

**TEMPORARY LICENSING ORDER**

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*Temporary Relief for Registrants Affected by the COVID-19 Outbreak*

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Given the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 outbreak and dislocations affecting broker-dealers, state registered investment advisers, federal covered investment advisers, and their registered agents or representatives (collectively, “financial professionals”), David Cheval, the Acting Securities Commissioner for the State of Colorado (hereinafter, “Colorado Securities Commissioner”), is adopting this Temporary Order pursuant to 11-51-402(1)(b), 11-51-402(1)(d), 11-51-402(5)(b), and 11-51-704(1), C.R.S., to temporarily grant the relief below.

**I. Registration or Filing Relief**

The Colorado Securities Commissioner understands that certain financial professionals who are not registered or notice filed with the Colorado Securities Commissioner have been displaced from their ordinary business locations or had their clients displaced from their ordinary state of residence, and are currently engaging, or may desire to engage, in activities that would require them to register or file with the Colorado Securities Commissioner.

A. Such financial professionals are temporarily exempted from the registration and filing requirements of the Colorado Securities Act 11-51-401 and related regulations in the following circumstances:

1. The financial professional is displaced and working from a location outside of the jurisdiction in which he/she/it is currently registered as a response to the COVID-19 outbreak; or
2. The financial professional has a client or clients that are displaced from their ordinary state or residence and are now residing in Colorado as a response to the COVID-19 outbreak;
3. The financial professional was properly registered and/or notice filed with all required securities regulators and self-regulatory organizations as of March 1, 2020;
4. The financial professional is not currently the subject of an ongoing enforcement proceeding in any jurisdiction and is not in violation of the Colorado Securities Act and related regulations, except for those provisions included within the scope of this Temporary Order; and

5. The financial professional limits activities to existing customers or clients, and does not solicit new customers or clients in or from Colorado.

B. A financial professional who meets the conditions in Section I.A. above may engage in the following activities without registering or filing with the Colorado Securities Commissioner:

1. Conduct activities for which registration or filing with the Colorado Securities Commissioner as a financial professional would be required, but only with or on behalf of customers or clients with whom the financial professional had an existing customer or client relationship on March 1, 2020;
2. Open and maintain a temporary branch office or office of supervisory jurisdiction in Colorado that was not in operation on March 1, 2020, provided that the financial professional informs the Securities Commissioner by electronic mail at:

DORA\_SecuritiesWebsite@state.co.us

of the (a) physical address of the office, (b) the names and registration statuses of all persons working in the office, and (c) a primary point of contact for the office, with full contact information.

3. As a consequence of the relief provided in this Section I, any firm that opens a temporary office in accordance with Section I.B.2. above is also relieved from the requirement to maintain updated Form U4 information regarding the office of employment address for registered persons who temporarily relocate due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

## **II. Relief from Requirement to Obtain Physical Signatures on Forms U4**

The Colorado Securities Commissioner understands that broker-dealers, state registered investment advisers and federal covered investment advisers may not be able to obtain physical signatures on Forms U4 in a timely manner as required by FINRA rules and similar provisions of the Colorado Securities Act and related regulations. Such firms may submit Forms U4 electronically, without first obtaining physical signatures from individual agents or representatives, provided that the firm (a) provides the individual with a copy of the completed Form U4 prior to filing, (b) obtains the individual's written agreement prior to filing that the form's content is accurate and complete, (c) retains the written acknowledgement in accordance with Colorado's laws and regulations, and (d) obtains the applicant's physical signature as soon as practicable.

## **III. Relief from Annual Update Filings and Document Delivery Requirements by State-Registered Investment Advisers**

The Colorado Securities Commissioner understands that state registered investment advisers may have difficulty updating their Forms ADV in a timely manner or meeting their Form ADV delivery requirements. Accordingly, an investment adviser registered with the Colorado Securities Commissioner may perform any of the Form ADV filing, updating and customer delivery requirements set forth by the Colorado Securities Act and related regulations up to 45 days after such action is due to be performed. Relief under this Section III is not available to any person not registered with the

Colorado Securities Commissioner as an investment adviser, including any financial professional not registered in reliance upon Section I of this Temporary Order.

**IV. Coordinating Information and Enforcement**

Financial professionals who rely on any provision of this Temporary Order shall keep a copy of the Order in their records to document their reliance on it. Any activities that do not meet the conditions outlined above may be treated by the Colorado Securities Commissioner as non-exempt and may constitute unregistered securities activity subject to state enforcement action.

Pursuant to § 11-51-704(2), C.R.S., the commissioner finds that entry of this Order is necessary and appropriate in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes and provisions of the Colorado Securities Act. This Temporary Order shall remain in effect until April 30, 2020, unless extended or rescinded.

DATE: March 20, 2020



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David S. Cheval", is written over a horizontal line.

DAVID S. CHEVAL  
Acting Securities Commissioner