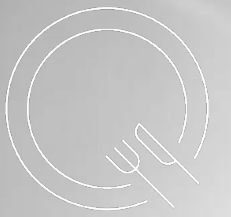


Food Quest Code of Ethics & Business Conduct



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Introduction.

Food Quest (FQ) is a dynamic player in the food and beverage industry, delivering exceptional hospitality experiences for over a decade, with a strong presence across multiple segments, including QSR, casual, and fine dining. Food Quest is committed to creating and managing pioneering concepts and acclaimed multinational brands that cater to a diverse range of customers. At Food Quest we believe in providing our clients with the best possible service, which is why we take a personalized approach to each project.

Our values are embedded in **Ethics, Accountability, Proactive Behavior, Customer Service, Commitment and Ambition** are in our beliefs and are central to our success.

This Supplier Code of Ethics & Business Conduct outlines the expectations we have for all our suppliers to ensure alignment with our values and to promote sustainable and responsible business practices across our diverse range of businesses.

If you have any questions about our Supplier Code of Ethics & Business Conduct or suspect that it has been violated, we encourage you to speak up, with confidence and anonymously, through our third-party administered, anonymous hotline SAWTAK (Your Voice).

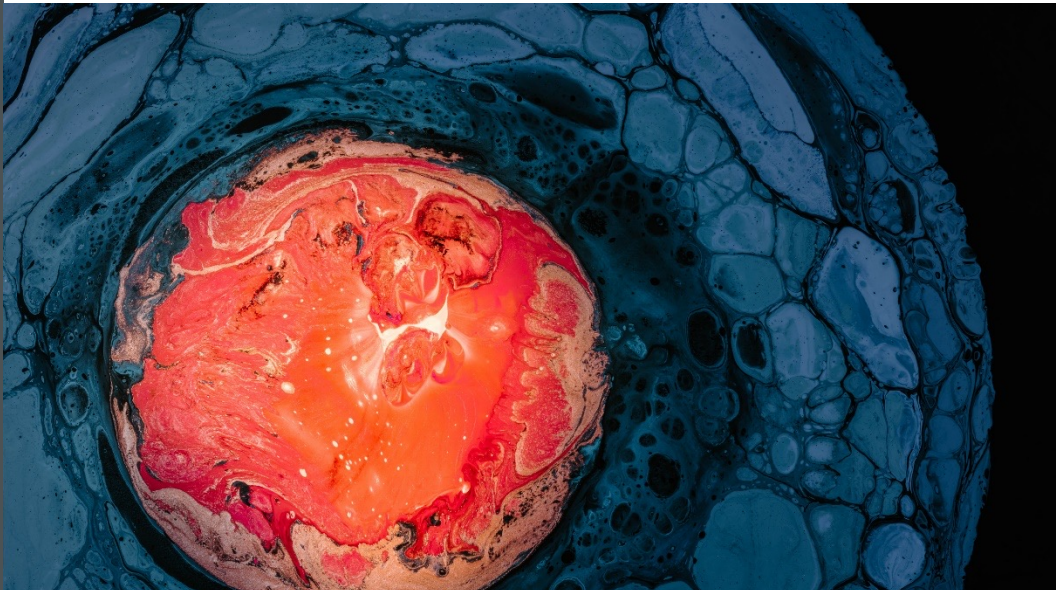
Your voice and your commitment to our Values are critically important. Working together, with an adherence to the highest ethical standards, we'll go beyond simply leading our industry. We'll lead it with unparalleled integrity.

At our core.

In our ever - changing business environment, it's important that we remain grounded in who we are as a company. Our Code and our Values guide and inspire us along the way.

IN THIS SECTION:

- ✓ **We Put Our Trust in Our People**
- ✓ **We Live Our Values**
- ✓ **We Take Responsibility for What We Do**
- ✓ **We Speak Up When Something Isn't Right**



We put our trust in Our People & Our Code.

Our Code is the foundation for all we do. It incorporates our Values and helps inform our everyday actions.

How do we put our values into practice?

If you're reading this, chances are, at this point, you've discovered that no two days at Food Quest are the same, and we are moving at a rapid pace to stay **Ahead of What's Next**.

There are hundreds of situations that can come up during a typical workday that we've never dealt with before and require quick responses – some of them involving ethical dilemmas. And because we are a team, every decision one of us makes can impact someone else which in turn can affect our whole Company. Consequently, it's important that we get things right.

Our Code is here to help and provide you with guidance. It gives us the tools we need to make the right decisions, regardless of the challenges we might face. It can help us answer common questions like – Is that a kind gesture or a bribe? Should I disclose this? How can I better protect myself and my coworkers? And more...

Although the Code covers many situations that can arise in a workplace setting, it's important to keep in mind that it cannot cover every possible scenario. No document could do that. We look to it instead as a guide that provides key takeaways and fact-based examples.

When we pair our knowledge of the Code with good judgment and common sense, **While Never Being Afraid To Speak Up**, we put our Values into practice.

Who must follow the code?

We all do. It applies to everyone, at every level of our Company, and to every person, entity, and organization working with us, for us, and on our behalf.

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[SAWTAK Helpline](#)

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How do we respond to potential violations of the code?

Before we hold someone accountable for violations of the Code, our Ethics Committee reviews any allegations of misconduct, thoroughly investigates the conduct that purports to violate the Code and then makes a recommendation about how to address the issue.

