

# Professional insurance portfolio

# Important information

This document contains the policy wordings for each of the available covers for this insurance. However, you should **carefully read your policy schedule in full** and ensure that you understand which of the covers you have selected.

If you have any questions about your policy or the covers you have selected, you should contact Hiscox or your insurance advisor, if you have one.

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Policy wording

# A seamless integrated insurance solution for professionals.

Please read this wording, together with any **endorsements** and the schedule, very carefully. If anything is not correct, please notify **us** immediately.

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# Our promise to you

In return for the premium **you** have paid, **we** agree to insure **you** in accordance with the terms and conditions of the **policy**.

**Ben Horton** 

Executive Director, Hiscox Underwriting Ltd Chief Underwriting Officer, Hiscox UK

# Complaints procedure

Hiscox aims to ensure that all aspects of **your** insurance are dealt with promptly, efficiently and fairly. At all times Hiscox are committed to providing **you** with the highest standard of service. If **you** have any concerns about **your policy** or **you** are dissatisfied about the handling of a claim and wish to complain **you** should, in the first instance, contact Hiscox Customer Relations in writing at:

Hiscox Customer Relations The Hiscox Building Peasholme Green York YO1 7PR United Kingdom

or by telephone on +44 (0)800 116 4627 or +44 (0)1904 681 198 or by email at customer.relations@hiscox.com.

Where **you** are not satisfied with the final response from Hiscox, **you** also have the right to refer **your** complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service. For more information regarding the scope of the Financial Ombudsman Service, please refer to www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk.



# **General definitions**

Words shown in **bold** type have the same meaning wherever they appear in this **policy**.

The words defined below are used throughout this **policy**. Any other definitions are shown in the section to which they apply.

### Asbestos risks

- a. The mining, processing, manufacturing, use, testing, ownership, sale or removal of asbestos, asbestos fibres or material containing asbestos; or
- b. exposure to asbestos, asbestos fibres or materials containing asbestos; or
- c. the provision of instructions, recommendations, notices, warnings, supervision or advice given, or which should have been given, in connection with asbestos, asbestos fibres or structures or materials containing asbestos.

**Business** 

Your business or profession as shown in the schedule.

Confiscation

Confiscation, nationalisation, requisition, expropriation, deprivation, destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of any government or public or local authority.

**Date recognition** 

Any failure by any equipment (including any hardware or software) to correctly recognise any given date or to process any data or to operate properly due to any failure to correctly recognise any given date.

**Endorsement** 

A change to the terms of the **policy**.

**Excess** 

The amount you must bear as the first part of each agreed claim or loss.

**Geographical limits** 

The geographical area shown in the schedule.

**Nuclear risks** 

- a. Any sort of nuclear material, nuclear reaction, nuclear radiation or radioactive contamination;
- any products or services which include, involve or relate in any way to anything in a. above, or the storage, handling or disposal of anything in a. above;
- all operations carried out on any site or premises on which anything in a. or b. above is located.

# Period of insurance

The time for which this **policy** is in force as shown in the schedule.

**Policy** 

This insurance document and the schedule, including any **endorsements**.

**Program** 

A set of instructions written in a computer language which tells a computer how to process data or interact with ancillary equipment.

**Terrorism** 

An act, or the threat of an act, by any person or group of persons, whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation or government, that:

- a. is committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purposes; and
- is intended to influence any government or to put the public, or any section of the public, in fear; and
- c. i. involves violence against one or more persons; or
  - ii. involves damage to property; or
  - iii. endangers life other than that of the person committing the action; or
  - iv. creates a risk to health or safety of the public or a section of the public; or
  - v. is designed to interfere with or to disrupt an electronic system.

Virus

**Programmes** that are secretly introduced without **your** permission or knowledge including, but not limited to, malware, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware and other malicious unwanted software.

War

War, invasion, act of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power.

We/us/our

The insurers named in the schedule.

You/your

The insured named in the schedule.



# **General conditions**

The following conditions apply to the whole of this **policy**. Any other conditions are shown in the section to which they apply.

Presentation of the risk

In agreeing to insure **you** and in setting the terms and premium, **we** have relied on the information **you** have given **us**. **You** must provide a fair presentation of the risk and must take care when answering any questions **we** ask by ensuring that all information provided is accurate and complete. A fair presentation is one which clearly discloses in a reasonably clear and accessible manner all material facts which **you** (including **your** senior management and those responsible for arranging this insurance) know or ought to know following a reasonable search.

If you fail to make a fair presentation

- a. If we establish that you deliberately or recklessly failed to present the risk to
  us fairly, we may treat this policy as if it never existed and refuse to make any
  payment under it. You must reimburse all payments already made by us and
  we will be entitled to retain all premiums paid.
  - b. If we establish that you failed to present the risk to us fairly but that your failure was not deliberate or reckless, the remedy we will have available to us will depend upon what we would have done had you made a fair presentation of the risk, as follows:
    - i. if we would not have provided this policy, we may treat it as if it never existed and refuse to make any payment under it. You must reimburse all payments already made by us. We will refund any premiums you have paid; or
    - ii. if we would have provided this policy on different terms (other than as to premium), we will treat it as if it had been provided on such different terms from the start of the period of insurance. This may result in us making no payment for a particular claim or loss. You must reimburse any payment made by us that we would not have paid if such terms had been in effect.

Change of circumstances

3. **You** must tell **us** as soon as reasonably possible of any change in circumstances during the **period of insurance** which may materially affect this **policy** (a material fact or circumstance is one which might affect **our** decision to provide insurance or the conditions of that insurance). **We** may then change the terms and conditions of this **policy** or cancel it in accordance with the Cancellation condition,

If you fail to notify us of a change of circumstances

- 4. a. If **we** establish that **you** deliberately or recklessly failed to:
  - i. notify **us** of a change of circumstances which may materially affect the **policy**; or
  - ii. comply with the obligation in 1. above to make a fair presentation of the risk to us when providing us with information in relation to a change of circumstances;

**we** may treat this **policy** as if it no longer existed from the date of such change of circumstances and refuse to make any payment under it in respect of any claim made or any loss occurring after that date. **You** must reimburse all payments already made by **us** relating to claims made or losses occurring after such date. **We** will be entitled to retain all premiums paid.

- b. If **we** establish that **you** failed to notify **us** of a change of circumstances or to make a fair presentation of the risk to **us** when providing **us** with information in relation to a change of circumstances, but that **your** failure was not deliberate or reckless, the remedy **we** will have available to **us** will depend upon what **we** would have done had **you** fairly presented the change of circumstances to **us**, as follows:
  - i. if we would have cancelled this policy, we may treat it as cancelled from the date that such cancellation would have been effective and refuse to make any payment under it in respect of any claim made or any incident occurring after that date. You must reimburse any payments already made by us relating to claims made or losses occurring after such date. We will refund any premiums you have paid in respect of any period after the date when cancellation would have been effective; or
  - ii. if we would have provided this policy on different terms (other than as to premium), we will treat it as if it had been provided on such different terms from the date when your circumstances changed. This may result in us making no payment for a particular claim or loss.



# Reasonable precautions

You must take reasonable steps to prevent accident or injury and to protect your property against loss or damage. You must keep any property insured under this policy in good condition and repair. We will not make any payment under this policy in respect of any incident occurring whilst you are not in compliance with this condition unless you can demonstrate that such non-compliance could not have increased the risk of the loss, damage, accident or injury occurring in the circumstances in which it occurred.

# Premium payment

We will not make any payment under this policy until you have paid the premium.

### Cancellation

7. You or we can cancel the policy by giving 30 days' written notice. We will give you a pro-rata refund of the premium for the remaining portion of the period of insurance after the effective date of cancellation for which you have already paid. However, we will not refund any premium under £20.

If we have agreed that you can pay us the premium by instalments and we have not received an instalment 14 days after the due date, we may cancel the policy. In this event, the period of insurance will equate to the period for which premium instalments have been paid to us. We will confirm the cancellation and amended period of insurance to you in writing.

### Multiple insureds

The most **we** will pay is the relevant amount shown in the schedule.

If more than one insured is named in the schedule, the total amount we will pay will not exceed the amount we would be liable to pay to any one of you.

You agree that the insured named in the schedule, or if there is more than one insured named in the schedule the first of them, is authorised to receive all notices and agree any amendments to the policy.

## Aggregate limit

Where this **policy** specifies an aggregate limit, this means **our** maximum payment for all relevant claims or losses covered under the policy during the period of insurance.

# Rights of third parties

10. You and we are the only parties to this policy. Nothing in this policy is intended to give any person any right to enforce any term of this policy which that person would not have had but for the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

# Other insurance

11. We will not make any payment under this policy where you would be entitled to be paid under any other insurance if this policy did not exist except in respect of any amount in excess of the amount that would have been payable under such other insurance had this policy not been effected. If such other insurance is provided by us the most we will pay under this **policy** will be reduced by the amount payable under such other insurance.

Cover under multiple sections 12. Where you, including anyone within the meaning of 'you' or 'insured person' in any section of the policy, are entitled to cover under more than one section of the policy in respect of the same claim or loss, or any part of a claim or loss, we shall only provide cover under one section of the **policy**, being the section that provides the most advantageous cover to you or the party entitled to cover.

# Governing law

13. Unless some other law is agreed in writing, this policy will be governed by the laws of England.

## Arbitration

14. Any dispute arising out of or relating to this insurance, including over its construction, application and validity, will be referred to a single arbitrator in accordance with the Arbitration Act then in force.

# General claims conditions

The following claims conditions apply to the whole of this **policy**. You must also comply with the conditions shown in each section of the policy under the heading Your obligations.

## Your obligations

- We will not make any payment under this policy unless you:
  - give us prompt notice of anything which is likely to give rise to a claim under this policy in accordance with the terms of each section; and
  - give us, at your expense, any information which we may reasonably require and co-operate fully in the investigation of any claim under this policy.



### 2. You must:

- make every reasonable effort to minimise any loss, damage or liability and take appropriate emergency measures immediately if they are required to reduce any claim: and
- b. give us all assistance which we may reasonably require to pursue recovery of amounts we may become legally liable to pay under this policy, in your name but at our expense.

If **you** fail to do so, **you** shall be liable to **us** for an amount equal to the detriment **we** have suffered as a result of **your** failure to comply with this obligation, which **we** may deduct from any payment **we** make under this **policy**.

- 3. If **you** or anyone entitled to cover in respect of any claim or loss, or anyone on behalf of you or such other person, tries to deceive **us** by deliberately giving **us** false information or making a fraudulent claim under this **policy** then:
  - a. **we** shall be entitled to give **you** notice of termination of the **policy** with effect from the date of any fraudulent act or claim or the provision of such false information;
  - we shall be entitled to refuse to make any payment under the policy in respect of any claim made or any loss occurring after the date of any fraudulent act or claim or the provision of such false information;
  - you must reimburse all payments already made by us relating to claims made or losses occurring after the date of any fraudulent act or claim or the provision of such false information; and
  - d. we shall be entitled to retain all premiums paid.

This does not affect **your** rights in relation to any claim made or loss occurring before the date of any fraudulent act or claim or the provision of such false information.

4. Where this **policy** provides cover for any individual who, or entity that, is not a party to the **policy**, and where such an individual or entity (or anyone on their behalf) tries to deceive **us** by deliberately giving **us** false information or making a fraudulent claim under this **policy**, **our** rights set out in 3. above apply only to any individual or entity that gave the false information or made the fraudulent claim.

Fraud



# Professional indemnity for technology companies

Policy wording

Your schedule will indicate if your policy includes this section.

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. Cover under this section is given on an each and every claim or loss basis unless otherwise specified.

# Special definitions for this section

Advertising or branding

Advertising, branding, including your company name, trading name and any web domain name, publicity, or promotion in or of those of **your** products or services that expressly fall within **your business activity**, including online.

**Applicable courts** 

The courts of competent jurisdiction in those countries stated as the applicable courts in the schedule.

**Business activity** 

The activities stated in the schedule, which you perform in the course of your business.

Claim

Any written assertion of liability or any written demand for financial compensation or injunctive relief first made against **you** within the **applicable courts**.

Client

Any person or entity with whom **you** have contracted to provide services or deliverables that expressly fall within **your business activity**.

Computer or digital technology

Any **programs**, computer network, hardware, software, operational technology, internet-connected device, network-connected device, electronic device, information technology, communications system, including but not limited to any internet-of-things devices, email system, intranet, extranet, website or cloud computing services.

Computer or digital technology error

Any negligent act, error or omission by anyone in the:

- 1. creation, handling, entry, modification or maintenance of; or
- on-going operation, maintenance (including but not limited to installation, upgrading or patching) or development of,

any computer or digital technology.

# Cyber attack

Any digital attack or interference, whether by a **hacker** or otherwise, designed to:

- gain access to;
- 2. extract information from;
- 3. disrupt access to or the operation of; or
- cause damage to:

any data or computer or digital technology, including but not limited to any:

- a. programs designed to damage, disrupt, extract data from, or gain access to computer
  or digital technology including, but not limited to, malware, wipers, worms, trojans,
  rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, ransomware, crypto-jacking and other
  malicious software or viruses; or
- b. denial of service attack or distributed denial of service attack.

**Defence costs** 

All reasonable and necessary lawyers' and experts' fees and legal costs incurred with **our** prior written agreement in investigating, settling, defending, appealing or defending an appeal against a covered **claim** but not including any overhead costs, general business expenses, salaries, or wages incurred by **you** or any other person or entity entitled to coverage under this section.

**Employee** 

An individual performing employment duties solely on **your** behalf in the ordinary course of **your business activity** and who is subject to **your** sole control and direction and to whom **you** supply the instruments and place of work necessary to perform such **business activity**. **You** and **your** independent contractors will not be treated as **employees** under this section.



Hacker

Anyone, including an employee of **yours**, who gains unauthorised access to or unauthorised use of any:

- 1. computer or digital technology; or
- 2. data held electronically by you or on your behalf.

Liquidated damages

A sum of money, or mechanism for calculating such sum, agreed between **you** and **your client** by contract as the amount payable by **you** in the event of a specified breach of such contract provided that, at the time the sum or mechanism was agreed, it represented a fair and reasonable estimate of **your client's** loss in the event of **your** breach of the contract.

Loss

Any financial harm caused to your business.

Personal data

Any information about an individually identifiable natural person, including any information that identifies, relates to, describes, is reasonably capable of being associated with, or could reasonably be linked, directly or indirectly, with a particular individual, including but not limited to any information protected by the Data Protection Act 2018, General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, or any related, similar or successor legislation or regulation in any jurisdiction.

**Pollution** 

Any pollution or contamination, including noise, electromagnetic fields, radiation and radio waves.

**Potential claim** 

Anything likely to lead to a **claim** covered under this section.

Retroactive date

The date stated as the retroactive date in the schedule. For any **subsidiary** acquired by **you** during the **period of insurance** the retroactive date will be the date of acquisition.

Social engineering communication

Any request directed to **you** or someone on **your** behalf by a person improperly seeking to obtain possession or the transfer to a third-party of virtual currency, money, securities, data or property that such person or third-party is not entitled to.

**Subsidiary** 

An entity domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar:

- that has been identified in your proposal for this policy and of which you own more than 50% of the book value of the assets or of the outstanding voting rights as of the first day of the period of insurance; or
- which you acquire during the period of insurance where the turnover at the date of acquisition is less than 20% of your turnover and the acquired entity's business activity is the same as yours.

# You/your

# Also includes:

- 1. any person who was, is or during the **period of insurance** becomes **your** partner, director, trustee, in-house counsel or senior manager in actual control of **your** operations; and
- 2. any subsidiary.

# What is covered

A.

# Claims against you

If during the **period of insurance**, and as a result of **your business activity** for **clients** on or after the **retroactive date** within the **geographical limits**, any party brings a **claim** against **you** for any actual or alleged:

Breach of contract and liquidated damages

 breach of any contract between you and your client, including any service level agreement forming part of such contract, or any claim for liquidated damages, but only where such claim is brought by your client;

Intellectual property infringement

- 2. intellectual property infringement, including but not limited to:
  - a. infringement of copyright, trademark, patent, trade dress, publicity rights, moral rights or design rights;
  - b. cyber-squatting violations;



- c. any act of passing-off;
- d. misappropriation of formats, characters, trade names, character names, titles, plots, musical compositions, voices, slogans, graphic material or artwork; or
- e. misappropriation of a trade secret;

Negligence

 negligence or breach of any duty to use reasonable care and skill, including but not limited to negligent misrepresentation or negligent loss of or physical damage to any third-party tangible document for which you are responsible;

Breach of confidentiality

 breach of any duty of confidence, invasion of privacy, or violation of any other legal protections for personal information;

Defamation

defamation, including but not limited to libel, slander, trade libel, product disparagement, or malicious falsehood:

Dishonesty

 dishonesty of employees or sub-contractors or outsourcers directly contracted to you or under your supervision;

Civil liability

7. any other civil liability.

Unless excluded under **What is not covered** below, **we** will pay the amount agreed by **you** and **us** through good faith negotiation, mediation or some other form of alternative dispute resolution to settle a **claim** or the amount to satisfy a judgment or arbitration award against **you** including any judgment or award ordering the payment of claimant's lawyers fees and costs.

We will also pay defence costs, but we will not pay costs for any part of a claim not covered by this section.

Sub-contractors or outsourcers

**We** will indemnify **you** against any **claim** falling within the scope of **What is covered**, Claims against you, which is brought as a result of **business activity** undertaken on **your** behalf by any sub-contractor or outsourcer.

Payments toward your outstanding fees

If:

- your client has reasonable grounds for being dissatisfied with the work you have done
  or which has been done on your behalf and refuses to pay for any or all of it, including
  amounts you legally owe to sub-contractors or at the date of the refusal;
- 2. **your client** threatens to bring a **claim** against **you** for more than the amount owed and we are satisfied that the threatened **claim** has reasonable prospects of success; and
- we believe that it may be possible to settle the dispute with the client by your agreeing not to press for the disputed amount;

we may, in our discretion, pay you the amount owed to you over and above the excess. If we do, you must agree not to press your client for the disputed amount.

Alternatively, if it is not possible to reach agreement with the **client** on this basis but **we** still believe that by not pressing for the disputed amount **you** will avoid a legitimate **claim** or counterclaim for a greater amount, **we** may pay the amount owed to **you** at that time, over and above the **excess**.

If a **claim** is still brought, **we** will deal with it but **our** total payment, including what **we** have already paid **you** or on **your** behalf, will not exceed the applicable limit of indemnity in the schedule. **You** must return the amount **we** have paid if **you** eventually recover the debt, less **your** reasonable expenses.

Once **we** agree to make any payment above, **you** will assign to **us** such rights as **you** have in relation to the amounts owed to **you**.

**We** will not make any payment for any money owed to **you** if the **claim** or threatened **claim**, or part of the **claim** or threatened **claim**, is not covered by this section.

Pre-claims assistance

If you first become aware of a potential claim, we may pay reasonable and necessary fees, costs and expenses incurred with our prior written agreement to investigate or monitor such potential claim. If a claim is subsequently brought and which arises from the same subject matter as the potential claim, our total payment, including what we have already paid to investigate or monitor the potential claim, will not exceed the applicable limit of indemnity in the schedule.



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### Advertising claims

If during the **period of insurance**, and as a result of **your advertising or branding** on or after the **retroactive date** within the **geographical limits**, any party brings a claim, including any injunctive proceedings, against **you** for:

- 1. infringement of copyright or moral rights; or
- 2. defamation.

Unless excluded under **What is not covered** below, **we** will indemnify **you** against the sums **you** have to pay as compensation, including any liability for claimants' legal costs and expenses.

**We** will also pay **defence costs** but **we** will not pay costs for any part of a claim not covered by this section.

### Your own losses

Loss of documents

If during the **period of insurance** any tangible document of **yours** which is necessary for the performance of **your business activity** is physically lost, damaged or destroyed while in **your** possession, **we** will pay the reasonable expenses **you** incur with **our** prior written agreement in restoring or replacing it. The most **we** will pay for the total of all such expenses is the relevant amount in the schedule.

### Additional cover

Service credits

**We** may agree to **you** providing service credits in full or partial settlement of a covered **claim** against **you**. Where **we** agree to a settlement on that basis, **we** will pay the cost to **you** of providing such service credits.

Key person cover

**We** will pay the reasonable and necessary costs incurred by **you** with **our** prior written agreement to engage a consultant to:

- 1. undertake the day-to-day work of a senior manager or director to the extent that such individual is unable to fulfil his or her usual responsibilities as a direct result of their time being diverted to the management of a **claim** covered under this section; or
- manage your response to a covered claim, to enable a senior manager or director to fulfil his or her usual responsibilities.

Court attendance compensation

If any person within the definition of you, or any employee of yours, has to attend court as a witness in connection with a claim against you covered under this section, we will pay you the amount shown in the schedule as compensation for each day or part of a day that their attendance is required by us. The most we will pay for the total of all court attendances is the amount shown in the schedule.

# What is not covered

A. **We** will not make any payment for any **claim** or **loss** or part of any **claim** or **loss** directly or indirectly due to:

# Commercial disputes

- 1. a. any liability under a contract to anyone other than a **client**; or
  - i. a commission or royalty, or any other term upon which any party is to be compensated in connection with doing business with **you**, or any compensation or remuneration promised or owed by **you** pursuant to those terms; or
    - ii. **your** decision to cease doing business with any partner, associate or other party, other than **your client**.

