## **FXCM Inc.**

# AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### **CHARTER**

## I. PURPOSE

The Audit Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors of FXCM Inc. (the "Company") shall:

- A. Provide assistance to the Company's Board of Directors with respect to its oversight of:
  - (i) The quality and integrity of the Company's financial statements and accounting and financial reporting processes;
  - (ii) The Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
  - (iii) The independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications, independence and performance; and
  - (iv) The performance of the Company's internal audit function.
- B. Prepare the audit committee report required by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") to be included in the Company's annual proxy statement.

## II. STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

# **Composition and Qualifications**

The Committee shall be comprised of three or more members of the Board of Directors, each of whom is determined by the Board of Directors to be "independent" under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange and Rule 10A-3(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), subject to an election by the Board of Directors to rely upon the transition periods applicable to initial public offerings. No member of the Committee may serve on the audit committee of more than three public companies, including the Company, unless the Board of Directors (i) determines that such simultaneous service would not impair the ability of such member to effectively serve on the Committee and (ii) discloses such determination in the annual proxy statement.

All members of the Committee shall have a working familiarity with basic finance and accounting practices (or acquire such familiarity within a reasonable period after his or her appointment) and at least one member must have "accounting or related financial management expertise" in accordance with the rules of the New York Stock Exchange. It is expected that at

least one member of the Committee will be an "audit committee financial expert" as defined by the SEC. Committee members may enhance their familiarity with finance and accounting by participating in educational programs conducted by the Company or by an outside consultant.

# Appointment and Removal

The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and shall serve until such member's successor is duly elected and qualified or until such member's earlier resignation or removal. The members of the Committee may be removed, with or without cause, by action of the Board of Directors.

## Chairperson

Unless a chairperson of the Committee ("Chairperson") is designated by action of the Board of Directors, the members of the Committee shall designate a Chairperson by the majority vote of the full Committee membership. The Chairperson shall be entitled to cast a vote to resolve any ties. The Chairperson will chair all regular sessions of the Committee and set the agendas for Committee meetings.

#### III. MEETINGS

The Committee shall meet at least quarterly, or more frequently as circumstances dictate. As part of its goal to foster open communication, the Committee shall periodically meet separately with each of management, the internal auditors (or other personnel or service provider responsible for the internal audit function) and the independent registered public accounting firm to discuss any matters that the Committee or each of these groups believe would be appropriate to discuss privately. In addition, the Committee should meet with the independent registered public accounting firm and management quarterly to review the Company's financial statements in a manner consistent with that outlined in Section IV of this Charter. The chairperson of the Board or any member of the Committee may call meetings of the Committee. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the act of a majority of the members of the Committee at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be an act of the Committee. All meetings of the Committee may be held telephonically.

All non-management directors that are not members of the Committee may attend meetings of the Committee but may not vote. Additionally, the Committee may invite to its meetings any director, management of the Company and such other persons as it deems appropriate in order to carry out its responsibilities. The Committee may also *exclude* from its meetings any persons it deems appropriate in order to carry out its responsibilities.

# IV. RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

The following functions shall be the common recurring activities of the Committee in carrying out its responsibilities outlined in Section I of this Charter. These functions should serve as a guide with the understanding that the Committee may carry out additional functions and adopt additional policies and procedures as may be appropriate in light of changing business, legislative, regulatory, legal or other conditions. The Committee shall also carry out any other responsibilities and duties delegated to it by the Board of Directors from time to time related to the purposes of the Committee outlined in Section I of this Charter.

The Committee, in discharging its oversight role, is empowered to study or investigate any matter of interest or concern that the Committee deems appropriate. In this regard, the Committee shall have the authority to engage independent counsel and other advisors, as it determines necessary to carry out its duties. The Company shall provide appropriate funding, as determined by the Committee, for payment of compensation to the independent registered public accounting firm engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company and any advisors that the Committee chooses to engage, as well as funding for the payment of ordinary administrative expenses of the Committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties.

