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CEREMONIOUS INAUGURATION OF OUR NEW MUMBAI CORPORATE OFFICE



Dear Reader & Well-wishers,

It is with great pleasure and gratitude we inform you! that our Mumbai Corporate office has shifted from Windsor, Santa Cruz to Peninsula Business Park, Lower Parel. This shift marks the Milestone of Success for our entire team because it replicates and symbolizes our Growth and Success as we embark on this new journey with increased Team Strength, full of enthusiasm and bliss. Your kind blessings along with your support have helped us come this far, we've not only grown in our business numbers and team strength but also moved to a bigger workspace with enormous facilities.

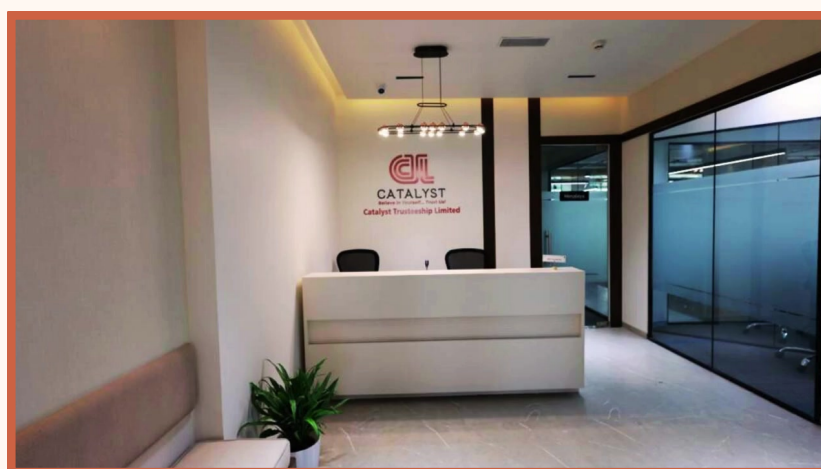
"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." – Phil Jackson

As rightly said by Phil Jackson, we at Catalyst are firm believers of Team Spirit, thus we've worked hard and expanded our team which in turn helps us to expand our business and multiply our growth, along with helping us to assure the best client satisfaction as the core value of our service. With increased manpower, we aim to extend our service to your borrowing programs by offering 14 varied end-to-end servicing products, adding "Family office Trustee" and "Corporate Services Provider" to our scope! with this, we embark on the journey of these 2 new products.

Speaking of our new workspace, our office is located at the heart of Mumbai - South Bombay, We're located at '901, 9th Floor, Tower-B, Peninsula Business Park, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (W), Mumbai-400013'. Our office is 12,000 square feet wide, with better facilities and amenities for the utmost satisfaction of our employees, we've also created a gaming zone room named "Recreation Room" as a stress buster for employees to relax between the workload and juggling between the deadlines. It also comprises of cosy corners – to sit on the couch, relax and work with a great view! Other than that we have multiple meeting rooms, a cafeteria, a restroom – for employees to relax and have a quick recovery nap when sick, and a TV Screen – especially for Current Market Updates and for screening Live games.

As we embark on this new chapter, we would like to take this opportunity to especially Thank each and every one of our clients from the bottom of our hearts for their good wishes and for paying a visit and gracing our workplace with your presence. This all couldn't have been possible without your support.

Here's a Glimpse of our New Corporate office in a nutshell: <https://screenpal.com/watch/c0XYiuVGGqw>.



Lastly, Cheers to the New Beginnings!!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH:

Security Trustee deals:

Sector	No. of Transaction	Facility Amount (Cr.)
Infrastructure Sector	06	11549.75
Renewable Sector	18	7630.63
NBFC	10	3423
Real Estate	2	178
Others	7	4370
Grand Total	43	27151.38

Debenture Trustee deals:

Sector	No. of Transaction	Facility Amount (Cr.)
NBFC	33	2987.67
Infra & Real estate	8	8295
Mobility & Tech	7	525
Banking & Finance	4	3606
Manufacturing	2	170
Others	3	599.8
Grand Total	57	16183.47

Securitization deals:

Asset Class	No. of Deals	Pool Size in (Cr.)
Commercial Vehicle Loans	1	97
Loan Against Property	1	121
Microfinance Loans	5	912
MSME	6	316
Personal Loans	4	337
Secured Business Loans	1	43
Tractor Loans	1	412
Unsecured Business Loan	1	92
Grand Total	20	2330

Other deals:

Category	No. of Deals	Issue Size in Crores
AIF Domestic	5	4850
AIF Gift City	1	83
Escrow	1	400
Grand Total	7	5333

CIRCULAR AND AMENDMENT ISSUED BY THE MARKET REGULATOR SEBI:

Procedural framework for dealing with unclaimed amounts lying with entities having listed non-convertible securities and manner of claiming such amounts by investors (Effective Date - March 1, 2024) – dated 8th November, 2023.

