

Client Categorisation

Pursuant to the Securities Act, the Bank is obliged to classify all clients using its investment services to the following categories:

1. Authorised Counterparty,
2. Professional Client,
3. Non-professional Client.

For purposes of receiving, assigning, and executing an instruction for trading on own account and other related ancillary services, the following categories of persons shall be deemed Authorised Counterparties:

- Financial institutions conducting business under a relevant business license,
- A public authority of the Slovak Republic or other country,
- Central banks of EU member states, the European Central Bank,
- International financial institutions (e.g. the International Monetary Fund),
- Individual large business companies satisfying at least two of the following conditions: (i) total assets in excess of EUR 20,000,000, (b) total annual turnover in excess of EUR 40,000,000, (c) equity in excess of EUR 2,000,000, upon a consent granted by a company.

For all types of financial services, Professional Clients shall be deemed:

- A municipality, a higher territorial unit, a territorial unit of other state,
- A legal entity the core business of which consists in investing in financial instruments, transforming loans to securities or performing other financial transactions.

Additionally, for purposes of investment services comprising (a) portfolio management, (b) investment consulting, (c) underwriting and allocation of financial instruments under a fixed obligation, (d) allocation of financial instruments without a fixed obligation, (e) organisation of multilateral trading system and other related ancillary services, the following persons shall be deemed Professional Clients:

- Financial institutions conducting business under a relevant business license,
- A public authority of the Slovak Republic or other country,
- Central banks of EU member states, the European Central Bank,
- International financial institutions (e.g. the International Monetary Fund),
- Individual large business companies satisfying at least two of the following conditions: (i) total assets in excess of EUR 20,000,000, (b) total annual turnover in excess of EUR 40,000,000, (c) equity in excess of EUR 2,000,000.

For purposes of main and ancillary investment services, all other clients shall be deemed Non-professional Clients.

We shall grant the highest level of legal protection to non-professional clients, in particular, the scope of information and risk notifications provided.

Clients shall be notified of a category they have been assigned to in due time.

Should you not agree with your categorisation, you might submit a written request for reclassification from the non-professional client category to the professional client one for all or some investment services, ancillary services, transactions, or financial instruments at any VUB branch.

We shall review your request and accept it provided that:

1. Your expertise, experience, and knowledge of planned transactions with financial instruments and risk involved allow it,
2. You have expressly requested us to be treated as a professional client in connection with one or several investment or ancillary services, or transactions, or one or several types of financial instruments, or transactions,
3. You are aware of the fact that you may lose your protection rights and rights of compensation arising from your reclassification to a higher category.

In case you are reclassified from the non-professional client category to the professional client one, you may not be entitled to some of the rights granted only to non-professional clients any longer, in particular, the scope of information and risk notifications provided.

The client assigned to the authorised counterparty or professional client category may request to be reclassified to the non-professional client category for all or some investment services, ancillary services, transactions, or financial instruments via its relationship manager.