The Committee shall be given full access to the Company's internal auditors (or other personnel or service provider responsible for the internal audit function), Board of Directors, corporate executives and independent accountants as necessary to carry out these responsibilities. While acting within the scope of its stated purpose, the Committee shall have all the authority of the Board of Directors.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee is not responsible for certifying the Company's financial statements or guaranteeing the independent registered public accounting firm's report. The fundamental responsibility for the Company's financial statements and disclosures rests with management and the independent registered public accounting firm.

# Documents/Reports Review

- 1. Review and discuss with management and the independent registered public accounting firm prior to public dissemination the Company's annual audited financial statements and quarterly financial statements, including the Company's specific disclosures under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."
- 2. Review periodically the risks facing the Company and management's efforts to manage those risks.
- 3. Receive the written disclosures and the letter from the independent registered public accounting firm required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent registered public accounting firm's communications with the Committee concerning independence, and discuss with the independent registered public accountant firm the independent registered public accountant firm's independence.
- 4. Discuss with the independent registered public accounting firm the matters required to be discussed by the statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended (AlCPA, Professional Standards, Vol. 1. AU section 380), as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in Rule 3200T.
- 5. Review and discuss with management and the independent registered public accounting firm the Company's earnings press releases (paying particular attention to the use of any "pro forma" or "adjusted" non-GAAP information and measures), as well as financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies. The Committee's discussion in this regard may be general in nature (*i.e.*, discussion of the

types of information to be disclosed and the type of presentation to be made) and need not take place in advance of each earnings release or each instance in which the Company may provide earnings guidance.

- 6. Review and discuss with management and the independent registered public accounting firm any major issues arising as to the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's internal controls, any actions taken in light of material control deficiencies and the adequacy of disclosures about changes in internal control over financial reporting.
- 7. Perform any functions required to be performed by it under applicable law, rules or regulations, the Company's by-laws and the resolutions or other directives of the Board of Directors, including review of any certification required to be reviewed in accordance with applicable law or regulations of the SEC.

# Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

- 8. Be directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention, oversight and termination of any independent registered public accounting firm engaged (including the resolution of disagreements between management and such firm regarding financial reporting) for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company.
- 9. Inform each independent registered public accounting firm engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company that such firm must report directly to the Committee.
- 10. Pre-approve all auditing services and non-audit services (other than "prohibited non-audit services") to be provided to the Company by its independent registered public accounting firm. The Committee may form and delegate authority to subcommittees consisting of one or more members who are independent directors, when appropriate, including the authority to grant pre-approvals of audit and permitted non-audit services; provided that decisions of such subcommittee to grant pre-approvals shall be presented to the full Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

The following shall be "prohibited non-audit services": (i) bookkeeping or other services related to the accounting records or financial statements of the Company; (ii) financial information systems design and implementation; (iii) appraisal or valuation services, providing fairness opinions or preparing contribution-in-kind reports; (iv) actuarial services; (v) internal audit outsourcing services; (vi) management functions or human resources; (vii) broker or dealer, investment adviser or investment banking services; (viii) legal services and expert services unrelated to the audit; and (ix) any other service that the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board prohibits through regulation.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, pre-approval is not necessary for minor non-audit services if: (i) the aggregate amount of all such non-audit services provided to the Company constitutes not more than five percent of the total amount of revenues paid by the Company to its independent registered public accounting firm during the fiscal year in which the non-audit services are provided; (ii) such services were not recognized by the Company at the time of the engagement to be non-audit services; and (iii) such

services are promptly brought to the attention of the Committee and approved prior to the completion of the audit by the Committee or by one or more members of the Committee who are members of the Board to whom authority to grant such approvals has been delegated by the Committee.

- 11. Review, at least annually, the qualifications, performance and independence of the independent registered public accounting firm and present its conclusions with respect to the independent registered public accounting firm to the full Board. In conducting its review and evaluation, the Committee should:
  - (a) obtain and review a report by the Company's independent registered public accounting firm describing: (i) such firm's internal quality-control procedures; (ii) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, of the independent registered public accounting firm, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting one or more independent audits carried out by such firm, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues; and (iii), to assess the independent registered public accounting firm's independence, all relationships between such firm and the Company; and
  - (b) confirm and evaluate the rotation of the lead audit partner on the audit engagement team as required by law.

