



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

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE MUTUAL FUND DEALER RULESⁱ**

and

Sungsoo (Steve) Lee

ORDER

(ARISING FROM THE SETTLEMENT HEARING ON MARCH 20, 2023)

WHEREAS on March 17, 2023, the Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada (the “MFDA”) provided notice to the public of a Settlement Hearing in respect of Sungsoo (Steve) Lee (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 March 17, 2023 (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 MFDA By-law No. 1 (now Mutual Fund Dealer Rules 7.3 and 7.4.1);

AND WHEREAS based upon the admissions of the Respondent, the Hearing Panel is of the opinion that the Respondent commencing October 2020, failed to cooperate with an investigation into his conduct by MFDA Staff, contrary to section 22.1 of MFDA By-law No. 1 (now Mutual Fund Dealer Rule 6.2.1);

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the ten day notice period required according to Rule 15.2 of the Mutual Fund Dealer Rules of Procedure is abridged pursuant to the discretion of the

Hearing Panel exercised in accordance with Rules 1.3, 1.5 and 2.2(1)(a) of the Mutual Fund Dealer Rules of Procedure and the Settlement Agreement is accepted, as a consequence of which:

1. The Respondent is permanently prohibited from conducting securities related business while in the employ of or in associate with a Member of the MFDA, pursuant to section 24.1.1(e) of MFDA By-law No. 1 (now Mutual Fund Dealer Rule 7.4.1.1(e)).
2. The Respondent shall pay a fine in the amount of \$35,000, pursuant to section 24.1.1(b) of MFDA By-law No. 1 (now Mutual Fund Dealer Rule 7.4.1.1(b)).
3. 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 Dealer Rule 7.4.2).
4. The Respondent shall pay the fine and costs in instalments as follows:
 - a) \$10,000 (fine) and \$5,000 (costs) payable in certified funds on the date of this Order; and
 - b) \$25,000 (fine) payable on or before September 23, 2023.
5. 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 Mutual Fund Dealer Rules of Procedure.

DATED this 20th day of March, 2023.

“Michael Carroll”

Michael Carroll, K.C.
Chair

“Barbara Fraser”

Barbara Fraser
Industry Representative

“Susan E. Monk”

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Industry Representative

ⁱ 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 Mutual Fund Dealer Rule 1A, MFDA By-law No. 1 continues to be applicable to this proceeding.