# Cyber Security Policies and Procedures

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#### 1. Cyber Security Policy

Symphony Financial, Ltd. Co.'s ("Symphony Financial") intentions for publishing this Cyber Security Policy is not to impose restrictions that are contrary to Symphony Financial's established culture of openness, trust and integrity. Symphony Financial is committed to protecting Symphony Financial's employees, partners, clients and the company from illegal or damaging actions by individuals, either knowingly or unknowingly.

Internet/Intranet/Extranet-related systems, including but not limited to computer equipment, software, operating systems, storage media, network accounts providing electronic mail, WWW browsing, and FTP, are the property of Symphony Financial. These systems are to be used for business purposes in serving the interests of the company, and of our clients and customers in the course of normal operations.

Effective security is a team effort involving the participation and support of every Symphony Financial employee and affiliate who deals with information and/or information systems.

The Federal Trade Commission's Safeguards Rule, which implements the security provisions of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, requires institutions to have in place a comprehensive security program to ensure the security and confidentiality of customer data.

To implement Symphony Financial's (the "firm") information security program, they must:

- Designate an employee or employees to coordinate the program;
- Identify reasonably foreseeable internal and external risks to the security, confidentiality, and
  integrity of customer information and assess the sufficiency of any safeguards in place to control
  the risks;
- Design and implement safeguards to address the risks and monitor the effectiveness of these safeguards;
- Select and retain service providers that are capable of maintaining appropriate safeguards for the information and require them, by contract, to implement and maintain such safeguards; and
- Adjust the information security program in light of developments that may materially affect the program.

# 2. Background

The purpose of these policies and procedures is to provide administrative, technical and physical safeguards which assist employees in maintaining the confidentiality of client information. All information, whether relating to a current or former client, is subject to these policies and procedures. Any doubts about the confidentiality of client information must be resolved in favor of confidentiality.

This policy applies to the use of information, electronic and computing devices, and network resources to conduct Symphony Financial's business or interact with internal networks and business systems, whether owned or leased by Symphony Financial, the employee, or a third party. All employees, contractors, consultants, temporary, and other workers at Symphony Financial and its subsidiaries are responsible for exercising good judgment regarding appropriate use of information, electronic devices, and network resources in accordance with Symphony Financial policies and standards, and local laws and regulation.

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This policy applies to employees, contractors, consultants, temporary workers, and other workers at Symphony Financial, including all personnel affiliated with third parties (collectively referred to simply as employees in the remainder of this document). This policy applies to all equipment that is owned or leased by Symphony Financial.

#### 3. Objective

Our objective in the development and implementation of this written security plan is to create effective administrative, technical and physical safeguards in order to protect our customers' information.

The plan will evaluate our electronic and physical methods of accessing, collecting, storing, using, transmitting, protecting, and disposing of our customers' information.

#### 4. Purposes

The purpose of this policy and procedure is to ensure the security and confidentiality of our customers' information; protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of our customers' information; protect against unauthorized access to or use of customer information that could result in substantial harm or inconvenience to any of our customers.

#### 5. Action Plans

The firm will identify reasonably foreseeable internal and external threats that could result in unauthorized disclosure, misuse, alteration, or destruction of customer information or information systems; assess the likelihood and potential damage of these threats, taking into consideration the sensitivity of customer information; evaluate the sufficiency of existing policies, procedures, customer information systems, and other safeguards in place to control risks.

#### 6. Action Steps

The firm has appointed a specific person or persons within the firm to be responsible for:

- initial implementation of the plan;
- training of employees;
- regular testing of the controls and safeguards established by the plan;
- evaluating the ability of prospective service providers to maintain appropriate information security practices, ensuring that such providers are required to comply with this information security plan, and monitoring such providers for compliance herewith; and
- periodically evaluating and adjusting the plan, as necessary, in light of relevant changes in technology, sensitivity of customer information, reasonably foreseeable internal or external threats to customer information, changes to our own business (such as mergers or acquisitions or outsourcing), and/or changes to customer information systems.

# 7. Responsibility

The Chief Compliance Officer or his/her designee is responsible for reviewing, maintaining and enforcing these policies and procedures to ensure meeting the firm's client privacy and information protection goals.

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He/she is responsible for distributing these policies and procedures to employees and conducting appropriate employee training to ensure employee and vendor adherence.

Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action which may include termination for employees and temporaries; a termination of employment relations in the case of contractors or consultants; dismissal for interns and volunteers. Additionally, individuals are subject to loss of Information Resources access privileges, civil, and criminal prosecution.

#### 8. Risks

The Chief Compliance Officer and his/her designee is responsible for determining reasonably foreseeable internal threats that could result in unauthorized disclosure, misuse, alteration, or destruction of customer information or information systems, assess the likelihood and potential damage of these threats, taking into consideration the sensitivity of customer information, and evaluate the sufficiency of existing policies, procedures, customer information systems, and other safeguards in place to control risks. See Internal Threat Risk Assessment included in Appendix A.