# Repair/replace/recall

2. any costs or expenses involved in the repair, upgrade, correction, recall or replacement of any software, hardware, firmware, or associated network cabling including any costs or expenses relating to **your** legal obligation to comply with an injunction.

# Chargeback

 any chargeback, liability, or fee incurred by you or your client as a result of a merchant service provider, including any credit card company or bank, wholly or partially reversing or preventing a payment transaction.



### Financial advice

 any activity regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (or any successor regulator) in connection with any specified investments as defined in the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001 (No. 2001/544), including any similar or successor legislation or regulations.

# Injury

any death of or any bodily or mental injury or disease suffered or alleged to be suffered by anyone.

However this exclusion does not apply to any part of any claim:

- seeking damages for mental anguish or distress where such damages solely stem from a covered claim for defamation; or
- b. directly arising from designs, plans, specifications, formulae, directions or advice prepared or given by **you** for a fee, provided that such **claim** is first brought within the **applicable courts** but always excluding USA or Canada.

# Property damage

 loss, damage or destruction or loss of use of any tangible property, including but not limited to bearer bonds, coupons, share certificates, stamps, money or other negotiable paper.

However this exclusion does not apply to any:

- claim directly arising from designs, plans, specifications, formulae, directions or advice prepared or given by you for a fee, provided that such claim is first brought within the applicable courts but always excluding the USA or Canada;
- claim directly arising from physical damage to a tangible document belonging to a third-party where covered under What is Covered, A.3. Negligence; or
- c. loss directly arising from any tangible document of yours which is necessary for the performance of your business activity and which is physically lost, damaged or destroyed while in your possession.

# Infrastructure interruption

 any failure or interruption of service provided by an internet service provider, telecommunications provider, utility provider or other infrastructure provider except to the extent you provide those services as part of your business activity.

# Sweepstakes, gambling or lotteries

8. **your** provision of any sweepstakes, gambling activities or lotteries.

# Land, animals and vehicles

9. the ownership, possession or use of any land, building, animal, aircraft (including any drone or small unmanned aerial vehicle), watercraft or motor vehicle.

# **Employees**

10. anyone's employment with **you** or any breach of an obligation owed by **you** as an employer.

# Directors' and officers' liability 11.

- 11. any liability or breach of any duty or obligation owed to you or your shareholders by any of your directors, officers, trustees or board members, including but not limited to any:
  - a. allegation of insider trading;
  - b. breach of any duty of corporate loyalty;
  - liability for any statement, representation or information concerning you or your business contained in your accounts, reports or financial statements.
  - d. liability for any statement, representation or information concerning you or your business contained in your advertising or branding.

# Personal liability

12. any personal liability incurred by any director, officer, trustee, or board member of **yours** when acting in that capacity or managing **your business** other than when performing a **business activity** for a **client** or **advertising or branding**.

# Dishonest or criminal conduct 13.

3. any fraudulent, dishonest, malicious, reckless or criminal conduct intended to cause harm to another person or business (but not in respect of a defamation claim), or any knowing or wilful violation of a law, whether committed by you or committed by another whose conduct or violation of the law you have ratified or actively condoned, or any act you knew, at the time you performed it, would give rise to a claim or loss.

However, this exclusion will not apply unless:

 such conduct or wilful violation of the law has been established by a final adjudication in any judicial, administrative, or alternative dispute resolution proceeding; or



- such conduct or wilful violation of the law has been established by your admission in a proceeding or otherwise; or
- c. you or we discover evidence of such conduct or wilful violation of the law;

at which time **you** shall reimburse **us** for all payments made by **us** in connection with such conduct or wilful violation of the law and all of **our** duties in respect of that entire **claim** shall cease.

### Pre-existing problems

14. anything, including any potential claim or any actual or alleged shortcoming in your work, likely to lead to a claim or loss, which you knew or ought reasonably to have known about before we agreed to insure you.

# War, terrorism and nuclear risks

- 15. or contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any:
  - a. war:
  - b. terrorism:
  - c. nuclear risks;
  - d. fear or threat of 15.a. to 15.c above; or
  - e. any action taken in controlling preventing, suppressing, responding or in any way relating to 15.a. to 15.d. above.

If there is any dispute between **you** and **us** over the application of clause 15.a. above, it will be for **you** to show that the clause does not apply.

# Cyber incidents

- 16. or contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any **social engineering communication**.
- 17. or contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any:
  - a. cyber attack;
  - b. hacker;
  - c. any fear or threat of 17.a. to 17.b. above; or
  - d. any action taken in controlling, preventing, supressing, responding or in any way relating to 17.a. to 17.c. above; or

However this does not apply to any claim made against **you** by a **client** which arises directly out of **your** provision of hosting, maintenance, security or web design where these fall within **your** performance of **business activities** for that **client**.

- 18. or contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with any **computer or digital technology error.** However, this does not apply to any **claim** made against you by a **client** which arises directly out of **your** error or omission affecting:
  - a. your client's computer or digital technology; or
  - your computer or digital technology where it is directly accessed or used by your client.

In your performance of business activities for that client.

### Asbestos or pollution

19. asbestos risks or pollution.

# Trademarks and false advertising

- 20. any actual or alleged:
  - a. act of passing-off, unauthorised use of another's trademark, name or logo; or
  - b. false or misleading advertising;

in relation to your advertising or branding.

# Log4j vulnerability

- 21. or contributed to by, resulting from or in connection with the Common Vulnerability and Exposure (CVE) reference CVE-2021-44228 listed in the National Vulnerability Database operated by the National Institute of Standards and Technology.
- B. We will not make any payment for:

# Claims brought by a related party

. any **claim** brought by any person or entity falling within the definition of **you** or any party with a financial, executive or managerial interest in **you**, including any parent company or



any party in which **you** have a financial, executive or managerial interest, including any subsidiary company.

However, this does not apply to a **claim** based on a liability to an independent third-party directly arising out of the performance of **your business activity**.

Claims by current and former employees

2. any **claim** made against **you** by any person or entity that **you** currently employ or formerly employed, including but not limited to **employees**, sub-contractors or outsourcers.

However, this exclusion will not apply to any part of any **claim**:

- solely based on **business activity** performed when such person or entity was not working for **you**; or
- b. based on a liability to an independent third-party directly arising out of the performance of your business activity.

However, this exclusion shall not apply to any otherwise covered **claim** from an **employee**, sub-contractor or outsourcer that is brought entirely independently of that party's position as **your employee**, sub-contractor or outsourcer.

Punitive and exemplary damages

- a. punitive or exemplary damages, unless insurable in the jurisdiction where such award was first ordered: or
  - service credits, unless we agree to pay for such service credits as part of an agreed settlement in lieu of damages under What is covered, Claims against you. However, we will not make payment for any service credits you are obliged to provide under the terms of a contract between you and your client.

Fines and penalties

 criminal, civil, or regulatory sanctions, fines, penalties, disgorgement of profits, treble damages or multiple damages which **you** are legally obliged to pay, including but not limited to those imposed by any national, local, federal, state or foreign governmental body or any licensing organisation.

Claims outside the applicable courts

5. any **claim**, including arbitration, brought outside the **applicable courts**.

This applies to proceedings in the **applicable courts** to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the **applicable courts**.

Trading losses

any trading loss or trading liability including those arising from the loss of any client, account or business.

Patent and trade secret claims in USA/Canada

 any claim, including arbitration, brought in the USA or Canada for any actual or alleged infringement, use, or disclosure of a patent, or any use, disclosure or misappropriation of a trade secret.

This also applies to any **claim**, including arbitration, brought outside of the USA or Canada to enforce, or which is based on, a judgment or award from the USA or Canada, regardless of whether such judgment or award is against **you** or a third-party.

Personal data claims

 any claim or loss relating to the actual or alleged processing, acquisition, storage, destruction, erasure, loss, alteration, disclosure, use of or access to personal data.

However, this does not apply to any covered claim or part of a covered claim made against **you** by a **client** which arises directly from **your** performance of a **business activity** for that **client** and which is not otherwise excluded by **What is not covered**, A. 16. and 17. **Cyber incidents** or A. 21. **Log4j vulnerability** above. The most we will pay in relation to any such covered claim(s) is the Special Limit stated in the schedule for personal data claims.



# How much we will pay

**We** will pay up to the limit of indemnity for this section stated in the schedule unless limited below or otherwise stated in the schedule. **We** will also pay for **defence costs**. However, if a payment greater than the limit of indemnity has to be made for a **claim our** liability for **defence costs** will be limited to the same proportion that the limit of indemnity bears to the amount paid.

Any amounts to be paid by **us** shall not include or be calculated based on any of **your** overhead expenses, **your** liability for debt, taxes, lost costs or profits, salaries or wages, or any future cost of doing business, including but not limited to the cost of any future licence or royalty, or costs of improving **your** security, or performing audits.

**You** must pay the relevant **excess** stated in the schedule. The **excess** will only be eroded by the covered part of the **claim**.

Multiple claims from a single source

All claims, losses and potential claims which arise from the same original cause, a single source or a repeated or continuing problem in your work will be treated as a single claim, loss or potential claim. This includes such claims, losses and potential claims arising after, as well as during, the period of insurance.

# **Special limits**

The most **we** will pay for each item below, unless otherwise stated in the schedule, is a single limit of indemnity, which is an aggregate limit, for the total of all **claims** (including their **defence costs**) brought against **you** arising from:

Dishonesty

1. the dishonesty of your partners, directors, employees, sub-contractors or outsourcers;

Property damage

2. the physical loss or destruction of or damage to tangible property; and

Injury

claims brought against you arising from the death, disease or bodily or mental injury of anyone.

Personal data claims

The most **we** will pay for the total of all claims or parts of claims against **you** by a **client** including **defence costs**, which arise directly from your performance of a **business activity** for that **client** relating to **personal data** is the amount stated in the schedule, which is included within, and not in addition to, the overall limit of indemnity for this section.

Patent infringement

The most **we** will pay in total for **claims** arising from **your** infringement, use or disclosure of a patent is the amount shown in the schedule.

Trade secret misappropriation

The most **we** will pay in total for **claims** arising from **your** use, disclosure or misappropriation of a trade secret is the amount shown in the schedule.

Service credits

Where **we** pay service credits as part of an agreed settlement, **we** will only pay the cost to **you** of providing such credits. The amount **we** pay will not include **your** profit or mark-up.

The amount **we** pay for the cost of service credits is included within, and not in addition to, the limit of indemnity.

# Paying out the limit of indemnity

At any stage of a **claim we** can pay **you** the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit. **We** will pay **defence costs** already incurred at the date of **our** payment. **We** will then have no further liability for that **claim** or its **defence costs**.

# Your obligations

If a problem arises

- 1. We will not make any payment under this section unless you notify us of:
  - a. any claim made against you or any loss as soon as practicable and within the period of insurance or at the latest within 14 days after the policy expires for any claim or loss you first became aware of in the seven days before expiry;
  - b. potential claims under this section, such notification must be as soon as practicable and within the period of insurance or at the latest within 14 days after the policy expires, and must to the fullest extent possible identify the particulars of the potential claim, including identifying any potential claimant, the likely basis for liability, the likely demand for relief and any additional information about the potential claim that we reasonably request. If such a potential claim notification is made to us then we will treat any claim arising from the same particulars as that notification as if it had first been made against you on the date you properly notified us of it as a potential



**claim**, even if that **claim** is first made against **you** after the **period of insurance** has expired;

c. your discovery, or the existence of reasonable grounds for your suspicion, that any employee or sub-contractor or outsourcer has acted dishonestly, as soon as reasonably practicable.

### 2. You must:

- ensure that our rights of recovery, including but not limited to any subrogated rights
  of recovery, against a third-party are not unduly restricted or financially limited by
  any term in any of your contracts;
- b. not admit that **you** are liable for what has happened or make any offer, deal or payment, unless **you** have **our** prior written agreement.

If **you** fail to comply with these obligations, **we** may reduce any payment **we** make under this section by an amount equal to the detriment **we** have suffered as a result.

# Control of defence

**We** have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of and conduct in **your** name the investigation, settlement or defence of any or any part of a **claim**.

**You** must give **us** the information and co-operation which **we** may reasonably require and take all reasonable steps to defend any **claim**. **You** should not do anything which may prejudice **our** position.

Appointment of legal representation

**We** have the right, but not the obligation, to select and appoint an adjuster, lawyer or any other appropriate person of our choosing to deal with the **claim**.

Partially covered claims

We will not pay any part of a **claim** and its associated costs which is not covered by this section. If a **claim** is made which is not wholly covered by this section or is brought against **you** and any other party who is not covered under this section, then at the outset of the **claim**, we and **you** agree to use best efforts to determine a fair allocation of covered and non-covered parts of any **claim** or associated costs, including **defence costs** on the basis of the relative legal and financial exposures.

Advancement of defence costs

We will pay defence costs covered by this section on an ongoing basis prior to the final resolution of any claim. However, we will not pay any defence costs in connection with any claim or part of a claim which is not covered under this section. You must reimburse us for any defence costs paid where it is determined there is no entitlement under this section.

Payment of full limit of indemnity

**We** have no further duty to indemnify **you** against any claim where **we** pay **you** the applicable limit of indemnity as described in **How much we will pay**, Paying out the limit of indemnity, or if the overall limit of indemnity stated in the schedule has been exhausted.

Payment of excess

**Our** duty to make any payment under this section arises only after the applicable **excess** is fully paid. The **excess** will only be eroded by the covered parts of a claim.

**Disputes** 

For the purposes of **control of defence** in this section of the **policy**, **General condition** 14, Arbitration, within the **General terms and conditions** is amended to read as follows:

Any dispute as to whether to settle or to continue the defence of a **claim** or as to the fair allocation of any partially covered **claim** and its associated costs, will be referred to a single Queen's Counsel (or equivalent in this or any other jurisdiction) to be mutually agreed or in the absence of such agreement to be nominated by the President of the Law Society of England and Wales. The opinion of such Queen's Counsel shall be binding on **you** and **us** in relation to matters referred under this clause. The costs of such opinion shall be met by **us**.

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# Management liability – directors and officers' liability

Policy wording

Your schedule will indicate if your policy includes this section.

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. Cover under this section is given on an aggregate basis unless otherwise specified.

# Special definitions for this section

**Applicable courts** 

The courts of competent jurisdiction in those countries stated as the applicable courts in the schedule.

**Bodily injury** 

Mental or emotional distress, sickness, disease, bodily injury or death suffered by anyone.

**Bail costs** 

Costs incurred with **our** prior written agreement to pay for a bond or other financial instrument to guarantee an **insured person's** bail or equivalent in any other jurisdiction.

Claim

- Any written demand or civil, criminal, regulatory or arbitration proceeding first made against an **insured person** during the **period of insurance** alleging a **wrongful act** and seeking monetary damages or other legal relief or penalty.
- Any extradition proceeding made against an insured person during the period of insurance.

Computer or digital technology

Any **programs**, computer network, hardware, software, operational technology, internet-connected device, network-connected device, electronic device, information technology, communications system, including but not limited to any internet-of-things devices, email system, intranet, extranet, website or cloud computing services.

Cyber attack

Any digital attack or interference, whether by a **hacker** or otherwise, designed to disrupt access to, the operation of or cause damage to any data or **computer or digital technology**, including but not limited to any:

- programs designed to damage, disrupt, extract data from, or gain unauthorised access to computer or digital technology including, but not limited to, malware, wipers, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, ransomware, crypto-jacking and other malicious software or viruses; or
- 2. denial of service attack or distributed denial of service attack.

Data subject

Any natural person who is the subject of personal data.

**Defence costs** 

- Reasonable costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, incurred with our prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend any claim made against an insured person or to fund an appeal, including any premium paid for an appeal bond or similar bond obtained in relation to it, arising from any judgment, decision or award in relation to any claim.
- 2. Emergency defence costs.

Deprivation of assets expenses

The amounts for which an **insured person** is contractually committed to pay for:

- 1. school fees for the insured person's immediate family;
- 2. rent or mortgage payments on the **insured person**'s principal residence, not including any mortgage overpayments;
- 3. utilities supplied to the insured person's principal residence; and
- 4. insurance premiums that are personal to the insured person and their immediate family.

# **Emergency defence costs**

Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration to investigate or defend any **claim** (other than an **employment claim**) made against an **insured person**, where it is not possible to obtain **our** prior written agreement, provided that **you** or the **insured person** notify **us** as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.



# Emergency legal representation costs

Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration to investigate or respond to any **investigation**, where it is not possible to obtain **our** prior written agreement, provided that **you** or the **insured person** notify **us** as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.

# **Employee**

- 1. Any person under a contract of service with **you**.
- 2. Any independent person seconded to you.
- 3. Any applicant or candidate for employment with you.

# **Employee contract benefits**

Any amounts awarded to an employee in respect of:

- remuneration, including incentives, bonus, commission, health benefits, holiday or notice pay, whether under statute or contract;
- 2. family leave payments, including maternity pay, paternity pay, parental leave pay, shared parental leave pay or adoption pay, whether under contract or statute;
- 3. amounts due under an employee benefit or pension scheme;
- 4. share or stock options;
- 5. deferred compensation; or
- 6. equal pay or redundancy pay.

### **Employment claim**

Any claim by any employee for any actual or alleged:

- 1. wrongful, unfair or constructive dismissal, discharge or termination of employment;
- 2. breach of written or implied contract of employment;
- 3. employment related misrepresentation;
- 4. wrongful deprivation of a career opportunity, failure to grant tenure or negligent employee evaluation;
- harassment, unlawful discrimination or failure to provide adequate employee procedures and policies;
- 6. retaliation; or
- 7. defamation or invasion of privacy,

arising solely as a result of the employment or non-employment by you of such employee.

## **Extradition proceeding**

Any proceeding commenced under the provisions of the United Kingdom Extradition Act 2003 or any similar or successor legislation in any other jurisdiction, including any associated appeals.

### Hacker

Anyone, including an employee of **yours**, who gains unauthorised access to or unauthorised use of any:

- 1. computer or digital technology; or
- data held electronically by you or on your behalf.

# Health and safety/ manslaughter claim

Any **claim** under the provisions of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 or the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or any similar or successor legislation.

# Health and safety/ manslaughter investigation

Any **investigation** under the provisions of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 or the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or any similar or successor legislation.

# Insured person

- Any natural person who was, is, or during the **period of insurance** becomes a director, partner, member or officer of **you**.
- 2. Any de facto director of **you** whilst acting in such capacity for **you**.
- Any shadow director as defined under Section 251 of the Companies Act 2006 or any similar or successor legislation in any other jurisdiction.
- 4. Any **employee** of **you**.
- 5. The lawful spouse, civil or unmarried partner of any person in 1 to 4 above solely because of their spousal, civil or unmarried partner relationship following a **claim** or **investigation** against that person.



6. The estates, heirs or legal representatives of any person in 1 to 5 above who has died or become incapacitated, insolvent or bankrupt but only for a **claim** or **investigation** against that person.

**Insured person** does not include any external auditor or any liquidator, receiver, administrative receiver or other insolvency practitioner or officer of **you** or **your** assets.

# Investigation

An official examination, official enquiry or official investigation into **your business** activities, or into an **insured person**, arising from activities performed in their capacity as an **insured person**, first notified as being required during the **period of insurance** and conducted by any regulator, government department or other body legally empowered.

**Investigation** does not include any routine regulatory supervision, enquiry or compliance review, any internal investigation or any investigation into the business activities of **your** industry which is not solely related to **your** or any **insured person's** conduct.

# Investigation mitigation costs

Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by an **insured person** to prevent or minimise the likelihood of an **investigation** or mitigate the potential consequences of an **investigation** which, if such steps were not taken, would be likely to result in an **investigation** being brought against such **insured person** that would be covered by this section of the **policy** or would be likely to increase the severity of such an **investigation**.

# Legal representation costs

- Reasonable and necessary legal costs, fees, charges and expenses, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, for which you are legally liable, incurred with our prior written agreement for legal representation directly in relation to an investigation.
- 2. Emergency legal representation costs.

Loss

In respect of a **claim** or **investigation** the amount any **insured person** becomes legally liable to pay, including following a settlement entered into with **our** written agreement, for:

- awards of damages, including punitive, exemplary and multiplied damages and civil fines and penalties if insurable in the jurisdiction where such award was first ordered;
- 2. claimants' legal costs and expenses;
- 3. defence costs and legal representation costs; and
- 4. public relations expenses.

Loss does not include any criminal fines or penalties, regulator's costs or expenses (including Health and Safety Executive fees for intervention or similar regulator's costs and expenses), taxes (except for personal tax liability), remuneration, **employee contract benefits**, or punitive, exemplary and multiplied damages in relation to an **employment claim**.

# **Outside entity**

Any organisation other than you:

- 1. that is tax exempt and not for profit; or
- 2. in which you hold any issued share.

# Outside entity does not include:

- any company which is registered or domiciled outside of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar;
- 2. any company whose securities are traded on any stock exchange in the USA or Canada; or
- any bank, investment company, investment advisor or manager, hedge or mutual fund, private equity or venture capital company, stock brokerage, insurer, or any similar financial organisation or institution including any organisation regulated by the FCA, PRA or any similar regulator.

# Personal data

Any information about an individually identifiable natural person, including but not limited to such information protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 or the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, including any similar or successor legislation or regulation.

# **Pollution**

Any actual, alleged or threatened discharge, seepage, treatment, removal, disposal, dispersal, emission, release or escape of any solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal contaminant or irritant, including, but not limited to, lead, smoke, oil, oil products, dust, fibres, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals or waste (including materials that have been or are intended to be recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed), or any regulatory order, direction or request to test for, monitor, remove, contain, treat, detoxify, or neutralise any such material.



