



The Circle

Membership Privileges and Terms Document

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Section 1: Introduction and Purpose

The Circle is a private, invitation-only network of members. This document sets out the privileges, responsibilities, and obligations of Members of The Circle, as well as the legal and operational framework governing membership and participation.

Membership is offered in recognition of alignment with The Circle's core values: integrity, discretion, excellence, innovation, and cultural contribution. Members are expected to actively engage in community life, uphold the standards of the network, and use their membership in good faith.

Section 2: Membership Structure

2.1 Patron Membership

Reserved for senior leaders, executives, cultural figures, and recognized contributors to society or business. Patrons enjoy full privileges and may be invited to participate in strategic governance or advisory panels.

This membership is valid for one (1) calendar year and is renewable by invitation based on activity, alignment, and continued relevance.

2.2 Fellow Membership

Offered to individuals under 40 who demonstrate exceptional promise in their fields. Fellows are eligible for mentorship and leadership development opportunities within the network. Fellow status is valid for one (1) year and renewable for up to five (5) consecutive years.

Transition to Patron status may be considered following review by the Membership (Fellow) Committee.

2.3 Associate Membership

Granted to individuals of notable intellectual or cultural impact who may not be active participants but offer valuable perspectives. Associates are honorary members with limited privileges. Terms are one (1) year and may be extended upon re-nomination.

Section 3: Privileges of Membership

3.1 Access to Events and Gatherings

Members may access private, curated events, including salons, global summits, leadership retreats, and confidential briefings. Events operate under Chatham House Rule unless explicitly stated. Invitations are tier-based and may be capacity-limited.

3.2 Concierge and Reciprocal Services

Patrons and Fellows receive access to lifestyle, travel, and operational concierge support, including medical coordination, emergency logistics, venue bookings, and member-to-member services. Services are delivered in partnership with international providers such as Global Rescue and the Automobile Association. The full list of concierge and reciprocal services are listed in Annex F.

3.3 Research, Publications, and Briefings

Members receive exclusive access to internal briefings, white papers, digital reports, and thought-leadership publications curated by The Circle's Editorial Office (CEO).

3.4 Strategic Introductions and Networking

Where appropriate, The Circle may facilitate introductions between members. All introductions are discretionary and require the mutual consent of all parties. No guarantees are made regarding outcomes of such connections.

3.5 Mentorship (Fellows Only)

Fellows are paired with senior members for mentorship and are invited to participate in peer sessions, training intensives, and advisory opportunities.

Section 4: Term, Renewal, and Limitations

Membership is granted for fixed terms per category and is reviewed annually. Renewal is not automatic and is contingent on the Member's engagement, behavior, and contribution to the community. Membership is non-transferable and may be paused or reactivated at the discretion of the Committee.

Section 5: Code of Conduct

All Members agree to:

- Maintain confidentiality and respect the privacy of others.
- Act with integrity, professionalism, and courtesy.
- Avoid behavior that could damage the network's reputation.
- Refrain from using The Circle for commercial solicitation, political campaigning, or lobbying without prior written approval.
- Report any misconduct or unethical behavior directly to the Secretariat.
- Violations of this Code may result in suspension or termination of membership privileges.

Section 6: Suspension and Termination

- The Circle reserves the right to suspend or terminate membership at its sole discretion for reasons including, but not limited to:
 - Breach of conduct guidelines
 - Reputational harm to the organization
 - Legal actions involving the Member
 - Non-compliance with the terms of use or financial obligations
- A formal notice will be issued in writing. Members have the right to appeal to the Membership Committee within thirty (30) days of notice.

Section 7: Digital Security and Data Privacy

Members agree to use The Circle's digital platforms responsibly. Access credentials are confidential and may not be shared. The Circle reserves the right to audit usage and revoke access if misuse is detected.

All Member data is handled with strict confidentiality and encrypted storage protocols. Sensitive materials shared within events or forums are for internal use only.

Section 8: Legal and Compliance (GDPR and Privacy)

In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (EU Regulation 2016/679) and other applicable laws, The Circle affirms the following:

Member data is collected only for the purpose of providing services and privileges as described in this document.

Personal data is never sold or transferred to third parties for commercial use.

Members may request access to, correction of, or deletion of their data at any time.

The Data Protection Officer (DPO) may be contacted for any privacy-related concerns via [insert contact].

Participation in The Circle implies consent to these data handling policies.

Appendix A: Fee Structure

Note: Fee details are confidential. Please contact the Secretariat directly for current rates.

Appendix B: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q1: How are Members selected?

Membership is by invitation or nomination. Final decisions are made by the Membership Committee, considering both alignment and value to the network.

Q2: Can Members bring guests to events?

Select events permit registered guests. Guest privileges vary by event and location.

Q3: Are there opportunities to speak or present?

Yes, Fellows and Patrons may be invited to contribute to Circle publications or speak at forums, subject to editorial review.

Q4: Can Members promote their businesses?

Business activities are permitted only in designated forums and with prior approval. Solicitation in general channels is not allowed.

Q5: What happens if I cannot renew my membership?

Members may request a temporary hold or reapply in the future, depending on tier and availability.