



## Global Equity Research

### Scotiabank, Global Banking & Markets Research Analyst Standards and Disclosure Policy

Our mission in Global Equity Research is to provide our clients and investors with strong leadership and guidance in their investment process. Therefore, it is vital that our clients and investors have confidence and trust in the research that we provide. To achieve this, we instill and support a philosophy of independence, objectivity, and credibility. The reputation of our business depends on it.

High analyst standards together with appropriate compliance policies, disclosure, and transparency are crucial to the integrity of our business practices. We have implemented responsible policies and procedures to address potential conflicts of interest and ensure responsible research.

One of Scotiabank, Global Banking & Markets core values is "Integrity: We act with integrity and professionalism in everything we do." We strive to live up to this core value.

Scotiabank, Global Banking & Markets Research Analysts must adhere to a strict and comprehensive standards and disclosure policy. Outlined below are some of the key aspects of the policy.

- Analysts are prohibited from acting as directors or officers of companies that they cover.
- All personal trading is monitored by our Compliance Department. All personal trading of Analysts must be pre-approved by the Head of Global Equity Research or the Supervisory Analyst who will generally apply the restrictions below.
- Analysts are prohibited from trading contrary to their recommendations.
- If an Analyst is initiating coverage of a company, he or she is prohibited from trading the stock or any derivative of such security commencing when the decision is made to initiate coverage and ending 5 days after the report is issued.
- If an Analyst is changing a recommendation or materially changing a target price (more than 10%) on a security, he or she is prohibited from trading the security for 30 days before and 5 days after the issuance of the research report.
- Analysts are prohibited from purchasing securities of an issuer before the issuer's IPO if such security is in the Analyst's sector of coverage.
- We disclose on our research reports when an Analyst or Associate or one of his or her related accounts has a financial interest in the securities they cover.
- All research reports and recommendation changes are approved by the Head of Global Equity Research or a Supervisory Analyst before publication.
- Analyst draft reports are closely supervised. Draft reports may be reviewed by Investment Banking for factual accuracy, provided that comments from Investment Banking must be made through the Supervisory Analyst and not directly to the Analyst. Analysts may send a "Schedule of Facts" to a subject company for review prior to publication of a research report, solely to verify the accuracy of factual information. The "Schedule of Facts" cannot contain opinions, estimates, conclusions, research rating or price target. Any subsequent recommendation or target price changes are reviewed by the Supervisory Analyst.

- All of our research is made available to our clients who are entitled to receive it at the same time, either electronically on our website or in hard copy.
- We disclose on our research reports where a director or officer of Scotia Capital Inc. is a director of the company that is the subject of the report.
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