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#### 9. Procedure

The firm has adopted various procedures to implement the firm's policy and reviews to monitor and ensure the firm's policy is observed, implemented properly and amended or updated, as appropriate, which include the following:

- Hiring Policies and Procedures: Background checks on all employees and any interns or temps and mandatory signing of Employee NDA document to safeguard client information.
- User Account Administration: The Chief Compliance Officer or his/her designee and LPL
  Financial will manage the issuance of all users for the firm. The individual users will select their
  password for the systems. Upon termination, all user names will be deactivated to remove access.
- Incident Reports: Any suspected breaches in protocol or other issues are to be reported to him/her immediately either via email or phone. This report should include all information regarding users, issues, breaches, etc.
- Facilities: All facilities are kept locked at all times. No documentation will be left out unattended.
   All paperwork is to be scanned into secure electronic storage and the originals shredded, unless required to be maintained by LPL Financial for a period of time.
- Vendor Access: Symphony Financial will segregate sensitive network resources from resources accessible to third parties.

#### **Account Management**

A. All accounts created must have an associated request and approval that is appropriate for the Symphony Financial system or service.

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- B. All users must attest to being provided a copy of the Symphony Financial policies and procedures prior to being given account access.
- C. All user accounts must have a unique identifier.
- D. All passwords for accounts must be constructed in accordance with the Symphony Financial and Password Policy.
- E. All accounts must have a password expiration that complies with the Symphony Financial Password Policy.
- F. Accounts of individuals on extended leave (more than 30 days) will be disabled.
- G. All new user accounts that have not been accessed within 30 days of creation will be disabled.
- H. System Administrators or other designated staff:
  - Are responsible for creating accounts;
  - Are responsible for removing the accounts of individuals that change roles within Symphony Financial or are separated from their relationship with Symphony Financial;
  - Must have a documented process to modify a user account to accommodate situations such as name changes, accounting changes and permission changes;
  - Must have a documented process for periodically reviewing existing accounts for validity;
  - Are subject to independent audit review;
  - Must provide a list of accounts for the systems they administer when requested by authorized Symphony Financial management; and
  - Must cooperate with authorized Symphony Financial management investigating security incidents

#### **Electronic Signatures**

The Firm ensures that all electronic signatures meet the requirements of the Electronic Signature in Global and National Commerce Act (E-Sign Act), which requires that signers agree to conduct business electronically, affirm their identity, consent to vendor storage of envelope information and are notified of their right to receive a paper copy of the record. The Firm employs various methods for electronic signatures, dependent upon the custodian. It is also the responsibility of each IAR to ensure that they follow the policy and procedures set forth below.

a. Documents completed through the LPL platform leverage the LPL systems of Docusign and Adobe Sign. LPL ensures that the documents meet all required standards and documents are kept current. Signers validate their identity using knowledge-based questions, access code sent via phone or access code send via text. LPL retains copies within iDoc and the internal Docusign or Adobe Sign portal. Upon completion of the envelope, all signers receive a final copy in pdf format with a validation of signature

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- certificate attached. LPL is moving off of the Docusign platform in 2023 and will be fully utilizing Adobe Sign in 2024.
- b. Fidelity utilizes the Fidelity eSign platform and ensures that all required standards are met. Each document is watermarked and can only be submitted to Fidelity during the eSignature ceremony. The Signer validates their identity using an access code sent from Fidelity via a text message. Upon completion of the envelope, all signers receive a final copy in pdf format with a validation of signature certificate attached. The Firm is in charge of record retention for Fidelity but may access Fidelity records if needed.
- c. Charles Schwab uses Docusign and ensures that all required standards are met. Signers who have a Schwab ID and up to date email on file will only be allowed to access the electronic platform. Signers validate their identity using knowledge-based questions, access code sent via phone or access code send via text. Upon completion of the envelope, all signers receive a final copy in pdf format with a validation of signature certificate attached The Firm is in charge of record retention for Schwab but may access Schwab records if needed.
- d. Firm level electronic documents not covered at the custodian level will be completed using Adobe Sign, <a href="https://www.adobe.com/sign/compliance/electronic-signature-legality.html">https://www.adobe.com/sign/compliance/electronic-signature-legality.html</a> which complies with the highest standards for electronic signature.
- B. All methods require a certified user to access the platform and send a document.
- C. Signers must have an email and phone on file to receive a document. Should a document be sent to an incorrect email, the validation process prevents access by an outside party. Email and phone numbers can only be altered by the certified user of the platform and only when that user is instructed by the signer after identity verification (phone or other method if available).
- D. The Firm allows the majority of forms to be signed electronically unless a wet ink signature is required for the transaction (such as certain account transfer documents) by the institution receiving the document.
- E. Versions of documents are kept current within each platform by the Operations Team.
- F. The Firm has a policy of controls to segregate duties, which ensures signers are separate parties and fraud is prevented. The Operations Team will generally send documents for signature when an IAR is part of the signing process. In the event that an IAR creates the document, it must be sent to an outside email, other than the IARs and a final pdf version must be sent to the Operations Team for review and retention.
- G. It is the Firms policy to not use electronic signatures for in-person meetings.
- H. The Firm conducts quarterly audits on random samplings of the electronic signature data, such as IP addresses and emails. This is meant to detect red flags and prevent suspicious activity. Each custodian also has a cybersecurity policy in place to detect any suspicious activity, which includes tracking of IP addresses, email and identity verification and regular audits of document data.