What are the consequences of violating the code?

Violations reflect poorly on all of us and make it less likely that our customers, our business partners or our investors will want to do business with us.

That's why we must take violations very seriously and hold each other accountable. We must send the message that we don't tolerate bad behavior and that bad actors are simply that – individual actors who don't reflect our Values.

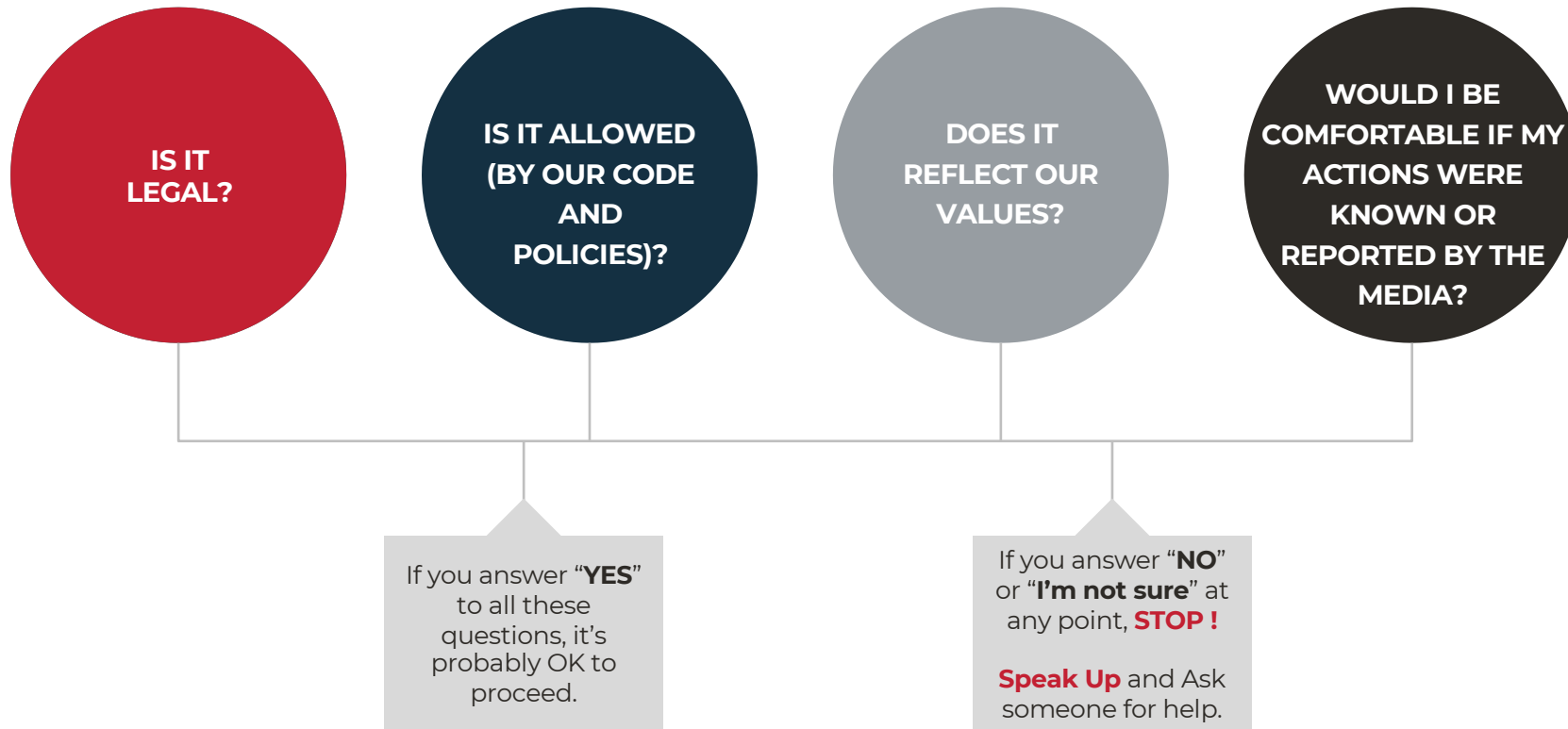
If someone violates the Code, it can result in disciplinary action, including the loss of their job. Depending on how serious the incident is, there can even be criminal consequences. Worse yet, it can instantaneously jeopardize the hard work each one of us does every day to build the reputation of the Food Quest brand.



We put our trust in Our People & Our Code.

How do I follow the code?

Let it guide your decision-making. If you find yourself in a situation and don't know how to proceed, ask yourself:



We live our values

At Food Quest t, it's not just about what we do, **it's about how we do it**, which is our competitive advantage.

1

Ethics

Ethics is the cornerstone of every action we take. Our word is our bond. We strive to demonstrate a consistency of character that is transparent, genuine, trustworthy and respectful.

2

Customer Service

We prioritize exceptional **customer service** as the cornerstone of our business. We believe that providing an outstanding customer experience is not just a goal but a fundamental commitment we make to each and every individual who interacts with our brand.

3

Ambition

We are passionate about our work. We have the **ambition** to go above and beyond what is expected of us. We are Decisive, nimble and results-driven, we endeavor to be thoughtful and thorough in everything we do.

