# Independence & Partnerships Policy

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## 1. Purpose and Scope

**1.1** This Policy sets out the principles by which Tech Revolt ("Tech Revolt", "we", "our") safeguards the independence of its journalism in all commercial, partnership and ecosystem relationships.

**1.2** This Policy applies to all Tech Revolt staff, freelancers and contributors, and to every organisation with which Tech Revolt maintains a partnership or commercial relationship.

## 2. Definitions

**2.1 Editorial Content** means all news, analysis, opinion, interviews, reports, newsletters and other journalism published by Tech Revolt on any platform.

**2.2 Partner** means any organisation with which Tech Revolt holds a media partnership, ecosystem partnership or other commercial or strategic arrangement.

**2.3 Supporter** means any organisation that supports Tech Revolt's operations, whether financially or in kind.

## 3. Statement of Editorial Independence

**3.1** Authority over Editorial Content rests solely with the Editor in Chief.

**3.2** No Partner, Supporter, advertiser or other third party has any right to commission, direct, approve, alter, delay or suppress Editorial Content.

**3.3** Tech Revolt does not publish sponsored, paid or advertorial content, and does not accept payment, in money or in kind, in exchange for coverage.

## 4. Separation of Commercial and Editorial Functions

**4.1** Partnerships and commercial relationships are managed by the Managing Director, independently of the editorial function.

**4.2** Personnel engaged in partnership activity may propose story ideas to the newsroom. All decisions to publish, amend or decline Editorial Content are taken by the Editor in Chief.

**4.3** Any person who holds a material relationship with an organisation or individual that is the subject of Editorial Content shall declare that relationship to the Editor in Chief and shall take no part in the related editorial decision.

## 5. Media Partnerships

**5.1** Tech Revolt acts as media partner to selected technology events across the GCC, MENA and international markets. Current partnerships are listed on the Events page at techrevolt.org/events.

**5.2** A media partnership may include:

(a) display of the Partner's logo or banner on the Tech Revolt website;

(b) a listing on the Tech Revolt Events page, with a link to the event;

(c) distribution support for the Partner's official announcements before and after the event;

(d) social media posts announcing the partnership; and

(e) for events of significant scale, interviews with selected speakers, chosen by the editorial team on the basis of relevance to Tech Revolt's readership.

**5.3** A media partnership does not confer any right to:

(a) select, direct or influence Editorial Content, interviewees or questions;

(b) review Editorial Content prior to publication; or

(c) exemption from critical or investigative reporting.

## 6. Ecosystem Partnerships and Supporters

**6.1** Tech Revolt works with organisations that support the technology ecosystem in its region, including accelerators, venture builders and innovation programmes. Certain of these organisations also support Tech Revolt's operations.

**6.2** Companies and individuals connected to any Partner or Supporter are assessed against the same editorial criteria as every other subject. No relationship confers any entitlement to coverage, frequency of coverage or prominence.

## 7. Copy Approval

**7.1** No person or organisation is granted copy approval. Copy approval shall not be offered as a means of securing an interview, access or cooperation.

**7.2** Tech Revolt may share quotations with a source solely to confirm accuracy, without any obligation to alter them.

## 8. Press Releases

**8.1** Press releases are assessed on their news value to Tech Revolt's readership, and are edited, contextualised and verified where practicable. Tech Revolt does not charge a fee to publish any announcement.

## 9. Gifts, Hospitality and Travel

**9.1** No payment, gift or other advantage shall be permitted to influence the accuracy, fairness or independence of Editorial Content. Any attempt to secure favourable coverage through such an offer shall be reported to the Editor in Chief.

**9.2** Where a third party bears the cost of travel, accommodation or event access for a Tech Revolt journalist, this shall be disclosed on any resulting Editorial Content. Acceptance is conditional on Tech Revolt remaining free to report, or not report, as it sees fit.

## 10. Classification of Content

**10.1** All Editorial Content is classified as one of the following:

- **News:** factual reporting of events and developments

- **Analysis:** reporting accompanied by interpretation of its significance
- **Byline:** an article written by a named contributor, whose views do not necessarily represent the position of Tech Revolt
- **Interview:** a conversation with a named individual, with questions determined by the editorial team
- **Exclusive:** original reporting or information first published by Tech Revolt

## 11. Disclosure

**11.1** Where Editorial Content concerns an event or organisation with which Tech Revolt holds a media partnership, the following statement shall be appended:

> *Tech Revolt is a media partner of [name]. The partner had no input into this article.*

## 12. Concerns and Breaches

**12.1** Concerns regarding compliance with this Policy may be submitted to hello@techrevolt.org with the subject line "Editorial Concern" and will be reviewed promptly. This Policy applies equally to everyone at Tech Revolt, including the Editor in Chief and the Managing Director; no concern shall be handled by the person it concerns, and swift action shall be taken where a breach is established.

## 13. Review and Amendment

**13.1** This Policy is reviewed annually. Tech Revolt reserves the right to amend it at any time; the current version is published on this page.