#### **Change Management**

A. Security patches on all systems must be implemented within the specified timeframe of notification from Symphony Financial.

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- B. Every change to an Information Resources resource such as: operating systems, computing hardware, networks, and applications is subject to the Change Management Policy.
- C. A formal written change request must be submitted to the IT for all changes, both scheduled and unscheduled.
- D. The CCO department may deny a scheduled or unscheduled change for reasons including, but not limited to, inadequate planning, inadequate back-out plans, the timing of the change will negatively impact a key business process such as year-end accounting, or if adequate resources cannot be readily available. Adequate resources may be a problem on weekends, holidays, or during special events.
- E. Vendor notification must be completed for each scheduled or unscheduled change following the steps contained in the Change Management Policy.
- F. A change review must be completed for each change, whether scheduled or unscheduled, and whether successful or not.
- G. A Change Management Log must be maintained for all changes. The log must contain, but is not limited to:
  - Date of submission and date of change
  - Owner contact information
  - Nature of the change
  - Indication of success or failure
- H. All information systems must comply with an Information Resources change management process that meets the standards outlined above.

#### **Security Monitoring**

- A. Automated tools will provide real time notification of detected wrongdoing and vulnerability exploitation. Where possible a security baseline will be developed and the tools will report exceptions. These tools will be deployed to monitor:
  - Internet traffic
  - Email traffic
  - LAN traffic, protocols, and device inventory
  - Operating system security parameters
- B. The following files will be checked for signs of wrongdoing and vulnerability exploitation at a frequency determined by risk:
  - Automated intrusion detection system logs
  - Firewall logs
  - User account logs

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- Network scanning logs
- System error logs
- Application logs
- Data backup and recovery logs
- Help desk trouble tickets
- Telephone activity Call Detail Reports
- Network printer and fax logs
- C. The following checks will be performed at least annually by assigned individuals:
  - Password strength
  - Unauthorized network devices
  - Unauthorized personal web servers
  - Unsecured sharing of devices
  - Unauthorized modem use
  - Operating System and Software Licenses
- D. Any security issues discovered will be reported to the CCO for follow-up investigation.

#### **Security Training**

- A. All users must sign an acknowledgement stating they have read and understand Symphony Financial requirements regarding computer security policies and procedures.
- B. All users (employees, consultants, contractors, temporaries, etc.) must be provided with sufficient training and supporting reference materials to allow them to properly protect Symphony Financial information resources.
- C. The CCO must develop and maintain a communications process to be able to communicate new computer security program information, security bulletin information, and security items of interest.

#### **Vendor Access**

- A. Vendors must comply with all applicable Symphony Financial policies, practice standards and agreements, including, but not limited to:
  - Safety Policies
  - Privacy Policies
  - Physical Security Policies
  - Auditing Policies
  - Software Licensing Policies

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- B. Vendors must comply with all applicable Symphony Financial cybersecurity policies, practice standards and agreements, including, but not limited to:
  - Acceptable Use Policies
  - Network Access Policies
- C. Vendor agreements and contracts must specify:
  - The Symphony Financial information the vendor should have access to
  - How Symphony Financial information is to be protected by the vendor
  - Acceptable methods for the return, destruction or disposal of Symphony Financial information in the vendor's possession at the end of the contract
  - The Vendor must only use Symphony Financial information and Information Resources for the purpose of the business agreement
  - Any other Symphony Financial information acquired by the vendor in the course of the contract cannot be used for the vendor's own purposes or divulged to others
- D. Symphony Financial will provide a point of contact for the Vendor. The point of contact will work with the Vendor to confirm the Vendor is in compliance with these policies.
- E. Each vendor must provide Symphony Financial with a list of all employees working on the contract. The list must be updated and provided to Symphony Financial within 24 hours of staff changes.
- F. Each on-site vendor employee must acquire a Symphony Financial identification badge that will be displayed at all times while on Symphony Financial premises. The badge must be returned to Symphony Financial when the employee leaves the contract or at the end of the contract.
- G. Each vendor employee with access to Symphony Financial sensitive information must be cleared to handle that information.
- H. Vendor personnel must report all security incidents directly to the appropriate Symphony Financial personnel.
- I. If vendor management is involved in Symphony Financial security incident management the responsibilities and details must be specified in the contract.
  - Vendor must follow all applicable Symphony Financial change control processes and procedures.
  - Regular work hours and duties will be defined in the contract. Work outside of defined
    parameters must be approved in writing by appropriate Symphony Financial management.
  - All vendor maintenance equipment on the Symphony Financial network that connects to the
    outside world via the network, telephone line, or leased line, and all Symphony Financial IR
    vendor accounts will remain disabled except when in use for authorized maintenance.