4

Accountability

We are all **accountable** to each other, our customers and to our partners. Individual accountability is critical to achieving the overall goals and objectives of the Company.

5

Proactive Behaviour

We live in a constantly changing world. What was good enough yesterday will not be enough tomorrow. We embrace change, and we have the **proactive behaviour** to take calculated risks to drive change and exceed our business objectives.

6

Commitment

Commitment is the backbone of our Group. It fuels our pursuit of excellence, guides our decisions, and shapes our interactions. We are dedicated to delivering on our promises, acting with integrity, and making a positive impact in every investment and decision.

Our commitment is not just a statement; it is the driving force that propels us forward every day.



We take responsibility for what we do

We have a collective responsibility to live our values. To help put them into action, let's each find ways to:

- + Constantly reflect on whether we are working within our Values.
- + Ensure our day-to-day activities are in line with our Code, our policies and the law.
- + Apply good judgment and common sense.
- + Reach out to supervisors or coworkers for advice when needed.
- + Speak up when we think something isn't right. [SAWTAK Hotline](#)
- + Be cooperative, honest and transparent.
- + Help others when we are confident that we can lead them in the right direction.

Supervisors have additional roles and responsibilities. As supervisors, we are always:

- + Set the tone – be a leader for the team when it comes to integrity.
- + Stay current on all ethics-related trainings and ensure our team does as well.
- + Encourage others to share ideas, questions and concerns and keep an open-door policy.
- + Guide coworkers to the right resource if we don't know the answer to a question.
- + Report potential misconduct and escalate reports to the appropriate people when necessary. [SAWTAK Hotline](#)
- + Prevent retaliation against anyone who reports a concern in good faith or participates in an investigation.



We speak up when something isn't right

Violations of the Supplier Code of Ethics & Business Conduct, related policies, agreements or the law can hurt us all. To protect each other, we speak up whenever we become aware of or suspect that something is wrong. Even if we are unsure, we know that speaking up is always the right thing to do.

When do we speak up?

When we know of or suspect a violation of:



Food Quest Values or the Supplier Code of Ethics & Business Conduct



Related Policies, Procedures, Agreements and Contracts



Any applicable law or regulation

How do we speak up?

When you have an ethics-related question or concern, and feel comfortable enough to do so, you can reach out to the SAWTAK Hotline. Your communication with the SAWTAK hotline can be **Anonymous, Confidential or Open**, depending on your personal preferences. You can access the hotline as follows:

- Contacting the **SAWTAK Helpline**. By using the **SAWTAK Helpline**, all communications will be **anonymous** unless **YOU** choose to provide identifying information.
- Making a web-based report at **<https://fq.ethicspoint.com/>**

Our People

At Food Quest, Our Values matters, and our people always come first.

IN THIS SECTION:

- ✓ **We Value Diversity and Inclusion**
- ✓ **We Respect Others**
- ✓ **We Put Safety First**



We value diversity and inclusion

Our Promise

To continuously foster a welcoming, inclusive and diverse community.

Our Process

Our greatness comes from our diversity. And whilst we're fortunate to have a talented team of people with various backgrounds, experiences and skill sets, we don't stop there. We make sure that each of our unique team members feels valued, included and respected. Doing so encourages the productivity we need to best serve our customers and investors.

We focus on what matters. When making an employment decision, we look at job-related criteria and individual qualifications and fit.

We help each other. We provide reasonable accommodations for candidates and employees with special situations such as disabilities, pregnancy, childbirth and/or related medical conditions. If any of these circumstances make it hard for someone to do their job, we are committed to work with them and make the appropriate changes.

We bring out the best in each other. Bringing out the best in others often requires bringing out the best in ourselves first. That's why we always strive to be honest, fair, constructive and kind. When we treat each team member with respect, we get to benefit from their individual viewpoints, ideas and talents.

THINK ABOUT IT

Q: Based on derogatory comments I overheard from her supervisor; I believe a coworker may have been turned down for a promotion because of her recent announcement that she was pregnant... Should I say something?

A: Definitely. Job decisions should be based on a person's abilities. By speaking up, you're not only helping us stay welcoming and inclusive by championing our Values, but you are also making sure we are following the law.



We respect others

Our Promise

To promote an environment that's free of harassment, bullying and abuse.

Our Process

We value **you** – not just the work you do – so we want to make sure you feel safe and respected. That's why we have a zero-tolerance policy for harassment. By not tolerating bad behaviour and speaking up whenever someone is being treated unfairly, we help maintain a positive and productive workplace for everyone, everywhere.

We know what harassment looks like. To put a stop to harassment, we must be able to recognize it first. Harassment is considered intimidating, hostile or offensive conduct that:

- + Interferes with someone's ability to work, or.
- + Creates a hostile work environment.

This is particularly the case if it's based on a characteristic protected by law, like a person's race, age, gender or religion.

We are aware of perceptions. Harassment doesn't have to be intentional to be unacceptable. In other words, saying, "That's not what I meant" won't excuse unacceptable behavior. So be aware of how your words and actions may impact others.



What are some examples of harassment?

It takes many forms, but it might look like:

- + Ethnic jokes, slurs or gestures.
- + Threats or intimidation.
- + Stalking.
- + Sexual harassment.
- + Bullying.
- + Sharing offensive material.
- + Trying to force someone to do something.

