MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT

Sarasin Group
Modern Slavery Act Transparency Statement
July 2019

The Sarasin Group’s core values include acting with integrity and honesty which means having a zero-tolerance approach to modern slavery and human trafficking. We will at all times operate fairly and transparently and act proportionately to comply with the Modern Slavery Act 2015. We are proud of the steps we have taken to combat slavery and human trafficking. A summary of these steps is set out in this statement. If you would like further information, please contact compliancelondon@sarasin.co.uk

It is our expectation that all staff report concerns regarding modern slavery and that management act.

This statement is made with respect to the obligations of Sarasin Group under section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (the “Act”). This statement is made for the financial year ending 31st December 2018.

2. Organisational Structure

For the purposes of this statement, the Sarasin Group consists of the following entities -

Sarasin (U.K.) Ltd is a UK limited company which is ultimately owned by Bank J. Safra Sarasin Ltd based in Switzerland. Its primary business function is acting as a holding company;

S.I.M. Partnership (London) Ltd is a UK limited company that is owned by Sarasin (U.K) Ltd. Its primary business function is acting as a holding company;

Sarasin & Partners LLP (“S&B”) is a London-based limited liability partnership offering discretionary asset management services to charities, institutions, pension funds and private clients in the U.K and around the world. S&B is 46% owned by London management and is a subsidiary of Sarasin U.K. Limited. S&B has its offices in London with a branch office in Dublin, Ireland;
Sarasin Investment Funds Ltd is a UK limited company and a fully owned subsidiary of SBP. Its primary business function is acting as a fund management company for UK funds;

Sarasin Funds Management (Ireland) Ltd is an Irish limited company and a fully owned subsidiary of SBP. Its primary business function is acting as a fund management company for Irish funds;

Sarasin Asset Management Ltd is a UK limited company and a fully owned subsidiary of SBP. Its primary business function is offering discretionary asset management services to US clients.

This statement is prepared on behalf of the group however, as of the date of this policy only SBP and Sarasin Investment Funds Ltd meet the required turnover threshold set out in the Act.

3. Our Policy on Slavery and Human Trafficking

We are committed to ensuring that there is no modern slavery or human trafficking in our supply chain or in any part of our business. Our policies reflect our commitment to acting ethically and with integrity in all our business relationships and having in place effective systems and controls to ensure slavery and human trafficking is not taking place anywhere in our supply chain.

4. Risk Assessment

Our supply chain is relatively limited and comprises of contracts for financial services with suppliers and trading counterparties to support our asset management and fund management company activities. We also engage the services of suppliers to support our office activities on a day-to-day basis. The Sarasin Group does not produce, manufacture or retail any physical goods and as such we have no supply chain relating to those activities. Our supply chain is concentrated mainly to SBP given the nature of the other companies in the group which typically consist of a board of directors that will delegate any activity to SBP or relevant third party supplier.

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Examples

- Partners
- Employees
- Consultants
- Contractors

We pride ourselves on being a supportive and caring employer. We ensure that the working conditions of our staff meet the standard reasonably expected of a professional asset manager. We promote health and wellbeing of our staff through a number of initiatives and benefit schemes. The HR department and heads of department actively encourage employees to manage a suitable work-life balance. All employees must follow our core values and staff handbook.

(b) Goods and services suppliers – suppliers used in the ordinary course of business.

Examples

- Cleaners
- Office consumables
- Maintenance contracts
- Utility providers

Our supply chain for these types of goods and services is predominately based in the UK and Ireland. Goods and services received are of the kind customary to a commercial office setting and are of low to mid monetary value. We have an existing supplier approval process in place which all suppliers must be put through. A new supplier requires the sign-off of Finance, Compliance and Legal before goods and/or services can be received and payments made. The Compliance check involves running the supplier and its directors through third party databases performing background checks.

(c) Counterparties – our network of counterparties that are integral to our asset management business.

Examples

- Brokers
- Banks
- Research/data providers
- Distributors/Platforms

All of our trading counterparties are regulated financial services providers bound by FCA/PRA rules (or equivalent regulators worldwide) subject to industry-wide standards of conduct. We would expect that these counterparties would have robust compliance processes in place including those to combat modern slavery and take the same zero-tolerance stance on it. As it is our policy only to trade with regulated entities, we have taken no further action in relation to this group.

(d) Outsourced Providers – those organisations we use to support the operations of our business.

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These are providers that have contracted with us to provide services that are material to the operation of our business or where we have outsourced a particular part of our service. Due to the nature of the relationships, this group of providers are monitored and reviewed by an internal group called the Outsourcing Oversight Panel. They are responsible for monitoring outsourced relations and key services provision. A process is in place for when a provider of this type is reviewed where appropriate; their statement will be requested and reviewed as part of this process.

6. Training

To ensure a high level of understanding of the risks of modern slavery and human trafficking in our supply chain and our business, we intend to provide appropriate training to relevant members of staff and publish this statement on our intranet.

Approval

This statement had been approved by the Board of Sarasin (UK) Ltd.

Thomas Service
Director