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SECURITIES EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA

1. New format of Abridged Prospectus for public issues of Non-Convertible Debt Securities and/or Non-convertible Redeemable Preference Shares

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) issued a new circular on September 4, 2023, with significant implications for issuers and investors alike. The circular introduces a new format for the abridged prospectus accompanying public issues of non-convertible debt securities and non-convertible redeemable preference shares. Aimed at simplifying and clarifying disclosures, this revision has various components that stakeholders should be aware of

You can access the circular here:

<https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/sep-2023/new-format-of-abridged-prospectus-for-public-issues-of-non-convertible-debt-securities-and-or-non-convertible-redeemable-preference-shares-76430.html>

2. Change in mode of payment w.r.t. SEBI Investor Protection and Education Fund Bank A/c

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has issued a new circular dated September 4, 2023, outlining important changes in the mode of payment with respect to the SEBI Investor Protection and Education Fund (IPEF). The circular aims to streamline the payment process, offering multiple payment options and ensuring greater ease for market participants.

You can access the circular here:

<https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/sep-2023/change-in-mode-of-payment-w-r-t-sebi-investor-protection-and-education-fund-bank-a-c-76474.html>

3. Mechanism for Sharing of Information by Credit Rating Agencies (CRAs) to Debenture Trustees (DTs)

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has recently released Circular No. SEBI/HO/DDHS/DDHS-POD2/P/CIR/2023/151 dated September 4, 2023. This circular addresses the mechanism for the sharing of information by Credit Rating Agencies (CRAs) to Debenture Trustees (DTs). The aim is to enhance the efficiency and accessibility of data sharing while ensuring compliance with the SEBI (Credit Rating Agencies) Regulations, 1999.

You can access the circular here:

<https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/sep-2023/mechanism-for-sharing-of-information-by-credit-rating-agencies-cras-to-debenture-trustees-dts-76476.html>

4. Clarification regarding investment of Mutual Fund schemes in units of Corporate Debt Market Development Fund

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has issued a new circular, dated September 6, 2023, that provides clarification on mutual fund investments in the Corporate Debt Market Development Fund (CDMDF). The circular responds to a previous request from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) regarding asset allocation limits. This article aims to provide a detailed analysis of the implications of this circular for Asset Management Companies (AMCs), Trustee Companies, and mutual fund investors.

You can access the circular here:

https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/sep-2023/clarification-regarding-investment-of-mutual-fund-schemes-in-units-of-corporate-debt-market-development-fund_76511.html

5. Board nomination rights to unitholders of Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs)

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has recently issued Circular No. SEBI/HO/DDHS-PoD-2/P/CIR/2023/153 on September 11, 2023. This circular addresses the significant topic of board nomination rights granted to Unitholders of Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) in India. The circular aims to provide clarity on the regulations governing this important aspect of InvIT management.

You can access the circular here:

<https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/sep-2023/board-nomination-rights-to-unitholders-of-infrastructure-investment-trusts-invits-76708.html>

6. Board nomination rights to unitholders of Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has released Circular No. SEBI/HO/DDHS-PoD-2/P/CIR/2023/154 on September 11, 2023, introducing significant changes in the Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) regulations. This circular grants board nomination rights to unitholders holding a minimum of ten percent of the total outstanding units of the REIT. In this article, we will delve into the details of this circular, including the conditions for nomination, the nomination process, and the implications for REIT governance.

You can access the circular here:

<https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/sep-2023/board-nomination-rights-to-unitholders-of-real-estate-investment-trusts-reits-76709.html>

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

1. Reserve Bank of India and Bank for International Settlements announce winners of G20 TechSprint 2023

Under India's G20 Presidency, RBI and BIS Innovation Hub (BISIH) of the Bank for International Settlements had launched the fourth edition of the G20 TechSprint on [May 4, 2023](#) and invited global innovators to help develop technology solutions for cross-border payments.

TechSprint 2023 received an enthusiastic response with 93 proposals submitted across the three problem statements by teams from Australia, Canada, Germany, India, Indonesia, Sweden, Singapore, UK and USA, among others.

Seven teams were shortlisted for each of the three problem statements and were allotted six-week time for development of the proposed solution.

The final evaluation was held during September 03-04, 2023 in Mumbai during which, the 21 shortlisted teams demonstrated their solutions to an independent panel of [judges](#). The panel of judges selected one team each as the winner for each of the three problem statements. The three winning teams were awarded a prize money of INR 4 million each and were felicitated by Governor Shri Shaktikanta Das at a function held in Mumbai on September 4, 2023.

You can access the result of TechSprint 2023 here:

https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=56315

2. Incremental Cash Reserve Ratio (I-CRR): Review

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) vide press release dated 08th September 2023, In pursuance of [Governor's Monetary Policy Statement of August 10, 2023](#), scheduled banks were required to maintain an incremental cash reserve ratio (I-CRR) of 10 per cent on the increase in their net demand and time liabilities (NDTL) between May 19, 2023 and July 28, 2023. The measure was intended to absorb the surplus liquidity generated by various factors, including the return of ₹2000 notes to the banking system. On a review, it has been decided to discontinue the I-CRR in a phased manner.

You can access the press release here:

https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=56336

3. Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 - Section 42(1A)- Requirement for maintaining additional CRR

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) vide notification dated 08th September 2023, As announced in the [RBI Press Release dated September 08, 2023](#), on a review, it has been decided to discontinue the incremental CRR (I-CRR) in a phased manner. Based on an assessment of current and evolving liquidity conditions, it has been decided that the amounts impounded under the I-CRR would be released in stages so that system liquidity is not subjected to sudden shocks and money markets function in an orderly manner.

You can access the notification here:

<https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12533&Mode=0>

4. Operation of Pre-Sanctioned Credit Lines at Banks through Unified Payments Interface (UPI)

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) vide notification dated 04th September 2023, expanded the scope of UPI by inclusion of credit lines as a funding account. Under this facility, payments through a pre-sanctioned credit line issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank to individuals, with prior consent of the individual customer, are enabled for transactions

using the UPI System. Banks may, as per their Board approved policy, stipulate terms and conditions of use of such credit lines. The terms may include, among other items, credit limit, period of credit, rate of interest, etc.

You can access the notification here:

<https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12532&Mode=0>

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