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- Vendor access must be uniquely identifiable and password management must comply with
  the Symphony Financial Password Management Policy. Vendor's major work activities must
  be entered into a log and available to Symphony Financial management upon request. Logs
  must include, but are not limited to, such events as personnel changes, password changes,
  project milestones, deliverables, and arrival and departure times.
- J. Upon departure of a vendor employee from the contract for any reason, the vendor will ensure that all sensitive information is collected and returned to Symphony Financial or destroyed within 24 hours.
- K. Upon termination of contract or at the request of Symphony Financial, the vendor will return or destroy all Symphony Financial information and provide written certification of that return or destruction within 24 hours.
- L. Upon termination of contract or at the request of Symphony Financial, the vendor must surrender all Symphony Financial identification badges, access cards, equipment and supplies immediately. Equipment and/or supplies to be retained by the vendor must be documented by authorized Symphony Financial management.
- M. All software used by the vendor in providing service to Symphony Financial must be properly inventoried and licensed.

#### 10. Non-Disclosure of Client Information

The firm maintains safeguards to comply with federal and state standards to guard each client's information. The firm does not share any information with any nonaffiliated third parties, except in the following circumstances:

- As necessary to provide the service that the client has requested or authorized, or to maintain and service the client's account;
- As required by regulatory authorities or law enforcement officials who have jurisdiction over the firm, or as otherwise required by any applicable law; and
- To the extent reasonably necessary to prevent fraud and unauthorized transactions.

Employees are prohibited, either during or after termination of their employment, from disclosing client information to any person or entity outside the firm, including family members, except under the circumstances described above. An employee is permitted to disclose information only to such other employees who need to have access to such information to deliver our services to the client.

# 11. Safeguarding and Disposal of Client Information

#### Safeguarding

The firm restricts access to client information to those employees who need to know such information to provide services to our clients.

Any employee who is authorized to have access to client information is required to keep such information in a secure compartment or receptacle on a daily basis as of the close of business each day. All electronic

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or computer files containing such information shall be password secured and firewall protected from access by unauthorized persons. Any conversations involving client information, if appropriate at all, must be conducted by employees in private, and care must be taken to avoid any unauthorized persons overhearing or intercepting such conversations.

Safeguarding standards encompass all aspects of the firm that affect security. This includes not just computer security standards but also such areas as physical security and personnel procedures. Examples of important safeguarding standards that the firm adopted include:

- Access controls on customer information systems, including controls to authenticate and permit
  access only to authorized individuals and controls to prevent employees from providing customer
  information to unauthorized individuals who may seek to obtain this information through
  fraudulent means (e.g. requiring employee use of user ID numbers and passwords, etc.);
- Access restrictions at physical locations containing customer information, such as buildings, computer facilities, and records storage facilities to permit access only to authorized individuals (e.g. intruder detection devices, use of fire and burglar resistant storage devices);
- Encryption of electronic customer information, including while in transit or in storage on networks or systems to which unauthorized individuals may have access;
- Procedures designed to ensure that customer information system modifications are consistent with the firm's information security program (e.g. independent approval and periodic audits of system modifications);
- Dual control procedures, segregation of duties, and employee background checks for employees
  with responsibilities for or access to customer information (e.g. require data entry to be reviewed
  for accuracy by personnel not involved in its preparation; adjustments and correction of master
  records should be reviewed and approved by personnel other than those approving routine
  transactions, etc.);
- Monitoring systems and procedures to detect actual and attempted attacks on or intrusions into customer information systems (e.g. data should be auditable for detection of loss and accidental and intentional manipulation);
- Response programs that specify actions to be taken when the firm suspects or detects that unauthorized individuals have gained access to customer information systems, including appropriate reports to regulatory and law enforcement agencies;
- Measures to protect against destruction, loss, or damage of customer information due to potential
  environmental hazards, such as fire and water damage or technological failures (e.g. use of fire
  resistant storage facilities and vaults; backup and store off site key data to ensure proper recovery);
- All mobile and computing devices that connect to applications or resources used by the firm must comply with the Cyber Security Policy;
- Providing access to another individual, either deliberately or through failure to secure its access, is prohibited;
- All computing devices must be secured with a password-protected screensaver with the automatic
  activation feature set to 10 minutes or less. Employees must lock the screen or log off when the
  device is unattended
- Employees must use extreme caution when opening e-mail attachments, which may contain malware;

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- Employees must use extreme caution when installing updates or other software and should attempt to verify the legitimacy of it in advance. Many viruses and malware writers will try to trick the user into thinking the update/software is from a legitimate source when it is not; and
- Everyone has the responsibility to promptly report the theft, loss or unauthorized disclosure of proprietary information.

