# IMAO / HOST MC CONSIDERATIONS (sample language for IMAO/MC agreements)

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This Agreement is entered into	effective	, 2022 (the "Effective Date"), by
and between	(the "Host MC") and	(the "IMAO").
Activities of the IMAO office w	ill be led by	, (the "IMAO Principal").

#### Term:

The term of this Agreement will extend from the Effective Date until the termination or non-renewal of the IMAO Addendum, as further described below.

#### **IMAO Financial Model:**

The IMAO will offer the [same financial compensation structure to its agents as the Host MC, as follows] [following financial compensation structure to its agents:]

- A. Individual agent split/cap:
- B. Team split/cap:
- C. Husband/wife group split/cap:
- D. E&O fee:
- E. Administration fee:
- F. Annual KWRI Associate fee:

All agents will pay to KWRI a royalty fee of 6% of GCI with an annual \$3,000 cap. The agent's anniversary will be the first day of the first full month of their association with KW. All agents will pay to KWRI a monthly \$25 Technology Fee.

Any fee paid by a consumer to a KW brokerage in connection with the purchase and sale of real estate will be treated as GCI and paid and applied in congruence with the above-referenced splits and caps.

## **Broker Support:**

Example language:

[A Broker for activities conducted by IMAO agents through the IMAO will be provided by the IMAO.]

[The Host MC will provide a Broker for activities conducted by IMAO agents through the IMAO for the monthly cost of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

[Brokerage Compliance Fee - Annually and resetting on the IMAO agent's anniversary date, the Host MC will retain a \$200 Brokerage Compliance Fee for each of the first 20 units sold by the IMAO agent. For each additional unit sold by an IMAO Agent, the Host MC will retain \$50 of the Brokerage Compliance Fee and distribute the remaining \$150 to the IMAO Agent.]

Things to consider:

• Does the DRE require the new physical location to have an on-site broker?

### **IMAO Agents:**

Example language:

Host MC is responsible for providing onboarding services for each new IMAO agent. IMAO agents are responsible for paying their bills monthly, just as Host MC agents, and are required to sign the host-MC's standard Independent Contractor Agreement. IMAO agents must annually sign the Keller Williams Policies and Guidelines manual and agree to comply with its provisions. IMAO agents will have full use of the Host MC for all training events, team meetings, social events, client meetings, client events, etc. Host MC shall provide to IMAO agents: [principal broker support,] [MCA support in processing agent commission payments,] E&O coverage, tech support and training specific to the KW technology. All other IMAO agent support is to be provided by the IMAO.

Host MC has the final decision on anyone joining the brokerage as an IMAO agent.

IMAO agents will be eligible to participate in the Host MC's Associate Leadership Council (ALC) under the same guidelines as any other agent affiliated with the Host MC.

**Agent Transfers:** 

Example language:
If a Host MC agent inquires about transferring to the IMAO, the IMAO Principal will immediately inform the Team Leader of the Host MC. The IMAO Principal and the Host MC TL will discuss the proposed transfer, and mutually agree on whether the transfer will be processed. If the Host MC agent does transfer to the IMAO, the IMAO will pay to Host MC the greater of the Host MC's Company Dollar cap or what the transferring agent paid to Host MC in the 12 months prior to transferring.
Notwithstanding the provision above, the Host MC is not entitled to any Company Dollar from the IMAO for any transferring Host MC agent unless the IMAO has reached an agent count of or more.
If an IMAO agent inquires about transferring to the Host MC, the Host MC Team Leader will and the IMAO Principal will discuss the proposed transfer, and mutually agree on whether the transfer will be processed. If the IMAO agent does transfer to the Host MC, the Host MC will pay the IMAO the lesser of the IMAO agent cap or what the transferring agent paid to IMAO in the 12 months prior to transferring.
Operation of IMAO:
Example language:
IMAO agrees to pay all of their own operating expenses, which include but are not limited to, rent, CAM, utilities, insurance, copier fees, internet, salaries, taxes, etc. No expenses related to the operation of the IMAO will be covered by the Host MC.
IMAO agrees that the office space will reflect the professionalism of the KW brand. IMAO agrees to supply and maintain: 1) door locking system - to allow agent access to the IMAO office space for all agents within the Host MC's network; 2) security cameras over entry doors with access by the Host MC's network; 3) a conference room with big screen TV and webcam capabilities to livestream training events into the IMAO; 4) signage that must be approved by the Host MC and KWRI.  Start-Up Costs:
Example language:
Host MC will contribute% of signage expense up to \$

#### **KWRI IMAO Documentation:**

[IMAO] [Host MC] will pay KWRI the \$2,500 IMAO application fee. The IMAO office location is contingent upon approval by KWRI. This Agreement will start the approval process which can take up to 6 weeks. Once the approval has been received from KWRI the IMAO Principal will sign an ICA with the Host MC and an IMAO Addendum with KWRI, which includes a 3-year commitment to its affiliation with Host MC and KWRI.

# Ongoing Policy Expectations:

During the term of the IMAO Addendum and this Agreement, IMAO agrees to abide by all KWRI and Host MC policies, guidelines and procedures.

IMAO Growth:	
Example language:	
IMAO has a current roster of _ agents within 12 months.	agents and a growth goal to producing
Things to Consider:	

• Does the revenue participation opportunity get better for IMAO if they hit certain growth goals?

# **Training Expectations:**

Example language:

IMAO and IMAO agents will participate in training provided by the Host MC, \_\_\_\_\_ Region and KWRI. The principal of the IMAO commits to attend Family Reunion and Mega Camp annually, live stream all Host MC Team Meetings into the IMAO, and attend a bi-monthly meeting with Host MC leadership.

#### **Errors & Omissions Insurance:**

Example language:

[Errors & Omissions insurance (E&O) for activities conducted under the IMAO brokerage will be provided by the IMAO. The IMAO E&O policy will name the Host MC as an additional named insured, and IMAO will hold the Host IMAO harmless from any claims related to the activities of the IMAO and its agents.]

[Errors & Omissions insurance (E&O) for activities conducted under the IMAO brokerage will be covered by the Host MC. IMAO agents will pay a \$\_\_\_\_\_ fee per transaction for this E&O coverage.]

### On boarding and Orientation Requirements:

## **Non-Solicitation:**

Example language:

In the event that this agreement is terminated, IMAO agrees for itself, its officers, owners and agents that up until 6 months following the termination of this Agreement for any reason (the "Non-Solicitation Period"), IMAO agrees that it will not solicit any person employed with the Host MC, or any of its agents, officers, or real estate agents affiliated with Host MC, whether an employee or independent contractor of Host MC to terminate its relationship with Host MC. In the event an employee or agent, officer, or real estate agent affiliated with Host MC in the six month period prior to the termination of this agreement becomes employed or affiliated with the IMAO or IMAO Principal within six months of the termination of this agreement, IMAO agrees to compensate Host MC \$5,000 per person as liquidated damages no later than ten days after Host MC sends written notice.

Notice:	
Example language	
Addresses for Notice:	
Host MC:	IMAO:

All notices permitted or required to be delivered pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement shall be delivered in writing to the addresses listed above or such other address as the parties shall specify by written notice, and shall be deemed so delivered: (a) at the time delivered by hand; (b) 1 day after transmission by email, provided that there is no error delivery message; (c) 2 days after being placed in the hands of a commercial courier service for expedited delivery, provided there is proof of receipt; or (d) 3 days after placement in the United States Mail by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid; and must be addressed to the party to be notified at the addresses as described above for IMAO and Host MC, or such other address as the parties shall specify by written notice.