### Pre-investigation costs

Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by an **insured person** with **our** prior written agreement to notify a regulator, government department or other body legally empowered of any material breach, incident or event occurring within the **geographical limits** where such notice is obligatory and it is likely that a covered **investigation** will be brought as a result of the notification.

# Prior and pending date

The date on which **you** first purchased directors' and officers' liability insurance that has run continuously without a break in cover. If since that date **you** have merged or consolidated with another company, or any party has acquired more than 50% of **your** issued share capital or the majority of **your** voting rights, the 'prior and pending date' will be the date of such merger, consolidation or acquisition.

## **Property damage**

The loss, damage or destruction of any tangible property including loss of use of such property.

### **Public relations expenses**

The reasonable and necessary costs incurred with **our** prior written agreement in utilising the services of a public relations consultant.

### Securities

Any debt or equity interest in you.

# Social engineering communication

Any request directed to **you** or someone on **your** behalf by a person improperly seeking to obtain possession or the transfer to a third-party of virtual currency, money, securities, data or property that such person or third-party is not entitled to.

# **Subsidiary**

Any entity domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar in which **you**:

- own directly or through one or more of your subsidiaries more than 50% of the share capital or a majority of the voting rights or have the right to appoint or remove a majority of the entity's board of directors; or
- control a majority of its voting rights under a written agreement with other shareholders or members.

If an entity ceases to be a **subsidiary** during the **period of insurance**, cover will continue but only for a **claim** or **investigation** against an **insured person** arising from any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place before it ceased to be a **subsidiary**.

# Unintentional error

Any error or omission by anyone that was not intentional or deliberate.

# Wrongful act

Any actual or alleged act, error or omission committed or attempted by an **insured person** arising from the performance of the **insured person**'s duties solely in their capacity as a director, partner, member, officer or **employee** of:

- 1. **you**; or
- for the purposes of the cover in What is covered, Outside entity, an outside entity, including:
  - a. breach of any duty, including fiduciary or statutory duty, breach of confidence;
  - b. breach of trust:
  - negligence, negligent misstatement, misleading statement or negligent misrepresentation;
  - d. defamation;
  - e. wrongful trading under Section 214 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or any similar or successor legislation, including its equivalent legislation in any other jurisdiction;
  - f. breach of warranty of authority; or
  - g. any other act, error or omission attempted or allegedly committed or attempted by an **insured person** solely because of their status as a director, partner, member, officer or **employee** of **you**.

# You/your

Also includes any subsidiary:

- 1. existing at the start of the **period of insurance**;
- 2. created or acquired during the **period of insurance** provided that the newly created or acquired **subsidiary** does not trade any of its securities on any stock exchange.



# What is covered

# 1. Claims against an insured person

# Losses including defence costs

Health and safety/ manslaughter

Pension or employee benefit schemes

Pollution

**Employment claims** 

Outside entity

Cyber incidents

2. Investigations

# Losses including legal representation costs

**Emergency defence costs** 

Health and safety/ manslaughter

Pension or employee benefit schemes

**Pollution** 

Outside entity

Investigation mitigation costs

- a. We will pay on behalf of any insured person the loss arising from a claim against any insured person for any wrongful act within the geographical limits, including any:
  - i. health and safety/manslaughter claim;
  - claim arising from an insured person's operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund of yours;
  - iii. claim arising from pollution;
  - employment claim. This cover does not apply if the insured person is covered under the Management liability – employment practices liability section of this policy;
  - v. claim arising directly from any activity performed by an insured person in their capacity as a director or officer of an outside entity, provided that the insured person acts in that capacity at your specific written request. However, we will only pay in excess of any indemnity provided by the outside entity to its directors, partners, members or officers or any other insurance available to such individuals for such claim; or
  - vi. **claim** arising from the management of, or response to, any **cyber attack** or other cyber-related incident or event.
- b. We will pay emergency defence costs in relation to a covered claim.
- a. **We** will pay on behalf of any **insured person** the **loss** arising from an **investigation** arising from any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place within the **geographical limits**, including any:
  - i. health and safety/manslaughter investigation;
  - ii. investigation arising from an insured person's operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund of yours;
  - iii. investigation arising from pollution; or
  - iv. investigation arising directly from any activity performed by an insured person in their capacity as a director or officer of an outside entity, provided that the insured person acts in that capacity at your specific written request. However, we will only pay in excess of any indemnity provided by the outside entity to its directors or officers or any other insurance available to such individuals for such investigation.
- b. **We** will also pay **investigation mitigation costs** in relation to a covered **investigation**, provided that:
  - where reasonably possible, the **insured person** must obtain **our** prior written agreement before incurring such costs. Where it is not possible to obtain **our** written agreement, the **insured person** must notify **us** as soon as possible after such sums are incurred; and
  - we will not pay for the costs incurred in dealing with routine business, regulatory, legal, compliance or other matters, which could lead to an investigation if not complied with.

We will not make any payment for any part of an investigation not covered by this section.

**Pre-investigation costs** c. **We** will pay **pre-investigation costs** in relation to a covered **investigation**.



# Emergency legal representation costs

 d. We will pay emergency legal representation costs in relation to a covered investigation.

# 3. Entity reimbursement

We will pay on your behalf the loss which you are legally obliged or permitted to pay on behalf of an insured person arising from a covered claim or investigation. If you are permitted or obliged to provide such payment but fail to do so for any reason other than your insolvency, regardless of whether you advanced payment or indemnified an insured person for such loss, we will pay the amount of the claim or investigation less any relevant excess.

### 4. Additional covers

a. We will pay on behalf of any insured person:

Extradition proceedings

 the loss arising from any extradition proceeding against any insured person during the period of insurance arising from any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place or alleged to have taken place within the geographical limits;

Deprivation of assets expenses

- ii. their deprivation of assets expenses, if, as a direct result of a covered claim or investigation, an interim or interlocutory order:
  - confiscating, controlling, suspending or freezing rights of ownership of real property or personal assets of an **insured person**; or
  - 2. creating a charge over real property or the personal assets of the **insured person**;

is made, other than where the court has made an allowance for the **insured person** in respect of such sums;

Public relations expenses

iii. **public relations expenses** following a covered **claim** or **investigation** to mitigate the actual or potential adverse effect on their reputation by disseminating news of a final adjudication that absolved them of any fault. The **insured person** must obtain **our** prior written agreement before incurring such costs;

Bail costs

iv. bail costs arising from a covered claim or investigation;

Personal tax liability

v. their liability occurring in the period of insurance within the geographical limits under any insolvency rules or insolvency legislation to pay your unpaid taxes following your insolvency, dissolution, administration or winding up, where such liability arises solely as a result of the insured person's status as your director, partner, member or officer;

Additional defence costs and legal representation costs

vi. additional **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** in the event that the limit of indemnity for this section is exhausted, provided that the **insured person** has previously not been the subject of a **claim** or **investigation** that led to the exhaustion of the limit of indemnity for this section.

Where an **insured person** has been the subject of such a **claim** or **investigation**, any amount **we** will pay on behalf of that individual will be reduced by an amount equal to the amount of that **claim** or **investigation** or the part of that **claim** or **investigation** relating to such individual.

We will only pay in excess of any other insurance available to such individuals.

Court attendance compensation

b. If any insured person has to attend court as a witness in connection with a claim or investigation covered under this section, we will pay you compensation for each day, or part of a day that their attendance is required by us.

Loss of data resulting from a cyber incident

c. We will pay on behalf of any insured person the loss arising from a claim against that insured person, including any claim by any data subjects relating to personal data, where any such claim is based upon, attributable to or arising from any loss or misuse of data as a direct result of a cyber attack, a hacker or that insured person's own unintentional error. We will not cover defence costs in relation to such claims.

# What is not covered

We will not make any payment for any claim, loss, investigation, or any other liability under this section:

Deliberate or dishonest acts

1. against or suffered by an insured person based upon, attributable to or arising out of:



- a dishonest or fraudulent act or omission or any intentional breach of any statute or regulation;
- b. an act intended to secure or which does secure a personal profit or advantage to which the individual concerned was not legally entitled;
- an act intended to secure or which does secure a profit for any other company or entity to which that company or entity was not legally entitled,

where such act or omission was committed or condoned by that insured person.

These exclusions will only apply after a judgment or other final adjudication or an admission by the **insured person** that such act or omission did occur. In the event of such finding or admission, the **insured person** must reimburse all payments made by **us** in relation to the corresponding **claim**, **loss** or **investigation**.

## Prior claims and litigation

- 2. based upon, attributable to or arising out of:
  - a. anything that has been reported to and accepted under any policy existing or expired, before the start of the **period of insurance**; or
  - b. any prior or pending litigation or proceedings, including allegations deriving from the same or essentially the same facts, involving an **insured person**, **you** or an **outside entity**, initiated before the **prior and pending date**.

# Securities offerings

 based upon, attributable to or arising out of any claim or investigation in relation to any actual public offering of your securities.

This exclusion does not apply to a failed public offering of your securities.

# Claims brought by a related party in the United States of America

- 4. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any claim brought or maintained by you, an outside entity or an insured person within or subject to the laws of the United States of America. This exclusion will not apply to:
  - a. defence costs;
  - any shareholder derivative proceedings in your name without your or any insured person's solicitation, assistance or participation;
  - c. any **claim** brought by **your** liquidator, receiver or administrative receiver or similar body;
  - d. any employment claim;
  - e. any claim made by a former insured person; or
  - any claim seeking a contribution or indemnity if such claim is otherwise covered by this section.

# Bodily injury and property damage

for **bodily injury** or **property damage**. This exclusion does not apply to any **health and safety/manslaughter claim**. However, **we** will not in any event make any payment for any **health and safety/manslaughter claim** arising from the use, ownership or possession of any motor vehicle in relation to which the **insured person** is obliged under any compulsory insurance law to maintain insurance.

# Pollution clean-up costs

- 6. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any:
  - a. statutory, contractual or common law obligation you or an insured person have to clean up or remedy any pollution or contamination; or
  - land or property being identified as contaminated land under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 or any similar or successor legislation.

## Takeovers and mergers

- based upon, attributable to or arising out of any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken, after:
  - a. you merge or consolidate with another company; or
  - b. any party acquires:
    - i. more than 50% of **your** issued share capital;
    - ii. the majority of your voting rights; or
    - iii. the right to appoint or remove a majority of your board of directors.

## Changes to subsidiaries

based upon, attributable to or arising out of any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place:



- a. before the date of creation or acquisition by you of such subsidiary; or
- b. after an entity ceases to be a **subsidiary**.

Financial advantage

 based upon, attributable to or arising out of the gaining of any financial advantage to which the **insured person** was not entitled, including the repayment of any wrongfully received monies.

Defined benefit pension schemes

based upon, attributable to or arising out of an insured person's operation or administration
of any defined benefit pension scheme or their breach of any legislation or regulation relating
to these activities.

Claims outside the applicable courts

11. first brought outside the applicable courts.

This exclusion also applies to proceedings in the **applicable courts** to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the **applicable courts**.

Defence costs only

12. other than **defence costs** for any **claim** covered under **What is covered**, **1. Claims against an insured person**, b. **Defence costs only**.

Cyber incidents

- 13. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any:
  - a. cyber attack;
  - b. hacker;
  - c. unintentional error in or affecting any computer or digital technology;
  - d. social engineering communication; or
  - e. claims by any data subjects relating to personal data arising from a. to d. above.

This exclusion does not apply to any claim:

- covered under What is covered, 4. Additional covers, c. Loss of data resulting from a cyber incident; or
- brought by you, any shareholder or creditor of yours or any insured person, directly due to the insured person's management of or response to, a. to d. above.

Where a **claim** is covered under i. and ii. above, **we** will treat the **claim** as covered under i. **We** will not cover **defence costs** in relation to such **claims**.

# Special conditions

General terms

The General definitions, General conditions and General claims conditions set out in the **General terms and conditions** all apply equally to each **insured person** and to **you**, except for General condition 6, Premium payment which applies only to **you**.

General conditions 3 and 4 shall not apply to this section.

General condition 7. Cancellation shall only apply to this section at the end of the **period of insurance** or the anniversary date whichever comes first.

**You** agree to act on behalf of all the **insured persons** as regards paying the premium and giving or receiving notice of all matters relevant to this section.

Information provided by an insured person

All information which any **insured person** provided before **we** agreed to insure **you** will be considered as a separate application for each **insured person** and as such the knowledge of or any statement made by an **insured person** will not be imputed to any other **insured person** for the purposes of determining whether cover is available for any **claim** or **investigation** against such other **insured person**.

Severability of exclusions

When determining the applicability of the exclusions within **What is not covered**, the **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place of one **insured person** shall not be imputed onto any other **insured person** who neither committed nor condoned such **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence.

Extended notification period

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- 1. **we** or **you** refuse to renew this section of the **policy** for any reason other than non-payment of premium, administration, liquidation or insolvency; or
- you merge or consolidate with another entity or any party acquires more than 50% of your issued share capital or the majority of your voting rights during the period of insurance;

**you** or any **insured person** may make a request to **us** in writing for an extended notification period, which will be granted at **our** sole discretion. If **we** agree to such request, the extended notification period will be granted in accordance with the options stated below:

One-year period 200% of the annual premium for this section Two-year period 300% of the annual premium for this section Three-year period 400% of the annual premium for this section

The premium for any extended notification period to which **we** agree must be paid to **us** within 90 days following the end of the **period of insurance**.

If you or an insured person does so:

- we will cover an insured person for any covered claim, loss or investigation arising during the extended notification period, subject to the terms and conditions of this section. We will not cover any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place after the end of the original period of insurance; and
- 2. the first paragraph 1a. under **Your obligations** in this section will then be amended to: unless **you** or any **insured person** notifies **us** as soon as reasonably practicable and within the **period of insurance** or the extended notification period of the following:

The limit of indemnity for any extended notification period will be part of and not in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

The entire premium for this section is considered fully earned at the beginning of any extended notification period. **We** will not refund any premium if **you** or any **insured person** cancels the extended notification period before it ends.

**We** will not in any event agree to any request from **you** or any **insured person** to purchase an extended notification period if:

- cover under this section is continued solely as a result of the former directors special condition or an extended notification period;
- this section of the **policy** is replaced or succeeded by any other policy providing directors' and officers' liability cover; or
- 3. this section or the **policy** is cancelled, other than by **you** on an anniversary date.

If **we** offer renewal terms, conditions, limits of liability or premium different from those of the expiring policy, this does not constitute a refusal to renew.

Management buy-outs

If during the **period of insurance** the existing management conduct a management buy-out, **we** agree to provide cover to the same level and terms of this **policy** for the new company for a period of 30 days from the buy-out date for any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, or taking place, or alleged to have taken place by any individual **insured person** subsequent to the buy-out.

**We** will only provide such cover if the new company is domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar.

This cover will only apply excess of any other insurance and indemnification available from any other source.

Former directors

In the event that **you** do not renew or replace this section of the **policy**, and only in respect of any **insured person** who ceases to be a director, partner, member or officer of **you** prior to the date of non-renewal for reasons other than disqualification from holding such position or **your** insolvency, administration or liquidation, this section shall continue in force indefinitely from the date of non-renewal, provided that:

- this section shall only apply to claims or investigations arising from any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, or taking place, or alleged to have taken place prior to the date that the insured person ceased to be a director, partner, member or officer of you;
- 2. no similar insurance is effected elsewhere; and



3. this section or the **policy** has not been cancelled, other than by **you** on an anniversary date.

# How much we will pay

The most **we** will pay for the total of all **claims**, **losses**, **investigations**, and any other covered liability, including their **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** is the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule, irrespective of the number of **claims** made or **losses**, **investigations** or other covered liabilities arising.

Each **claim**, **loss**, **investigation**, or other covered liability shall be treated as first made when **we** receive notice of the first **claim**, **loss**, **investigation**, or other covered liability.

You must pay any relevant excess stated in the schedule.

Paying out the limit of indemnity

At any stage of a **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability, **we** can pay the **insured person** the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit. **We** will then have no further liability for that **claim**, **loss**, **investigation** or any other covered liability.

### **Special limits**

All special limits below are included within, and not in addition to, the limit of indemnity stated on the schedule.

The most **we** will pay in total for each item below is the corresponding amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of **claims**, **losses** or **investigations**, or any other covered liabilities:

Public relations expenses

- 1. public relations expenses;
- Emergency defence costs
- emergency defence costs;

Emergency legal representation costs

3. emergency legal representation costs;

Deprivation of assets expenses

4. deprivation of assets expenses;

Personal tax liability

5. cover under **What is covered**, **4. Additional covers**, v. Personal tax liability;

Investigation mitigation costs

6. investigation mitigation costs;

Pre-investigation costs

7. pre-investigation costs:

Bail costs

8. bail costs;

Court attendance compensation

 court attendance compensation, including any court attendance compensation payable under any management liability sections of this policy; and

Loss of data resulting from a cyber incident

 cover under What is covered, 4. Additional covers, c. Loss of data resulting from a cyber incident.

# **Additional cover**

The limit below is in addition to the limit of indemnity stated on the schedule.

Additional defence costs and legal representation costs

The most we will pay in total for all defence costs and legal representation costs under What is covered, 4. Additional cover, vi. Additional defence costs and legal representation costs, is the amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of claims and investigations.

# Your obligations

Notification

- 1. **We** will not make any payment under this section:
  - a. unless you or any insured person notifies us as soon as reasonably practicable of the following within the period of insurance or at the latest within 90 days after it expires for any problem you or such insured person becomes aware of within the 30 days before expiry:
    - the insured person's first awareness of any wrongful act that is likely to lead to a claim:



- ii. any **claim** or anything likely to lead to a **claim** against an **insured person**;
- iii. any investigation into you or an insured person;
- iv. the threat or commencement of any disqualification proceedings against any insured person: or
- v. the **insured person**'s first awareness of any act, omission or occurrence that is likely to lead to any other covered liability,
- b. to any **insured person** if, prior to the **period of insurance**, such **insured person** had knowledge of a material misstatement in or omission from the information provided to **us** upon which **we** agreed to insure **you**.
- When dealing with a third party, you or the insured person must not admit that you or the insured person are liable for what has happened, or make any offer, deal or payment without our prior written agreement. If you or an insured person does, we may reduce any payment we make under this policy by an amount equal to the detriment we have suffered as a result.

# Control of defence and payment under this section

**You** and any **insured person** must give **us** the information and co-operation which **we** may reasonably require and take all reasonable steps to defend any **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability. **You** and the **insured person** should not do anything which may prejudice **our** position.

We have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of and conduct in your name or the name of any insured person, the investigation, settlement or defence of any claim, investigation, or any other covered liability. If we think it necessary we will appoint an adjuster, solicitor or any other appropriate person to deal with the claim, investigation, or any other covered liability.

Where there is a dispute between **us** and any **insured person** over cover, proposed settlement or continuing the defence of a **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability, the **insured person** or **we** may request the obtainment of an opinion from a mutually agreed Queens Counsel or equivalent in a different jurisdiction. Such opinion shall be binding on **us** and **you** and any **insured person** and will establish whether policy cover exists, defence of said **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability will continue or settlement will be agreed. The costs of such opinion shall be met by **us**.

We shall pay defence costs and legal representation costs, above any excess, covered by this section on an ongoing basis prior to the final resolution of any claim, investigation, or any other covered liability. You and/or any insured person must reimburse us for any defence costs and legal representation costs paid where it is determined there is no entitlement under this section.

If a **claim** or **investigation** is made which is not wholly covered by this section or is also made against an **insured person** and any other party which is not covered under this section, **we** and the **insured person** shall use our best endeavours to agree a fair allocation between **loss** that is covered and **loss** not covered by this section.



# Management liability – trustees and individual liability (charity, club, association and not for profit)

Policy wording

Your schedule will indicate if your policy includes this section.

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. Cover under this section is given on an aggregate basis unless otherwise specified.

# Special definitions for this section

Applicable courts

The courts of competent jurisdiction in those countries stated as the applicable courts in the schedule.

**Bail costs** 

Costs incurred with **our** prior written agreement to pay for a bond or other financial instrument to guarantee an **insured person**'s bail or equivalent in any other jurisdiction.

**Bodily injury** 

Mental or emotional distress, sickness, disease, bodily injury or death suffered by anyone.

Claim

- Any written demand or civil, criminal, regulatory or arbitration proceeding first made against an insured person during the period of insurance alleging a wrongful act and seeking monetary damages or other legal relief or penalty.
- Any extradition proceeding made against an insured person during the period of insurance.

Computer or digital technology

Any **programs**, computer network, hardware, software, operational technology, internet-connected device, network-connected device, electronic device, information technology, communications system, including but not limited to any internet-of-things devices, email system, intranet, extranet, website or cloud computing services.

Cyber attack

Any digital attack or interference, whether by a **hacker** or otherwise, designed to disrupt access to, the operation of or cause damage to any data or **computer or digital technology**, including but not limited to any:

- programs designed to damage, disrupt, extract data from, or gain unauthorised access to computer or digital technology including, but not limited to, malware, wipers, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, ransomware, crypto-jacking and other malicious software or viruses; or
- 2. denial of service attack or distributed denial of service attack.

Data subject

Any natural person who is the subject of **personal data**.

**Defence costs** 

- Reasonable costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, incurred
  with our prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend any claim made against
  an insured person or to fund an appeal, including any premium paid for an appeal bond
  or similar bond obtained in relation to it, arising from any judgment, decision or award in
  relation to any claim.
- 2. Emergency defence costs.

