

# IN THE MATTER OF A SETTLEMENT HEARING PURSUANT TO SECTION 24.4 OF BY-LAW NO. 1 OF THE MUTUAL FUND DEALERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

Re: Emily Yu

# SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

#### I. INTRODUCTION

1. By Notice of Settlement Hearing, the Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada (the "MFDA") will announce that it proposes to hold a hearing to consider whether, pursuant to section 24.4 of By-law No. 1, a hearing panel of the Pacific Regional Council (the "Hearing Panel") of the MFDA should accept the settlement agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") entered into between Staff of the MFDA ("Staff") and Emily Yu (the "Respondent").

#### II. JOINT SETTLEMENT RECOMMENDATION

- 2. Staff conducted an investigation of the Respondent's activities. The investigation disclosed that the Respondent had engaged in activity for which the Respondent could be penalized on the exercise of the discretion of the Hearing Panel pursuant to s. 24.1 of By-law No.1.
- 3. Staff and the Respondent recommend settlement of the matters disclosed by the investigation in accordance with the terms and conditions set out below. The Respondent agrees to the settlement on the basis of the facts set out in Part IV herein and consents to the making of an Order in the form attached as Schedule "A".

4. Staff and the Respondent agree that the terms of this Settlement Agreement, including the attached Schedule "A", will be released to the public only if and when the Settlement Agreement is accepted by the Hearing Panel.

#### III. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

5. Staff and the Respondent agree with the facts set out in Part IV herein for the purposes of this Settlement Agreement only and further agree that this agreement of facts is without prejudice to the Respondent or Staff in any other proceeding of any kind including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any proceedings brought by the MFDA (subject to Part IX) or any civil or other proceedings which may be brought by any other person or agency, whether or not this Settlement Agreement is accepted by the Hearing Panel.

#### IV. AGREED FACTS

## **Registration History**

- 6. The Respondent was registered in Alberta from April 19, 2012 to December 31, 2012 and in British Columbia from April 19, 2012 to December 31, 2015, with Portfolio Strategies Corporation ("PSC"), a Member of the MFDA.
- 7. The Respondent is not currently registered in the securities industry.
- 8. At all material times, the Respondent conducted business in the Vancouver, British Columbia area.

### **Altered Account Forms**

- 9. At all material times, PSC had a policy and procedure in place that prohibited its approved persons from using pre-signed account and altered account forms that have altered but not initialed.
- 10. In October 2015, the Respondent altered two account forms in respect of one client by altering information on the account forms without having the client initial the alterations.
- 11. The altered account forms consisted of one Letter of Direction and one Transfer Authorization Form.

#### **Additional Factors**

- 12. The Respondent has not previously been the subject of an MFDA disciplinary proceeding.
- 13. There is no evidence that the Respondent received any financial benefit from engaging in the misconduct described above beyond any commissions and fees that she would ordinarily be entitled to receive had the transactions been carried out in the proper manner.

#### V. CONTRAVENTION

14. The Respondent admits that in or around October 2015, the Respondent altered two account forms in respect of one client by altering information on the account forms without having the client initial the alterations, contrary to MFDA Rule 2.1.1.

#### VI. TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

- 15. The Respondent agrees to the following terms of settlement:
  - a) the Respondent shall pay costs of \$1,500 in certified funds upon acceptance of the Settlement Agreement, pursuant to Section 24.1.1(b) of MFDA Bylaw No. 1;
  - b) the Respondent shall successfully complete the Conduct and Practices Handbook course offered by the Canadian Securities Institute within 6 months of the date when this Settlement Agreement is accepted by a Hearing Panel of the MFDA;
  - c) if the Respondent fails to comply with subparagraph (b) above, then without further notice to the Respondent, the Respondent shall summarily be prohibited from conducting securities related business while in the employ of or associated with any Member of the MFDA until she has complied with subparagraph (b);
  - d) the Respondent shall in the future comply with MFDA Rule 2.1.1; and
  - e) the Respondent will attend the Settlement Hearing in person.

#### VII. STAFF COMMITMENT

16. If this Settlement Agreement is accepted by the Hearing Panel, Staff will not initiate any proceeding under the By-laws of the MFDA against the Respondent in respect of the facts set out

in Part IV and the contraventions described in Part V of this Settlement Agreement, subject to the provisions of Part IX below. Nothing in this Settlement Agreement precludes Staff from investigating or initiating proceedings in respect of any facts and contraventions that are not set out in Parts IV and V of this Settlement Agreement or in respect of conduct that occurred outside the specified date ranges of the facts and contraventions set out in Parts IV and V, whether known or unknown at the time of settlement. Furthermore, nothing in this Settlement Agreement shall relieve the Respondent from fulfilling any continuing regulatory obligations.

