

Terms of Business

The
Detective Agency



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The following Terms and Conditions of Service apply to all products and services provided by The Detective Agency Limited (hereinafter referred to as The Detective Agency).

All work is carried out by The Detective Agency on the understanding that the client has agreed to The Detective Agency's terms and conditions.

Copyright is retained by The Detective Agency on all design work including words, pictures, ideas, visuals and illustrations unless specifically released in writing and after all costs have been settled.

If a choice of design is presented, only one solution is deemed to be given by The Detective Agency as fulfilling the contract. All other designs remain the property of The Detective Agency, unless agreed in writing that this arrangement has been changed.

Project Acceptance

At the time of proposal, The Detective Agency will provide the customer with a written estimate or quotation. The Terms and Conditions can be read on the The Detective Agency website.

A copy of the written estimate or quotation is to be signed and dated by the customer to indicate acceptance and should be returned to The Detective Agency. Alternatively, the client may send an official order in reply to the estimate or quotation which binds the client to accept The Detective Agency's terms and conditions, or an email acknowledging acceptance of the quotation. No work on a project will commence until acceptance of the quotation has been received by The Detective Agency.

Design Charges - New Clients - First Project Only

Charges for design services to be provided by The Detective Agency will be set out in the written estimate or quotation that is provided to the customer. At the time of the customer's signed (email) acceptance of this estimate or quotation, indicating acceptance of the Terms & Conditions, a non-refundable deposit of fifty (50) percent of the quoted fee will become immediately due. Work on the project will not commence until The Detective Agency has received this amount. The remaining fifty (50) percent of the project quotation total will be due upon completion of the work prior to upload to the server or release of materials.

Design Charges - Existing Clients

Charges for design services to be provided by The Detective Agency will be set out in the written estimate or quotation that is provided to the customer. Unless agreed otherwise with the Client, one hundred (100) percent of the project quotation total will be due 30 days from the invoice date.

Source Files

Charges for design work do not cover the release of source design files including indd, psd, ai, fla or any other source files; if the Client requires these source files, they will be subject to a separate charge.

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Default

An account shall be considered default if it remains unpaid for 30 days from the date of invoice. The Detective Agency shall be considered entitled to remove The Detective Agency and/or the customer's material from any and all computer systems, until the amount due has been fully paid. This includes any and all unpaid monies due for services, including, but not limited to, hosting, domain registration, search engine submission, design and maintenance, sub-contractors, printers, photographers and libraries.

Removal of such materials does not relieve the customer of its obligation to pay the due amount. Customers whose accounts become default agree to pay The Detective Agency reasonable legal expenses and third party collection agency fees in the enforcement of these Terms and Conditions.

Copyrights and Trademarks

By supplying text, images and other data to The Detective Agency for inclusion in the customer's website or other medium, the customer declares that it holds the appropriate copyright and/or trademark permissions. The ownership of such materials will remain with the customer, or rightful copyright or trademark owner.

Any artwork, images, or text supplied and/or designed by The Detective Agency on behalf of the customer, will remain the property of The Detective Agency and/or its suppliers until full payment is made.

By supplying images, text, or any other data to The Detective Agency, the customer grants The Detective Agency permission to use this material freely in the pursuit of the design.

Should The Detective Agency, or the customer supply an image, text, audio clip or any other file for use in a website, multimedia presentation, print item, exhibition, advertisement or any other medium believing it to be copyright and royalty free, which subsequently emerges to have such copyright or royalty usage limitations, the customer will agree to allow The Detective Agency to remove and/or replace the file on the site.

The customer agrees to fully indemnify and hold The Detective Agency free from harm in any and all claims resulting from the customer in not having obtained all the required copyright, and/or any other necessary permissions.

Alterations

The customer agrees that changes required over and above the estimated work or required to be carried out after acceptance of the draft design might be liable to a separate charge. The customer also agrees that The Detective Agency holds no responsibility for any amendments made by any third party, before or after a design is published.

Licensing

Any design, copywriting, drawing, idea or code created for the customer by The Detective Agency, or any of its contractors, is licensed for use by the client on a one-time only basis and may not be modified, re-used, or re-distributed in any way or form without the express written consent of The Detective Agency and any of its relevant sub-contractors.

All design work - where there is a risk that another party make a claim, should be registered by the client with the appropriate authorities prior to publishing or first use or searches and legal advice sought as to its use. The Detective Agency will not be held responsible for any and all damages resulting from such claims. The Detective Agency is not responsible for any loss, or consequential loss, non-delivery of products or services, of whatever cause. The customer agrees not to hold The Detective Agency responsible for any such loss or damage. Any claim against The Detective Agency shall be limited to the relevant fee(s) paid by the customer.