Deprivation of assets expenses

The amounts for which an **insured person** is contractually committed to pay for:

- 1. school fees for the **insured person's** immediate family;
- 2. rent or mortgage payments on the **insured person's** principal residence, not including any mortgage overpayments;
- 3. utilities supplied to the insured person's principal residence; and
- 4. insurance premiums that are personal to the **insured person** and their immediate family.

# **Emergency defence costs**

Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration to investigate or defend any **claim** (other than an **employment claim**) made against an **insured** 



**person**, where it is not possible to obtain **our** prior written agreement, provided that **you** or the **insured person** notify **us** as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.

# Emergency legal representation costs

Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration to investigate or respond to any **investigation**, where it is not possible to obtain **our** prior written agreement, provided that **you** or the **insured person** notify **us** as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.

# **Employee**

- 1. Any person under a contract of service with **you**.
- 2. Any independent person seconded to you.
- Any volunteer solely whilst under your direct control and supervision in connection with your business activities.
- 4. Any applicant or candidate for employment with you.

### **Employee contract benefits**

Any amounts awarded to an employee in respect of:

- 1. remuneration, including incentives, bonus, commission, health benefits, holiday or notice pay, whether under statute or contract;
- family leave payments, including maternity pay, paternity pay, parental leave pay, shared parental leave pay or adoption pay, whether under contract or statute;
- 3. amounts due under an employee benefit or pension scheme;
- 4. share or stock options;
- 5. deferred compensation; or
- 6. equal pay or redundancy pay.

# **Employment claim**

Any **claim** by any **employee** for any actual or alleged:

- 1. wrongful, unfair or constructive dismissal, discharge or termination of employment;
- 2. breach of written or implied contract of employment;
- 3. employment related misrepresentation;
- wrongful deprivation of a career opportunity, failure to grant tenure or negligent employee evaluation;
- harassment, unlawful discrimination or failure to provide adequate employee procedures and policies;
- 6. retaliation; or
- 7. defamation or invasion of privacy;

arising solely as a result of the employment or non-employment by **you** of such **employee** or the treatment of any volunteer whilst undertaking work for **you** and under **your** supervision and control.

# **Extradition proceeding**

Any proceeding commenced under the provisions of the United Kingdom Extradition Act 2003 or any similar or successor legislation in any other jurisdiction, including any associated appeals.

# Hacker

Anyone, including an employee of **yours**, who gains unauthorised access to or unauthorised use of any:

- 1. computer or digital technology; or
- 2. data held electronically by you or on your behalf.

# Health and safety/ manslaughter claim

Any **claim** under the provisions of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 or the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or any similar or successor legislation.

# Health and safety/ manslaughter investigation

Any **investigation** under the provisions of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 or the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or any similar or successor legislation.

# Insured person

- Any natural person who was, is, or during the **period of insurance** becomes a director, partner, LLP member, committee or board member, trustee or officer of **you**.
- 2. Any de facto director of **you** whilst acting in such capacity for **you**.



- Any shadow director of you as defined under Section 251 of the Companies Act 2006 or any similar or successor legislation in any other jurisdiction.
- 4. Any **employee** of **you**.
- 5. The lawful spouse, civil or unmarried partner of any person in 1 to 4 above solely because of their spousal, civil or unmarried partner relationship, following a **claim** or **investigation** against that person.
- The estates, heirs or legal representatives of any person in 1 to 5 above who has died
  or become incapacitated, insolvent or bankrupt but only for a claim or investigation
  against that person.

**Insured person** does not include any external auditor or any liquidator, receiver, administrative receiver or other insolvency practitioner or officer of **you** or **your** assets.

# Investigation

An official examination, official enquiry or official investigation into **your business** activities, or into an **insured person**, arising from activities performed in their capacity as an **insured person**, first notified as being required during the **period of insurance** and conducted by the Charity Commission or any regulator, government department or other body legally empowered.

**Investigation** does not include any routine regulatory supervision, enquiry or compliance review, any internal investigation or any investigation into the business activities of **your** industry which is not solely related to **your** or any **insured person's** conduct.

# Investigation mitigation costs

Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by an **insured person** to prevent or minimise the likelihood of an **investigation** or mitigate the potential consequences of an **investigation** which, if such steps were not taken, would be likely to result in an **investigation** being brought against such **insured person** that would be covered by this section of the **policy** or would be likely to increase the severity of such an **investigation**.

# Legal representation costs

- Reasonable and necessary legal costs, fees, charges and expenses, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, for which you or an insured person are legally liable, incurred with our prior written agreement for legal representation directly in relation to an investigation.
- 2. Emergency legal representation costs.

Loss

In respect of a **claim** or **investigation** the amount an **insured person** becomes legally liable to pay, including following a settlement entered into with **our** written agreement, for:

- awards of damages, including punitive, exemplary and multiplied damages, and civil fines and penalties if insurable in the jurisdiction where such award was first ordered;
- 2. claimants' legal costs and expenses;
- 3. defence costs and legal representation costs; and
- 4. public relations expenses.

Loss does not include any criminal fines or penalties, regulator's costs or expenses (including Health and Safety Executive fees for intervention or similar regulator's costs and expenses), taxes (except for personal tax liability), remuneration, **employee contract benefits**, or punitive, exemplary and multiplied damages in relation to an **employment claim**.

## **Outside entity**

Any organisation other than you:

- 1. that is tax exempt and not for profit; or
- 2. in which you hold any issued share.

# Outside entity does not include:

- 1. any company which is registered or domiciled outside of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar;
- 2. any company whose securities are traded on any stock exchange in the USA or Canada; or
- any bank, investment company, investment advisor or manager, hedge or mutual fund, private equity or venture capital company, stock brokerage, insurer, or any similar financial organisation or institution including any organisation regulated by the FCA, PRA or any similar regulator.



### Personal data

Any information about an individually identifiable natural person, including but not limited to such information protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 or the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, including any similar or successor legislation or regulation.

### **Pollution**

Any actual, alleged or threatened discharge, seepage, treatment, removal, disposal, dispersal, emission, release or escape of any solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal contaminant or irritant, including, but not limited to, lead, smoke, oil, oil products, dust, fibres, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals or waste (including materials that have been or are intended to be recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed), or any regulatory order, direction or request to test for, monitor, remove, contain, treat, detoxify, or neutralise any such material.

# **Pre-investigation costs**

Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by an insured person with our prior written agreement to notify a regulator, government department or other body legally empowered of any material breach, incident or event occurring within the geographical limits where such notice is obligatory and it is likely that a covered investigation will be brought as a result of the notification.

# Prior and pending date

The date on which you first purchased trustees and individual liability or other equivalent insurance that has run continuously without a break in cover. If since that date you have merged or consolidated with another company, entity or other organisation, or any party has acquired more than 50% of your issued share capital, assets, or the majority of your voting rights, the 'prior and pending date' will be the date of such merger, consolidation or acquisition.

## **Property damage**

The loss, damage or destruction of any tangible property including loss of use of such property.

## **Public relations expenses**

The reasonable and necessary costs incurred with our prior written agreement in utilising the services of a public relations consultant.

### **Securities**

Any debt or equity interest in you.

# Social engineering communication

Any request directed to you or someone on your behalf by a person improperly seeking to obtain possession or the transfer to a third-party of virtual currency, money, securities, data or property that such person or third-party is not entitled to.

# **Subsidiary**

Any entity domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar in which you:

- own directly or through one or more of your subsidiaries more than 50% of the share capital or assets or a majority of the voting rights or have the right to appoint or remove a majority of the entity's board of directors, trustees, governors or equivalent; or
- control a majority of its voting rights under a written agreement with other shareholders or members.

If an entity ceases to be a subsidiary during the period of insurance, cover will continue but only for a claim or investigation against an insured person arising from any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place before it ceased to be a subsidiary.

# Unintentional error

Any error or omission by anyone that was not intentional or deliberate.

Any actual or alleged act, error or omission committed or attempted by an insured person arising from the performance of the insured person's duties solely in their capacity as a trustee, governor, committee member, director, officer or employee of:

- 1. you; or
- for the purposes of the cover in What is covered, Outside entity, an outside entity, including:
  - breach of any duty, including fiduciary or statutory duty, breach of confidence; a.
  - b. breach of trust:
  - negligence, negligent misstatement, misleading statement or negligent misrepresentation;
  - defamation; d.
  - wrongful trading under Section 214 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or any similar or successor legislation, including its equivalent legislation in any other jurisdiction;

## Wrongful act



- f. breach of warranty of authority; or
- g. any other act, error or omission attempted or allegedly committed or attempted by an **insured person** solely because of their status as a director, partner, LLP member, committee or board member, trustee, officer or **employee** of **you**.

# You/your

# Also includes any subsidiary:

- 1. existing at the commencement of the **period of insurance**;
- created or acquired during the **period of insurance** provided that the newly created or acquired **subsidiary** does not trade any of its securities on any stock exchange.

### What is covered

# 1. Claims against an insured person

# Losses including defence costs

Health and safety/ manslaughter

Pension or employee benefit schemes

**Pollution** 

**Employment claims** 

Outside entity

Cyber incidents

# 2. Investigations

# Losses including legal representation costs

**Emergency defence costs** 

Pension or employee benefit schemes

Health and safety/

manslaughter

Outside entity

Pollution

a. We will pay on behalf of any insured person the loss arising from a claim against any insured person for any wrongful act within the geographical limits, including any:

- i. health and safety/manslaughter claim;
- ii. claim arising from any insured person's operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund of yours;
- iii. claim arising from pollution;
- employment claim. This cover does not apply if the insured person is covered under the management liability – employment practices liability section of this policy;
- v. claim arising directly from any activity performed by an insured person in their capacity as a director, LLP member, committee or board member, trustee, or officer of an outside entity, provided that the insured person acts in that capacity at your specific written request. However, we will only pay in excess of any indemnity provided by the outside entity to its directors, partners, LLP members, committee or board members, trustees or officers or any other insurance available to such individuals for such claim; or
- vi. **claim** arising from the management of, or response to, any **cyber attack** or other cyber-related incident or event.
- b. We will pay emergency defence costs in relation to a covered claim.
- a. We will pay on behalf of any insured person the loss arising from an investigation and arising from any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place within the geographical limits, including any:
  - i. health and safety/ manslaughter investigation;
  - ii. **investigation** arising from an **insured person's** operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund of **yours**;
  - iii. investigation arising from pollution; or
  - iv. investigation arising directly from any activity performed by an insured person in their capacity as a director, LLP member, committee or board member, trustee or officer of an outside entity, provided that the insured person acts in that capacity at your specific written request. However, we will only pay in excess of any indemnity provided by the outside entity to its directors, LLP members, committee or board members, trustees or officers or any other insurance available to such individuals for such investigation.



# Investigation mitigation costs

- . We will also pay investigation mitigation costs in relation to a covered investigation, provided that:
  - i. where reasonably possible, the insured person must obtain our prior written agreement before incurring such costs. Where it is not possible to obtain our written agreement, the insured person must notify us as soon as possible after such sums are incurred; and
  - we will not pay for the costs incurred in dealing with routine business, regulatory, legal, compliance or other matters, which could lead to an investigation if not complied with.

We will not make any payment for any part of an investigation not covered by this section.

### **Pre-investigation costs**

c. We will pay pre-investigation costs in relation to a covered investigation.

# Emergency legal representation costs

d. We will pay emergency legal representation costs in relation to a covered investigation.

## 3. Entity reimbursement

We will pay on your behalf the loss which you are legally obliged or permitted to pay on behalf of an insured person arising from a covered claim or investigation. If you are permitted or obliged to provide such payment but fail to do so for any reason other than your insolvency, regardless of whether you advanced payment or indemnified an insured person for such loss, we will pay the amount of the claim or investigation less any relevant excess.

### 4. Additional covers

a. We will pay on behalf of any insured person:

Extradition proceedings

 the loss arising from any extradition proceeding against any insured person during the period of insurance arising from wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place or alleged to have taken place within the geographical limits;

# Deprivation of assets expenses

- ii. their **deprivation of assets expenses**, if, as a direct result of a covered **claim** or **investigation**, an interim or interlocutory order:
  - confiscating, controlling, suspending or freezing rights of ownership of real property or personal assets of an **insured person**; or
  - b. creating a charge over real property or the personal assets of the **insured person**; is made, other than where the court has made an allowance for the **insured person** in respect of such sums;

# Public relations expenses

iii. public relations expenses following a covered claim or investigation to mitigate the actual or potential adverse effect on their reputation by disseminating news of a final adjudication that absolved them of any fault. The insured person must obtain our prior written agreement before incurring such costs;

# Bail costs

iv. bail costs arising from a covered claim or investigation;

Personal tax liability

v. their liability occurring in the **period of insurance** within the **geographical limits** under any insolvency rules or insolvency legislation to pay **your** unpaid taxes following **your** insolvency, dissolution, administration or winding up, where such liability arises solely as a result of the **insured person's** status as **your** director, partner, LLP member, committee or board member, trustee or officer;

# Additional defence costs and legal representation costs

vi. additional **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** in the event that the limit of indemnity for this section is exhausted, provided that the **insured person** has previously not been the subject of a **claim** or **investigation** that led to the exhaustion of the limit of indemnity for this section.

Where an **insured person** has been the subject of such a **claim** or **investigation**, any amount **we** will pay on behalf of that individual will be reduced by an amount equal to the amount of that **claim** or **investigation** or the part of that **claim** or **investigation** relating to such individual.

**We** will only pay in excess of any other insurance available to such individuals.



# Court attendance compensation

b. If any insured person has to attend court as a witness in connection with a claim or investigation covered under this section, we will pay you compensation for each day, or part of a day that their attendance is required by us.

# Loss of data resulting from a cyber incident

c. We will pay on behalf of any insured person the loss arising from a claim against that insured person, including any claim by any data subjects relating to personal data, where any such claim is based upon, attributable to or arising from any loss or misuse of data as a direct result of a cyber attack, a hacker or that insured person's own unintentional error. We will not cover defence costs in relation to such claims.

# What is not covered

We will not make any payment for any claim, loss, investigation or any other liability under this section:

## Deliberate or dishonest acts

- 1. against or suffered by an insured person based upon, attributable to or arising out of:
  - a dishonest or fraudulent act or omission or any intentional breach of any legislation or regulation;
  - b. an act intended to secure or which does secure a personal profit or equivalent funds or advantage to which the individual concerned was not legally entitled; or
  - c. an act intended to secure or which does secure a profit or advantage for any other company or entity, to which the company or entity was not legally entitled,

where such act or omission was committed or condoned by that insured person.

This exclusion shall only apply after a judgment or other final adjudication or an admission by the **insured person** that such act or omission did occur. In the event of such finding or admission, the **insured person** must reimburse all payments made by **us** in relation to the corresponding **claim**, **loss** or **investigation**.

# Prior claims and litigation

- 2. based upon, attributable to or arising out of:
  - a. anything that has been reported to and accepted under any policy existing or expired, before the start of the **period of insurance**; or
  - b. any prior or pending litigation or proceedings, including allegations deriving from the same or essentially the same facts, involving an **insured person**, **you** or an **outside entity**, initiated before the **prior and pending date**.

# Reckless acts

 based upon, attributable to or arising out of an act or omission committed recklessly by an insured person or an act that the insured person knew or ought to have known was against your best interests or the best interests of an outside entity.

# Claims by a related party in the United States of America

- 4. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any claim brought or maintained by you, an outside entity or an insured person within or subject to the laws of the United States of America. This exclusion does not apply to:
  - a. defence costs:
  - any shareholder derivative proceedings brought in your name without your or any insured person's solicitation, assistance or participation;
  - c. any claim brought by your liquidator, receiver or administrative receiver or similar body;
  - d. any employment claim;
  - e. any claim made by a former insured person; or
  - any claim seeking a contribution or indemnity if such claim would otherwise be covered by this section.

# Bodily injury and property damage

for bodily injury or property damage. This exclusion does not apply to any health and safety/manslaughter claim. However, we will not in any event make any payment for any health and safety/manslaughter claim arising from the use, ownership or possession of any motor vehicle in relation to which the insured person is obliged under any compulsory insurance law to maintain insurance.

# Pollution clean-up costs

6. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any:



- a. statutory, contractual or common law obligation **you** or an **insured person** have to clean up or remedy any **pollution** or contamination; or
- b. land or property being identified as contaminated land under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 or any similar or successor legislation.

### Takeovers and mergers

- 7. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place by an **insured person** after:
  - a. you merge or consolidate with another company or entity; or
  - b. any party acquires:
    - i. more than 50% of **your** issued share capital;
    - ii. the majority of your voting rights; or
    - iii. the right to appoint or remove a majority of **your** board of directors, trustees, governors or equivalent.

# Changes to subsidiaries

- 8. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place:
  - a. before the date of creation or acquisition by you of such subsidiary; or
  - b. after an entity ceases to be a subsidiary.

### Financial advantage

 based upon, attributable to or arising out of the gaining of any financial advantage to which the **insured person** was not entitled, including the repayment of any wrongfully received monies.

# Defined benefit pension schemes

 based upon, attributable to or arising out of an insured person's operation or administration of any defined benefit pension scheme or their breach of any legislation or regulation relating to these activities.

# Claims outside the applicable courts

11. first brought outside the applicable courts.

This exclusion also applies to proceedings in the **applicable courts** to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the **applicable courts**.

# Cyber incidents

- 12. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any:
  - a. cyber attack;
  - b. hacker;
  - c. unintentional error in or affecting any computer or digital technology;
  - d. social engineering communication; or
  - e. **claims** by any **data subjects** relating to **personal data** arising from **a.** to **d.** above.

This exclusion does not apply to any **claim**:

- covered under What is covered, 4. Additional covers, c. Loss of data resulting from a cyber incident; or
- brought by you, any shareholder or creditor of yours or any insured person, directly due to the insured person's management of or response to, a. to d. above.

Where a **claim** is covered under i. and ii. above, **we** will treat the **claim** as covered under i. **We** will not cover **defence costs** in relation to such **claims**.

# Special conditions

# General terms

The General definitions, General conditions and General claims conditions set out in the **General terms and conditions** all apply equally to each **insured person** and to **you**, except for General condition 6. Premium payment, which applies only to **you**.

General conditions 3 and 4 shall not apply to this section.

General condition 7. Cancellation will only apply to this section at the end of the **period of insurance** or anniversary date whichever comes first.



**You** agree to act on behalf of all the **insured persons** as regards paying the premium and giving or receiving notice of all matters relevant to this section.

Information provided by an insured person

All information which any **insured person** provided before **we** agreed to insure **you** will be considered as a separate application for each **insured person** and as such the knowledge of or any statement made by an **insured person** will not be imputed to any other **insured person** for the purposes of determining whether cover is available for any **claim** or **investigation** against such other **insured person**.

Severability of exclusions

When determining the applicability of the exclusions within **What is not covered**, the **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place of one **insured person** shall not be imputed onto any other **insured person** who neither committed nor condoned such **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence.

Extended notification period

If:

- 1. **we** or **you** refuse to renew this section of the **policy** for any reason other than non-payment of premium, administration, liquidation or insolvency; or
- you merge or consolidate with another entity or any party acquires more than 50% of your issued share capital or assets or the majority of your voting rights during the period of insurance;

**you** or any **insured person** may make a request to **us** in writing for an extended notification period, which will be granted at **our** sole discretion. If **we** agree to such request, the extended notification period will be granted in accordance with the options stated below:

One-year period 200% of the annual premium for this section Two-year period 300% of the annual premium for this section Three-year period 400% of the annual premium for this section

The premium for any extended notification period to which **we** agree must be paid to **us** within 90 days following the end of the **period of insurance**.

If you or an insured person does so:

- we will cover an insured person for any covered claim, loss or investigation arising during the extended notification period, subject to the terms and conditions of this section. We will not cover any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place after the end of the original period of insurance; and
- 2. the first paragraph 1a. under Your obligations in this section will then be amended to: unless you or the insured person notifies us as soon as reasonably practicable and within the period of insurance or the extended notification period of the following:

The limit of indemnity for any extended notification period will be part of and not in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

The entire premium for this section is considered fully earned at the beginning of any extended notification period. **We** will not refund any premium if **you** or any **insured person** cancels the extended notification period before it ends.

**We** will not in any event agree to any request from **you** or any **insured person** to purchase an extended notification period if:

- cover under this section is continued solely as a result of the Former trustees special condition or an extended notification period;
- this section of the **policy** is replaced or succeeded by any other policy providing similar or equivalent cover to **your** directors, partners, LLP members, committee or board members, trustees and officers; or
- 3. this section or the **policy** is cancelled, other than by **you** on an anniversary date.

If **we** offer renewal terms, conditions, limits of liability or premium different from those of the expiring policy, this does not constitute a refusal to renew.

Former trustees

In the event that **you** do not renew or replace this section of the **policy**, and only in respect of any **insured person** who ceases to be a director, partner, LLP member, committee or board member, trustee or officer of **you** prior to the date of non-renewal for reasons other than



disqualification from holding such a position or **your** insolvency, administration or liquidation, this section shall continue in force indefinitely from the date of non-renewal, provided that:

- this section shall only apply to claims or investigations arising from any wrongful act committed or alleged prior to the date the insured person ceases to be a director, partner, LLP member, committee or board member, trustee or officer of you;
- 2. no similar insurance is effected elsewhere; and
- 3. this section or the **policy** has not been cancelled, other than by **you** or **any insured person** on an anniversary date.