We get involved. We **speak up** if we become aware of harassing or unfair treatment, or if we've experienced it ourselves.



We put safety first

Our Promise

To help ensure each of us ends our workday unharmed so we can spend time with our loved ones.

Our Process

We never lose sight of what matters most – each other. That's why we put safety first by staying alert, following safety procedures and protocols and looking out for each other in all that we do.

We protect each other. Each of us has a part to play in maintaining a safe workplace, including:

- + Watching out for hazards
- + Taking the appropriate trainings
- + Only taking on tasks for which we are trained
- + Complying with Health & Safety Policies
- + Following posted warning signs and restrictions
- + Wearing any necessary personal protective equipment
- + Reporting unsafe conditions or injuries right away

We bring our best to work. Apart from being a serious violation of local regulations, the abuse of alcohol, drugs (illegal or legal) or other substances in and outside of the workplace can impair performance and is a serious threat to health and safety.

We are fully committed to ensure that all our workplaces are completely “Alcohol and Drugs Free”. This includes the requirement for employees to be free from any side-effects of legal or illegal drugs or controlled substances that could prevent you from carrying out your work safely.

We strive to maintain working conditions which are safe, healthy and in compliance with applicable laws for our employees and visitors in our premises.

We watch out for signs of workplace violence. It's important for us to remember that workplace safety goes beyond avoiding hazards – it's about paying attention to our coworkers' behavior as well. Ways we prevent workplace violence include:

- + Speaking up immediately if we see any threats or warning signs of workplace violence
- + Preventing unauthorized access into our facilities
- + Never carrying prohibited weapons into our facilities



What are some warning signs of workplace violence?

- + Mood swings
- + Paranoid or erratic behavior
- + Pacing, yelling or screaming
- + Verbal abuse or threats
- + Argumentative behavior
- + Persistent complaints about being treated unfairly
- + Poor relationships with coworkers or management



When do we speak up?

When we have any non-emergency safety concern or potential safety violation, we can reach out to the Ethics Committee.

Our communications with the Ethics Committee can be **Anonymous, Confidential Or Open**, depending on personal preferences. We can reach out to them in multiple ways, including:

- + Speaking with them in person
- + Contacting the Ethics Hotline - [SAWTAK Hotline](#):
 - Making a web-based [report](#)
 - Utilizing our simplified [mobile site](#)

When using the [SAWTAK Hotline](#), keep in mind that [all communications will be anonymous unless we choose to provide identifying information.](#)



THINK ABOUT IT

Q: A new maintenance technician wants to access the roof of one of our buildings because of a big wind storm the night before. They haven't yet received the appropriate safety training, but just want to take a quick look. No big deal, right?

A: Wrong. Following all workplace safety rules, no matter how big or small, is critically important. Allowing any violation undermines our promise to help ensure each of us ends our workday unharmed so we can spend time with our loved ones.



Our Company.

Our Group's success is based on our Values – nothing more, nothing less. At Food Quest, we work ethically and maintain high standards to stay **Ahead of What's Next.**

IN THIS SECTION:

- ✓ We keep accurate records
- ✓ We protect what's ours
- ✓ We keep private information private
- ✓ We avoid conflicts of interest



We keep accurate records

Our Promise

To make sure that our books and records accurately reflect our business.

Our Process

With numerous assets, customers and employees, we have a lot to keep up with. So, it's crucial that we maintain good records in accordance with applicable International Financial Reporting Standards and our Documents Retention Policies. Doing so is at the heart of our business. When we record details in a timely and accurate way, we make smart financial decisions and stay on the right side of the law.

We record carefully. To keep our business records as accurate as possible, we:

- + Record carefully, completely, honestly and in ways that are easy to understand.
- + Keep everything that supports what we record.
- + Never let anyone pressure us into recording something that's not true.
- + Report any suspicions of fraud or other wrongdoing right away.

We keep the law in mind. It's important that we all have a good idea of what's legally required in our industry and area of operation.



What are some examples of business records?

There are lots of different types of business records, including:

- + Leases
- + Financial Statements
- + Expense reports
- + Payroll records
- + Purchase orders
- + Sales data



We protect what's ours

Our Promise

To take good care of what's ours.

Our Process

When thinking of our Company assets, our buildings may come to mind first, but they cover much more than that. From the chair you may be sitting in right now to the laptop you use every day – our assets include every single thing we own or use to do business, and it's our job to protect them.

We handle physical assets with care. We work to protect physical assets from damage, loss, misuse and theft. And we only borrow, lend, sell or give away items if we have authorization to do so.

We secure all electronics. We take the appropriate measures to keep our technology assets safe, such as:

- + Following Company guidelines
- + Protecting user IDs and passwords
- + Never opening suspicious emails
- + Never install unauthorized software

We secure data. In a world where our business is becoming more data-driven and data analytics drive value, we want to make sure we preserve our rights to keep what data is ours and obtain the appropriate permissions to collect data that impacts our buildings.

We use common sense. Food Quest has a responsibility to monitor Company systems and devices (such as computers and phones) for certain content to protect coworkers and customers. For this reason, although occasional personal emails or phone calls are permitted, it's important to remember that anything we write, download, store or transmit on Company equipment may be monitored or reviewed in accordance with applicable Company policies and laws.



What are some examples of assets?