For security and network maintenance purposes, authorized individuals within Symphony Financial may monitor equipment, systems and network traffic at any time;

Symphony Financial reserves the right to audit networks and systems on a periodic basis to ensure compliance with this policy

#### **Acceptable Use**

- A. Users must report any weaknesses in Symphony Financial computer security, any incidents of possible misuse or violation of this agreement to the proper authorities by contacting the appropriate management.
- B. Users must not attempt to access any data or programs contained on Symphony Financial systems for which they do not have authorization or explicit consent.
- C. Users must not share their Symphony Financial account(s), passwords, Personal Identification Numbers (PIN), Security Tokens (i.e. Smartcard), or similar information or devices used for identification and authorization purposes.
- D. Users must not make unauthorized copies of copyrighted software.
- E. Users must not use any software without Symphony Financial Information Resources management approval. See Change Management Policy.
- F. Users must not purposely engage in activity that may: harass, threaten or abuse others; degrade the performance of Information Resources; deprive an authorized Symphony Financial user access to a Symphony Financial resource; obtain extra resources beyond those allocated; circumvent Symphony Financial computer security measures.
- G. Users must not download, install or run security programs or utilities that reveal or exploit weaknesses in the security of a system. For example, Symphony Financial users must not run password cracking programs, packet sniffers, or port scanners or any other non-approved programs on Symphony Financial Information Resources. Symphony Financial Information Resources must not be used for personal benefit.
- H. Users must not intentionally access, create, store or transmit material which Symphony Financial may deem to be offensive, indecent or obscene (other than in the course of academic research where this aspect of the research has the explicit approval of the Symphony Financial official processes for dealing with academic ethical issues).
- I. Access to the Internet from a Symphony Financial owned, home based, computer must adhere to all the same policies that apply to use from within Symphony Financial facilities. Employees must not allow family members or other non-employees to access Symphony Financial computer systems.

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J. Users must not otherwise engage in acts against the aims and purposes of Symphony Financial as specified in its governing documents or in rules, regulations and procedures adopted from time to time.

#### **Incidental Use**

- A. Incidental personal use of email, internet access, fax machines, printers, copiers, and so on, is restricted to Symphony Financial approved users; it does not extend to family members or other acquaintances.
- B. Incidental use must not result in direct costs to Symphony Financial.
- C. Incidental use must not interfere with the normal performance of an employee's work duties.
- D. No files or documents may be sent or received that may cause legal action against, or embarrassment to, Symphony Financial.
- E. Storage of personal email messages, voice messages, files and documents within Symphony Financial's Information Resources must be nominal.
- F. All messages, files and documents including personal messages, files and documents located on Symphony Financial Information Resources are owned by Symphony Financial, may be subject to open records requests, and may be accessed in accordance with this policy.

#### **Unacceptable Use**

The following activities are, in general, prohibited. Employees may be exempted from these restrictions during the course of their legitimate job responsibilities (e.g., systems administration staff may have a need to disable the network access of a host if that host is disrupting production services).

Under no circumstances is an employee of Symphony Financial authorized to engage in any activity that is illegal under local, state, federal or international law while utilizing Symphony Financial owned resources.

The lists below are by no means exhaustive, but attempt to provide a framework for activities which fall into the category of unacceptable use.

#### **Prohibited System and Network Activities**

The following activities are strictly prohibited, with no exceptions:

- Accessing data, a server or an account for any purpose other than conducting Symphony Financial business, even if you have authorized access, is prohibited.
- Introduction of malicious programs into the network or server (e.g., viruses, worms, Trojan horses, e-mail bombs, etc.).
- Revealing your account password to others or allowing use of your account by others. This includes family and other household members when work is being done at home.
- Effecting security breaches or disruptions of network communication. Security breaches include, but are not limited to, accessing data of which the employee is not an intended recipient or logging into a server or account that the employee is not expressly authorized to access, unless these duties are within the scope of regular duties. For purposes of this section, "disruption" includes, but is not limited to, network sniffing, pinged floods, packet spoofing, denial of service, and forged routing information for malicious purposes.

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- Executing any form of network monitoring which will intercept data not intended for the employee's host, unless this activity is a part of the employee's normal job/duty.
- Circumventing user authentication or security of any host, network or account.
- Providing information about, or lists of, Symphony Financial clients or employees to parties outside Symphony Financial.
- Unauthorized use, or forging, of email header information.

#### **Password Guidelines**

All passwords should meet or exceed the following guidelines:

- Contain at least 12 alphanumeric characters.
- Contain both upper and lower case letters.
- Contain at least one number (for example, 0-9).
- Contain at least one special character (for example, %%%%%)\_+|~-=\`{}[]:";'<>?,/).