# How much we will pay

The most **we** will pay for the total of all **claims**, **losses**, **investigations**, and any other covered liability, including their **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** is the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule, irrespective of the number of **claims** made or **losses**, **investigations** or other covered liabilities arising.

Each **claim**, **loss**, **investigation** or other covered liability shall be treated as first made when **we** receive notice of the first **claim**, **loss**, **investigation** or other covered liability.

You must pay any relevant excess stated in the schedule.

Paying out the limit of indemnity

At any stage of a **claim**, **investigation** or any other covered liability, **we** can pay the **insured person** the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit. **We** will then have no further liability for that **claim**, **loss**, **investigation**, or other covered liability.

# **Special limits**

All special limits below are included within, and not in addition to, the limit of indemnity stated on the schedule.

The most **we** will pay in total for each item below is the corresponding amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of **claims**, **losses**, **investigations** or other covered liabilities:

Public relations expenses

- 1. public relations expenses;
- Emergency defence costs
- 2. emergency defence costs;

Emergency legal representation costs

3. emergency legal representation costs;

Deprivation of assets expenses

4. deprivation of assets expenses;

Personal tax liability

5. cover under **What is covered**, **4. Additional covers**, a. v. Personal tax liability;

Investigation mitigation costs

6. investigation mitigation costs;

Pre-investigation costs

7. pre-investigation costs;

Bail costs

8. bail costs:

Court attendance compensation

 court attendance compensation, including any court attendance compensation payable under any Management liability sections of this **policy**; and

Loss of data resulting from a cyber incident

 cover under What is covered, 4. Additional covers, c. Loss of data resulting from a cyber incident.

## **Additional cover**

The limit below is in addition to the limit of indemnity stated on the schedule.

Additional defence costs and legal representation costs

The most we will pay in total for all defence costs and legal representation costs under What is covered, 4. Additional covers, vi. Additional defence costs and legal representation costs, is the amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of claims and investigations.

# Your obligations

Notification

1. **We** will not make any payment under this section:



- unless you or an insured person notifies us as soon as reasonably practicable of the following within the period of insurance or at the latest within 90 days after it expires for any problem you or such insured person becomes aware of within the 30 days before expiry:
  - the insured person's first awareness of any wrongful act that is likely to lead to a claim;
  - ii. any claim or anything likely to lead to a claim against an insured person;
  - iii. any investigation into you or an insured person;
  - iv. the threat or commencement of any disqualification proceedings against any insured person; or
  - v. the **insured person**'s first awareness of any act, omission or occurrence that is likely to lead to any other covered liability.
- b. to **you** or an **insured person** if, prior to the **period of insurance**, **you** or such **insured person** had knowledge of a material misstatement in or omission from the information provided to **us** upon which **we** agreed to insure **you**.
- When dealing with a third party, you or the insured person must not admit that you or the insured person are liable for what has happened, or make any offer, deal or payment without our prior written agreement. If you or an insured person does, we may reduce any payment we make under this policy by an amount equal to the detriment we have suffered as a result.

# Control of defence and payment under this section

**You** and any **insured person** must give **us** the information and co-operation which **we** may reasonably require and take all reasonable steps to defend any **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability. **You** and the **insured person** should not do anything which may prejudice **our** position.

**We** have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of and conduct in **your** name or the name of any **insured person**, the investigation, settlement or defence of any **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability. If **we** think it necessary **we** will appoint an adjuster, solicitor or any other appropriate person to deal with the **claim**, **investigation** or any other covered liability.

Where there is a dispute between **us** and any **insured person** over cover, proposed settlement or continuing the defence of a **claim**, r **investigation**, or any other covered liability, the **insured person** or **we** may request the obtainment of an opinion from a mutually agreed Queens Counsel or equivalent in a different jurisdiction. Such opinion shall be binding on **us** and **you** and any **insured person** and will establish whether policy cover exists, defence of said **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability will continue or settlement will be agreed. The costs of such opinion shall be met by **us**.

We shall pay defence costs and legal representation costs, above any excess, covered by this section on an ongoing basis prior to the final resolution of any claim, investigation, or any other covered liability. You and/or any insured person must reimburse us for any defence costs and legal representation costs paid where it is determined there is no entitlement under this section.

If a **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability is made which is not wholly covered by this section or is also made against an **insured person** and any other party which is not covered under this section, **we** and the **insured person** shall use our best endeavours to agree a fair allocation between **loss** that is covered and **loss** not covered by this section.



## Management liability – corporate legal liability

Policy wording

Your schedule will indicate if your policy includes this section.

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. Cover under this section is given on an aggregate basis unless otherwise specified.

## Special definitions for this section

**Applicable courts** 

The courts of competent jurisdiction in those countries stated as the applicable courts in the schedule.

**Bodily injury** 

Mental or emotional distress, sickness, disease, bodily injury or death suffered by anyone.

Claim

Any written demand or civil, criminal, regulatory or arbitration proceeding first made against **you** during the **period of insurance** alleging a **wrongful act** and seeking monetary damages or other legal relief or penalty.

Computer or digital technology

Any **programs**, computer network, hardware, software, operational technology, internet-connected device, network-connected device, electronic device, information technology, communications system, including but not limited to any internet-of-things devices, email system, intranet, extranet, website or cloud computing services.

Cyber attack

Any digital attack or interference, whether by a **hacker** or otherwise, designed to disrupt access to, the operation of or cause damage to any data or **computer or digital technology**, including but not limited to any:

- programs designed to damage, disrupt, extract data from, or gain unauthorised access to computer or digital technology including, but not limited to, malware, wipers, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, ransomware, crypto-jacking and other malicious software or viruses; or
- 2. denial of service attack or distributed denial of service attack.

Data subject

Any natural person who is the subject of **personal data**.

**Defence costs** 

- Reasonable costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, incurred with **our** prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend any **claim** made against **you** or to fund an appeal, including any premium paid for an appeal bond or similar bond obtained in relation to it, arising from any judgment, decision or award in relation to any **claim**.
- 2. Emergency defence costs.

**Emergency defence costs** 

Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, where it is not possible to obtain **our** prior written agreement, provided that **you** notify **us** as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.

Emergency legal representation costs

Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration to investigate or respond to any **investigation**, where it is not possible to obtain **our** prior written agreement, provided that **you** notify **us** as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.

**Employee** 

- 1. Any person under a contract of service with you.
- 2. Any independent person seconded to you.
- 3. Any applicant or candidate for employment with **you**.

**Employee dishonesty loss** 

Your direct financial loss discovered during the **period of insurance** in the performance of **your business** within the **geographical limits**, arising from the dishonesty of an **employee**,



where there was a clear intention to cause **you** financial loss or damage and to obtain a personal financial gain in addition to salary, bonus or commission.

### **Employment claim**

Any **claim** by any **employee** for any actual or alleged:

- 1. wrongful, unfair or constructive dismissal, discharge or termination of employment;
- 2. breach of written or implied contract of employment;
- 3. employment related misrepresentation;
- wrongful deprivation of a career opportunity, failure to grant tenure or negligent employee evaluation;
- harassment, unlawful discrimination or failure to provide adequate employee procedures and policies;
- 6. retaliation; or
- 7. defamation or invasion of privacy;

arising solely as a result of the employment or non-employment by you of such employee.

#### Hacker

Anyone, including an employee of **yours**, who gains unauthorised access to or unauthorised use of any:

- 1. computer or digital technology; or
- 2. data held electronically by you or on your behalf.

## Health and safety /manslaughter claim

Any **claim** under the provisions of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 or the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or any similar or successor legislation.

### Health and safety/ manslaughter investigation

Any **investigation** under the provisions of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 or the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or any similar or successor legislation.

## **Identity crime**

An agreement entered into by any third party representing themselves as you.

### Investigation

An official examination, official enquiry or official investigation into **you** first notified as being required during the **period of insurance** and conducted by any regulator, government department or other body legally empowered.

**Investigation** does not include any routine regulatory supervision, enquiry or compliance review, any internal investigation or any investigation into the business activities of **your** industry which is not solely related to **your** conduct.

## Investigation mitigation costs

Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by **you** to prevent or minimise the likelihood of an **investigation** or mitigate the potential consequences of an **investigation** which, if such steps were not taken, would be likely to result in an **investigation** being brought against **you** that would be covered by this section of the **policy** or would be likely to increase the severity of such an **investigation**.

## Legal representation costs

- Reasonable and necessary legal costs, fees, charges and expenses, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, for which you are legally liable, incurred with our prior written agreement for legal representation directly in relation to an investigation.
- 2. Emergency legal representation costs.

Loss

In respect of a **claim** or **investigation** the amount **you** become legally liable to pay, including following a settlement entered into with **our** written agreement, for:

- awards of damages, including punitive, exemplary and multiplied damages, and civil
  fines and penalties if insurable in the jurisdiction where such award was first ordered;
- 2. claimants' legal costs and expenses;
- 3. defence costs and legal representation costs; and
- 4. public relations expenses.

**Loss** does not include any criminal fines or penalties, regulator's costs or expenses (including Health and Safety Executive fees for intervention or similar regulator's costs and expenses), taxes or remuneration.



#### Personal data

Any information about an individually identifiable natural person, including but not limited to such information protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 or the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, including any similar or successor legislation or regulation.

#### **Pollution**

Any actual, alleged or threatened discharge, seepage, treatment, removal, disposal, dispersal, emission, release or escape of any solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal contaminant or irritant, including, but not limited to, lead, smoke, oil, oil products, dust, fibres, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals or waste (including materials that have been or are intended to be recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed), or any regulatory order, direction or request to test for, monitor, remove, contain, treat, detoxify, or neutralise any such material.

#### **Pre-investigation costs**

Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by **you** with **our** prior written agreement to notify a regulator, government department or other body legally empowered of any material breach, incident or event occurring within the **geographical limits** where such notice is obligatory and it is likely that a covered **investigation** will be brought as a result of the notification.

## Prior and pending date

The date on which **you** first purchased corporate legal liability or other equivalent entity insurance that has run continuously without a break in cover. If during such period **you** have merged or consolidated with another company or entity, or any party has acquired more than 50% of **your** issued share capital or the majority of **your** voting rights, the 'prior and pending date' will be the date of such merger, consolidation or acquisition.

#### Property damage

The loss, damage or destruction of any tangible property including loss of use of such property.

#### **Public relations expenses**

The reasonable and necessary costs incurred with **our** prior written agreement in utilising the services of a public relations consultant.

#### Relevant person

- Any natural person who was, is, or during the **period of insurance** becomes a director, partner, member or officer of **you**.
- 2. Any de facto director of **you** whilst acting is such capacity for **you**.
- Any shadow director as defined under Section 251 of the Companies Act 2006 or any similar or successor legislation in any other jurisdiction.
- 4. Any employee of you.
- 5. The lawful spouse, civil or unmarried partner of any person in 1 to 4 above solely because of their spousal, civil or unmarried partner relationship following a **claim** or **investigation** against that person.
- 6. The estates, heirs or legal representatives of any person in 1 to 5 above who has died or become incapacitated, insolvent or bankrupt but only for a **claim** or **investigation** against that person.

**Relevant person** does not include any external auditor or any liquidator, receiver, administrative receiver or other insolvency practitioner or officer of **you** or **your** assets.

## Securities

Any debt or equity interest in you.

## Social engineering communication

Any request directed to **you** or someone on **your** behalf by a person improperly seeking to obtain possession or the transfer to a third-party of virtual currency, money, securities, data or property that such person or third-party is not entitled to.

## **Subsidiary**

Any entity domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar in which **you**:

- own directly or through one or more of your subsidiaries more than 50% of the share capital or a majority of the voting rights or have the right to appoint or remove a majority of the entity's board of directors; or
- control a majority of its voting rights under a written agreement with other shareholders or members.

If an entity ceases to be a **subsidiary** during the **period of insurance**, cover will continue but only for a **claim** or **investigation** against **you** arising from any act, incident or occurrence performed, or taking place, or alleged to have taken place before it ceased to be a **subsidiary**.

### Unintentional error

Any error or omission by anyone that was not intentional or deliberate.



### Wrongful act

Any actual or alleged act, error or omission committed or attempted by you including:

- 1. breach of any duty, including fiduciary or statutory duty, breach of confidence or data loss;
- 2. breach of trust:
- 3. negligence, negligent misstatement, misleading statement or negligent misrepresentation;
- 4. breach of warranty of authority; or
- 5. any other act, error or omission attempted or allegedly committed or attempted by you.

#### You/your

#### Also includes any subsidiary:

- 1. existing at the start of the **period of insurance**;
- created or acquired during the **period of insurance** provided that the newly created or acquired **subsidiary** does not trade any of its securities on any stock exchange.

## What is covered

### 1. Claims against you

## Losses including defence costs

a. **We** will pay on **your** behalf the **loss** arising from a **claim** against **you** for any **wrongful act** within the **geographical limits**, including any:

Health and safety/ manslaughter i. health and safety/manslaughter claim;

Pension or employee benefit schemes

 claim arising from your operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund of yours;

Shareholder pollution claims

 claim arising from pollution brought by any shareholder of you either directly or derivatively;

Cyber incidents

iv. **claim** arising from the management of, or response to, any **cyber attack** or other cyber-related incident or event;

Identity crime

v. **claim** arising from **identity crime**; or

**Taxation** 

vi. **claim** arising from **your** failure to comply with any taxation regulations.

## **Defence costs only**

b. We will pay on your behalf the defence costs only arising from a claim against you for any wrongful act within the geographical limits:

Pollution

i. arising from **pollution**, other than for a **claim** brought by any shareholder of **you** either directly or derivatively.

## **Emergency defence costs**

c. We will pay emergency defence costs in relation to a covered claim.

## 2. Investigations

## Losses including legal representation costs

a. We will pay on your behalf the loss arising from an investigation and arising from any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place within the geographical limits, including any:

Health and safety/ manslaughter i. health and safety/manslaughter investigation;

Pension or employee benefit schemes

ii. **investigation** arising from **your** operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund;

**Pollution** 

iii. investigation arising from pollution; or

Taxation

iv. **investigation** arising from **your** failure to comply with any taxation regulations.

## Investigation mitigation costs

b. We will also pay investigation mitigation costs in relation to a covered investigation, provided that:



- i. where reasonably possible, you must obtain our prior written agreement before incurring such costs. Where it is not possible to obtain our written agreement, you must notify us as soon as possible after such sums are incurred; and
- we will not pay for the costs incurred in dealing with routine business, regulatory, legal, compliance or other matters, which could lead to an investigation if not complied with.

We will not make any payment for any part of an investigation not covered by this section.

### **Pre-investigation costs**

c. We will pay pre-investigation costs in relation to a covered investigation.

## Emergency legal representation costs

d. We will pay emergency legal representation costs in relation to a covered investigation.

#### 3. Additional covers

#### Public relations expenses

a. We will pay public relations expenses on your behalf following a covered claim or investigation which, without the incurrence of public relations expenses, would in the reasonable opinion of your Chief Financial Officer or equivalent be likely to result in the imminent reduction in your gross annual revenue of more than 20%, by reference to your most recent financial forecast. You must obtain our prior written agreement before incurring such costs.

## Court attendance compensation

 If any relevant person has to attend court as a witness in connection with a claim or investigation covered under this section, we will pay you compensation for each day; or part of a day that their attendance is required by us.

#### Dishonesty of employees

c. We will pay your employee dishonesty loss.

#### Loss of documents

d. If during the **period of insurance** any document, information or data of **yours** which is necessary for the performance of **your business** is lost, damaged or destroyed while in **your** possession within the **geographical limits**, **we** will pay the reasonable expenses **you** incur with **our** prior written agreement in restoring or replacing it.

## What is not covered

**We** will not make any payment for any **claim**, **loss**, **investigation**, or any other liability under this section:

### Deliberate or dishonest acts

- 1. against or suffered by **you** based upon, attributable to or arising out of:
  - a dishonest or fraudulent act or omission or any intentional breach of any statute or regulation;
  - b. an act intended to secure or which does secure profit or advantage to which the individual concerned is not legally entitled; or
  - c. an act intended to secure or which does secure a profit for any other company or entity to which the company or entity was not legally entitled.

where such act or omission was committed or condoned by **you** or any individual who falls within paragraphs 1. to 3. of the definition of **relevant person**. This exclusion will only apply after a judgment or other final adjudication or an admission by **you** or the **relevant person** that such act, breach of statute or omission did occur. In the event of such finding or admission, **you** must reimburse all payments made by **us** in relation to the corresponding **claim**, **loss** or **investigation**.

### Prior claims and litigation

- 2. based upon, attributable to or arising out of:
  - a. anything that has been reported to and accepted under any policy existing or expired, before the start of the **period of insurance**; or
  - any prior or pending litigation or proceedings, including allegations deriving from the same or essentially the same facts, involving a relevant person, you or an outside entity, initiated before the prior and pending date.

## Defamation

- 3. based upon, attributable to or arising out of defamation.
- 4. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any **claim** brought or maintained by:



## Claims by you or a relevant person

- a. you; or
- b. a **relevant person** within or subject to the laws of the United States of America.

This exclusion does not apply to:

- i. defence costs;
- ii. any shareholder derivative proceedings brought in **your** name without **your** or any **relevant person's** solicitation, assistance or participation;
- any claim brought by your liquidator, receiver or administrative receiver or similar body; or
- any claim seeking a contribution or indemnity if such claim would otherwise be covered by this section.

## Bodily injury and property damage

for bodily injury or property damage. This exclusion does not apply to any health and safety/manslaughter claim. However, we will not in any event make any payment for any health and safety/manslaughter claim arising from the use, ownership or possession of any motor vehicle in relation to which you are obliged under any compulsory insurance law to maintain insurance.

## Pollution clean-up costs

- 6. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any:
  - a. statutory, contractual or common law obligation you have to clean up or remedy any pollution or contamination; or
  - b. land or property being identified as contaminated land under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 or any similar or successor legislation.

#### Takeovers and mergers

- 7. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place, after:
  - a. you merge or consolidate with another company; or
  - b. any party acquires:
    - i. more than 50% of your issued share capital;
    - ii. the majority of your voting rights; or
    - iii. the right to appoint or remove a majority of your board of directors.

### Changes to subsidiaries

- 8. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place:
  - a. before the date of creation or acquisition by you of such subsidiary; or
  - b. after an entity ceases to be a subsidiary.

## Financial advantage

9. based upon, attributable to or arising out of the gaining of any financial advantage to which the **you** were not entitled, including the repayment of any wrongfully received monies.

## Defined benefit pension schemes

based upon, attributable to or arising out of your operation or administration of any
defined benefit pension scheme or the breach of any legislation or regulation relating
to these activities.

## Failure to fund pension and employee benefit schemes

 based upon, attributable to or arising out of your failure to fund any pension, employee benefit scheme or trust fund.

## **Employment claims**

12. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any employment claim.

## Products

13. based upon, attributable to or arising out of the manufacture, sale, supply, installation or maintenance of any product.

#### Securities offerings

14. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any **claim** or **investigation** in relation to any actual public offering of **your securities**.

## Infringement of intellectual property

15. based upon, attributable to or arising out any actual or alleged infringement of patent, trademark, infringement of copyright, intellectual property right or registered design.



#### Contractual liability

16. based upon, attributable to or arising out any **claim** or **investigation** in respect of a breach of contract, whether actual or implied, written or oral which is greater than the liability **you** would have at law without the contract.

#### Market fluctuation

17. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any market trends or fluctuations over which **you** or any **relevant person** have no control.

#### Anti-competitive practices

18. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any breach of anti-competition laws or regulations.

### Breach of duty to customers

- 19. where any claim is brought by your client or customer and which arises directly out of any breach of duty by any person in the provision of products or services to that client or customer. This exclusion does not apply to:
  - a. legal representation costs or any insurable civil fines or penalties associated with an investigation resulting from the claim; or
  - b. any health and safety/manslaughter claim.

## Claims outside the applicable courts

20. first brought outside the applicable courts.

This exclusion also applies to proceedings in the **applicable courts** to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the **applicable courts**.

### Defence costs only

21. other than defence costs for any claim covered under What is covered, 1. Claims against you, b. Defence costs only.

#### Cyber incidents

- 22. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any:
  - a. cyber attack;
  - b. hacker;
  - c. unintentional error in or affecting any computer or digital technology; or
  - d. Social engineering communication.

This exclusion does not apply to any **claim** brought by any shareholder or creditor of **you** either directly or derivatively, directly due to **your** management of or response to a. to d. above. However, **we** will not, in any event, make any payment for any **claims** by **data subjects** relating to **personal data** arising from a. to d. above.

## Matters specific to dishonesty of employees

- B. **We** will not make any payment under **What is covered**, **3. Additional covers**, c. Dishonesty of employees for any **employee dishonesty loss** based upon, attributable to or arising out of:
- 1. any accounting or arithmetical error or omission or unexplained shortage;
- 2. any default or non-payment of any loan or other credit arrangement;
- your or any relevant person's expenses incurred in establishing the amount of any financial loss;
- 4. any loss of interest, loss of profit or any any indirect losses which result from the incident which caused **you** to claim; or
- any act, breach, omission or infringement deliberately, spitefully, dishonestly or recklessly committed, condoned or ignored by any director, officer or partner of yours.

