

Compliance Auditor's Report

To the Members of Waterfield Financial and Investment Advisors Private Limited

Compliance Audit Report as per the Regulation 19(3) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Investment Advisers) Regulations, 2013 for the Financial Year 2023-24.

We have conducted a compliance audit of **Waterfield Financial and Investment Advisors Private Limited** ('the Company'), having its registered office at 142, 14th Floor, Maker Chamber VI, 220 Jamnalal Bajaj Marg, Nariman Point, Mumbai 400 021 in pursuance of the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Investment Advisers) Regulations, 2013 ('the Regulations'), and we annex hereto summary of our observations.

Management's responsibility for compliance with the Regulations

Compliance with the provisions as laid down by the Regulations is solely the responsibility of the management of the Company. This responsibility, inter alia, includes compliance with capital adequacy requirement and qualification and certification requirement along with fulfilling certain general responsibilities and disclosure requirements as mentioned in the Regulations.

Compliance Officers' responsibility for monitoring the compliance in respect of the Regulations

Monitoring compliance with the Regulations is solely the responsibility of the Compliance Officer who is appointed by the Company. This responsibility includes monitoring the compliance by the Company in respect of the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1922, the Regulations, notifications, guidelines and instructions issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ('SEBI').

Our responsibility

- Pursuant to clause 19(3) of the Regulations, it is our responsibility to conduct a compliance audit, form an opinion on the same, and to report our opinion to the Management of the Company.
- 2. We have conducted our examination, on a test basis to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the Company has complied with all the provisions as laid down in the Regulations. We have compared the information provided to us by the Company with the relevant records, documentation given to us, wherever possible. We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion and to the best of our knowledge and according to examination of relevant documents and explanations given to us, the Company has complied with the provisions of the Regulations.



Disclaimer of Opinion

Regulation 15(6) states that the investment adviser shall not divulge any confidential information about its client, which has come to its knowledge, without taking prior permission of its clients, except where such disclosures are required to be made in compliance with any law for the time being in force. To the best of our knowledge, we have not come across any instances of the non - compliance with the said clause, however, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence to form an opinion / conclusion of the Company's statement in this regard. Accordingly, we are not in a position to express an opinion.

Restrictions on use

Our work was performed solely to obtain an assurance in respect of whether the Company has complied with all the clauses of the Regulations.

This audit report has been issued at the request of the Company, to whom it is addressed, for the purpose of obtaining an assurance as to whether the Company has complied with the provisions as laid down in the Regulation (only). It should not be used for any other purpose. We do not accept or assume any liability or duty of care for any other purpose or any other person on whom this audit report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

For ZADN & Associates LLP

Chartered Accountants

ICAI Firm Registration No. 112306W/W101020

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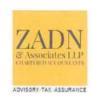
Partner

Membership No. 108053

UDIN: 24108053BKBZWS5207

Date: September 26, 2024

Place: Mumbai



CERTIFICATE FOR ANNUAL AUDIT COMPLIANCE

We have examined the relevant books of accounts, records and documents maintained by M/s. Waterfield Financial and Investment Advisors Private Limited, bearing SEBI registration number INA000001811 and a member of the BSE Administration and Supervision Ltd. (BASL) bearing BASL membership ID BASL1627 to fulfill the Annual Audit Compliance requirement as prescribed vide SEBI (Investment Advisors) Regulations, 2013, guidelines and circulars, for the year ended 2023-2024.

The purpose of this audit is to examine the processes, procedures followed, and the operations carried out by the Investment Adviser as per the applicable Acts, Rules, Regulations, Byelaws and Circulars prescribed by SEBI and BASL.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of this audit. In our opinion proper books of accounts, records & documents, as per the regulatory requirement have been maintained by the member, so far as it appears from examination of the books.

We have conducted the audit within the framework provided by SEBI/BASL for the purpose of this audit.