Poor, or weak, passwords have the following characteristics:

- Contain less than eight characters.
- Can be found in a dictionary, including foreign language, or exist in a language slang, dialect, or jargon.
- Contain personal information such as birthdates, addresses, phone numbers, or names of family members, pets, friends, and fantasy characters.
- Contain work-related information such as building names, system commands, sites, companies, hardware, or software.
- Contain number patterns such as rabab, qwerty, zyxwvuts, or 123321.
- Contain common words spelled backward, or preceded or followed by a number (for example, terces, secret1 or 1secret).
- Are some version of "Welcome123" "Password123" "Changeme123"

#### **Password Creation**

Password creation guidelines are as follows:

- Users must not use the same password for Symphony Financial accounts as for other non-firm access (for example, personal ISP account, option trading, benefits, and so on).
- Where possible, users must not use the same password for various Symphony Financial access needs.
- User accounts that have system-level privileges granted through group memberships or programs
  must have a unique password from all other accounts held by that user to access system-level
  privileges.

#### **Password Change**

Password changes require the following:

• All system-level passwords (for example, root, enable, NT admin, application administration accounts, and so on) must be changed on at least a quarterly basis.

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• All user-level passwords (for example, email, web, desktop computer, and so on) must be changed at least every quarter. The recommended change interval is quarterly.

#### **Password Protection**

For password protection purposes:

- Passwords must not be shared with anyone. All passwords are to be treated as sensitive, confidential information.
- Passwords must not be inserted into email messages or other forms of electronic communication.
- Passwords must not be revealed over the phone to anyone.
- Do not reveal a password on questionnaires or security forms.
- Do not hint at the format of a password (for example, "my family name").
- Do not share passwords with anyone, including administrative assistants, secretaries, managers, co-workers while on vacation, and family members.
- Do not write passwords down and store them anywhere in your office. Do not store passwords in a file on a computer system or mobile devices (phone, tablet) without encryption.
- Do not use the "Remember Password" feature of applications (for example, web browsers).
- Any user suspecting that his/her password may have been compromised must report the incident and change all passwords.

#### **Data Backup**

Symphony does not have one place with a complete copy of all data. Watchguard is the primary cloud storage provider for Symphony's electronic books and records, while LPL Financial ("LPL") will maintain LPL client data. RedTail will act as a secondary cloud storage and the primary Customer Relationship Management provider.

Books and records stored electronically will be maintained as follows:

- LPL client data is maintained and backed up via LPL's Clientworks, Fidelity and Schwab client data is maintained and backed up via Watchguard;
- Images of client statements and documents are stored in a digital format with and available at LPL, Fidelity and Schwab.
- A complete copy of all our LPL client data is stored electronically on a secure server managed by LPL Financial.

Symphony has security measures in place to ensure our access to the above service providers is secure. Although Symphony conducts initial and annual due diligence of our service providers, we will rely on the cyber security policies and procedures of LPL, Watchguard and RedTail to ensure the security of client data maintained by them.

- A. The frequency and extent of backups must be in accordance with the importance of the information and the acceptable risk as determined by the data owner.
- B. There must be multiple backups of critical information, preferably with different media, vendors and designated personnel within each node responsible for backing up data. The persons responsible for backing up data should be independent and not have access to the other's backups.

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- C. The Symphony Financial Information Resources backup and recovery process for each system must be documented and periodically reviewed.
- D. Physical access controls implemented at offsite backup storage locations must meet or exceed the physical access controls of the source systems.
- E. A process must be implemented to verify the success of the Symphony Financial electronic information backup.
- F. Backups must be periodically tested to ensure that they are recoverable.
- G. Employees approved for access to Symphony Financial backup media held by the offsite backup storage vendor(s) must be reviewed annually or when an authorized individual leaves Symphony Financial.

#### **Disposal**

Technology equipment often contains parts which cannot simply be thrown away. Proper disposal of equipment is both environmentally responsible and often required by law. In addition, hard drives, USB drives, and other storage media may contain Symphony Financial's sensitive data. In order to protect our constituent's data, all storage mediums must be properly erased before being disposed of. However, simply deleting or even formatting data is not sufficient. When deleting files or formatting a device, data is marked for deletion, but is still accessible until being overwritten by a new file. Therefore, special tools must be used to securely erase data prior to equipment disposal.

Some methods of disposal to ensure that the information cannot practicably be read or reconstructed that the firm may adopt include:

- Procedures requiring the burning, pulverizing, or shredding or papers containing client information;
- Procedures to ensure the destruction or erasure of electronic media; and
- All data shall be removed from equipment using disk sanitizing software that cleans the media overwriting each and every disk sector of the machine with zero-filled blocks.
- All electronic drives must be degaussed or overwritten with a commercially available disk cleaning program. Hard drives may also be removed and rendered unreadable (drilling, crushing or other demolition methods).
- After due diligence, contracting with a service provider engaged in the business of record destruction, to provide such services in a manner consistent with the disposal rule.
- When Technology assets have reached the end of their useful life they should be sent out for proper disposal.
- Technology equipment with non-functioning memory or storage technology will have the memory or storage device removed and it will be physically destroyed.
- No computer or technology equipment may be sold to any individual.
- Computer Equipment refers to desktop, laptop, tablet or netbook computers, printers, copiers, monitors, servers, handheld devices, telephones, cell phones, disc drives or any storage device, network switches, routers, wireless access points, backup tapes, etc.