## **Special conditions**

## Extended notification period

If:

- 1. **we** or **you** refuse to renew this section of the **policy** for any reason other than non-payment of premium, administration, liquidation or insolvency; or
- you merge or consolidate with another entity or any party acquires more than 50% of your issued share capital or the majority of your voting rights during the period of insurance;

**you** may make a request to **us** in writing for an extended notification period, which will be granted at **our** sole discretion. If **we** agree to such request, the extended notification period will be granted in accordance with the options stated below:



One-year period
Two-year period
Three-year period

200% of the annual premium for this section 300% of the annual premium for this section 400% of the annual premium for this section



If we agree to grant you an extended notification period, this section will remain in force but only in respect of any covered claim, loss, investigation or any other covered liability arising from any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place before the end of the original period of insurance.

This extended notification period is only available if **we** receive written notice of purchase from **you** and the premium is paid to **us** within 90 days following the end of the **period of insurance**.

If you do so, the first paragraph 1a. under Your obligations in this section will then be amended to:

a. unless **you** notify **us** as soon as reasonably practicable of the following, and within the **period of insurance** or the extended notification period:

The limit of indemnity for the extended notification period will be part of and not in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

The entire premium for this section is considered fully earned at the beginning of the extended notification period. **We** will not refund any premium if **you** cancel the extended notification period before it ends.

**We** will not in any event agree to any request from **you** to purchase an extended notification period if:

- 1. cover under this section is continued solely as a result of an extended notification period;
- this section of the **policy** is replaced or succeeded by any other policy providing corporate legal or equivalent entity cover; or
- 3. this section or the **policy** is cancelled, other than by **you** on an anniversary date.

If we offer renewal terms, conditions, limits of liability or premium different from those of the expiring policy, this does not constitute a refusal to renew.

Management buy-outs

If during the **period of insurance** the existing management conduct a management buy-out, **we** agree to provide cover to the same level and terms of this **policy** for the new company for a period of 30 days from the buy-out date for any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, or taking place, or alleged to have taken place subsequent to the buy-out.

**We** will only provide such cover if the new company is domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar. This cover will only apply excess of any other insurance and indemnification available from any other source.

# How much we will pay

The most **we** will pay for the total of all **claims**, **losses**, **investigations**, and any other covered liability, including their **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** is the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule, irrespective of the number of **claims** made or **losses**, **investigations** or other covered liabilities arising.

Each **claim**, **loss**, **investigation** or other covered liability shall be treated as first made when **we** receive notice of the first **claim**, **loss**, **investigation** or other covered liability.

You must pay any relevant excess stated in the schedule.

Paying out the limit of indemnity At any stage of a **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability **we** can pay **you** the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit. **We** will then have no further liability for any **claim**, **loss**, **investigation** or any other covered liability.

Dishonesty of employees

When we settle employee dishonesty loss under What is covered, 3. Additional covers, c. Dishonesty of employees, for losses perpetrated by any individual or group of individuals who own or control any shares in you or who are entitled to participate in your profits, the amount we pay will be reduced by proportion to such person or persons' share in your business or entitlement to participate in your profits.

## **Special limits**

All special limits below are included within, and not in addition to, the limit of indemnity stated on the schedule.

The most **we** will pay in total for each item below is the corresponding amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of **claims**, **losses**, **investigations** or other covered liabilities:

Pollution defence costs and legal representation costs

defence costs under What is covered, 1. Claims against you, b. Defence costs only,
 i. Pollution and cover under What is covered, 2. Investigations, a. Losses including



legal representation costs, iii. Pollution. This limit does not apply to shareholder pollution claims:

Public relations expenses

2. public relations expenses;

Emergency defence costs

3. emergency defence costs;

Emergency legal representation costs 4. emergency legal representation costs;

Investigation mitigation costs

investigation mitigation costs;

Pre-investigation costs

6. pre-investigation costs;

5.

Dishonesty of employees

7. employee dishonesty loss under What is covered, 3. Additional covers, c. Dishonesty of employees;

Court attendance compensation

8. court attendance compensation, including any court attendance compensation payable under any management liability section of this policy; and

Loss of documents

9. losses under What is covered, 3. Additional covers, d. Loss of documents.

## Your obligations

Notification

- 1 We will not make any payment under this section:
  - unless you notify us as soon as reasonably practicable of the following within the period of insurance or at the latest within 90 days after it expires for any problem you become aware of within the 30 days before expiry:
    - your first awareness of any wrongful act that is likely to lead to a claim;
    - any claim or threatened claim against you;
    - iii. any investigation into you; or
    - your first awareness of any act, omission or occurrence that is likely to lead to any other covered liability.
- When dealing with a third party, you must not admit that you are liable for what has happened, or make any offer, deal or payment without our prior written agreement. If you do, we may reduce any payment we make under this policy by an amount equal to the detriment we have suffered as a result.

## Control of defence and payment under this section

You must give us the information and co-operation which we may reasonably require and take all reasonable steps to defend any claim, investigation, or any other covered liability. You should not do anything which may prejudice our position.

We have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of and conduct in your name the investigation, settlement or defence of any claim investigation, or any other covered liability. If we think it necessary we will appoint an adjuster, solicitor or any other appropriate person to deal with the claim, investigation, or any other covered liability.

Where there is a dispute between us and you over cover, proposed settlement or continuing the defence of a claim investigation, or any other covered liability, you or we may request the obtainment of an opinion from a mutually agreed Queens Counsel or equivalent in a different jurisdiction. Such opinion shall be binding on us and you and will establish whether policy cover exists, defence of said claim, investigation, or any other covered liability will continue or settlement will be agreed. The costs of such opinion shall be met by us.

We shall pay defence costs and legal representation costs above any excess and covered by this section on an ongoing basis prior to the final resolution of any claim, investigation, or any other covered liability. You must reimburse us for any defence costs and legal representation costs paid where it is determined there is no entitlement under this section.

If a claim, investigation, or any other covered liability is made which is not wholly covered by this section or is also made against you and any other party which is not covered under this



section, **we** and **you** shall use our best endeavours to agree a fair allocation between **loss** that is covered and **loss** not covered by this section.

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# Management liability – professional and legal liability (charity, club, association and not for profit)

Policy wording

Your schedule will indicate if your policy includes this section.

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. Cover under this section is given on an aggregate basis unless otherwise specified.

# Special definitions for this section

Applicable courts

The courts of competent jurisdiction in those countries stated as the applicable courts in the schedule.

**Bodily injury** 

Mental or emotional distress, sickness, disease, bodily injury or death suffered by anyone.

Claim

Any written demand or civil, criminal, regulatory or arbitration proceeding first made against **you** during the **period of insurance** alleging a **wrongful act** and seeking monetary damages or other legal relief or penalty.

Computer or digital technology

Any **programs**, computer network, hardware, software, operational technology, internet-connected device, network-connected device, electronic device, information technology, communications system, including but not limited to any internet-of-things devices, email system, intranet, extranet, website or cloud computing services.

Cyber attack

Any digital attack or interference, whether by a **hacker** or otherwise, designed to disrupt access to, the operation of or cause damage to any data or **computer or digital technology**, including but not limited to any:

- programs designed to damage, disrupt, extract data from, or gain unauthorised access to computer or digital technology including, but not limited to, malware, wipers, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, ransomware, crypto-jacking and other malicious software or viruses; or
- 2. denial of service attack or distributed denial of service attack.

Data subject

Any natural person who is the subject of personal data.

**Defence costs** 

- Reasonable costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, incurred with our prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend any claim made against you or to fund an appeal, including any premium paid for an appeal bond or similar bond obtained in relation to it, arising from any judgment, decision or award in relation to any claim.
- 2. Emergency defence costs.

**Emergency defence costs** 

Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration to investigate or defend any **claim** where it is not possible to obtain **our** prior written agreement, provided that **you** notify **us** as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.

Emergency legal representation costs

Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, to investigate or respond to any **investigation**, where it is not possible to obtain **our** prior written agreement, provided that **you** notify **us** as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.

**Employee** 

- 1. Any person under a contract of service with you.
- 2. Any independent person seconded to **you**.
- 3. Any volunteer solely whilst under **your** control in connection with **your business**.
- 4. Any applicant or candidate for employment with **you**.

#### **Employee dishonesty loss**

Your direct financial loss discovered during the **period of insurance** in the performance of **your business** within the **geographical limits**, arising from the dishonesty of an **employee**,



where there was a clear intention to cause **you** financial loss or damage and to obtain a personal financial gain in addition to salary, bonus or commission.

#### **Employment claim**

Any claim by any employee for any actual or alleged:

- 1. wrongful, unfair or constructive dismissal, discharge or termination of employment;
- breach of written or implied contract of employment;
- 3. employment related misrepresentation;
- wrongful deprivation of a career opportunity, failure to grant tenure or negligent employee evaluation;
- harassment, unlawful discrimination or failure to provide adequate employee procedures and policies;
- 6. retaliation; or
- 7. defamation or invasion of privacy;

arising solely as a result of the employment or non-employment by **you** of any current or former **employee**, or the treatment of any volunteer whilst undertaking work for **you** and under **your** control and supervision.

Hacker

Anyone, including an employee of **yours**, who gains unauthorised access to or unauthorised use of any:

- computer or digital technology; or
- 2. data held electronically by you or on your behalf.

Health and safety/ manslaughter claim Any **claim** under the provisions of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 or the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or any similar or successor legislation.

Health and safety/ manslaughter investigation

Any **investigation** under the provisions of the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 or the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or any similar or successor legislation.

**Identity crime** 

An agreement entered into by any third party representing themselves as you.

Investigation

An official examination, official enquiry or official investigation into **you** first notified as being required during the **period of insurance** and conducted by the Charity Commission or any regulator, government department or other body legally empowered.

**Investigation** does not include any routine regulatory supervision, enquiry or compliance review, any internal investigation or any investigation into the business activities of **your** industry which is not solely related to **your** conduct.

Investigation mitigation costs

Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by **you** to prevent or minimise the likelihood of an **investigation** or mitigate the potential consequences of an **investigation** which, if such steps were not taken, would be likely to result in an **investigation** being brought against **you** that would be covered by this section of the **policy** or would be likely to increase the severity of such an **investigation**.

Legal representation costs

- Reasonable and necessary legal costs, fees, charges and expenses, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, for which you are legally liable, incurred with our prior written agreement for legal representation directly in relation to an investigation.
- 2. Emergency legal representation costs.

Loss

In respect of a **claim** or **investigation** the amount **you** become legally liable to pay, including following a settlement entered into with **our** written agreement, for:

- awards of damages, including punitive, exemplary and multiplied damages, and civil
  fines and penalties if insurable in the jurisdiction where such award was first ordered;
- 2. claimants' legal costs and expenses;
- 3. defence costs and legal representation costs; and
- 4. public relations expenses.

**Loss** does not include any criminal fines or penalties, regulator's costs or expenses (including Health and Safety Executive fees for intervention or similar regulator's costs and expenses), taxes or remuneration.



#### Personal data

Any information about an individually identifiable natural person, including but not limited to such information protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 or the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679, including any similar or successor legislation or regulation.

#### **Pollution**

Any actual, alleged or threatened discharge, seepage, treatment, removal, disposal, dispersal, emission, release or escape of any solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal contaminant or irritant, including, but not limited to, lead, smoke, oil, oil products, dust, fibres, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals or waste (including materials that have been or are intended to be recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed), or any regulatory order, direction or request to test for, monitor, remove, contain, treat, detoxify, or neutralise any such material.

#### **Pre-investigation costs**

Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by **you** with **our** prior written agreement to notify a regulator, government department or other body legally empowered of any material breach, incident or event occurring within the **geographical limits** where such notice is obligatory and it is likely that a covered **investigation** will be brought as a result of the notification.

#### Prior and pending date

The date on which **you** first purchased professional and legal liability or other equivalent entity insurance that has run continuously without a break in cover. If since that date **you** have merged or consolidated with another company, entity other organisation, or any party has acquired more than 50% of **your** issued share capital, assets or the majority of **your** voting rights, the 'prior and pending date' will be the date of such merger, consolidation or acquisition.

#### Property damage

The loss, damage or destruction of any tangible property including loss of use of such property.

#### **Public relations expenses**

The reasonable and necessary costs incurred with **our** prior written agreement in utilising the services of a public relations consultant.

#### Relevant person

- Any natural person who was, is, or during the period of insurance becomes a director, partner, member or officer of you.
- 2. Any de facto director of **you** whilst acting is such capacity for **you**.
- 3. Any shadow director as defined under Section 251 of the Companies Act 2006 or any similar or successor legislation in any other jurisdiction.
- 4. Any employee of you.
- 5. The lawful spouse, civil or unmarried partner of any person in 1 to 4 above solely because of their spousal, civil or unmarried partner relationship following a **claim** or **investigation** against that person.
- The estates, heirs or legal representatives of any person in 1 to 5 above who has died
  or become incapacitated, insolvent or bankrupt but only for a claim or investigation
  against that person.

**Relevant person** does not include any external auditor or any liquidator, receiver, administrative receiver or other insolvency practitioner or officer of **you** or **your** assets.

## Social engineering communication

Any request directed to **you** or someone on **your** behalf by a person improperly seeking to obtain possession or the transfer to a third-party of virtual currency, money, securities, data or property that such person or third-party is not entitled to.

#### **Subsidiary**

Any entity domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar in which **you**:

- own directly or through one or more of your subsidiaries more than 50% of the share capital or assets or a majority of the voting rights or have the right to appoint or remove a majority of the entity's board of directors, trustees, governors or equivalent; or
- control a majority of its voting rights under a written agreement with other shareholders or members.

If an entity ceases to be a **subsidiary** during the **period of insurance**, cover will continue but only for a **claim** or **investigation** against **you** arising from any **wrongful act**, taking place, or alleged to have taken place before it ceased to be a **subsidiary**.

# Unintentional error Wrongful act

Any error or omission by anyone that was not intentional or deliberate.

Any actual or alleged act, error or omission committed or attempted by you including:

1. breach of any duty, including fiduciary or statutory duty, breach of confidence or data loss;



- 2. breach of trust;
- 3. negligence, negligent misstatement, misleading statement or negligent misrepresentation;
- 4. defamation;
- 5. breach of warranty of authority; or
- 6. any other act, error or omission attempted or allegedly committed or attempted by you.

### You/your

#### Also includes any subsidiary:

- 1. existing at the start of the **period of insurance**;
- created or acquired during the **period of insurance** provided that the newly created or acquired **subsidiary** does not trade any of its securities on any stock exchange.

## What is covered

### 1. Claims against you

## Losses including defence costs

a. We will pay on your behalf the loss arising from a claim against you for any wrongful
act committed within the geographical limits, including any:

Health and safety/manslaughter

i. health and safety/manslaughter claim;

## Pension or employee benefit schemes

 claim arising from your operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund of yours;

benefit schemes

iii. claim arising from pollution;

Cyber incidents

Pollution

 iv. claim arising from the management of, or response to, any cyber attack or other cyber-related incident or event;

Identity crime

**Taxation** 

v. claim arising from identity crime; or

vi. **claim** arising from **your** failure to comply with any taxation regulations.

## **Emergency defence costs**

b. We will pay emergency defence costs in relation to a covered claim.

## 2. Investigations

## Losses including legal representation costs

a. We will pay on your behalf the loss arising from an investigation arising from any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place within the geographical limits, including any:

Health and safety/manslaughter

i. health and safety/manslaughter investigation;

Pension or employee benefit schemes

 ii. investigation arising from your operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund;

Pollution

iii. investigation arising from pollution; or

Taxation

iv. **investigation** arising from **your** failure to comply with any taxation regulations.

## Investigation mitigation costs

- We will also pay investigation mitigation costs in relation to a covered investigation, provided that:
  - i. where reasonably possible, you must obtain our prior written agreement before incurring such costs. Where it is not possible to obtain our written agreement, you must notify us as soon as possible after such sums are incurred; and
  - we will not pay for the costs incurred in dealing with routine business, regulatory, legal, compliance or other matters, which could lead to an investigation if not complied with.

We will not make any payment for any part of an investigation not covered by this section.



### **Pre-investigation costs**

c. **We** will pay **pre-investigation costs** in relation to a covered **investigation**.

## Emergency legal representation costs

d. We will pay emergency legal representation costs in relation to a covered investigation.

### 3. Additional covers

#### Public relations expenses

a. We will pay public relations expenses on your behalf following a covered claim or investigation which, without the incurrence of public relations expenses, would in the reasonable opinion of your Chief Financial Officer or equivalent be likely to result in the imminent reduction in your gross annual revenue of more than 20%, by reference to your most recent financial forecast. You must obtain our prior written agreement before incurring such costs.

## Court attendance compensation

b. If any relevant person has to attend court as a witness in connection with a claim or investigation covered under this section, we will pay you compensation for each day, or part of a day that their attendance is required by us.

### Dishonesty of employees

## c. We will pay your employee dishonesty loss.

#### Loss of documents

d. If during the period of insurance any document, information or data of yours which is necessary for the performance of your business is lost, damaged or destroyed while in your possession within the geographical limits, we will pay the reasonable expenses you incur with our prior written agreement in restoring or replacing it.

## What is not covered

A. We will not make any payment for any claim, loss, investigation, or any other liability:

#### Deliberate or dishonest acts

- 1. against or suffered by you based upon, attributable to or arising out of:
  - a. a dishonest or fraudulent act or omission or any intentional breach of any statute or regulation;
  - an act intended to secure or which does secure profit or equivalent funds or advantage to which the individual concerned is not legally entitled; or
  - an act intended to secure or which does secure a profit or equivalent funds for any other company, entity or other organisation to which the company, entity or other organisation was not legally entitled,

where such act or omission was committed or condoned by **you** or any individual who falls within paragraphs 1. to 3. of the definition of **relevant person**. This exclusion will only apply after a judgment or other final adjudication or an admission by **you** or the **relevant person** that such act, breach of statute or omission did occur. In the event of such finding or admission, **you** must reimburse all payments made by **us** in relation to the corresponding **claim**, **loss** or **investigation**.

## Prior claims and litigation

- based upon, attributable to or arising out of:
  - a. anything that has been reported to and accepted under any policy existing or expired, before the start of the **period of insurance**; or
  - b. any prior or pending litigation or proceedings, including allegations deriving from the same or essentially the same facts, involving a **relevant person**, **you** or an **outside entity**, initiated before the **prior and pending date**.

### Defamation

 based upon, attributable to or arising out any statement you or a relevant person knew or ought to have known was defamatory at the time of publication by you or the relevant person.

## Claims by you or a relevant person

- 4. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any **claim** brought or maintained by:
  - a. you; or
  - b. a **relevant person** within or subject to the laws of the United States of America.

This exclusion does not apply to:

i. defence costs;



- ii. any shareholder derivative proceedings brought in **your** name without **your** or any **relevant person's** solicitation, assistance or participation;
- any claim brought by your liquidator, receiver or administrative receiver or similar body; or
- iv. any claim seeking a contribution or indemnity if such claim would otherwise be covered by this section.

## Bodily injury and property damage

5. for bodily injury or property damage. This exclusion does not apply to any health and safety/manslaughter claim. However, we will not in any event make any payment for any health and safety/manslaughter claim arising from the use, ownership or possession of any motor vehicle in relation to which you are obliged under any compulsory insurance law to maintain insurance.

### Pollution clean-up costs

- 6. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any:
  - a. statutory, contractual or common law obligation you have to clean up or remedy any pollution or contamination; or
  - b. land or property being identified as contaminated land under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 or any similar or successor legislation.

#### Takeovers and mergers

- 7. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any a **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place after:
  - a. you merge or consolidate with another company or entity; or
  - b. any party acquires:
    - i. more than 50% of **your** issued share capital or assets;
    - ii. the majority of your voting rights; or
    - iii. the right to appoint or remove a majority of **your** board of directors, trustees, governors or equivalent.

## Changes to subsidiaries

- 8. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place:
  - a. before the date of creation or acquisition by you of such subsidiary; or
  - b. after an entity ceases to be a **subsidiary**.

## Financial advantage

9. based upon, attributable to or arising out of the gaining of any financial advantage to which the **you** were not entitled, including the repayment of any wrongfully received monies.

## Defined benefit pension schemes

 based upon, attributable to or arising out of your operation or administration of any defined benefit pension scheme or the breach of any legislation or regulation relating to these activities.

## Failure to fund pension and employee benefit schemes

11. based upon, attributable to or arising out of **your** failure to fund any pension, employee benefit scheme or trust fund.

## **Employment claims**

12. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any employment claim.

## **Products**

13. based upon, attributable to or arising out of the manufacture, sale supply, installation or maintenance of any product.

## Medical services

14. based upon, attributable to or arising out of the provision of or failure to provide any medical services required in the treatment or care of any person.

## Infringement of intellectual property

15. based upon, attributable to or arising out any actual or alleged infringement of patent, trademark, infringement of copyright, intellectual property right or registered design.

### Contractual liability

16. based upon, attributable to or arising out any **claim** or **investigation** in respect of a breach of contract, whether actual or implied, written or oral which is greater than the liability **you** would have at law without the contract.



Market fluctuation

17. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any market trends or fluctuations over which **you** or any **relevant person** have no control.

Anti-competitive practices

18. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any breach of anti-competition laws or regulations.

Claims outside the applicable courts

19. first brought outside the applicable courts.

This exclusion also applies to proceedings in the **applicable courts** to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the **applicable courts**.

Cyber incidents

- 20. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any:
  - a. cyber attack;
  - b. hacker;
  - c. unintentional error in or affecting any computer or digital technology; or
  - d. social engineering communication.

This exclusion does not apply to any **claim** brought by any shareholder or creditor of **you** either directly or derivatively, directly due to **your** management of or response to a. to d. above. However, **we** will not, in any event, make any payment for any **claims** by **data subjects** relating to **personal data** arising from a. to d. above.

