

***CODE OF CONDUCT FOR BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT  
PERSONNEL***

*Approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on April 30, 2024*

## 1. Introduction

The matters covered in this Code of Conduct for Board of Directors and Senior Management Personnel (“**Code**”) are of the utmost importance to Five-Star Business Finance Limited (“**Company**”), its shareholders and stakeholders and are essential so that it can conduct business in accordance with legal and ethical values to which the Company is strongly committed.

Pursuant to Regulation 17(5) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended (“**SEBI LODR Regulations**”), the Board of Directors of a listed entity is required to lay down a code of conduct for all members of the board of directors and senior management of the listed entity.

In compliance with the SEBI LODR Regulations, the board of directors of the Company (“**Board**”) has laid down this Code for the Board and the senior management personnel of the Company (i.e. officers and personnel of the Company who are members of its core management team, excluding the Board of directors and shall comprise all the members of management one level below the Chief Executive officer or Managing Director or whole time Director (including Chief Executive officer and Manager), and shall specifically include any functional heads, by whatever name called and the Company Secretary and the Chief Financial Officer (“**Senior Management Personnel**”). This Code enables the Company to publicly state to its external stakeholders, the way in which they intend to do business.

## 2. Applicability of this Code

This code applies to Board and Senior Management Personnel.

## 3. Code of Conduct

The Board and Senior Management Personnel of the Company should:

- a) demonstrate the highest standards of integrity, business ethics, and corporate governance;
- b) perform their roles with competence, diligence, in good faith and in the best interests of the Company;
- c) provide expertise and experience in their areas of specialization and share learnings at the meetings of the Board with best interests of the Company and its stakeholders in mind. They should point the Company's management in the right direction based on their experience and judgement;
- d) give careful and independent consideration to the affairs of the Company and all documents placed before them to satisfy themselves with the soundness of key decisions taken by the Management. They should call for additional information, where necessary, for making such judgements;
- e) not engage in any business, relationship or any activity which detrimentally conflicts with the interest of the Company or bring discredit to the Company. Any situation that creates a conflict of interest between personal interests and the Company and its stakeholders' interests must be avoided at all costs;
- f) follow all the guidelines put forth in the Policy for Prevention of Insider Trading;
- g) not disclose any confidential / privileged information of the Company and should direct any media queries or approaches to the appropriate spokesperson within the Company;
- h) not achieve or attempt to achieve any undue gain or advantage either to himself/herself or to his/her relatives, partners, or associates.

- i) Comply with all Policies, codes framed by the Company under applicable laws, rules and regulations. Without prejudice to generality of foregoing, comply with the provisions of applicable laws, rules and regulations in best interests of the Company.
- j) not enter into any agreement for themselves or on behalf of any other person, with any shareholder or any other third party with regard to compensation or profit sharing in connection with dealings in the securities of the Company, except without requisite approvals.
- k) Without prejudice to generality of foregoing, promptly disclose his or her interest/concern in a transaction involving the Company and/or any party(s) in which director/senior management is interested.

#### **4. Duties of Independent Directors**

The independent directors shall:

- a) undertake appropriate induction and regularly update and refresh their skills, knowledge and familiarity with the Company;
- b) seek appropriate clarification or amplification of information and, where necessary, take and follow appropriate professional advice and opinion of outside experts at the expense of the Company;
- c) strive to attend all meetings of the Board and of the committees of the Board, which the independent director(s) is a member of;
- d) participate constructively and actively in the committees of the Board in which they are chairpersons or members;
- e) strive to attend the general meetings of the Company;
- f) where they have concerns about the running of the Company or a proposed action, ensure that these are addressed by the Board and, to the extent that they are not resolved, insist that their concerns are recorded in the minutes of the meeting of Board;
- g) keep themselves well informed about the Company and the external environment in which it operates;
- h) not to unfairly obstruct the functioning of an otherwise proper the Board or committees of the Board;
- i) pay sufficient attention and ensure that adequate deliberations are held before approving related party transactions and assure themselves that the same are in the interest of the Company;
- j) ascertain and ensure that the Company has an adequate and functional Whistle Blower Policy and to ensure that the interests of a person who uses such mechanism are not prejudicially affected on account of such use;
- k) report concerns about unethical behaviour, actual or suspected fraud or violation of the Company's code of conduct or ethics policy, if any;
- l) acting within his / her authority, assist in protecting the legitimate interests of the Company, shareholders, and its employees; and
- m) not disclose confidential information, including commercial secrets, technologies, advertising and sales promotion plans, unpublished price sensitive information, unless such disclosure is expressly approved by the Board or required by law.

#### **5. Annual Affirmation and Compliance of this Code**

As per Regulation 26(3) of the SEBI LODR Regulations, all members of the Board and Senior Management Personnel of the Company shall affirm compliance with this Code on an annual basis.