Based on the scrutiny of relevant books of accounts, records and documents, we certify that the member has complied with the relevant provisions of SEBI Act, 1992, SEBI (Investment Advisers) Regulations, 2013 and various circulars of SEBI & various circulars issued by the BASL except otherwise mentioned in the **Annexure** to this report.

We declare that we do not have any direct / indirect interest in or relationship with the member or its directors / partners / proprietors / management, other than the proposed Audit assignment and also confirm that we do not perceive any conflict of interest in such relationship / interest while conducting audit of the said member.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us by the individual IA/proprietor/partner(s)/director(s)/compliance officer and principal officer, the Report provided by us as per the Annexure and subject to our observations, which covers the entire scope of the audit, is true and correct.

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ANNEXURE

NOTE:

- 1. <u>Annual Audit Compliance Report (ACR)</u> As per Regulation 19(3) of SEBI (Investment Advisers) Regulations, 2013 an investment adviser shall conduct yearly audit in respect of compliance with these regulations from a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India or Institute of Company Secretaries of India (duly signed and stamped by IA and auditor).
- 2. <u>Client Level Segregation</u> As per Clause 2(i)(i) of SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/CIR/P/2020/182 dated September 23, 2020, an investment adviser shall maintain on record an annual certificate from an auditor (in case of individual IA) and its statutory auditor (in case of a non-individual IA) confirming compliance with the client level segregation requirements as specified in Regulation 22 of SEBI (Investment Advisers) Regulations, 2013.
- 3. Action Taken Report (ATR) As per Clause 2(vii) of SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/CIR/P/2020/182 dated September 23, 2020, In case of any adverse findings in the annual compliance audit report, Action Taken Report (ATR) for each non-compliance, duly approved by the individual IA/management of the non-individual IA within a period of one month from the date of the audit report but not later than, October 31, 2024

Annual Compliance Audit Report for F.Y 2023-2024

Name of Investment Adviser	Waterfield Financial and Investment Advisors Private Limited	
SEBI Registration No.	INA000001811	
BASL Membership ID	BASL1627	
Entity type		
Financial Year	2023-2024	
Name and Contact Details of Principal Officer	Name- Soumya Rajan Mobile No:- +91 022 66210700 Email id: principal.officer@waterfieldadvisors.com	
Name and Contact Details of Compliance Officer	Name- Kartik Kini Mobile No:- +91 022 66210700 Email id:- kartik.kini@waterfieldadvisors.com	
Total No. of Clients as on 31-03-2024	245	1550C/4

Regulation	Particulars	Compliance Status (anyone status as applicable to respective point to be retained)	Reason for non- compliance/ non- applicability	Management Comments		
				Whether Auditor comments accepted in case of non- compliance reported by auditor? (Yes/No)	Action taken on adverse findings (duly approved by the individual IA/management of the non-individual IA)	
Regulation 3	Application for grant of certificate (1) No person shall act as an investment adviser or hold itself out as an investment adviser unless he has obtained a certificate of registration from the Board under these regulations.	Complied, (Refer Attachment 1 and 2) Not Complied Not Applicable				
Regulation 6	Consideration of application and eligibility criteria Regulation 6 states all matters, which are relevant for the purpose of grant of certificate of registration.	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable				
Regulation 7	Qualification and certification requirement. An individual investment adviser or a principal officer of a non-individual investment adviser registered as an investment adviser under these regulations and persons associated with investment advice shall have minimum qualification and certification requirements as mentioned in Regulation 7(1) and 7(2).	Partially Complied, (Refer Attachment 3). Not Complied Not Applicable	The Principal officer as well as employees associated with investment advice have procured		5500	

			minimum qualification as well as certification requirement s except for some instances.	
SEBI Circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/C IR/P/2020/182 (Dated September 23, 2020) Clause 2(iv)	Qualification and certification requirement. Existing individual IAs above fifty years of age shall not be required to comply with the qualification and experience requirements specified under Regulation 7(1) (a) and 7(1) (b) of the amended IA Regulations. However, such IAs shall hold NISM accredited certifications and comply with other conditions as specified under Regulation 7(2) of the amended IA regulations at all times.	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable, Since the company is not an Individual IA, this SEBI Circulation is not applicable to it.		
Regulation 8	Net worth (1) Investment advisers who are non-individuals shall have a net worth of not less than fifty lakh rupees. (2) Investment advisers who are individuals shall have net tangible assets of value not less than five lakh rupees.	Complied, (Refer Attachment 4). Not Complied Not Applicable		



