

Department: Investigation	Segment: All
Circular No: MSE/ID/12873/2023	Date : January 10, 2023

Subject: SEBI Order in the matter of M/s Apex Financial Services (Proprietor: Jyoti Kalra)

To All Members,

SEBI vide order no WTM/AB/WRO/WRO/22736/2022-23 dated January 09, 2023 has issued the following directions for M/s Apex Financial Services (Proprietor: Jyoti Kalra) (PAN: DNEPK9527G).

- a) The Noticees shall within a period of three months from the date of SEBI order, refund the money received from any clients/complainants/ investors, as fees or consideration or in any other form, in respect of their unregistered investment advisory activities;
- b) The Noticees shall issue public notice in all editions of two National Dailies (one English and one Hindi) and in one local daily with wide circulation, detailing the modalities for refund, including the details of contact person such as names, addresses and contact details, within 15 days of coming into force of this direction;
- c) The repayments to the clients/complainants/investors shall be effected only through Bank Demand Draft or Pay Order or electronic fund transfer or through any other appropriate banking channels, which ensures audit trails to identify the beneficiaries of repayments;
- d) After completing the refund as directed in para 19(a) of SEBI order, within a period of 15 days, the Noticees shall file a report detailing the amount refunded to SEBI addressed to the Division Chief, Division of Registration-2, Market Intermediaries Regulation and Supervision Department (MIRSD), SEBI Bhavan II, Plot No. C7, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East) Mumbai - 400051. The report should be duly certified by an independent Chartered Accountant and indicate the amount, mode of payment by banking transactions, name of the parties, communication address, mobile numbers and telephone numbers etc.;
- e) The remaining balance amount shall be deposited with SEBI which will be kept in an escrow account for a period of one year for distribution to clients/complainants/investors who were availing the investment advisory services from the Noticees. Thereafter, remaining amount if any will be deposited in the Investor Protection and Education Fund maintained by SEBI;
- f) The Noticees are restrained from selling his assets, properties and holding of mutual funds/shares/securities held by him in demat and physical form except for the sole purpose of making the refunds/ depositing balance amount with SEBI, as directed above. Further, the banks are directed to allow debit only for the purpose of making refunds to the clients/investors/complainants who were availing the investment advisory services from the Noticees and depositing balance amount with SEBI, as directed in SEBI order, from the bank accounts of the Noticees;

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- g) The Noticees are debarred from accessing the securities market, directly or indirectly and are prohibited from buying, selling or otherwise dealing in the securities market, directly or indirectly in any manner whatsoever, for a period of 6 months from the date of SEBI order or till the expiry of 6 months from the date of completion of refunds to complainants/ investors along with depositing of balance amounts, if any, with SEBI as directed in para 19(a) and 19(e) of SEBI order, whichever is later;
- h) Upon submission of report on completion of refunds to complainants/ investors to SEBI and deposit of the balance money with SEBI, if any, the direction at para 19(f) of SEBI order shall cease to operate within 15 days thereafter;
- i) The Noticees shall not undertake, either during or after the expiry of the period of debarment/restraint as mentioned in para 19(g) of SEBI order, either directly or indirectly, investment advisory services or any activity in the securities market without obtaining a certificate of registration from SEBI as required under the securities laws.

The direction for refund and depositing the balance amount with SEBI, as given in para 19(a) and 19(e) of SEBI order, does not preclude the clients/investors to pursue the other legal remedies available to them under any other law, against the Noticees for refund of money or deficiency in service before any appropriate forum of competent jurisdiction.

This Order comes into force with immediate effect.

Members of the Exchange are advised to take note of the full text of the order available on SEBI's website [www.sebi.gov.in] and ensure compliance.

**For and on behalf of
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**Vipul Vaishnav
Assistant Vice President**