

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## SEARCYS CLUB PHILOSOPHY

Searcys Club | The Gherkin is a haven for our members to entertain, enjoy our food and drink, unwind, conduct informal business meetings and generally relax.

With this in mind we ask you to agree to the below terms by signing this document.

### 1. Acceptance of Membership

- (1) Membership applications are deemed to have been accepted upon confirmation of receipt from Searcys Club to the applicant.
- (2) Applications are presented to The Committee Board for their consideration at regular intervals and membership is only granted once The Committee Board has approved the candidate. There is a waiting list for membership (length of time varies).

### 2. Confirmation and Commencement of Membership

- (1) Membership will be confirmed by Searcys upon receipt of application.
- (2) Searcys will confirm that signed terms have been received and will advise the date of commencement of the membership. Members will be provided with a Searcys Club personal photo ID pass. This pass must be presented by the member on every visit.

### 3. Non-Refundable Annual Fee

- (1) Once paid the annual membership fee is non-refundable.
- (2) Once paid the joining fee is non-refundable.

### 4. Non-transferable Membership

- (1) The annual membership is non-transferable under either the Individual Membership scheme or the Group Membership scheme (as set out in clause 6).

### 5. Length of Membership

- (1) Membership will run for one calendar year from the date of commencement of the membership as set out in clause 2.2.

### 6. Membership Fee

To be paid in full upon joining by credit card.

- (1) Full Membership is £750 excluding VAT.
- (2) Under 30 years Membership is £500 excluding VAT.
- (3) International Membership is £500 excluding VAT.  
Corporate Membership rates are available for three or more applicants joining at the same time.
- (4) Direct Debit is available upon request. Please note a minimum of 12 months membership fee will be applicable.

### 7. Joining Fee

To be paid in full upon joining by credit card.

- (1) Full Membership is £250 excluding VAT.
- (2) Under 30 years Membership is £150 excluding VAT.
- (3) International Membership is £150 excluding VAT.

### 8. Renewal of Membership

- (1) Membership will be renewed once payment of the full membership fee for the following year has been received by Searcys. Renewal must be complete within one month of membership expiry date or a re-joining fee will be applied. The signed contract remains active until the membership is terminated.
- (2) Searcys reserves the right to increase the annual membership fee and will notify the member of any increase more than 60 days before the expiration of that member's annual membership.

### 9. Notice to Cease Membership

- (1) Searcys reserves the right to cease unilaterally any Individual or Group membership on the following grounds:
  - (a) Non payment of annual membership renewal fee;
  - (b) Non adherence to any of the terms and conditions of membership and rules of the building;
  - (c) Abuse of any membership privileges;
  - (d) Disruptive, abusive or disorderly behaviour.
- (2) Searcys will advise the member in writing of any intention to revoke the membership and the reasons for it. Searcys will advise if there is a right of reply. Searcys shall have the right to determine in its sole and absolute discretion those instances where the member shall have no right of reply and Searcys decision to revoke membership is final.
- (3) Members have the right to cease membership only on the grounds of non-renewal of annual membership by giving notice in writing to Searcys no later than 30 days prior to the renewal fee becoming due.

### 10. Restaurant, Bar and Club Lounge

- (1) All bookings must be made directly by the member or their secondary contact from Monday to Friday: 9am - 5pm on 020 7071 7215 or theclub@searcys.co.uk. Details of the member's name and guests' names will be required in advance.
- (2) Members may host an unlimited number of bookings in the Restaurant or the Bar and may invite a maximum of eight guests per visit to the Restaurant. Larger group bookings are available in the Bar (please enquire with the Club).
- (3) Members may make four non-attending bookings per month in the Restaurant or the Bar. The named member does not have to attend these four bookings.
- (4) Members must host every visit to the Club Lounge and may invite a maximum of six guests per visit.
- (5) Confirmation for all bookings will be required 24 working hours in advance of the booking. Cancellations can not be made over weekends or Bank Holidays.

- (6) Cancellations for the Restaurant received less than 24 hours in advance or failure to arrive will result in a charge of £50 per person per booking.
- (7) Access will be permitted to the levels 38, 39 and 40 only.
- (8) Searcys retains the right to change opening times at any point.
- (9) The Restaurant is open Monday to Thursday for lunch and on Fridays for lunch and dinner.
- (10) The Bar is open Monday to Thursday from 9am to 4pm and on Fridays from 9am to 11pm.
- (11) The Club Lounge on level 38 is open Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 11pm.