Regulation 13(b)	Conditions of certificate: The investment adviser shall inform the Board in writing, if any information or particulars previously submitted to the Board are found to be false or misleading in any material particular or if there is any material change in the information already submitted.	Not Complied Not Applicable, To the best of our knowledge, no such instances were noticed during the period under audit.	
SEBI Circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/C IR/P/2020/182 (Dated September 23, 2020) Clause 2(v)	Registration as Non-Individual Investment Advisor. An individual IA, whose number of clients exceed one hundred and fifty in total, shall apply for registration as non-individual investment adviser within such time as specified under this clause.	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable, Since the company is not an Individual IA, this SEBI Circulation is not applicable to it.	
Regulation 15	General Responsibility The regulation 15 imposes certain responsibilities on the Investment Adviser for the transactions it undertakes on behalf of its clients.	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable	
Regulation 15A read with SEBI Circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/C R/P/2020/182 (Dated September 23, 2020)	Fees Investment Adviser shall be entitled to charge fees for providing investment advice from a client in the manner as specified by the Board namely - Assets under Advice (AUA) mode or Fixed fee mode.	✓ Complied Not Complied Not Applicable	

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Regulation 16	Risk profiling This involves profiling, assessing the risk appetite of each client individually, and communication of such profile to the respective client.	Complied, (Refer Attachment 5 & 6). Not Complied Not Applicable
Regulation 17	Suitability Investment adviser shall ensure suitability of the advice being provided to the client.	Complied. Not Complied Not Applicable
SEBI Circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/C IR/P/2020/182 (Dated September 23, 2020) Clause 2(viii)	Risk profiling and suitability for non-individual clients. (a) In case of non-individual clients, IA shall use the investment policy as approved by board/management team of such non-individual clients for risk profiling and suitability analysis. (b) The discretion to share the investment policy/relevant excerpts of the policy shall lie with the non-individual client. However, IA shall have discretion not to onboard non-individual clients if they are unable to do risk profiling of the non-individual client in the absence of investment policy.	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable
Regulation 18	<u>Disclosure to clients</u> This involves disclosure of all prescribed information by the investment adviser to its clients.	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable

Regulation 19	Maintenance of records This regulation requires maintenance of prescribed records, preservation of the same and audit of such records by the prescribed professional.	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable	- ii	
SEBI Circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/C IR/P/2020/182 (Dated September 23, 2020) Clause 2(vi)	Maintenance of record. IA shall maintain and preserve records of interactions, with all clients including prospective clients, where any conversation related to advice has taken place as prescribed.	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable		
SEBI Circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/C IR/P/2020/182 (Dated September 23, 2020) Clause 2(ii)	Agreement between IA and the client. IA shall enter into an investment advisory agreement with its clients as prescribed and shall ensure that neither any investment advice is rendered, nor any fee is charged until the client has signed the aforesaid agreement and a copy of the signed agreement is provided to the client.	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable		
Regulation 20	Appointment of Compliance officer An investment adviser shall appoint a compliance officer who shall be responsible for monitoring the compliance by the investment adviser.	Complied, (Refer Attachment 7) Not Complied Not Applicable		