There are a few different types we should protect, including, for example:

- + Physical assets, such as buildings, company vehicles and office furniture.
- + Technology assets, such as phones, computers and office equipment.
- + Financial assets, such as cash and bank accounts.
- + Informational assets, such as emails and corporate records.
- + Intellectual property such as logos and trademarks.

We keep private information private

Our Promise

To respect and protect personal and confidential information.

Our Process

The information in our care is part of our Company's strong foundation. With it, we can cater better to our customers, hire ideal candidates and maintain our competitive edge. That's why safeguarding it is so important.

We protect informational assets. We never share personal or confidential information with unauthorized people, including anyone within our Company who doesn't need it to do their job. When we do need to share it, we seek appropriate approval first. Personal and confidential information includes such matters as:

- + Private information, like someone's employment, medical, financial or education history.
- + Intellectual property, like ideas, creative work, designs, know-how and trade secrets.
- + Proprietary information, like business plans, marketing strategies and customer & supplier lists.
- + Financial information, like budgets, forecasts and quarterly results.

We follow the rules. We comply with all records management policies when labelling, handling, storing and disposing of personal and confidential information.

We remain diligent. We know that information can leak in many ways – intentionally and non-intentionally – so we don't discuss anything private in a public setting, and we don't leave personal or confidential information in a place where someone else could access it.

We respect the information of others. We use the same standard of care when handling the personal and confidential information of others as we would our own. We also only acquire such information in appropriate ways and with the proper authorization in accordance with applicable laws.

We remain loyal. The responsibility to protect personal and confidential information doesn't end if our employment does. That's why we never share Food Quest's personal and confidential information with other employers if we leave. We also never ask or expect new Food Quest employees to share the personal or confidential information of former employers with us.

THINK ABOUT IT

Q: One of my coworkers is home on maternity leave. A supplier asked me for her personal phone number to discuss a business matter and send a card. That would be a nice thing to do – right?

A: Although well-intentioned, you shouldn't share a colleague's personal phone number or home address with anyone without consent. A better approach would be to suggest that the supplier send an email and forward the card to the office. She will appreciate the thoughtfulness just as much.

We avoid conflicts of interest

Our Promise

To promote loyalty and our shared success

Our Process

We all have interests, activities and relationships outside of Food Quest. However, there are times when these personal interests can create — or appear to create — a conflict of interest with our Company. This can damage the trust of those who invest and believe in us. As a result, we each have an obligation to act in the best interest of Food Quest.

We practice prevention. We do all that we can to know and avoid the kinds of situations where conflicts of interest often occur. Examples of conflicts include:

- + Hiring a company owned or controlled by a Food Quest director, employee or any of their family members
- + Owning, or having a substantial interest in, a customer, competitor or supplier to Food Quest
- + Working for or with a Food Quest competitor, supplier, vendor or agent
- + Receiving improper personal benefits because of your position with Food Quest
- + Taking advantage of opportunities discovered through a connection with Food Quest
- + Supervising or making employment decisions about a loved one, family member or spouse
- + Conducting outside work with a business partner, competitor or any other organization that does (or seeks to do) business with Food Quest



What is a “conflict of interest”?

A conflict of interest occurs when our personal interests (or the interests of a family member) work against – or even **appear** to work against – the interests of Food Quest.

We speak up. Most conflicts can be avoided or mitigated if they are disclosed. Whenever we may have an actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest, we know the best next step is to disclose it to our supervisor, Human Resources or the Ethics Committee right away.



We avoid conflicts of interest

We ask the right questions. Spotting a conflict of interest is not always easy. That's why it helps to ask:



THINK ABOUT IT

Q: One of our third-party vendors tells me that my supervisor is on the board of directors for their company. When I ask my supervisor about it, he says that it's nothing to worry about. What should I do?

A: Contact the Ethics Committee. We each have a responsibility to not only disclose our own potential conflicts, but to speak up if we suspect that others have conflicts as well.

Our Customers.

Where others measure success in transactions, we invest in relationships and work tirelessly to help our customers stay **Ahead of What's Next.**

IN THIS SECTION:

- ✓ **We market honestly**
- ✓ **We protect our reputation**
- ✓ **We use social media responsibly**



We market honestly

Our Promise

To build our reputation and our brand

Our Process

We do everything with integrity – and that includes marketing and advertising our offerings and services. To us, integrity in advertising means providing accurate, fair and balanced information that highlights the benefits and risks of our offerings. Only by marketing honestly can we build trusted lifelong partnerships with our customers.

We say what we mean. Our advertisements offer a great opportunity to tell our story – and we do so honestly, fairly and responsibly. We avoid any messaging that could be misleading and never promise something we can't deliver. We offer an excellent value proposition, so there is never a need to overstate our services or products.

We know what's required. We market accurately, fairly and honestly not just because it's required by law, but because it is in the core of our Values. If we are unsure of any matter, we know to consult with the Legal Team or Compliance Team.

We take the time to double-check. Our Marketing Team makes sure to get proper approval for every advertisement and double-check every statement or promise.



What are some examples of bad marketing?