Personal data claims

- 21. **where** any **claim** is brought by a **data subject** arising from the processing, acquisition, destruction, loss, alteration, disclosure, use of or access to **personal data** and which arises:
  - a. from your breach of duty to that data subject; and
  - b. in the performance of your business activities.

Matters specific to dishonesty of employees

- B. We will not make any payment under What is covered, 3. Additional covers, c. Dishonesty of employees, for any employee dishonesty loss based upon, attributable to or arising out of:
- 1. any accounting or arithmetical error or omission or unexplained shortage;
- 2. any default or non-payment of any loan or other credit arrangement;
- your or any relevant person's expenses incurred in establishing the amount of any financial loss;
- 4. any loss of interest, loss of profit or equivalent funds or any any indirect losses which result from the incident which caused **you** to claim; or
- 5. any act, breach, omission or infringement deliberately, spitefully, dishonestly or recklessly committed, condoned or ignored by any director, officer or partner of **yours**.

## **Special conditions**

Extended notification period

lf:

- 1. **we** or **you** refuse to renew this section of the **policy** for any reason other than non-payment of premium, administration, liquidation or insolvency; or
- you merge or consolidate with another entity or other organisation or any party acquires
  more than 50% of your issued share capital or assets or the majority of your voting rights
  during the period of insurance,

**you** may make a request to **us** in writing for an extended notification period, which will be granted at **our** sole discretion. If **we** agree to such request, the extended notification period will be granted in accordance with the options stated below:

One-year period 200% of the annual premium for this section Two-year period 300% of the annual premium for this section Three-year period 400% of the annual premium for this section



If we agree to grant you an extended notification period, this section will remain in force but only in respect of any covered claim, loss, investigation or any other covered liability arising from any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place before the end of the original period of insurance.

This extended notification period is only available if **we** receive written notice of purchase from **you** and the premium is paid to **us** within 90 days following the end of the **period of insurance**.

If **you** do so, the first paragraph 1a. under **Your obligations** in this section will then be amended to:

a. unless **you** notify **us** as soon as reasonably practicable of the following, and within the **period of insurance** or the extended notification period:

The limit of indemnity for the extended notification period will be part of and not in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

The entire premium for this section is considered fully earned at the beginning of the extended notification period. **We** will not refund any premium if **you** cancel the extended notification period before it ends.

**We** will not in any event agree to any request from **you** to purchase an extended notification period if:

- 1. cover under this section is continued solely as a result an extended notification period;
- this section of the **policy** is replaced or succeeded by any other policy providing professional and legal liability cover or equivalent entity cover; or
- 3. this section or the **policy** is cancelled, other than by **you** on an anniversary date.

If **we** offer renewal terms, conditions, limits of liability or premium different from those of the expiring policy, this does not constitute a refusal to renew.

# How much we will pay

The most **we** will pay for the total of all **claims**, **losses**, **investigations**, and any other covered liability including their **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** is the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule, irrespective of the number of **claims** made or **losses**, **investigations** or other covered liabilities arising.

Each **claim**, **loss**, **investigation** or other covered liability shall be treated as first made when **we** receive notice of the first **claim**, **loss**, **investigation** or other covered liability.

You must pay any relevant excess stated in the schedule.

Paying out the limit of indemnity

At any stage of a **claim**, **investigation** or any other covered liability, **we** can pay **you** the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit. **We** will then have no further liability for any **claim**, **loss**, **investigation** or other covered liability.

Dishonesty of employees

When we settle employee dishonesty loss under What is covered, 3. Additional covers, c. Dishonesty of employees, for losses perpetrated by any individual or group of individuals who own or control any shares in you or who are entitled to participate in your profits, the amount we pay will be reduced by proportion to such person or persons' share in your business or entitlement to participate in your profits.

## **Special limits**

All special limits below are included within, and not in addition to, the limit of indemnity stated on the schedule.

The most **we** will pay in total for each item below is the corresponding amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of **claims**, **losses**, **investigations** or other covered liabilities:

Pollution defence costs and legal representation costs

1. pollution defence costs and legal representation costs;

Public relations expenses

2. public relations expenses;

Emergency defence costs

3. emergency defence costs;

Emergency legal representation costs

4. emergency legal representation costs;

Investigation mitigation costs

5. investigation mitigation costs:



Pre-investigation costs

6. pre-investigation costs;

Dishonesty of employees

 employee dishonesty loss under What is covered, 3. Additional covers, c. Dishonesty of employees;

Court attendance compensation

 court attendance compensation, including any court attendance compensation payable under any management liability section of this **policy**; and

Loss of documents

losses under What is covered, 3. Additional covers, d. Loss of documents.

## Your obligations

Notification

- 1. **We** will not make any payment under this section:
  - unless you notify us as soon as reasonably practicable of the following within the period of insurance or at the latest within 90 days after it expires for any problem you become aware of within the 30 days before expiry:
    - i. your first awareness of any wrongful act that is likely to lead to a claim;
    - ii. any claim or threatened claim against you;
    - iii. any investigation into you; or
    - iv. **your** first awareness of any act, omission or occurrence that is likely to lead to any other covered liability.
- When dealing with a third party, you must not admit that you are liable for what has happened, or make any offer, deal or payment without our prior written agreement. If you do, we may reduce any payment we make under this policy by an amount equal to the detriment we have suffered as a result.

# Control of defence and payment under this section

**You** must give **us** the information and co-operation which **we** may reasonably require and take all reasonable steps to defend any **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability. **You** should not do anything which may prejudice **our** position.

**We** have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of and conduct in **your** name the investigation, settlement or defence of any **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability. If **we** think it necessary **we** will appoint an adjuster, solicitor or any other appropriate person to deal with the **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability.

Where there is a dispute between **us** and **you** over cover, proposed settlement or continuing the defence of a **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability, **you** or **we** may request the obtainment of an opinion from a mutually agreed Queens Counsel or equivalent in a different jurisdiction. Such opinion shall be binding on **us** and **you** and will establish whether policy cover exists, defence of said **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability will continue or settlement will be agreed. The costs of such opinion shall be met by **us**.

We shall pay defence costs and legal representation costs, above any excess, covered by this section on an ongoing basis prior to the final resolution of any claim, investigation, or any other covered liability. You must reimburse us for any defence costs and legal representation costs paid where it is determined there is no entitlement under this section.

If a **claim**, **investigation**, or any other covered liability is made which is not wholly covered by this section or is also made against **you** and any other party which is not covered under this section, **we** and **you** shall use our best endeavours to agree a fair allocation between **loss** that is covered and **loss** not covered by this section.



## Management liability – employment practices liability

Policy wording

Your schedule will indicate if your policy includes this section.

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section. Cover under this section is given on an aggregate basis unless otherwise specified.

## Special definitions for this section

### **Applicable courts**

The courts of competent jurisdiction in those countries stated as the applicable courts in the schedule.

#### **Benefits**

Any amounts awarded to an employee in respect of:

- 1. remuneration, including incentives, bonus, commission, health benefits, holiday pay, sick pay or notice pay, whether under statute or contract;
- 2. family leave payments, including maternity pay, paternity pay, parental leave pay, shared parental leave pay or adoption pay, whether under statute or contract;
- 3. amounts due under an employee benefit or pension scheme;
- 4. share or stock options;
- 5. deferred compensation; or
- 6. equal pay or redundancy pay.

## Claim

Any written demand or civil, criminal, regulatory or arbitration proceeding first made against you or an insured person during the period of insurance alleging an employment practice wrongful act seeking monetary damages or other legal relief or penalty.

## Computer or digital technology

Any **programs**, computer network, hardware, software, operational technology, internet-connected device, network-connected device, electronic device, information technology, communications system, including but not limited to any internet-of-things devices, email system, intranet, extranet, website or cloud computing services.

### Cyber attack

Any digital attack or interference, whether by a **hacker** or otherwise, designed to disrupt access to, the operation of or cause damage to any data or **computer or digital technology**, including but not limited to any:

- programs designed to damage, disrupt, extract data from, or gain unauthorised access to computer or digital technology including, but not limited to, malware, wipers, worms, trojans, rootkits, spyware, dishonest adware, crimeware, ransomware, crypto-jacking and other malicious software or viruses; or
- denial of service attack or distributed denial of service attack.

### **Defence costs**

Reasonable costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, incurred with **our** prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend any **claim** made against **you** or an **insured person** or to fund an appeal, including any premium paid for an appeal bond or similar bond obtained in relation to it, arising from any judgment, decision or award in relation to any **claim**.

## Emergency legal representation costs

Reasonable and necessary costs, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration to investigate or respond to any **investigation**, where it is not possible to obtain **our** prior written agreement, provided that **you** or the **insured person** notify **us** as soon as possible after such sums are incurred.

## **Employee**

- Any person currently or formerly under a contract of service with you, including part-time workers.
- 2. Any independent person currently or formerly seconded or contracted to work for you.



- Any current or former volunteer solely under your control and supervision in connection with your business.
- 4. Any current or former applicant or candidate for employment with **you**.

## Employment practice wrongful act

Any actual or alleged act, error or omission committed or attempted by **you** or an **insured person** or by any third party where **you** are held vicariously liable relating to any actual or alleged:

- 1. wrongful, unfair or constructive dismissal, discharge or termination of employment;
- 2. breach of written or implied contract of employment;
- 3. employment related misrepresentation;
- wrongful deprivation of a career opportunity, failure to grant tenure or negligent employee evaluation;
- harassment, unlawful discrimination or failure to provide adequate employee procedures and policies;
- 6. retaliation; or
- 7. defamation or invasion of privacy;

arising solely as a result of the employment or non-employment by **you** of any current or former **employee**, or the treatment of any volunteer whilst undertaking work for **you** and under **your** control and supervision.

#### Hacker

Anyone, including an employee of **yours**, who gains unauthorised access to or unauthorised use of any:

- 1. computer or digital technology; or
- 2. data held electronically by you or on your behalf.

### Insured person

- Any natural person who was, is, or during the **period of insurance** becomes a director, partner, LLP member, committee or board member, trustee or officer of **you**.
- 2. Any de facto director of you whilst acting in such capacity for you.
- Any shadow director as defined under Section 251 of the Companies Act 2006 or any similar or successor legislation in any other jurisdiction.
- 4. Any **employee** of **you**.
- 5. The lawful spouse, civil or unmarried partner of any person in 1 to 4 above solely because of their spousal, civil or unmarried partner relationship following a **claim** or **investigation** against that person.
- The estates, heirs or legal representatives of any person in 1 to 5 above who has died
  or become incapacitated, insolvent or bankrupt but only for a claim or investigation
  against that person.

**Insured person** does not include any external auditor or any liquidator, receiver, administrative receiver or other insolvency practitioner or officer of **you** or **your** assets.

## Investigation

An official examination, official enquiry or official investigation into **you** or an **insured person** first notified as being required during the **period of insurance** and arising from any actual or alleged **employment practice wrongful act**, conducted by any regulator, government department or other body legally empowered.

**Investigation** does not include any routine regulatory supervision, enquiry or compliance review, any internal investigation or any investigation into the activities of **your** industry or sector which is not solely related to **your** or any **insured person**'s conduct.

## Legal representation costs

- Reasonable and necessary legal costs, fees, charges and expenses, not including any overheads, additional costs or remuneration, for which you or any insured person are legally liable, incurred with our prior written agreement for legal representation directly in relation to an investigation.
- 2. Emergency legal representation costs.

## Loss

In respect of a **claim** the amount **you** become or any **insured person** becomes legally liable to pay, including following a settlement entered into with **our** written agreement, for:



- awards of damages, including punitive, exemplary and multiplied damages, and civil
  fines and penalties if insurable in the jurisdiction where such award was first ordered;
- 2. claimants' legal costs and expenses;
- 3. defence costs and legal representation costs: and
- 4. public relations expenses.

**Loss** does not include any civil, regulatory or criminal fines or penalties, regulator's costs or expenses (including Health and Safety Executive fees for intervention or similar regulator's costs and expenses), taxes or **benefits**.

#### **Outside entity**

Any organisation other than you:

- 1. that is tax exempt and not for profit; or
- in which you hold any issued share.

## Outside entity does not include:

- any company which is registered or domiciled outside of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar;
- 2. any company whose securities are traded on any stock exchange in the USA or Canada; or
- any bank, investment company, investment advisor or manager, hedge or mutual fund, private equity or venture capital company, stock brokerage, insurer, or any similar financial organisation or institution including any organisation regulated by the FCA, PRA or any similar regulator.

### Prior and pending date

The date on which **you** first purchased employment practices liability insurance that has run continuously without a break in cover. If during such period **you** have merged or consolidated with another company or entity, or any party has acquired more than 50% of **your** issued share capital, assets, or the majority of **your** voting rights, the 'prior and pending date' will be the date of such merger, consolidation or acquisition.

### **Public relations expenses**

The reasonable and necessary costs incurred with **our** prior written agreement in utilising the services of a public relations consultant.

### Retaliation

Any employment related action taken against an **employee** in connection with such **employee** whistleblowing or exercising their employment rights.

## Social engineering communication

Any request directed to **you** or someone on **your** behalf by a person improperly seeking to obtain possession or the transfer to a third-party of virtual currency, money, securities, data or property that such person or third-party is not entitled to.

### **Subsidiary**

Any entity domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar in which **you**:

- own directly or through one or more of your subsidiaries more than 50% of the share capital or a majority of the voting rights or have the right to appoint or remove a majority of the entity's board of directors, trustees, governors or equivalent; or
- control a majority of its voting rights under a written agreement with other shareholders or members.

If an entity ceases to be a **subsidiary** during the **period of insurance**, cover will continue but only for a **claim** or **investigation** against **you** or an **insured person** arising from any **employment practice wrongful act**, taking place, or alleged to have taken place before it ceased to be a **subsidiary**.

## **Unintentional error**

Any error or omission by anyone that was not intentional or deliberate.

## You/your

Also includes any subsidiary:

- 1. existing at the start of the **period of insurance**; or
- created or acquired during the **period of insurance** provided that the newly created or acquired **subsidiary** does not trade any of its securities on any stock exchange.



## What is covered

## 1. Claims against you or an insured person

We will pay on behalf of you or any insured person the loss arising from a claim for an employment practice wrongful act taking place, or alleged to have taken place, within the geographical limits, brought by:

Claims by employees

a. your employee;

Outside entities

b. an employee of an outside entity against any insured person arising directly from any activity performed in the insured person's capacity as an employee of such outside entity, provided that the insured person acts in that capacity at your specific written request. However, we will only pay in excess of any indemnity provided by the outside entity to its employees.

## 2. Investigations

#### Legal representation costs

We will pay on behalf of you or any insured person the legal representation costs only arising from an investigation arising from an employment practice wrongful act taking place, or alleged to have taken place, within the geographical limits.

### 3. Additional cover

Court attendance compensation

If any **insured person** has to attend any court or tribunal as a witness in connection with a **claim** or **investigation** covered under this section, **we** will pay **you** compensation for each day, or part of a day that their attendance is required by **us**.

Injunctions brought by EHRC

**We** will pay the **loss** arising from any injunction brought by the Equalities and Human Rights Commission under section 24 of the Equality Act 2006 or any similar or successor legislation, to prevent **you** or an **insured person** from committing an **employment practice wrongful act** against an **employee** within the **geographical limits**.

### What is not covered

A. **We** will not make any payment for any **claim**, **loss**, or **investigation**:

Deliberate or dishonest acts

- 1. based upon, attributable to or arising out of:
  - a. a dishonest or fraudulent act or omission or any intentional breach of any statute or regulation;
  - an act intended to secure or which does secure a personal profit or advantage to which the individual concerned was not legally entitled;
  - c. an act intended to secure or which does secure a profit for any other company or entity to which the company or entity was not legally entitled.

This exclusion will only apply:

- for claims or investigations against you, where such act or omission was committed or condoned by you or any individual who falls within paragraphs 1. to 3. of the definition of insured person;
- ii. for **claims** or **investigations** against an **insured person**, where such act or omission was committed or condoned by that **insured person**; and
- iii. after a judgment or other final adjudication or an admission that such act did occur. In the event of such finding or admission, **you** or the **insured person**, as appropriate, must reimburse all payments made by **us** in relation to the corresponding **claim**, **loss** or **investigation**.

### Prior claims and litigation

- 2. based upon, attributable to or arising out of:
  - a. anything that has been reported to and accepted under any policy existing or expired, before the start of the **period of insurance**; or
  - b. any prior or pending litigation or proceedings, including allegations deriving from the same or essentially the same facts, involving an **insured person**, **you** or an **outside entity**, initiated before the **prior and pending date**.

## Specific activities

3. based upon, attributable to or arising out of:



- membership or non-membership of any trade union or equivalent labour organisation or any involvement in trade union activities;
- b. **your** failure to act in accordance with any collective bargaining agreement.

This exclusion does not apply to any **claim** for **retaliation**.

## Claims in the United States of America or Canada

- 4. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any:
  - a. claim brought or investigation commenced; or
  - b. **employment practice wrongful act** taking place, or alleged to have taken place;

in the United States of America or Canada.

## Bodily injury and property damage

5. for the death or any bodily or mental injury or emotional distress suffered by anyone, or the loss, damage or destruction of any tangible property. This exclusion does not apply to any **claim** for emotional distress arising from an **employment practice wrongful act**.

However, **we** will not in any event make payment for any **claim** in relation to which the **insured person** is obliged under any compulsory insurance law to maintain insurance in respect of any liability arising from the use, ownership or possession of any motor vehicle.

#### Takeovers and mergers

- 6. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any **employment practice wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place after:
  - a. you merge or consolidate with another company or entity; or
  - b. any party acquires:
    - i. more than 50% of **your** issued share capital or assets;
    - ii. the majority of your voting rights; or
    - iii. the right to appoint or remove a majority of **your** board of directors or board of trustees or equivalent.

## Acquired subsidiaries

- 7. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any **employment practice wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place:
  - a. before the date of creation or acquisition by you of such subsidiary; or
  - b. after an entity ceases to be a **subsidiary**.

## Employer obligations

8. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any responsibility, duty or obligation imposed by law in relation to health and safety, unemployment, social security, retirement or disability benefits or any similar law whether statutory or common law.

This exclusion does not apply to any claim for retaliation.

## Claims outside the applicable courts

9. first brought outside the applicable courts.

This exclusion also applies to proceedings in the **applicable courts** to enforce, or which are based on, a judgment or award from outside the **applicable courts**.

## Cyber incidents

- 10. based upon, attributable to or arising out of any:
  - a. cyber attack;
  - b. hacker;
  - c. unintentional error in or affecting any computer or digital technology; or
  - d. social engineering communication.
- B. We will not make any payment other than defence costs for any claim or legal representation costs for any investigation based upon, attributable to or arising out of:

## Benefits and contractual payments

 your failure to pay any amount you are contractually committed to pay to an employee, including but not limited to benefits.

## Pensions and benefit schemes

 the loss of any right or benefit under any pension scheme, private health insurance or other employee benefit scheme or the operation or administration of any pension or employee benefit scheme or trust fund, or your breach of any legislation or regulation related to these activities.



Failure to pay taxes

3. your failure to pay taxes.

Liabilities assumed under contract

 anyone else's liability which you are legally obliged to assume under any contract or agreement. This does not apply to any claim that would have resulted in the absence of such contract or agreement.

Non-pecuniary relief

5. any non-pecuniary or injunctive relief.

Employee reinstatement

the costs of complying or refusing to comply with a court or other order for the reinstatement of an employee.

Modification of property

 the costs of modifying any building or property in order to make such building or property more accessible to any disabled persons.

## Special conditions

General terms

The General definitions, General conditions and General claims conditions set out in the General terms all apply equally to each **insured person** and to **you**, except for General condition 6. Premium payment which applies only to **you**. **You** agree to act on behalf of all the **insured persons** as regards paying the premium and giving or receiving notice of all matters relevant to this section.

Information provided by an insured person

All information which any **insured person** provided before **we** agreed to insure **you** will be considered as a separate application for each **insured person** and as such the knowledge of or any statement made by an **insured person** will not be imputed to any other **insured person** for the purposes of determining whether cover is available for any **claim** or **investigation** against such other **insured person**.

Severability of exclusions

When determining the applicability of the exclusions within **What is not covered**, the **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place of one **insured person** shall not be imputed onto any other **insured person** who neither committed nor condoned such **wrongful act**, act, incident or occurrence.

Extended notification period

lf:

- 1. **we** or **you** refuse to renew this section of the **policy** for any reason other than non-payment of premium, administration, liquidation or insolvency; or
- you merge or consolidate with another entity or any party acquires more than 50% of your issued share capital or assets or the majority of your voting rights during the period of insurance;

**you** or any **insured person** may make a request to **us** in writing for an extended notification period, which will be granted at **our** sole discretion. If **we** agree to such request, the extended notification period will be granted in accordance with the options stated below:

One-year period 200% of the annual premium for this section Two-year period 300% of the annual premium for this section Three-year period 400% of the annual premium for this section

The premium for any extended notification period to which **we** agree must be paid to **us** within 90 days following the end of the **period of insurance**.

### If you or an insured person does so:

- this section will remain in force but only in respect of any covered claim, loss or investigation arising from any wrongful act, act, incident or occurrence performed, taking place, or alleged to have taken place before the end of the original period of insurance: and
- 2. the first paragraph 1a. under Your obligations in this section will then be amended to: unless you or any insured person notifies us promptly of the following, and within the period of insurance or the extended notification period:

The limit of indemnity for any extended notification period will be part of and not in addition to the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.



