, notwithstanding the ambiguity on the Korean rules determining the law applicable to the ownership issue in connection with the securities held in a CSD, we believe that the applicable law in determining the ownership of the securities held in the CSD should not be a Korean law since (i) the securities are issued under a foreign law, (ii) the CSD is located outside Korea, (iii) the deposit agreement between the CSD and us is not governed by Korean law. In our view, the fact that end-clients are Korean residents does not provide a sufficiently strong nexus through which Korean law should govern the ownership issue of the securities.

Accordingly in this disclosure, we reasonably believe that laws of the jurisdiction where the relevant CSD is located (i.e. the European Union) will govern the segregation of the Clients’ securities from our general insolvency estate.

As we discuss further below, Clients’ legal entitlement to the securities that we hold for them directly with the CSDs would not be affected by our insolvency, whether those securities were held in ISAs or OSAs on the basis that the laws of the European Union provide to that effect.

The distribution of the securities in practice on an insolvency would depend on a number of factors, the most relevant of which are discussed below.

#### ***Application of South Korean insolvency law***

Under Article 7 of the PIL, the mandatory law of Korea applies regardless of the principle of conflict of laws. We understand that Korean insolvency law is such a mandatory law which applies to Korean residents. We, as a Korean bank, will be subject to the Debtor Rehabilitation and Bankruptcy Law of Korea (“**DRBL**”), the sole Korean insolvency law which may apply to the insolvency of Korean banks.

Were we to become insolvent, our insolvency proceedings would take place in South Korea and be governed by the DRBL. However, the DRBL does not address the issue of whether a client’s securities form part of an insolvent entity’s general insolvency estate, and, in any event, this issue is governed by the law of the jurisdiction where the relevant CSD is located.

If, under the applicable laws of the European Union, securities that we held on behalf of clients would not form part of our estate on insolvency for distribution to creditors, such securities would not form part of our insolvency estate and would not be subject to Korean insolvency proceedings.

As a result, it would not be necessary for clients to make a claim in our insolvency as a general unsecured creditor in respect of those securities.

Accordingly, where we hold securities in custody for clients and those securities are considered the property of those clients rather than our own property, they should be



protected on our insolvency. This applies whether the securities are held in an OSA or an ISA.

#### *Nature of clients' interests*

Although our clients' securities are registered in our name at the relevant CSD, we hold them on behalf of our clients, who are considered as a matter of law to have a beneficial proprietary interest in those securities. This is in addition to any contractual right a client may have against us to have the securities delivered to them.

This applies both in the case of ISAs and OSAs. However, the nature of clients' interests in ISAs and OSAs is different. In relation to an ISA, each client is beneficially entitled to all of the securities held in the ISA attributable to that client. In the case of an OSA, as the securities are held collectively in a single account, each client is normally considered to have a beneficial interest in all securities in the account proportionate to its holding of securities as recorded in our books and records.

Our books and records constitute evidence of our clients' beneficial interests in the securities. The ability to rely on such evidence would be particularly important on our insolvency and in the case of an OSA, since no records of individual clients' entitlements would be held by the relevant CSD.

#### ***Shortfalls***

If there were a shortfall between the number of securities that we are obliged to deliver to clients and the number of securities that we hold on their behalf in either an ISA or an OSA, this could result in fewer securities than clients are entitled to being returned to them on our insolvency. The way in which a shortfall could arise would be different as between ISAs and OSAs (see further below).

#### *How a shortfall may arise*

We do not permit clients to make use of or borrow securities belonging to other clients for intra-day settlement purposes, even where the securities are held in an OSA, in order to reduce the chances of a shortfall arising as a result of the relevant client failing to meet its obligation to reimburse the OSA for the securities used or borrowed.

Where we have been requested to settle a transaction for a client and that client has insufficient securities held with us to carry out that settlement, in the case of both an ISA and an OSA, we only carry out the settlement once the client has delivered to us the securities needed to meet the settlement obligation.

However, a shortfall could arise as a result of inadvertent administrative error or operational issues.

Nothing in this paragraph should be construed to override any obligation that the client owes us in respect of any irrevocable payment or delivery obligations (as these terms are defined in the custodial services agreement which we have in place with the client as amended or supplemented from time to time) which we incur in settling that client's trades.



### *Treatment of a shortfall*

In the case of an ISA, the whole of any shortfall on the relevant account would be attributable to the client for whom the account is held and would not be shared with other clients for whom we hold securities. Similarly, the client would not be exposed to a shortfall on an account held for another client or clients.

In the case of an OSA, the shortfall would be shared among the clients with an interest in the OSA. Therefore, a client may be exposed to a shortfall even where securities have been lost in circumstances which are completely unrelated to that client.