Some things we never do include:

- + Using scare tactics
- + Bad mouthing our competition
- + Exaggerating our abilities
- + Leaving out something material



We protect our reputation

Our Promise

To ensure our messaging is clear, accurate and consistent

Our Process

We've spent decades building our reputation, but we know it can be damaged in moments with a careless word or communication. That's why we have a team of individuals who specialize in sharing information about our Group of Companies and responding to inquiries from the media, government, investors and general public.

We rely on the experts. Unless designated as an official company spokesperson, we don't speak on Food Quest's behalf. Instead, we direct inquiries to the proper resource.

We use our voice responsibly. We seek approval before participating in any speaking engagements and before publishing any articles on behalf of our Company.

We protect our reputation, while protecting employee rights. We follow the laws that govern public speaking about matters of public concern and to engage in activities related to the terms and conditions of employment. Nothing in our Code or our policies is intended or should be construed to interfere with or limit legal rights in that regard.



Who are the designated spokespeople in our Company?

For questions:

- + From the media, contact Compliance Team.
- + From the government, contact Legal Team.
- + About financial matters, contact Compliance Team.
- + About making speeches or participating in events, contact Compliance Team.
- + About charitable donations, contact the Compliance Team.

We use social media responsibly

Our Promise

To promote honest and ethical online communications

Our Process

We believe that social media offers a great way to build relationships, exchange ideas and share information about our Company. However, we must do so responsibly. When posting, we use good judgment and act in ways that are consistent with our Values, our policies and the law.

We take responsibility for what we post. When re-sharing company-related content to our personal social media profiles, we make it clear that we are speaking for ourselves and not on behalf of Food Quest.

We communicate with respect. We have zero tolerance for cyberbullying and the use of social media to intimidate, harass or discriminate against fellow employees or members of our community. We don't use ethnic slurs, personal insults, obscenity or engage in any conduct that would not be acceptable in the workplace or our local community.

We protect confidential information. We know never to share confidential or other proprietary information about Food Quest or a customer, partner, investor or supplier. We never discuss sensitive topics like our business performance, Company plans or financial information publicly unless appropriate prior approval is obtained.

We respect copyright. We do not post content that does not belong to us. Before posting anyone else's work, we check with the owner in order to get permission first.



How do we “take responsibility for what we post”?

It's often as simple as adding a disclaimer that says, “The statements on this site are my own and do not reflect Food Quest positions, strategies, or opinions.”



Our Business Partners

We take the time to get to know our partners — we understand their needs, recognize their aspirations and operate in ways that make them proud to do business with us.



IN THIS SECTION:

- ✓ **We compete fairly**
- ✓ **We are good business partners**
- ✓ **We cooperate with government agencies and comply with their requirements**

We compete fairly

Our Promise

To earn business based on the quality of our offerings and services, not unfair practices.

Our Process

We stay ahead of the game by generating fresh ideas and finding new ways to do business, not by working unethically to push others out of the market. That way, not only do we keep our customers – we keep them happy.

We avoid improper agreements. We are careful in conversations with competitors, customers or business partners and never agree to:

- + “Fix” prices (by raising, setting or lowering them)
- + Illegally split up markets, territories or customers
- + Inappropriately prevent another company from entering the market
- + Improperly influence the outcome of a competitive bid
- + Unfairly restrict production, sales or output

We work lawfully. To earn business the right way, we make sure to comply with all antitrust and competition laws. They can be complicated, so when in doubt, we ask questions about what’s appropriate (and what isn’t) to avoid even the appearance of something improper.



What do we mean by “agree”?

An “agreement” with a competitor, customer or business partner could come in many forms, including something:

- + Stated or implied
- + Oral or in writing
- + Direct or indirect



We are good business partners

Our Promise

To successfully cooperate and collaborate with our business partners

Our Process

Working with responsible, reliable business partners allows us to tap into goods, services and information we wouldn't have otherwise. That's why we foster good relationships by choosing our partners carefully and always interacting with integrity.

We select wisely. When we choose a vendor, supplier or other business partner, we exercise due diligence and only consider objective criteria such as their:

- + Values
- + Quality
- + Cost
- + Experience & Qualifications
- + Reputation
- + Availability

We work collaboratively. We consider every business partner an extension of ourselves. That's why we monitor them closely – to ensure they're following the law and exhibiting our Values.

We set the standard. We can't expect our business partners to take our Code seriously if we don't. That's why we review our Code, our policies and the law regularly and always treat business partners fairly. More specifically, we:

- + Honor their policies as well as ours
- + Watch for inappropriate gifts or other favors
- + Protect their personal and confidential information



What do we mean by “due diligence”?

In short? Research. Examples include:

- + Checking business registrations
- + Checking public documents
- + Verifying trade accreditations
- + Speaking to previous customers
- + Asking for product samples
- + Searching the internet
- + Reading news articles



THINK ABOUT IT

Q: One of our contractors accidentally sent me confidential information. I find it interesting enough to share with a coworker over lunch. That should be fine since I'm just telling someone else at Food Quest, right?

A: No, that's not OK. Our contractors trust us with their information. If you receive something by accident, delete it immediately and let the sender know of their mistake. This will send the message that we always maintain confidentiality and that we expect them to do the same.



We cooperate with government agencies and comply with their requirements

Our Promise

To comply with all requests from the government

Our Process

We honor our duty to always cooperate and provide honest information to governmental bodies and regulatory agencies. Whenever questioned as part of an audit or investigation, we respond appropriately and interact in ways that are open and transparent.