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#### **Internet Use Filtering System**

Symphony Financial may block access to Internet websites and protocols that are deemed inappropriate for the firm. The following protocols and categories of websites should be blocked:

- Adult/Sexually Explicit Material
- Advertisements & Pop-Ups
- Chat and Instant Messaging (except specific applications when approved by the firm)
- Gambling
- Hacking
- Illegal Drugs
- Intimate Apparel and Swimwear
- Peer to Peer File Sharing
- Personals and Dating
- Social Network Services
- SPAM, Phishing and Fraud
- Spyware
- Tasteless and Offensive Content
- Violence, Intolerance and Hate
- Web Based Email

#### **Portable Devices**

Any Symphony Financial data stored on a portable device must be saved to an encrypted file system using firm approved software.

Files containing confidential or sensitive data may not be stored in PCDs unless protected by approved encryption. Confidential or sensitive data shall never be stored on a personal PCD. Lost or stolen equipment must immediately be reported.

Laptops must employ full disk encryption with an approved software encryption package. No Symphony Financial data may exist on a laptop in plaintext.

#### **Anti-Virus Guidelines**

Recommended processes to prevent virus problems:

- Always run the standard, supported anti-virus software. Download and run the current version; download and install anti-virus software updates as they become available.
- New viruses are discovered almost every day. Perform regular updates.
- NEVER open any files or macros attached to an email from any source without verifying it does not contain a virus or malicious software. When in receipt of files or macros attached to an email from any unknown source, delete these attachments immediately, then "double delete" them by emptying them from your Trash.
- Delete spam, chain, and other junk email without forwarding.
- Unsubscribe from any non-business related email sources.

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- Never download files from unknown or suspicious sources.
- Examine requests to update software or install new software for legitimacy and don't just click to install without looking. Many virus and malware writers "trick" users into installing their software by attempting to look legitimate.
- Avoid direct disk sharing with read/write access unless there is absolutely a business requirement to do so.
- Back-up critical data and system configurations on a regular basis and store the data in a safe place.

#### Wireless Access

All wireless infrastructure devices must:

- Be installed, supported, and maintained by an approved person.
- Use approved authentication protocols and infrastructure.
- Use approved encryption protocols.
- Maintain a hardware address that can be registered and tracked.

#### **Remote Access**

Symphony Financial provides mechanisms to collaborate between internal users, with external partners, and from non-firm systems. All remote access tools or systems that allow communication to Symphony Financial resources from the Internet or external partner systems must require multi-factor authentication. Examples include authentication tokens and smart cards that require an additional PIN or password.

#### **Routers**

All routers in the office will be password protected, and passwords will be changed on an annual basis. The guest services function will be disabled on any router in which any supervised person utilizes to connect to the internet and conduct business. The router's security settings will be set to the router manufacturer's recommended settings as outlined in the user manual. Additionally, all guest wireless internet will be provided through a router separate from any router to which supervised persons connect in order to conduct business.

# 12. Review and Respond

#### **Periodic Cyber Security Assessments**

The firm will conduct periodic assessments (at least annually) to detect potential systems vulnerabilities and to ensure that cybersecurity procedures and systems are effective in protecting confidential customer information. The firm will then respond to deficiencies detected through such assessments by taking timely corrective action in response to detected deficiencies.

### **Response to Cyber Security Incidents**

The firm will respond to data breaches depending on the type and severity of the incident. In doing so, the firm will:

- Contain and mitigate the incident/breach to prevent further damage
- Evaluate incident and understand potential impact
- Implement a disaster recovery plan (if needed)

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- Alert the proper authorities (regulator, local law enforcement, FBI, United States Secret Service)
- Determine if the personal information of customers was compromised and notify affected customers within 30 days of the date the firm became aware of the breach
- Enhance systems and procedures to help prevent the recurrence of similar breaches
- Evaluate response effort to and update response plan to address any shortcomings

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# **Appendix A – Internal Threat Risk Assessment**

