

# The Tata Code of Conduct

The Tata Code of Conduct represents the values and core principles that guide the conduct of every Tata business. The Code lays down the ethical standards that Tata colleagues need to observe in their professional lives. First crafted in 1998 under the visionary leadership of Mr. Ratan Tata, it defines a value system which has endured since the group was founded in 1868.

The Code is a living document. While it has remained unaltered in its essence, it has been amended over the years to stay aligned with changing cultural and regulatory norms across the multiple jurisdictions in which we conduct our business.

In keeping with global best practices and regulatory changes in key markets in which we operate, the Code has undergone a significant refresh this year. It explicitly references our group's values, and linked with our group's mission to improve the quality of life of the communities we serve globally through long-term stakeholder value creation, it clarifies the duties and responsibilities of Tata companies and colleagues in relation to these stakeholder groups.

The Code is intended to be a contemporary and relevant guide for our times. It cannot, however, provide an answer to all possible questions or ethical dilemmas that may arise at the workplace. Tata colleagues who feel uncertain about the appropriate professional conduct in any situation must seek guidance from the designated persons in their company, including the company's ethics counsellors, and utilize appropriate channels or platforms identified in the Code.

Our success and the enormous equity enjoyed by the Tata brand owe in large measure to the integrity and professional commitment of our colleagues and our companies. Consequently, we must not only comply with the laws and regulations that govern our business, but strive to go beyond and set an example of business conduct that meets the highest ethical standards.

Each Tata colleague has the ability to make a vital difference to the quality of life of the communities we serve. This Code represents our individual and mutual commitment to discharge our responsibilities through the most sustainable and ethical means, and our shared determination to reinforce the Tata reputation of Leadership with Trust.

## **OUR VALUES:**

# TATA has always been values driven. The five core values that underpin the way we conduct our business activities are:

#### **INTEGRITY:**

We will be fair, honest, transparent and ethical in our conduct; everything we do must stand the test of public scrutiny.

#### **UNITY:**

We will invest in our people and partners, enable continuous learning, and build caring and collaborative relationships based on trust and mutual respect.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY:**

We will integrate environmental and social principles in our businesses, ensuring that what comes from the people goes back to the people many times over.

#### **PIONEERING:**

We will be bold and agile, courageously taking on challenges, using deep customer insight to develop innovative solutions.

### **EXCELLENCE:**

We will be passionate about achieving the highest standards of quality, always promoting meritocracy.

These universal values serve as the foundation for the Tata Code of Conduct. They find expression within the value system of every Tata company.

#### Arvind Singh, CEO - TPSODL

It is our commitment to protect our reputation and our brand equity by adhering to the values and principles set out in this Code. By doing so, we strengthen our unique culture and identity.