#### VIII. PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT

- 17. Acceptance of this Settlement Agreement shall be sought at a hearing of the Pacific Regional Council of the MFDA on a date agreed to by counsel for Staff and the Respondent. MFDA Settlement Hearings are typically held in the absence of the public pursuant to section 20.5 of MFDA By-law No. 1 and Rule 15.2(2) of the MFDA Rules of Procedure. If the Hearing Panel accepts the Settlement Agreement, then the proceeding will become open to the public and a copy of the decision of the Hearing Panel and the Settlement Agreement will be made available at www.mfda.ca.
- 18. Staff and the Respondent may refer to any part, or all, of the Settlement Agreement at the Settlement Hearing. Staff and the Respondent also agree that if this Settlement Agreement is accepted by the Hearing Panel, it will constitute the entirety of the evidence to be submitted respecting the Respondent in this matter, and the Respondent agrees to waive her rights to a full hearing, a review hearing before the Board of Directors of the MFDA or any securities commission with jurisdiction in the matter under its enabling legislation, or a judicial review or appeal of the matter before any court of competent jurisdiction.
- 19. Staff and the Respondent agree that if this Settlement Agreement is accepted by the Hearing Panel, then the Respondent shall be deemed to have been penalized by the Hearing Panel pursuant to s. 24.1.1 of By-law No. 1 for the purpose of giving notice to the public thereof in accordance with s. 24.5 of By-law No. 1.
- 20. Staff and the Respondent agree that if this Settlement Agreement is accepted by the Hearing Panel, neither Staff nor the Respondent will make any public statement inconsistent with

this Settlement Agreement. Nothing in this section is intended to restrict the Respondent from making full answer and defence to any civil or other proceedings against her.

#### IX. FAILURE TO HONOUR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

21. If this Settlement Agreement is accepted by the Hearing Panel and, at any subsequent time, the Respondent fails to honour any of the Terms of Settlement set out herein, Staff reserves the right to bring proceedings under section 24.3 of the By-laws of the MFDA against the Respondent based on, but not limited to, the facts set out in Part IV of the Settlement Agreement, as well as the breach of the Settlement Agreement. If such additional enforcement action is taken, the Respondent agrees that the proceeding(s) may be heard and determined by a hearing panel comprised of all or some of the same members of the hearing panel that accepted the Settlement Agreement, if available.

#### X. NON-ACCEPTANCE OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- 22. If, for any reason whatsoever, this Settlement Agreement is not accepted by the Hearing Panel or an Order in the form attached as Schedule "A" is not made by the Hearing Panel, each of Staff and the Respondent will be entitled to any available proceedings, remedies and challenges, including proceeding to a disciplinary hearing pursuant to sections 20 and 24 of By-law No. 1, unaffected by this Settlement Agreement or the settlement negotiations.
- 23. Whether or not this Settlement Agreement is accepted by the Hearing Panel, the Respondent agrees that she will not, in any proceeding, refer to or rely upon this Settlement Agreement or the negotiation or process of approval of this Settlement Agreement as the basis for any allegation against the MFDA of lack of jurisdiction, bias, appearance of bias, unfairness, or any other remedy or challenge that may otherwise be available.

#### XI. DISCLOSURE OF AGREEMENT

24. The terms of this Settlement Agreement will be treated as confidential by the parties hereto until accepted by the Hearing Panel, and forever if, for any reason whatsoever, this Settlement Agreement is not accepted by the Hearing Panel, except with the written consent of both the Respondent and Staff or as may be required by law.

25. Any obligations of confidentiality shall terminate upon acceptance of this Settlement Agreement by the Hearing Panel.

## XII. EXECUTION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- 26. This Settlement Agreement may be signed in one or more counterparts which together shall constitute a binding agreement.
- 27. A facsimile copy of any signature shall be effective as an original signature.

**DATED** this 21st day of March, 2019.

"Emily Yu"	
Emily Yu	
"WGM"	WGM
Witness – Signature	Witness – Print Name

"Shaun Devlin"

Shaun Devlin Staff of the MFDA Per: Shaun Devlin Senior Vice-President,

Member Regulation – Enforcement

### Schedule "A"

Order

File No. 201843



# IN THE MATTER OF A SETTLEMENT HEARING PURSUANT TO SECTION 24.4 OF BY-LAW NO. 1 OF THE MUTUAL FUND DEALERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

Re: Emily Yu

# **ORDER**

**WHEREAS** on March 29, 2018, the Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada (the "MFDA") issued a Notice of Hearing pursuant to section 24.4 of By-law No. 1 in respect of Emily Yu (the "Respondent")

**AND WHEREAS** the Respondent entered into a settlement agreement with Staff of the MFDA, dated [date] (the "Settlement Agreement"), in which the Respondent agreed to a proposed settlement of matters for which the Respondent could be disciplined pursuant to ss. 20 and 24.1 of By-law No. 1;

**AND WHEREAS** the Hearing Panel is of the opinion that,

a) In or around October 2015, the Respondent altered two account forms in respect of one client by altering information on the account forms without having the client initial the alterations, contrary to MFDA Rule 2.1.1.

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

- 1. the Respondent shall pay a fine of \$1,500 in certified funds upon acceptance of the Settlement Agreement, pursuant to Section 24.1.1(b) of MFDA Bylaw No. 1;
- 2. the Respondent shall successfully complete the Conduct and Practices Handbook course offered by the Canadian Securities Institute within 6 months of the date when this Settlement Agreement is accepted by a Hearing Panel of the MFDA;
- 3. if the Respondent fails to comply with paragraph (2) of this Order, then without further notice to the Respondent, the Respondent shall summarily be prohibited from conducting securities related business until she has complied with paragraph (2) of the Order;
- 4. if at any time a non-party to this proceeding, with the exception of the bodies set out in 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 MFDA Corporate Secretary 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 [day] day of [month], 20[].

Per:	
	[Name of Public Representative], Chair
Per:	
	[Name of Industry Representative]
Per:	
	[Name of Industry Representative]

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