Internal Threat	Risk Level	Response
Intentional or inadvertent misuse of customer information by current employees		<ol> <li>Dissemination of, and annual training, on privacy laws and firm privacy policy.</li> <li>Employment agreements amended to require compliance with privacy policy and to prohibit any nonconforming use of customer information during or after employment.</li> <li>Employees encouraged to report any suspicious or unauthorized use of information.</li> <li>Periodic testing to ensure these safeguards are implemented uniformly.</li> </ol>
Intentional or inadvertent misuse of customer information by former employees subsequent to their employment		<ol> <li>Require return of all customer information in the former employee's possession (i.e., policies requiring return of all firm property, including laptop computers and other devices in which records may be stored, files, records, work papers, etc.)</li> <li>Eliminate access to customer information (i.e., policies requiring surrender of keys, ID or access codes or badges, business cards; disable remote electronic access; invalidate voicemail, e-mail, internet, passwords, etc., and maintain a highly secured master list of all lock combinations, passwords, and keys.</li> <li>Change passwords for current employees periodically.</li> <li>Amend employment agreements during employment to require compliance with privacy policy and to prohibit any nonconforming use of customer information during or after employment.</li> <li>Send "pre-emptive" notices to clients when the firm has reason to believe a departed employee may attempt to wrongfully use customer</li> </ol>

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	<ul><li>6) Encourage employees to report any suspicious or unauthorized use of customer information.</li><li>7) Periodic testing to ensure these safeguards are implemented uniformly.</li></ul>
Inadvertent disclosure of customer information to the general public	<ol> <li>Prohibit employees from keeping open files on their desks when stepping away.</li> <li>Require all files and other records containing customer records to be secured at day's end.</li> <li>Use password screensaver software to lock a computer if it has been inactive for more than a few minutes.</li> <li>Change passwords for current employees periodically.</li> <li>Restrict guests to one entrance point and restrict areas within the office in which guests may travel unescorted.</li> <li>Never allow guests to join the firm's network and provide "guest only" access for guests to access the internet only.</li> <li>Use shredding machines on unused photocopies</li> </ol>
	or other records being discarded before depositing in trash or recycling containers.  8) Ensure secure destruction of obsolete equipment, including computer hardware and software systems.  9) Encourage employees to report any suspicious or unauthorized use of customer information.  10) Periodic testing to ensure these safeguards are implemented uniformly.

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# ${\bf Appendix} \; {\bf B} - {\bf External} \; {\bf Threat} \; {\bf Risk} \; {\bf Assessment}$

External Threat	Risk Level	Response
Inappropriate access to, or acquisition of, customer		Install firewalls for access to firm internet site.  Include privacy policy on the site.
information by third parties		2) Require secure authentication for internet and/or intranet and extranet users.
		3) Require encryption and authentication for all wireless links.
		4) Train employees to protect and secure laptops, handheld computers, or other devices used outside the office that contain or access customer information. Training must include best practices for joining wireless networks; never saying "yes" when browsers prompt to remember passwords; and using a strong password to login to their device.
		5) Install virus-checking software on all laptops, desktops and servers, and scan all incoming and outgoing e-mail messages.
		6) Establish uniform procedures for installation of updated software.
		7) Establish systems and procedures for secure back-up, storage and retrieval of computerized and paper records.
		8) Establish procedures to ensure external points of entry to the office are closed, locked and inaccessible to unauthorized persons when the office is closed.
		9) Install burglar alarm or other security systems, with training for authorized persons on activation, deactivation.
		10) Physically lock or otherwise secure, all areas in which paper records are maintained.
		11) Use shredding machines on unused photocopies or other records being discarded before depositing in trash or recycling containers.

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	<ul> <li>12) Ensure secure destruction of obsolete equipment, including computer hardware and software systems.</li> <li>13) Encourage employees to report any suspicious or unauthorized use of customer information.</li> <li>14) Periodic testing to ensure these safeguards are implemented uniformly.</li> </ul>
Inappropriate use of customer information by third parties	1) Evaluate the ability of all prospective third-party service providers to maintain appropriate information security practices.  2) Provide all third-party service providers to whom contractual access to premises or records has been granted (including, but not limited to, insurance companies being solicited for new or renewal policies, mailing houses, custodial or plant services, equipment or services vendors, affiliates, non-affiliated joint marketing partners) with a copy of the Privacy Policy.  2) Require all such third-parties to adhere to the Privacy Policy, agree to make no use of any information on your customers that would be prohibited thereby, or otherwise by law or contract, and agree to hold harmless and indemnify the firm for any inappropriate use of customer information.  3) Require all such third-parties to return all customer information and all other firm property at the completion or termination, for whatever reason, of the agreement between the firm and the third-party.  4) Prohibit access to customer information (i.e., policies requiring surrender of keys, ID or access codes or badges, disabling remote electronic access; invalidating voicemail, e-mail, internet, passwords, etc., if applicable) to all such third-parties upon completion or termination, for whatever reason, of the agreement between the firm and the third-party.  5) Change passwords for current employees periodically.

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6) Send "pre-emptive" notices to clients when the
firm has reason to believe a terminated third-party
service provider may attempt to wrongfully use
customer information, informing them that the
agreement with the firm is no longer in effect.
7) Encourage employees to report any suspicious or unauthorized use of customer information.
8) Periodic testing to ensure these safeguards are implemented uniformly.

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