# Accounting and Financial Reporting Process

- 12. In consultation with the independent registered public accounting firm, management and the internal auditors (or other personnel or service provider responsible for the internal audit function), review the integrity of the Company's financial reporting processes, both internal and external. In that connection, the Committee must obtain and discuss with management and the independent registered public accounting firm reports from management and the independent registered public accounting firm regarding:
  - all critical accounting policies and practices to be used by the Company;
  - analyses prepared by management and/or the independent registered public accounting firm setting forth significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of the financial statements, including all alternative treatments of financial information within generally accepted accounting principles related to material items that have been discussed with the Company's management, the ramifications of the use of the alternative disclosures and treatments on the Company's financial statements, and the treatment preferred by the independent registered public accounting firm;
  - major issues regarding accounting principles and financial statement presentations, including any significant changes in the Company's selection or application of accounting principles;
  - major issues as to the adequacy of the Company's internal controls and any special audit steps adopted in light of material control deficiencies; and

- any other material written communications between the independent registered public accounting firm and the Company's management.
- 13. Review periodically the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives, as well as off-balance sheet structures, on the financial statements of the Company.
- 14. Review with the independent registered public accounting firm (i) any audit problems or difficulties encountered by such firm in the course of the audit work, including any restrictions on the scope of its activities or on access to requested information, and any significant disagreements with management and (ii) management's responses to such matters. Without excluding other possibilities, the Committee may wish to review with the independent registered public accounting firm (i) any accounting adjustments that were noted or proposed by such firm but were "passed" (as immaterial or otherwise), (ii) any communications between the audit team and such firm's national office respecting auditing or accounting issues presented by the engagement and (iii) any "management" or "internal control" letter issued, or proposed to be issued, by the independent registered public accounting firm to the Company.
- 15. Obtain from the independent registered public accounting firm assurance that Section 10A(b) of the Exchange Act has not been implicated.

## **Internal Audit**

16. Oversee the Company's internal audit function, which may be outsourced to a third-party service provider.

# Legal Compliance

17. Periodically, review and discuss with the Company's counsel any legal matter that could have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

## Risk Assessment

18. Review and discuss with management and the independent registered public accounting firm the Company's guidelines and policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management.

## General

- 19. Set clear hiring policies for employees or former employees of the independent registered public accounting firm. At a minimum, these policies must provide that any registered public accounting firm may not provide audit services to the Company if the chief executive officer, controller, chief financial officer, chief accounting officer or any person serving in an equivalent capacity for the Company was employed by the registered public accounting firm and participated in any capacity in the audit of the Company during the one-year period preceding the date of the initiation of the audit.
- 20. Establish procedures for: (i) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters;

and (ii) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

# Reports

- 21. Prepare the audit committee report required by the SEC to be included in the Company's annual proxy statement.
- 22. Report regularly to the full Board of Directors including:
  - (i) with respect to any issues that arise with respect to the quality or integrity of the Company's financial statements and accounting and financial reporting processes, the qualification, performance and independence of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm or the performance of the internal audit function;
  - (ii) following all meetings of the Committee; and
  - (iii) with respect to such other matters as are relevant to the Committee's discharge of its responsibilities.

The Committee shall provide such recommendations as the Committee may deem appropriate. The report to the Board of Directors may take the form of an oral report by the Chairperson or any other member of the Committee designated by the Committee to make such report.

23. Maintain minutes or other records of meetings and activities of the Committee.

## V. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

The Committee shall perform a review and evaluation, at least annually, of the performance of the Committee, including by reviewing the compliance of the Committee with this Charter. In addition, the Committee shall review and reassess, at least annually, the adequacy of this Charter and recommend to the Board of Directors any improvements to this Charter that the Committee considers necessary or valuable. The Committee shall conduct such evaluations and reviews in such manner as it deems appropriate.