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Regulation 21 And SEBI Master circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD-PoD2/P/CIR/2023/8 9/ dated June 15,	Redressal of investor grievances through SEBI Complaints Redress system (SCORES) Platform: 6.2 - IAs shall prominently display in their offices the information about the grievance redressal mechanism available to investors. 6.3 - IAs shall also followed the Master Circular (SEBI NO COLDE (ICRD (RICE)) issued by SEBI on the	Complied Not Complied	
2023 - V(6)	(SEBI/HO/OIAE/IGRD/P/CIR/2022) issued by SEBI on the redressal of investor grievances through the SEBI Complaints Redress System (SCORES) and complied with it.		
Regulation 22, SEBI Circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/C IR/P/2020/182 (Dated September 23, 2020) Clause 2(i)	 Client level segregation of advisory and distribution activities. Has the annual client level segregation requirement been certified by an auditor (in case of individual IA) and its statutory auditor (in case of a non-individual IA) [Certificate of auditor to be attached along with] An individual investment adviser shall not provide distribution services. The family of an individual investment adviser shall not provide distribution services to the client advised by the individual investment adviser and no individual investment adviser shall provide advice to a client who is receiving distribution services from other family members. A non-individual investment adviser shall have client level segregation at group level for investment advisory and distribution services. Non-individual investment adviser shall maintain an arm's length relationship between its activities as investment adviser and distributor by providing advisory services through a separately identifiable department or division. 	Not Complied Not Applicable, Based on the details and information provided to and verified by us and to the best of our knowledge, the Company does not provide any such distribution services. Furthermore, the company is only providing investment advisory services and hence they are maintaining arm's length relationship.	



	 Compliance and monitoring process for client segregation at group or family level shall be in accordance with the guidelines as prescribed in the referred circular. 			
Regulation 22A	Implementation of advice or execution (1) Investment adviser may provide implementation services to advisory clients, provided no consideration shall be obtained directly or indirectly either at group level or at family level. (2) Investment adviser shall provide implementation services only through direct schemes. (3) Investment adviser or group or family of investment adviser shall not charge any implementation fees from the client. (4) The client shall not be under any obligation to avail implementation services offered by the investment adviser.	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable		
SEBI Circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/C IR/P/2020/182 (Dated September 23, 2020) Clause 2(ix)	Display of details on website and in other communication channels. IAs shall prominently display the information as prescribed, on its website, mobile app, printed or electronic materials, know your client forms, client agreements and other correspondences with the clients.	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable		
(SEBI/HO/MIRSD2/D OR/CIR/P/2020/221 dated November 03, 2020)	Compliance status of the SEBI circular for Advisory for financial Sector Organizations regarding Software as a Service (SaaS) based solutions for half-yearly ended September'23 and March'24.	Complied, (Refer Attachment 8) Not Complied Not Applicable		\$\$50C

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SEBI/HO/IMD/IMD- II	Complaints		
CIS/P/CIR/2021/068 6 (Dated December 13, 2021) and SEBI Master circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD- PoD- 2/P/CIR/2023/89/ dated June 15, 2023 - V (7) & SEBI/HO/IMD/IMD-II CIS/P/CIR/2021/068 6 (Dated December 13, 2021)	 All registered investment advisers are required to publish investor charter on their websites and mobile applications. If registered investment adviser do not have websites/mobile applications, then as a one-time measure, investor charter to be sent to the investors on their registered e-mail address. All registered investment advisers are required to disclose the details of investor complaints by 7th of the succeeding month on a monthly basis on their websites and mobile applications. If investment adviser do not have websites/mobile applications, status of investor complaints to be sent to the investors on their registered email ids on a monthly basis. 	✓ Complied Not Complied Not Applicable	
Cyber Security Awareness	Whether any planned Cyber Security Awareness are carried out among employees, stakeholders and clients. If Yes, details of Cyber Security Awareness programme conducted in the period of audit.	Complied, (Refer Attachment 9) Not Complied Not Applicable	
TRAI Guidelines - SEBI/HO/MIRSD/Do S- 2/P/OW/2023/0000 011041/1 (Dated March 16, 2023) and BASL Circular No. 20230329-1 dated March 29, 2023	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) - Guidelines to curb spam SMSes and misuse of Headers and Content Templates by unauthorised Telemarketers (UTMs)	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable	

