# General Terms and Conditions Recruitment & Selection



# Article 1 – Definitions

<u>General Conditions</u>: these General Terms and Conditions of Recruitment & Selection;

<u>Client:</u> the client that concludes an Assignment with Robert Walters; <u>Robert Walters:</u> Robert Walters People Solutions NV, having its registered office at Louizalaan 326 in 1050 Brussels, Belgium, registered with the Belgian Commercial register (*Kruispuntbank van Ondernemingen*) under number BE 0874.633.459;

<u>Party/Parties:</u> The Client and Robert Walters each separately and collectively;

<u>Assignment:</u> an agreement between the Client and Robert Walters in connection with the recruitment and selection of Candidates for a vacancy at the Client;

<u>Candidate(s)</u>: any individual(s) proposed by Robert Walters to the Client;

<u>Annual Remuneration:</u> the annual remuneration for the Candidate's position based on full-time employment.

## Article 2 – Scope

- These General Conditions apply to every Assignment. An Assignment comes into effect between the Client and Robert Walters once Robert Walters confirms a request by the Client to recruit and propose Candidates.
- 2. Any general terms and conditions used by the Client are hereby expressly rejected.
- 3. Any deviations from these General Conditions will be valid only if they have been agreed in writing.
- 4. The headings in these General Conditions are for identification purposes only and will not affect the interpretation of the conditions.

#### Article 3 – Obligations of Robert Walters

- Based on the information received from the Client and the description of the vacancy, Robert Walters will endeavour to select one or more Candidates who satisfy the Client's requirements and expectations to the extent possible.
- 2. At the Client's request, Robert Walters will endeavour to request references following approval of the Candidate selected by the Client. Robert Walters is not liable for any damage ensuing from information (including incorrect information) provided by the Candidate or by a third party regarding the Candidate. The information obtained from these references will be provided at the Client's first request.
- 3. Robert Walters does not collect or share any information about the medical condition of Candidates.

#### Article 4 – Obligations of the Client

- The Client undertakes to provide Robert Walters with all the relevant information that Robert Walters reasonably needs in order to select Candidates for the Client and warrants the accuracy of such information.
- 2. The Client will inform Robert Walters of its opinion about the introduced Candidate as soon as possible.
- 3. The Client alone will decide on a Candidate's suitability before offering the Candidate an employment contract.
- The Client has ultimate responsibility for verifying the accuracy of the information via the references and other information, such as diplomas and right to work documents, provided by the Candidate.

#### Artikel 5 – Fee

- Robert Walters will receive payment ("Fee") from the Client for the Assignment. The Fee will be laid down in the Assignment and amounts to a percentage of the Annual Remuneration, calculated based on the components referred to in paragraph 2.
- 2. The calculation of the Fee will include the following components of the Annual Remuneration, if agreed with the selected Candidate: (a) the gross annual salary, including holiday allowance, (b) thirteenth month; (c) lease car (making up EUR 7,000.- of the Annual Remuneration)); (d) bonus; (e) profit sharing; (f) lunch vouchers based on employer value x 231 and (g) other financial benefits. In respect of d (bonus), e (profit sharing) and (g) other financial benefits), guaranteed components will be included in full and, as regards variable components, 67% of the maximum amount to be obtained will be included.
- 3. The Fee is exclusive of VAT and exclusive of any advertising costs (online or otherwise) and expenses agreed with the Client.
- 4. If the Client decides to hire more than one Candidate under the same Assignment, the Client will owe Robert Walters the Fee for every Candidate who accepts an offer of an employment contract.

#### Article 6 – Invoicing and payment

- Robert Walters works on a No Cure No Pay basis, which means that Robert Walters will invoice the Fee after written (including: e-mail) acceptance of an offer by a Candidate.
- 2. If the Fee is due on the basis of article 5 paragraph 4, Robert Walters will invoice the Fee for a second and subsequent Candidate after the acceptance of the offer of the Client.
- 3. The Client will pay the invoice within 7 days after the invoice date. If the Client requires a PO-number for billing purposes, the Client shall provide the PO-number to Robert Walters within 2 weeks after the Candidate's acceptance of the offer, failing which Robert Walters shall be entitled to issue an invoice without a POnumber. The absence of a PO number on an invoice does not release the Client from its payment obligation.
- 4. If the Client fails to pay within the payment period agreed, the Client will immediately be in default, and Robert Walters will be entitled, without prejudice to its other rights, to charge default interest as from the due date of the invoice, in accordance with the Belgian Act on Payment Arrears (Wet Betalingsachterstand) of 2 August 2002. Both the judicial and the extrajudicial costs to be incurred by Robert Walters as a result of any payments not, or not punctually, received from the Client will be payable by the Client. The compensation for extrajudicial costs will be set at 10% of the principal sum of the amounts due, subject to a minimum of EUR 250.- (two hundred and fifty euros).
- 5. The Parties expressly exclude any setoff within the meaning of Articles 5.254 et seq. of the Belgian Civil Code.