#### 11. Private Dining Rooms

- (1) All enquiries regarding the Private Dining Rooms can be made from Monday to Friday: 9am - 6pm on 020 7071 5011 or reservations.thegherkin@searcys.co.uk
- (2) Private Members will be entitled to 50% discount from the listed room hire rates for Searcys | The Gherkin private dining rooms for mid-week events. PDR e-mail address is gherkinprivatedining@searcys.co.uk
- (3) A minimum food spend of £500 + VAT will apply for all private dining room drinks receptions where a meal is not pre-ordered. A dry hire charge of £500 + VAT will apply if catering is not required for the event. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours prior to the start of the booking. All member bookings are subject to any relevant policies regarding the use of the Private Dining Rooms. These terms can be obtained from Searcys.
- (4) Please note that members discounted rate will not apply when a booking agent (including Searcys members) confirms a booking if they wish to claim a commission. If commission will be claimed then a non-discounted rate on room hire and food and beverage will apply.
- (5) Cancellation/postponement less than eight working days will result in 50% of the room hire and 50% of the food.
- (6) Cancellation less than five working days will result in 100% cancellation fee.
- (7) All Private Dining Room reservations must be hosted by the member for the room hire discount to be applicable.

#### 12. Events

- (1) All member event bookings are subject to any relevant policies regarding events at Searcys. These terms can be obtained from Searcys.
- (2) Where possible, member event enquiries will receive priority treatment with regard to preferred dates.
- (3) Please note that members discounted rate will not apply when a booking agent (including Searcys members) confirms a booking if they wish to claim a commission. If commission will be claimed then a non-discounted rate on room hire and food and beverage will apply.

#### 13. Dress Code

- (1) The Club's dress code is relaxed to smart casual, no shorts, flip flops, sportswear, ripped jeans, trainers or hoodies will be permitted.
- (2) Members and their guests dressed inappropriately will not be permitted to use the facilities at Searcys Club | The Gherkin. Members are responsible for informing their guests of the dress code. The Member Relations Manager's decision on dress code is final.

#### 14. Children

- (1) No children under the age of 18 are allowed access to any area of Searcys Club | The Gherkin unless permission of the Member Relations Manager has been granted beforehand.  
Due to our Alcohol Licence, the Bar only permits children (under the age of 18) from 9am to 11am Monday to Friday. Children over the age of 12 are allowed to lunch or dine in the Restaurant in the presence of their Parent or Guardian. The Club Lounge is over 18 at all times.

#### 15. Bill Payment

- (1) All bills, with the exception of event invoices, must be settled on the day by either credit card or cash. No account or credit facility is available.
- (2) All major credit cards are accepted with the exception of Diners Card.

#### 16. Security Procedures

- (1) Full names of all members' guests can be provided in advance of the booking to Searcys or members may register up to four guests at the lobby upon presentation of their Searcys Club personal photo ID pass for security purposes.
- (2) All members and guests shall adhere to 30 St Mary Axe security policies.
- (3) In the event of an emergency, Searcys and 30 St Mary Axe staff will direct members and guests appropriately. Security and emergency procedure details will be provided to the member upon confirmation of membership.
- (4) The Searcys Club personal photo ID pass cannot be used by any other person other than the member who it has been allocated to, to enter the building.

#### 19. No Smoking Building

- (1) 30 St Mary Axe is a no smoking building. Members are responsible for informing their guests of the no smoking policy.

#### 20. Removal of Property

- (1) No member shall take away or remove from any area newspapers, books, journals or periodicals.

#### 21. Press & Media Guests

- (1) Members are asked to inform Searcys of any press or media guests.
- (2) No photography is allowed on any floor except on level 40 and only with the prior permission of the manager on duty.
- (3) No flash photography is permitted.

#### 22. Pricing

- (1) Searcys and 30 St Mary Axe reserves the right to alter the pricing for any goods and services from time to time.

#### 23. Additional Member Benefits

- (1) Searcys may make available to members additional benefits and offers at other Searcys 1847's venues where appropriate.
- (2) The member must contact Member Relations Team when confirming bookings at Searcys 1847's venues.
- (3) The discount will not be applicable in conjunction with other venue hire offers or discounts.
- (4) Booking agents cannot claim commission on bookings when Members discount have been applied to Event bookings.
- (5) The Gherkin reserves the right to change offers without any notification.

I acknowledge that I have read and received a copy of the Searcys Club Philosophy Terms & Conditions and agree to abide by them:

Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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