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Usage of brand name/trade name - SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD-PoD-2/P/CIR/2023/52 (Dated April 06, 2023) and BASL Circular No. 20230411-1 dated April 11, 2023	Compliance to Usage of brand name/trade name by Investment Advisers (IA)	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable
SEBI / BASL Inspections	Last SEBI / BASL Inspection carried out date and period of inspection. Whether complied with inspection observations.	Complied Not Complied ✓ Not Applicable as no SEBI/ BASL inspection has been carried out.
SEBI Master circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD- PoD- 2/P/CIR/2023/89/ dated June 15, 2023 - Point II(2)	Whether IAs have complied with the following points:- 2.1 - Restriction on free trial 2.2 - Proper risk profiling and consent of client on risk profiling 2.3 - Receiving fees though banking channel only 2.4 - Display of complaints status on website	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable



SEBI Master circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD- PoD- 2/P/CIR/2023/89/ dated June 15, 2023 - IV(5)	Advisory for Financial Sector Organizations regarding Software as a Service (SaaS) based solutions Compliance of the SEBI circular for Advisory for financial Sector Organizations regarding Software as a Service (SaaS) based solutions for half-yearly ended 31st March and 30th September.	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable	
SEBI Circular no. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/ MIRSD-PoD- 2/P/CIR/2023/51 dated April 05, 2023 - VI(9) and BASL Circular no. 20230406-2 dated April 06 2023	Advertisement code Investment Advisers shall ensure compliance with the advertisement code	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable	
SEBI Master circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD- PoD- 2/P/CIR/2023/89/ dated June 15, 2023 - VI (10)	Facilitating transaction in Mutual Fund schemes through the Stock Exchange Infrastructure Compliance of aforementioned point VI (10) of master circular by registered investment advisers	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable	
SEBI Master circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD- POD- 2/P/CIR/2023/89/ dated June 15, 2023 - VI(11)	Unauthenticated news circulated by SEBI Registered Market Intermediaries through various modes of communication: Compliance of aforementioned point VI (11) of master circular by registered investment advisers	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable	



SEBI Master circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD- PoD- 2/P/CIR/2023/89/ dated June 15, 2023 - VI (12)	Guidelines on Outsourcing of Activities by Intermediaries Compliance of aforementioned point VI (12) of master circular by registered investment advisers	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable
SEBI Master circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD- PoD- 2/P/CIR/2023/89/ dated June 15, 2023 - VI(13)	<u>Framework</u> for <u>Regulatory</u> <u>Sandbox:</u> Compliance of aforementioned point VI (13) of master circular by registered investment advisers	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable
SEBI Master circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD- PoD- 2/P/CIR/2023/89/ dated June 15, 2023 - VI (14)	General Guidelines for dealing with Conflicts of Interest of intermediaries and their Associated Persons in Securities Market: Compliance of aforementioned point VI (14) of master circular by registered investment advisers	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable
SEBI Master circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD- PoD- 2/P/CIR/2023/89/ dated June 15, 2023 - VI(15)	Approach to securities market data access and terms of usage of data provided by data sources in Indian securities market: Compliance of aforementioned point VI (15) of master circular by registered investment advisers	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable



SEBI Master circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD- PoD- 2/P/CIR/2023/89/ dated June 15, 2023 - VI(17)	Guidelines on Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Standards and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) / Obligations of Securities Market Intermediaries under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 and Rules framed there under: Compliance of aforementioned point VI (17) of master circular by registered investment advisers.	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable	
SEBI Master circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD- PoD- 2/P/CIR/2023/89/ dated June 15, 2023 - VII	Reporting Requirements: IA has followed and complied to all reporting requirement as per VII of Master Circular	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable	
SEBI Master circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD- PoD- 2/P/CIR/2023/89/ dated June 15, 2023 - VIII	ANNEXURES Has IA followed all the annexures as prescribed in point VIII of Master circular	Complied Not Complied Not Applicable	

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