We direct requests to the proper resource. To ensure the most appropriate response, whenever we receive an inquiry from the government, we promptly contact our Legal Team for assistance.

We cooperate fully. When we have been authorized to respond to a government request, we make sure to:

- + Always provide truthful, accurate and complete information.
- + Never impede, obstruct or improperly influence the audit or investigation.
- + Never lie or make false or misleading statements – verbally or in writing.
- + Never attempt to persuade someone else to provide false or misleading information.



Our Industry

We hold each other, and ourselves, accountable. We do our part by conducting business with integrity.

IN THIS SECTION:

- ✓ **We fight crime and corruption**
- ✓ **We follow the rules when it Comes to gifts and courtesies**
- ✓ **We follow the laws, everywhere we operate**
- ✓ **We play fair when buying or selling stock**



We fight crime and corruption

Our Promise

We conduct business with a high degree of ethics and do not engage in suspicious or corruptive activity

Our Process

We believe that the quality of our offerings and services, not illegal business practices, should bring us success. That's why we don't tolerate any acts of corruption, bribery or money laundering.

We never bribe. Although the laws on bribery and corruption can be complicated, doing the right thing is simple: **We don't bribe.** That means we never offer or accept anything of value to win business, gain an unfair advantage or influence a business decision.

We keep accurate records. Of course, it's important to never bribe—but it's also important to avoid anything that even looks like a bribe. We make sure that our books and records accurately reflect our business so that we can easily explain the appropriate reason something was given and received.

We work with those who share our Values. We understand that we can be held responsible for the things our business partners do. That's why we choose them carefully, then watch them closely.

We stay alert to money laundering. Money laundering happens when funds are generated through criminal acts, like drug trafficking or terrorist activities, and then hidden (or "laundered") by being run through legitimate businesses. It's a way for criminals to disguise the profits of their criminal conduct. We stay alert for this activity and work to keep these funds from entering the Company.



What is "anything of value"?

It really can mean "anything." Some examples include:

- + Cash or cash equivalents like gift cards
- + Special favors
- + Inappropriate gifts or entertainment
- + Discounts unavailable to the public
- + Charitable donations or political contributions
- + Payment of travel expenses

We fight crime and corruption

We watch our interactions with government and public officials. We keep in mind that the rules about what we can give to government and public officials are strict. We don't send anything to or accept anything from a government official without speaking to the Legal Team or Compliance Team first.

Government and public officials are more than just people elected or appointed to public office. They are also:

- + Customs and tax officials
- + Regulatory agency officials
- + Military personnel
- + Employees of state-owned businesses



We follow the rules when it comes to gifts and courtesies

Our Promise

To foster healthy business relationships with the appropriate exchange of gifts, hospitality and courtesies

Our Process

An occasional gift or other courtesy can be a normal part of doing business, but an offer that's lavish or extended too frequently can create a conflict of interest and erode the trust that people associate with the Food Quest name. We must avoid crossing any ethical lines. Any gift that creates, or appears to create, a sense of obligation or compromises your professional judgment is always inappropriate.

We give with caution. Whenever we give or accept any gift, offer of hospitality or business courtesy, we make sure what's offered:

Is reasonable under the circumstances – never excessive, extravagant or lavish. While not determinative in every situation, AED 500 limit is a good guidepost absent approval by the Legal Team or Compliance Team.

- + Complies with local law, applicable business policies and customs
- + Is made on behalf of Food Quest and not the individual
- + Is not cash or a cash equivalent (e.g., a gift card)
- + Is done openly and in a way that avoids even the appearance of anything improper

We pay attention to travel. Additional restrictions apply to expenses for travel, meals and lodging, so we're always sure to:

- + Pay vendors directly whenever possible.
- + Comply with all applicable laws and policies.
- + Only cover business-related expenses.
- + Avoid paying travel expenses along with a per diem.

We record accurately. We document any exchange accurately and completely in our books and records.



THINK ABOUT IT

Q: A potential customer wants to meet at one of our buildings. We have agreed to cover the necessary travel and lodging. However, they would like to stay in the area for an extra night to do some sightseeing. Would it be OK to cover the additional associated costs?

A: No. We only pay for costs directly related to our business or the performance of a contract. The best thing would be to let the potential customer know we would be happy to provide travel to and from the meeting and reasonable accommodations for the duration of their business trip. Any additional accommodations would be inappropriate.



We follow the laws, everywhere we operate

Our Promise

To respect the laws that apply to our business everywhere we operate

Our Process

We recognize that our ability to reach customers beyond our local market is a privilege and not a right. To protect that privilege, we follow the law everywhere we work. Let's all do our part to stay on top of what's required so we can continue to be a world leader in our industry.

We respect international regulations. Conducting business around the world can get complicated, especially when we have multiple sets of regulations, customs and practices to comply with. Whenever a conflict between laws arise, we make sure to contact our Legal Team or Compliance Team with questions.

We evaluate all business opportunities. Some countries with which we do business may be subject to trade embargoes or economic sanctions from time to time. That's why we evaluate these opportunities with additional scrutiny. Sometimes they are subject to stricter regulations or even prohibited altogether. And we never do business with any person or any organization that is known to support or is officially identified as supporting terrorist activities.