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Design Project Duration

Any indication given by The Detective Agency of a design project's duration is to be considered by the customer to be an estimation. Estimated project duration should be deemed to be from the date that cleared funds are received by The Detective Agency for the initial payment or by date confirmed in writing by The Detective Agency

Rights of Access for Website Construction

The client agrees to allow The Detective Agency all necessary access to computer systems and other locations, as required, in order to complete a website project and until all due funds are cleared, including the necessary read/write permissions, usernames and passwords. The customer also agrees to allow The Detective Agency access to any computer systems, usernames and passwords required to remove data and/or sites for failure to comply with these Terms and Conditions. The customer agrees to supply The Detective Agency with all necessary materials, electronic, or otherwise, required to create and complete the project, and to supply them in a timely manner.

Hosting websites

The Detective Agency offers a limited in-house hosting services through an out-sourced virtual server. The Detective Agency does not guarantee continuous service and will accept no liability for loss of service, whatever the cause. The Detective Agency may request that clients change the type of hosting account used if that account is deemed by The Detective Agency to be unacceptable because of poor service, lack of bandwidth or in any other way insufficient to support the website. Fees for hosting on The Detective Agency's virtual server are due at the commencement of any period of service and are non-refundable. Fees due to third party hosting organisations are the responsibility of the client and The Detective Agency are not liable for their payment, nor for the renewal of domain names, which are the sole responsibility of the customer / domain owner.

Domain Registration

The Detective Agency cannot guarantee the availability of any domain name. Where The Detective Agency is to register a domain name on behalf of a client it will endeavour to do so but the client should not assume a successful registration.

Search Engine Submission

Due to the infinite number of considerations that search engines use when determining a site's ranking, The Detective Agency cannot guarantee any particular placement. Acceptance by any search engine cannot be guaranteed and when a site is accepted, the time it takes to appear in search results varies from one search engine to another. Rankings will also vary as new sites are added. The Detective Agency recommend that customers put in place an SEO strategy, either with The Detective Agency or a third party SEO company. The Detective Agency can provide details of such companies, but accept no responsibility for their services.

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Design Credits

The customer agrees to allow The Detective Agency to place a small credit on printed material exhibition displays, advertisements and/or a link to The Detective Agency own website on the customer's website. This will usually be in the form of a small logo or line of text placed towards the bottom of the page.

The customer also agrees to allow The Detective Agency to place websites and other designs, along with a link to the client's site on The Detective Agency own website for demonstration purposes and to use any designs in its own publicity and portfolios.

Rights of Refusal

The Detective Agency will not include in its designs, any text, images or other data which it deems to be immoral, offensive, obscene or illegal. All advertising material must conform to all standards laid down by all relevant advertising standards authorities. The Detective Agency also reserves the right to refuse to include submitted material without giving reason. In the situation where any images and/or data that The Detective Agency does include in all good faith, and subsequently discovers is in contravention to such Terms and Conditions, the customer is obliged to allow The Detective Agency to remove the contravention without hindrance, or penalty. The Detective Agency is to be held in no way responsible for any such data being included.

Cancellation

Cancellation of orders may be made initially by telephone contact, or e-mail, however, following this, The Detective Agency will need formal notification in writing to the company's postal address. The client will then be invoiced for all work completed over and above the non-refundable deposit that will have been made at the time of first ordering. The balance of monies due must be paid within 30 days. Please note: any cancellation which is not formally confirmed in writing and received by The Detective Agency within 14 days of such instruction being issued, will be liable for the full quoted cost of the project.

Disclaimer

The Detective Agency makes no warranties of any kind, express or implied, for any and all products and/or services that it supplies. The Detective Agency will not be held responsible for any and all damages resulting from products and/or services it supplies. The Detective Agency is not responsible for any loss, or consequential loss of data, or non-delivery of products or services, of whatever cause. While we take reasonable steps to investigate the materials we recommend, we accept no responsibility for the performance or quality of materials or any consequential loss arising from their failure. The customer agrees not to hold The Detective Agency responsible for any such loss or damage. Any claim against The Detective Agency shall be limited to the relevant fee(s) paid by the customer.

The Detective Agency reserves the right to use the services of sub-contractors, agents and suppliers and any work, content, services and usage is bound by their Terms and Conditions. The Detective Agency will not knowingly perform any actions to contravene these and the client also agrees to be so bound.

The Detective Agency and its clients agree to comply with Printers Terms and Conditions which include disclaimers for non-completion on time and the flexibility to supply quantities within 10% of the total ordered. The Detective Agency recommend that if an exact quantity is required, then 10% extra is added to the quantity and extra time made available should the job be delayed.

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General

These Terms and Conditions supersede any previous Terms and Conditions distributed in any form. The Detective Agency reserves the right to change any rates and any of the Terms and Conditions at any time and without prior notice.

Acceptance of Terms and Conditions and Quotation

The placement of an order for design and/or any other services offered by The Detective Agency, by email, verbally or in writing, is deemed to be acceptance of these terms and conditions, which are freely available at www.detective.co.uk

An estimate validated by the customer's acceptance in an email or by letter, constitutes acceptance of the estimate or quotation and agreement to comply fully with all the Terms and Conditions and forms a Contract for Business between the signatory and The Detective Agency.

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