

SECP Discussion Board Usage Policy

We welcome your participation in SECP Discussion Board. Our goal is to encourage lively and intelligent discussion on a variety of topics of interest to professionals working and interested in Securities & Capital markets. By accessing and using this Discussion Board you shall be deemed to have accepted and be legally bound by these Terms and Conditions referred below.

SECP reserves the right to deny access to SECP Discussion Board or remove the posting privileges of users who violate the SECP Discussion Board Terms of Service, Disclaimer and Legal Rules, etiquette requirements or other related SECP policies.

Terms of Service

By participating in SECP Discussion Board, you are agreeing to abide by the following rules:

1. State concisely and clearly the specific topic of the post in the subject line of the entry. This allows members to respond more appropriately to your posting and makes it easier for members to search the archives by subject.
2. We encourage lively discussion and debate but remember that disagreeing with an idea is different from attacking individuals, including SECP staff. Messages and materials that are defamatory, abusive, profane, threatening, offensive or illegal are strictly prohibited.
3. SECP Discussion Boards are for noncommercial use. Advertising is not allowed. Do not post messages containing any solicitation of funds, advertising or solicitation of goods or services. This includes (but is not limited to) posting of job openings, availability or position wanted messages.
4. Do not post material that is protected by copyright, such as complete articles copied from another source, unless you are the copyright holder or have the author's permission. Fair use generally allows the posting of small excerpts.
5. Use caution when discussing individuals, markets and products. Information posted on SECP Discussion Board is subject to libel, slander.
6. The consequences of distributing documents containing viruses are widely known. Therefore, do not post, e-mail, transmit or otherwise make available any material that contains software viruses or any other computer code, files or programs designed to interrupt, destroy or limit the functionality of any computer software or hardware or telecommunications equipment.

7. Take care when including contact information in posts or comments. Refer to user profiles when available. If you do not have a profile, you may include an e-mail. Understand that SECP cannot protect the privacy of this information. It may be vulnerable to spam or other negative Web practices.

Any member or guest who violates the SECP Discussion Board Terms of Service, Disclaimer and Legal Rules, etiquette requirements or other related ASQ policies will be subject to the following process.

1. SECP Discussion Board Moderator will contact the user as to the inappropriate nature of the posting. This may lead to being denied further posting privileges.
2. In the event of a second violation or the failure to make the necessary changes, the member or guest will be notified that any future inappropriate postings will result in the member or guest being denied SECP Discussion Board posting privileges.
3. Should a third violation occur, the discussion board advisory group (members and staff moderators) will review violations and make a final decision regarding the member's or guest's discussion board privileges. The member or guest will be notified of any decision to remove their posting privileges.

The SECP Discussion Boards technology allows messages to be copied by others. SECP cannot control this activity. SECP does not and cannot review every message posted on the Discussion Board and is not responsible for the content of these messages. SECP, however, reserves the right to delete, move or edit messages that violate the terms above.

SECP will make every effort to delete, move or edit offensive messages immediately. It may take time for such changes to take effect, since we do not have control over externally cached information.

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SECP attempts to monitor the Discussion Board for inappropriate postings but does not independently undertake editorial control of postings. However, in the event that any inappropriate posting is brought to SECP's attention, SECP will take all appropriate action.

SECP reserves the right to terminate access to any user of Discussion Board who does not abide by these SECP Disclaimer and Legal Rules, the SECP Discussion Board Rules and Etiquette requirements.

Etiquette Requirements

As with any community, there are simple rules of etiquette that guide the group in communicating with ease and ensure a free flow of information:

1. While using the SECP Discussion Board for your posting, be sure the topic is relevant to the Board.
2. Please do not post the same question or topic in more than one Discussion Board heading. You may not receive a response or the number of responses you were expecting. You can increase your message's visibility by adding additional comments to your original posting. This will bring it to the top of the forum list as the most recent posting.
3. Be brief when posting. Understand that users have limited time for reading entries. Respect that time by being succinct and to the point.
4. When responding to comments or a post, it is not necessary to include the entire text of their comment or post in your response. Explain to whom and what you are responding and summarize or quote pertinent information as needed.
5. Read your entry before posting. Check for typos and grammatical errors that may allow users to misconstrue your entry. Refrain from using all caps. An edit feature exists for members to correct errors after posting.
6. Before posting a question, please perform a discussion board search. Performing a search will determine if your area of interest is part of a previous post or discussion thread. If you cannot find a similar topic or you want more information, you may post a new topic thread or add to an existing similar thread.