The entire premium for this section is considered fully earned at the beginning of any extended notification period. **We** will not refund any premium if **you** or any **insured person** cancels the extended notification period before it ends.

**We** will not in any event agree to any request from **you** or any **insured person** to purchase an extended notification period if:

- 1. cover under this section is continued solely as a result an extended notification period;
- this section of the **policy** is replaced or succeeded by any other policy providing employment practices liability cover; or
- 3. this section or the **policy** is cancelled, other than by **you** on an anniversary date.

If we offer renewal terms, conditions, limits of liability or premium different from those of the expiring policy, this does not constitute a refusal to renew.

### Management buy-outs

If during the **period of insurance your** existing management conduct a management buy-out, **we** agree to provide cover to the same level and terms of this **policy** for the new company for a period of 30 days from the buy-out date for any **employment practice wrongful act** committed by any individual **insured person** subsequent to the buy-out.

**We** will only provide such cover if the new company is domiciled in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Gibraltar.

This cover will only apply excess of any other insurance and indemnification available from any other source.

## How much we will pay

The most **we** will pay for the total of all **claims**, **losses**, or **investigations**, including their **defence costs** and **legal representation costs** is the limit of indemnity stated in the schedule, irrespective of the number of **claims** made or **losses** or **investigations** arising.

The amount **we** will pay for **claims**, **losses** and **investigations** and their **defence costs** includes any amount **we** pay on an **insured person's** behalf as an employee of an **outside entity**.

You must pay any relevant excess stated in the schedule. The excess shall not apply to any claim or investigation made solely against an insured person.

## Paying out the limit of indemnity

At any stage of a **claim** or **investigation**, **we** can pay the **insured person** the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit. **We** will then have no further liability for any **claim** or **loss**.

## **Special limits**

All special limits below are included within, and not in addition to, the limit of indemnity stated on the schedule.

## Court attendance compensation

The most **we** will pay in total for court attendance compensation, including any court or tribunal attendance compensation payable under any other Management liability section of this **policy** is the corresponding amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of **claims**, **losses** or **investigations**.

## Your obligations

### Notification

- 1. **We** will not make any payment under this section:
  - a unless **you** or any **insured person** notifies **us** promptly of the following within the **period of insurance** or at the latest within 14 days after it expires for any problem **you** become aware of within the seven days before expiry:
    - i. you or an insured person's first awareness of any employment practice wrongful act that is likely to lead to a claim or investigation; or
    - ii. any claim or threatened claim against you or an insured person.
  - b. to you or any insured person if, prior to the period of insurance, you or such insured person had knowledge of a material misstatement in or omission from he information provided to us upon which we agreed to insure you.
- When dealing with a third party, you or the insured person must not admit that you or the insured person are liable for what has happened, or make any offer, deal or payment without our prior written agreement. If you or an insured person does, we may reduce



any payment **we** make under this **policy** by an amount equal to the detriment **we** have suffered as a result.

## Control of defence and payment under this section

**You** and any **insured person** must give **us** the information and co-operation which **we** may reasonably require and take all reasonable steps to defend any **claim** or **investigation**. **You** and the **insured person** should not do anything which may prejudice **our** position.

We have the right, but not the obligation, to take control of and conduct in **your** name or the name of any **insured person**, the investigation, settlement or defence of any **claim** or **investigation**. If we think it necessary we will appoint an adjuster, solicitor or any other appropriate person to deal with the **claim** or **investigation**.

Where there is a dispute between **us** and **you** or any **insured person** over cover, proposed settlement or continuing the defence of a **claim** or **investigation**, **you** or **we** may request the obtainment of an opinion from a mutually agreed Queens Counsel or equivalent in a different jurisdiction. Such opinion shall be binding on **us** and **you** and any **insured person** and will establish whether policy cover exists, defence of said **claim** or **investigation** will continue or settlement will be agreed. The costs of such opinion shall be met by **us**.

We shall pay defence costs and legal representation costs, above any excess, covered by this section on an ongoing basis prior to the final resolution of any claim or investigation. You or any insured person must reimburse us for any defence costs and legal representation costs paid where it is determined there is no entitlement under this section.

If a **claim** or **investigation** is made which is not wholly covered by this section or is also made against **you** and any other person who is not **you** or an **insured person**, **we**, **you** and the **insured person** shall use our best endeavours to agree a fair allocation between **loss** that is covered and **loss** not covered by this section.

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Your schedule will indicate if your policy includes this section.

Please read the schedule to see whether you are covered under this section for losses from crime, expenses, computer violation, client crime, telephone fraud or public relations costs. The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section.

## Special definitions for this section

## **Acquired entity**

Any entity that performs the same activities as **your business** and is acquired by **you** during the **period of insurance**, other than any entity:

- that has suffered a loss or been the subject of a claim with a value greater than the excess, which would have been covered by this section of the policy; or
- 2. whose annual turnover or number of employees exceed 20% of:
  - a. **your** annual turnover, as reflected in **your** financial statement immediately prior to the **period of insurance**; or
  - b. the number of **your** direct employees.

### **Associated company**

Any entity, other than a **subsidiary**, in which **you** own any issued share and **you**:

- hold a majority of the voting rights; or
- 2. exercise day-to-day management control.

#### Claim

A claim brought against you for any civil liability, which results directly from a covered client crime.

## Client crime

The criminal taking or misappropriation of:

- money, securities or property of a client of yours for which you are legally responsible, where such taking or misappropriation is carried out by or in collusion with an employee; or
- 2. **money**, **securities** or **property** of a client of **yours**, whilst in **your** care, custody and control.

## Computer system

**Your** computer network, hardware, software, information technology and communications system, including any email, intranet, extranet or website.

#### Computer violation

The malicious, intentional and unauthorised:

- 1. entry of data into your computer system;
- 2. amendment of any software that is kept in a machine-readable format; or
- 3. introduction of a virus into your computer system;

## by an employee.

## Crime

- The criminal taking or misappropriation of your money, securities or property.
- 2. The criminal physical destruction or disappearance of **your money** or **securities**:
  - a. from within a building occupied by you for the purposes of your business;
  - b. whilst in the custody of an **employee**; or
  - c. whilst in the custody of any other legal or natural person with your authority, provided that such person has agreed in writing to indemnify you in respect of the destruction or disappearance of the money or securities.

### **Data reconstitution costs**

The reasonable expenses, not including **your** own overheads, incurred with **our** prior written agreement to reproduce or reconstitute data held by **you** electronically.

### **Defence costs**

Costs, not including **your** own overheads, incurred with **our** prior written agreement to investigate, settle or defend a **claim** against **you**.

## **Discovered**

First learnt or suspected of by any partner, senior manager, insurance representative, director or officer of **you**, regardless of whether the amount of any loss, the circumstances of the **crime**, **computer violation**, **client crime** or **telephone fraud**, or when it occurred are known.



### **Employee**

- 1. Any partner, director, officer or trustee of yours; or
- 2. any natural person:
  - a. under a written contract of service with you:
  - b. directly engaged by **you**, with or without payment, including any volunteer worker, solely whilst under **your** control and supervision; or
  - c. employed by an organisation under a written contract with you for the provision of services, but only to the extent that such person is providing services for you in connection with your business.

This definition includes anyone within 1. or 2. above for a period of 60 days immediately following their no longer falling within 1. to 2. above, other than where their employment was terminated as a direct result of a **claim** or loss covered under this section of the **policy**.

### **Employee benefit scheme**

Any employee benefit scheme or pension scheme or programme established or maintained to provide any benefit to any **employee**.

#### **Expenses**

- The reasonable expenses, not including your own overheads, incurred with our prior written agreement to:
  - a. establish the existence, and verify the amount, of a loss following a covered **crime**;
  - repair or replace to a similar standard any vault or safe that has been physically damaged as a result of a covered crime.

#### Interest

Interest accruing between when the **crime** occurred and when the **crime** was **discovered**, calculated using the One Year London Inter Bank Offer Rate as published in the Financial Times on the date that the **crime** was **discovered** or the first date afterwards on which the Financial Times is published, if it was not published on the day the **crime** was **discovered**.

## Money

Cash, coin, bank and currency notes, bullion, funds, cheques, registered cheques, travellers' cheques, postal orders, bank drafts or money orders.

## **Notification expenses**

Following a **computer violation** or **crime** the reasonable expenses, not including **your** own overheads, incurred with **our** prior written agreement to:

- notify any natural person whose personal data has or may have been unlawfully accessed and to change such person's account or other identification numbers, as necessary;
- provide credit monitoring services to anyone in a. above, where you are legally required to provide such services.

## **Property**

Tangible property.

## **Public relations costs**

Reasonable and necessary costs incurred with **our** prior written agreement in utilising the services of a public relations consultant.

#### Retroactive date

The date stated as the retroactive date in the schedule.

### **Securities**

Negotiable and non-negotiable instruments or contracts, in physical or electronic form, which represent  ${\bf money}$  or  ${\bf property}$ .

### **Security information**

Any confidential security information required to facilitate access to **your** accounts held with any financial institution.

## Social engineering communication

Any request directed to **you** or someone on **your** behalf by a person improperly seeking to obtain possession or the transfer to a third party of, information or access to **security information**, **money**, **securities** or **property** that such person or third party is not entitled to, where such person improperly:

- impersonates or claims to be another person who would be lawfully entitled to possession or access to such security information, money, securities or property had they made such a request; or
- assumes the false identity of another person who you or someone on your behalf reasonably believes exists and would be lawfully entitled to possession or access to such security information, money, securities or property had they existed and made such request.



## **Subsidiary**

Any entity in which you:

- own directly or through one or more of your subsidiaries more than 50% of the share capital or a majority of the voting rights or have the right to appoint or remove a majority of the entity's board of directors; or
- control a majority of its voting rights under a written agreement with other shareholders or members.

If an entity ceases to be a **subsidiary** during the **period of insurance**, cover will continue but only for a claim arising from a **crime** committed before it ceased to be a **subsidiary** provided that this **policy** was in force at the time that such entity ceased to be a **subsidiary**.

### Telephone fraud

The unauthorised and criminal use by someone operating outside of premises used for **your business** to access any telephone lines used by **you**.

## You/your

Also includes any **employee benefit scheme**, any **subsidiary**, any **associated company** and any **acquired entity** but only for a claim arising from a **crime** committed after the date of acquisition of such **acquired entity**.

If **you** require cover for any or entity which **you** acquire but which does not fall within the definition of **acquired entity** above, **we** will consider providing cover subject to **you** providing all appropriate information. **We** shall be entitled to amend the **policy** terms and conditions during the **period of insurance** including but not limited to the charging of a reasonable additional premium.

## What is covered

Losses from crime

 If during the period of insurance, and in the performance of your business within the geographical limits, a loss from crime is discovered, we will pay the amount of any taken or misappropriated money, securities or property.

We will also pay interest and notification expenses.

Expenses

- 2. If you suffer a loss from **crime** that is covered under 1. above, **we** will also pay **expenses**.
- Computer violation
- If during the period of insurance, and in the performance of your business within the geographical limits, a computer violation is discovered, we will pay notification expenses and data reconstitution costs.

Client crime

- 4. If during the **period of insurance**, and in the performance of **your business** within the **geographical limits**, a loss from **client crime** is **discovered**, **we** will pay the amount of any taken or misappropriated **money**, **securities** or **property**.
  - If a **claim** arising from a covered **client crime** is brought against **you**, **we** will also pay **defence costs**.

Telephone fraud

5. If during the **period of insurance**, and in the performance of **your business** within the **geographical limits**, a **telephone fraud** is **discovered**, **we** will pay **your** direct financial loss.

Public relations costs

 We will pay public relations costs following a covered claim or loss to limit or mitigate its impact on your business.

## **Additional cover**

Court attendance compensation

If any person within the definition of **you**, or any **employee** has to attend court as a witness in connection with a **claim** covered under this section, **we** will pay **you** the amount shown in the schedule as compensation for each day or part of a day that their attendance is required by **us**. The most **we** will pay for the total of all attendance compensation is the amount shown in the schedule.



What is not covered	We will not make any p		
	1.	any	/ claim or loss
Trade secrets and confidential information		a.	arising from information, this section of
Losses benefiting others		b.	suffered by a

within definition of you

Incidents after you hecome aware

Prior knowledge

Retroactive date

Social engineering

Extortion

Agents and representatives

Unauthorised trading

Client monies

Other losses

Insolvency and change of ownership

payment for:

the theft or misappropriation of any trade secret or other confidential other than where it is used to facilitate an otherwise covered loss under of the policy.

any entity within the definition of you to the benefit of any other entity within the definition of you.

arising from any act, breach or omission committed by any employee after any partner, trustee, senior manager, insurance representative, director or officer of you first became aware of any crime, computer violation, client crime or telephone fraud being committed by, or in collusion with, such employee.

arising from anything, which you knew about or ought reasonably to have known about, before the date on which you first purchased a similar crime policy from us that has run continuously without a break in cover.

arising directly or indirectly due to any act, incident or event occurring, or any loss suffered, before the retroactive date.

f arising directly or indirectly due to any social engineering communication.

arising directly or indirectly due to extortion. However, this does not apply to any otherwise covered crime or client crime perpetrated using actual or alleged force or violence against any:

third party who has provided you with a contractual indemnity in respect of such loss: or

employee.

arising as a result of you or someone on your behalf (including an employee), handing over, entrusting, paying, transferring or delivering any money, securities, property or security information to any agent or representative of yours, other than to any:

third party who has provided you with a contractual indemnity in respect of such loss; or

employee. b.

arising from any unauthorised trading of any money, securities or property. However, this exclusion does not apply to the amount of any loss suffered by you to the benefit of an employee, or a third party intended by an employee, over and above any salary, bonus or commission;

arising from the criminal taking or misappropriation of any money, securities or property of a client of yours, including any money held by you in a designated client account. However, this exclusion does not apply to the cover under What is covered, 4. Client crime.

any indirect financial loss, any loss of business, profits or income, staff or management time, professional fees or other business costs or overheads. However, this exclusion does not apply to interest, defence costs, notification expenses, data reconstitution costs or expenses.

any loss suffered:

by you after you enter into administration or any other insolvency procedure or if a liquidator or receiver is appointed;

by you after any other party or parties has acquired 50% or more of your issued b. share capital, assets or voting rights; or

by any employee benefit scheme, subsidiary or acquired entity at a time when such employee benefit scheme, subsidiary or acquired entity did not satisfy the corresponding definition above.



#### 4. data reconstitution costs:

Failure to back-up data

in respect of any data where you do not have a back-up of such data stored away from **your** business premises;

Unlicensed programs Incorrect use of data-

in respect of any data that relies upon the use of unlicensed copies of programs; b.

carrying media

arising from the incorrect use by you or on your behalf of any data-carrying media; or C.

Out-of-date software

arising from the use of obsolete or out-of-date hardware, software or programs.

5. telephone fraud arising from:

Mobile phone connections

a. the use of a mobile telephone connection;

Use of passcodes

the use of any password, number, code or personal details used by a telephone provider to verify the user and allow access to the telephone connection; or

Advice and precautions

any failure to follow advice and precautions recommended by your telephone line C. provider for preventing or minimising any telephone fraud.

War, terrorism and nuclear risks

any claim or loss directly or indirectly due to war, terrorism or nuclear risks. 6

## How much we will pay

We will pay up to the limit of indemnity shown in the schedule, unless limited below or in the schedule. You must pay the relevant excess shown in the schedule.

All losses, including claims, which arise from the same original cause, a single source or a repeated or continuing act or omission will be regarded as one loss.

Calculation

The amount that **we** will pay will be reduced by the value of any property received from any source, including payments and receipt of interest, dividends, commissions and the like received in connection with any loss covered under this section of the policy. We will also deduct any sums you owe or the value of any property you hold belonging to the perpetrator. Otherwise the amount we will pay will be calculated as follows:

## **Special limits**

All special limits below are included within, and not in addition to, the overall limit of indemnity stated in the schedule.

Computer violation

The most we will pay in total under What is covered, Losses from computer violation, is the amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of computer violations discovered.

Client crime

The most we will pay under What is covered, Client crime, is the amount stated in the schedule.

Telephone fraud

The most we will pay in total under What is covered, Telephone fraud, is the amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of telephone frauds discovered.

Public relations costs

The most we will pay in total under What is covered, Public relations costs is £25,000, regardless of the number of covered claims and losses.

Court attendance compensation

The most we will pay in total for court attendance compensation is the amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of covered claims.

## **Additional limit**

The limit below is in addition to the overall limit of indemnity shown in the schedule.

Expenses

The most **we** will pay for the total of all **expenses** is the amount stated in the schedule, regardless of the number of crimes discovered.

### Paying out the limit of indemnity

At any stage of a loss or claim we can pay you the applicable limit of indemnity or what remains after any earlier payment from that limit. If applicable, we will pay defence costs already incurred at the date of our payment We will then have no further liability for that loss or claim or for any other losses or claims that are subject to the same limit of indemnity.



## Special condition

Extended discovery period

In the event that **you** do not renew or replace this section of the **policy**, cover shall continue for a period of 90 days after the end of the **period of insurance**, provided that such cover will only apply to:

- 1. losses suffered; and
- 2. claims arising from client crimes committed,

before the end of the period of insurance.

This special condition does not apply if **you** replace this **policy** with another crime policy providing similar cover.

## Your obligations

If a loss is discovered

- We will not make any payment under this section unless you:
  - a. notify us promptly of your first awareness of any crime, computer violation, client crime or telephone fraud:
    - within the period of insurance or at the latest within 14 days after it expires for anything you first become aware of in the seven days before expiry; or
    - ii. for anything you first become aware of during the extended discovery period, within the extended discovery period or at the latest within 14 days after it expires for anything you first become aware of in the seven days before expiry.
  - b. provide us with a detailed proof of the crime, computer violation, client crime or telephone fraud promptly following it being discovered.
  - give us the information and co-operation which we may reasonably require, including but not limited to:
    - i. any employee submitting to examination under oath at our request; and
    - i. producing all relevant records to the fullest extent which is legally permissible.

Telephone fraud

 Upon discovering a telephone fraud or anything likely to give rise to a telephone fraud, you must take all reasonable steps to prevent the continuation or repeat of the telephone fraud, including notifying your telephone line provider as soon as reasonably possible.
 If you do not, we may reduce any payment we make under this section by an amount equal to the detriment we have suffered as a result.



## Crisis containment

Policy wording

Your schedule will indicate if your policy includes this section.

The General terms and conditions and the following terms and conditions all apply to this section.

## Special definitions for this section

Crisis A time of severe difficulty in your activities or danger to your business as a result of an

insured incident that could, if left unmanaged, cause adverse or negative publicity of or media

attention to you or your business.

Crisis containment costs Reasonable and necessary costs incurred in utilising the services of the crisis containment

provider to limit or mitigate the impact of a crisis.

**Crisis containment provider** The person or company named in the schedule.

Insured incident An incident, act or problem that in your good faith opinion could potentially give rise to a

covered claim being made by you under any other section of this policy.

Working hours The hours between 09:00 and 17:00 on any day other than Saturday, Sunday or a public

holiday.

## What is covered

Crisis containment costs

We will pay crisis containment costs incurred within the geographical limits with our prior written consent as a direct result of a crisis commencing during the period of insurance.

Outside working hours discretionary crisis mitigation costs

We will also pay **crisis containment costs** incurred within the **geographical limits** without **our** consent in carrying out immediate work outside of **working hours** to limit or mitigate the impact of the **crisis**. Any such work done by the **crisis containment provider** will not be confirmation of cover under this or any other section of this **policy**.

## What is not covered

We will not make any payment for:

- crisis containment costs relating to any claim or part of a claim not covered by this
  notice.
- 2. crisis containment costs relating to any:
  - a. claim under any Management liability Employment practices liability section;
  - employment claim under any Management liability Directors and officers section or Management liability - Trustees and individual liability section.
- 3. costs which are covered under any other section of this **policy**.
- 4. any crisis containment costs directly or indirectly due to:
  - a. any incident, act, investigation or problem that affects your profession or industry; or
  - b. governmental regulations which affect another country or **your** profession or industry; or
  - c. any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union, United Kingdom or United States of America; or
  - socioeconomic changes or business trends which affect your business or your profession or industry.



# How much we will pay

The most **we** will pay under this section is the amount shown in the schedule, irrespective of the number of **crises** or **insured incidents**. **We** will pay the **crisis containment provider** directly for **crisis containment costs** covered under this section of the **policy**.

All **crises** arising from the same original cause, a single source or a repeated or continuing problem will be regarded as one **crisis**. This includes such **crises** arising after, as well as during, the **period of insurance**.

## Your obligations

**We** will not make any payment under this section unless **you** notify any **crisis** in accordance with either of the following:

If a crisis arises during working hours

1. If **you** first become aware of the **crisis** during **working hours you** must notify **us** of it immediately by phoning **us** on the number stated in the schedule.

We will then determine if the incident, act or problem that you have notified would give rise to a covered claim under any other section of this policy. If we determine this to be the case then we will contact the crisis containment provider to assist you in the management of the crisis.

If we determine that the incident, act or problem that you have notified would not result in a covered claim under any other section of this policy then we will not make any payment under this section.

You must co-operate fully with us, the crisis containment provider and any of our representatives in the management of the crisis.

If a crisis arises outside of working hours

If you first become aware of the crisis outside of working hours you must notify the
crisis containment provider immediately by phoning them on the number stated in the
schedule. You must also notify us of the crisis as soon as possible within working hours
by telephoning the number stated in the schedule.

You must co-operate fully with the **crisis containment provider** in the management of the **crisis**.

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