## Article 7 – Early termination of the Assignment

1. Each Party may terminate the Assignment early in writing.

#### Article 8 – Off-Limits

 For a period of 12 months after a Candidate has been proposed to the Client, the Client may not (a) enter into an agreement (employment contract, contract for services or any other agreement) with said Candidate either directly or via third parties;



and/or (b) propose the Candidate to a third party (including an affiliate of the Client) without Robert Walters' prior written consent.

 If the Client violates the provisions of paragraph 1, it will owe Robert Walters an immediately due and payable penalty of EUR 25,000.- for every violation. The penalty will be owed as a result of the mere fact of a violation, without prejudice to Robert Walters' right to seek damages and/or compliance in addition to such penalty.

## Article 9 – Robert Walters' liability

- 1. Robert Walters will exercise the necessary due care when recruiting and selecting Candidates. Robert Walters is not liable for any acts or omissions by Candidates, selected or otherwise.
- All liability of Robert Walters for damage resulting from an attributable breach of its obligations, unlawful act or otherwise – is limited per event to the Fee charged for the relevant Assignment. Successive events will be qualified as a single event.
- Any liability for indirect damage, such as consequential damage, lost profits, lost savings, damage as a result of business interruption and/or reputational damage is excluded, except in the event of intent or gross error on the part of Robert Walters.

# Article 10 – Confidentiality

 During the Assignment and for a period of 12 months after it ends, the Parties will keep confidential all information which has been classified as such, or the confidentiality of which ensues from its nature, confidential and not disclose it to third parties unless disclosure is required in the context of (a) the performance of the Assignment and/or (b) is based on a statutory rule or order by a government agency.

## Article 11 – Protection of personal data

- The Parties will comply with statutory obligations regarding data protection, in particular as provided by the General Data Protection Regulation of the European Union (2016/679) ("GDPR"), the Directive on privacy and electronic communications (2002/58/EC) and all applicable laws and regulations related to the processing of personal data as amended, readopted, replaced or re-enacted from time to time, including directives and codes of conduct issued by the applicable supervisory authority (collectively referred to as "Legislation concerning data protection").
- 2. The Parties acknowledge that they qualify as independent controllers as defined in the GDPR. The Parties will comply with the Protocol for data sharing in respect of the personal data they both process that can be found here: https://www.robertwalters.be/about-us/qdpr.html.

The Parties will act quickly and adequately in response to all requests by Candidates regarding their rights as data subjects in respect of the processing of their personal data in the performance of the Agreement for Intermediary Services. In addition, the Parties undertake to fulfil their obligations to provide information to data subjects as described in Articles 13 and 14 of the GDPR.

3. The Client indemnifies Robert Walters against all liability, costs, expenditures, damage and losses and all loss of interest, contractual penalties and all reasonable legal and professional costs and expenditures incurred by Robert Walters, now or in the future, resulting from or related to third-party claims, including ones from Candidates, or penalties imposed by any supervisory authority within the meaning of Article 83 GDPR, as a result of the violation of data protection legislation, including the misuse of a Candidate's personal data caused by the Client or its subsidiaries, employees, directors, agents or contractors.

# Article 12 – Final provisions

- If any provision of these General Conditions and/or the Assignment should be void, invalid and/or unenforceable as a result of a statutory requirement or court order, this will not affect the validity of the other provisions. The Parties will consult in order to agree new provisions to replace the void or voided provisions taking into account the purpose and purport of the void provisions to the extent possible.
- 2. These General Conditions will be governed by Belgian law.
- 3. Any disputes relating to the Assignment or the General Conditions will be decided by the competent court in Brussels.