We play fair when buying or selling stock

Our Promise

To never use or share inside information to gain an unfair advantage

Our Process

There may be times when we learn information about our Group, or the companies we work with, that isn't known to the public. If that non-public information is significant enough that it could affect the price of a stock (or other type of security) then it is considered inside information. We never use inside information to our advantage, and we never pass along inside information so that others may do so.

We know how to identify inside information. Inside information is both:

- + Material, meaning it could influence an investor to buy or sell stock
- + Non-public, meaning it hasn't been released to the public

We respect inside information. When we have inside information, we don't buy or sell stock or other securities ("trade"), and we don't pass it along to others ("tip"). We only share it with coworkers and business partners on a need-to-know basis.

We pay attention to blackout periods. Depending on our jobs, some of us may at times be subject to additional trading restrictions—meaning we can't buy or sell Company stock regardless of what we know. It's important that we learn the rules before we trade.

We follow our fair disclosure obligations. If we as a company do disclose material, nonpublic information, whether intentional or non-intentional, we always do it in accordance with legal requirements and we do so publicly. This way, we can be sure that the investing public has the same information.



What are some examples of "inside information"?

It could be non-public information about:

- + Mergers or acquisitions
- + Changes in leadership
- + New products & services
- + Projected earnings or losses
- + Strategic business plans
- + Pending lawsuits



THINK ABOUT IT

Q: I am part of the broader team that is in the process of helping Food Quest acquire one of our competitors by merger. The proposed merger has not yet been publicly announced. I know I can't share the inside information I have learned, but would it be OK if I just bought stock in the company at current stock market prices?

A: No. It's against Company policy to purchase or sell shares in the company that Food Quest seeks to acquire by merger while you have insider information. Even though you're not actually sharing the information, you would still be gaining an unfair advantage.



Our Community

We strive to be an exemplary corporate citizen, to minimize our environmental impacts and to maximize beneficial outcomes for our communities and stakeholders.



IN THIS SECTION:

- ✓ We protect human rights
- ✓ We care for the environment

We protect human rights

Our Promise

To promote human rights, human dignity and fair employment practices

Our Process

We are fortunate to work with and for our people and communities, and we want to make a positive impact. That's why we respect individual human rights in all our business operations and at every level of our supply chain. And we only work with business partners who strive to do the same.

We take care of each other. Every member of our team invests valuable amounts of time and energy in our Company. So, it's only right that we make sure everyone is compensated fairly and protected. That's why Food Quest:

- + Follows all laws dealing with pay, benefits, and working conditions.
- + Promotes the long-term health, safety, and wellness of all employees.

We only work with the best. We never knowingly do business with any company that violates human rights laws or engages in human rights abuses. As a result, we watch our business partners closely and do what we can to make sure they watch their business partners as well.

We say something. As employees, we often see first-hand how our co-workers and business partners are treated. So, we stay alert and, if we ever see anything that breaks our commitment to human rights, we **Speak Up**.



We care for the environment

Our Promise

To reduce our environmental impact and promote sustainable business practices.

Our Process

We're committed to being good stewards and limiting our environmental impact. We do this by pursuing sustainable practices in our business, through operating cleanly and efficiently and conserving natural resources. We also inspire others to do the same.

We practice environmental stewardship. We find ways to recycle, re-use and conserve materials like cardboard, plastic, glass, metal and whenever possible. We also follow all applicable environmental laws and regulations as well as our procedures for sustainability in procurement, proper disposal of waste and proper disposal, handling and storing of hazardous materials.

We save energy and water. Sometimes it's the little things that make a big difference. That's why we always take time to:

- + Turn off electronics and lights when not in use.
- + Use energy-efficient alternatives whenever possible.
- + Turn faucets on a low flow, then turn them off when finished.

We stay alert. We look out for and report any actual or potential environmental hazards right away.



What does environmental stewardship mean to us?

We see it as our duty to address two major global challenges facing us all – climate change and overburdened ecosystems.



THINK ABOUT IT

- Q:** I have some ideas for how to use less paper in our offices. We're not violating any laws, but I do think we could do better. Who should I talk to?
- A:** We welcome any ideas for lessening our environmental impact. Explore your ideas with our HSE representative at Food Quest to see if they can be implemented.

Our final thoughts

We understand that our employees are the key to our success.

We depend on you. We depend on your talent, your passion and your dedication to our Values to set us apart. Help us stay true to our culture by working with impact and demonstrating our Values in all that you do.

Start with understanding and following our Code but know that the guidance and support we provide doesn't end there. We have policies with additional details as well as resources dedicated to addressing any remaining questions or concerns you may have.

We take pride in the work we do, but our singular focus will always be you. We owe you our best and we are here to invest in you as you do for us every day. Thank you for all that you do. Your commitment to our Values is how we stay **Ahead of What's Next.**

Help us protect our business, our assets and most importantly our reputation, if you know, or are suspicious about something, don't hesitate to **Speak Up** through the **SAWTAK Hotline** which is administered through a global compliance company Ethics Point that guarantees Anonymity and Confidentiality.

By using the **SAWTAK Hotline**, all communications will be anonymous unless **YOU** choose to provide identifying information.

There are several ways to access the **SAWTAK Hotline** :

- Making a web-based report at <https://fq.ethicspoint.com/>
- Utilizing our simplified [mobile site](#)