### *Shortfall mitigation rules*

If a shortfall arose for which we are liable to the client, the client may have a claim against us for any loss suffered. If we were to become insolvent prior to covering a shortfall, clients would rank as general unsecured creditors for any amounts owing to them in connection with such a claim. Clients would therefore be exposed to the risks of our insolvency, including the risk that they may not be able to recover all or part of any amounts claimed.

In these circumstances, clients could be exposed to the risk of loss on our insolvency. If securities were held in an ISA, the entire loss (equal to the shortfall) would be borne by the client for whom the relevant account was held. If securities were held in an OSA, each of the clients with an interest in that account would bear a loss equal to the amount of the shortfall allocated to it.

In order to calculate clients' shares of any shortfall in respect of an OSA, each client's entitlement to securities held within that account would need to be established as a matter of law and fact based on our books and records. Any shortfall in a particular security held in an OSA would then be allocated among all clients with an interest in that security in the account. It is likely that this allocation would be made rateably between clients with an interest in that security in the OSA, although arguments could be made that in certain circumstances a shortfall in a particular security in an OSA should be attributed to a particular client or clients. It may therefore be a time consuming process to confirm each client's entitlement. This could give rise to delays in returning securities and initial uncertainty for a client as to its actual entitlement on an insolvency. Ascertaining clients' entitlements could also give rise to the expense of litigation, which could be paid out of clients' securities in the event of our insolvency.

### *Security interests*

#### *Security interest granted to a third party other than a CSD*

Security interests granted over clients' securities (which for the avoidance of doubt must always be granted in accordance with the terms of the custodial services agreement and/or additional contractual agreements that we have in place with them) could have a different impact in the case of ISAs and OSAs.

Where the client purports to grant a security interest over its interest in securities held by us which we hold in an OSA and the security interest was asserted against the CSD



with which the account was held, there could be a delay in the return of securities from that account to all clients holding securities in the relevant account. However, in practice, we would expect that the beneficiary of a security interest over a client's securities would perfect its security by notifying us rather than the CSD and would seek to enforce the security against us rather than against the CSD, with which it had no relationship. We would also expect the CSDs to refuse to recognise a claim asserted by anyone other than ourselves as account holder.

#### *Security interest granted to CSD*

Should the CSD benefit from a security interest over securities held for a client, there could be a delay in the return of securities to a client (and a possible shortfall) in the event that we failed to satisfy our obligations to the CSD and the security interest was enforced. This applies whether the securities are held in an ISA or an OSA. However, in practice, we would expect that a CSD would first seek recourse to any securities held in our own proprietary accounts to satisfy our obligations and only then make use of securities in client accounts. We would also expect a CSD to enforce its security rateably across client accounts held with it.

#### *Corporate actions*

Where securities are held in an ISA and the client is entitled to a fractional entitlement on a corporate action, it is possible that the client would not in practice benefit from that fractional entitlement. However, where securities are held in an OSA, fractional entitlements may be received on an aggregated basis and therefore it is more likely that the clients may be able to benefit from some or all of those fractional entitlements.

Our insolvency may also have an impact on our ability to collect any entitlements, such as dividends, due on clients' securities held in an ISA or OSA or exercise any voting rights in respect of those securities.

#### **4. CSD disclosures**

Set out below are links to the disclosures made by the CSDs in which we are a participant. The below links will contain the CSD disclosure once published by the CSD:

<b>CSD Participant</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>CSDs</b>	<b>Links to CSD disclosures or websites</b>
Citibank Korea Inc.	Korea	Clearstream Banking SA	<a href="http://www.clearstream.com">http://www.clearstream.com</a>
		Euroclear Bank SA/NV	<a href="https://my.euroclear.com/apps/en/reference-search.html#q=eq:rights%20of%20participants&amp;entity=eq:ef:eui:eb&amp;limit=0">https://my.euroclear.com/apps/en/reference-search.html#q=eq:rights%20of%20participants&amp;entity=eq:ef:eui:eb&amp;limit=0</a>

These disclosures have been provided by the relevant CSDs. We have not investigated or performed due diligence on the disclosures and clients rely on the CSD disclosures at their own risk.



## GLOSSARY

***Central Securities Depository*** or ***CSD*** means an entity which records legal entitlements to dematerialised securities and operates a system for the settlement of transactions in those securities.

***Central Securities Depositories Regulation*** or ***CSDR*** refers to EU Regulation 909/2014 which sets out rules applicable to CSDs and their participants.

***direct participant*** means an entity that holds securities in an account with a CSD and is responsible for settling transactions in securities that take place within a CSD. A direct participant should be distinguished from an indirect participant, which is an entity, such as a global custodian, which appoints a direct participant to hold securities for it with a CSD.

***EEA*** means the European Economic Area.



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