Below are the key important highlights of the SEBI Circular:

- **Regulation 61A (2) of LODR Regulations:** This regulation requires listed entities to transfer unclaimed interest, dividend, or redemption amounts to an Escrow Account if not claimed within 30 days from the due date of payment. SEBI aims to streamline this process to ensure uniformity.
- **Standardized Framework:** To address the need for a standardized approach, SEBI has introduced a framework for the transfer of unclaimed amounts by listed entities to Escrow Accounts and the subsequent claim process by investors. This framework is detailed in Annex – A of the circular.
- **Transfer to Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF):** The circular also addresses the transfer of unclaimed amounts remaining unclaimed for seven years to the 'Investor Education and Protection Fund' (IEPF) for listed entities that are companies (As per Section 125 of the Companies Act 2013) . For listed entities that are not companies, the 'Investor Protection and Education Fund' (IPEF) is used.
- **Amendments to IPEF Regulations:** Necessary amendments were made to the SEBI (Investor Protection and Education Fund) Regulations, 2009, to define how unclaimed amounts in the Escrow Accounts of listed entities that are not companies are to be handled and transferred to IPEF. The circular includes this as Annex – B.
- **Claim Procedure:** A clear policy has been outlined for investors to file claims for their unclaimed amounts, specifying the format, procedure, documentation, and timelines for claim submission.
- **Role of Nodal Officer:** Each listed entity is required to designate a Nodal Officer to act as a point of contact for investors and regulatory bodies. Their name and contact details must be displayed on the entity's website.
- **Information Transparency:** Listed entities must provide a search facility on their websites to allow investors to check if they have any unclaimed amounts. Investors can search based on various criteria like PAN and date of birth or name and Depository Participant Identification.
- **Processing of Claims:** The circular defines the process for listed entities to verify claims, request additional information if needed, and remit payments to investors within a specified timeframe.
- **Record Maintenance:** Listed entities are required to preserve information related to unclaimed amounts, and this information must be made available upon request by SEBI.
- **Compliance and Awareness:** Recognized Stock Exchanges, Issuers, and Depositories are directed to comply with the circular, disseminate its provisions on website, and create awareness among investors.

Learn more: https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/nov-2023/procedural-framework-for-dealing-with-unclaimed-amounts-lying-with-entities-having-listed-non-convertible-securities-and-manner-of-claiming-such-amounts-by-investors_78988.html

Procedural framework for dealing with unclaimed amounts lying with Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and manner of claiming such amounts by unitholders (Effective Date - March 1, 2024) – dated 8th November, 2023.

Below are the key important highlights of the SEBI Circular:

The circular states a framework defining the procedure to be followed by an InvITs for transfer of unclaimed amounts which shall be initially to an Escrow Account and subsequently, to the Investor Protection and Education Fund ('IPEF') and claim thereof by a unitholder.

Such procedure is provided in Annexure A of the Circular and the same is given two parts as mentioned below:

Part I: InvITs having unclaimed amounts for less than 7 years, as on February 29, 2024, shall start computing interest from March 1, 2024

Part II: InvITs having unclaimed amounts for more than 7 years, as on February 29, 2024, shall transfer the unclaimed amounts of the unitholders to IPEF on or before March 1, 2024.

Learn more: https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/nov-2023/procedural-framework-for-dealing-with-unclaimed-amounts-lying-with-infrastructure-investment-trusts-invits-and-manner-of-claiming-such-amounts-by-unitholders_78990.html

SEBI's Press Release dated 25th November 2023, based on their 203rd Board Meeting.

SEBI came up with a few amendments & regulatory frameworks concerning fractional ownership of realty, made amends in the regulation of AIFs, ease of compliance & investor protection, regulatory framework for index providers, etc.

Mentioned below are the key highlights of the Board Meeting Press Release:

- Facilitation of Small & Medium REITs ("SM REITs") - Amendments to SEBI (Real Estate Investment Trusts) Regulations, 2014 ("REIT Regulations") for creation of new regulatory framework.
 - Amendment to SEBI (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2012, to facilitate ease of compliance and strengthen protection of interest of investors in Alternative Investment Funds
1. Dematerialization Requirement: Fresh AIF investments after September 2024 must be held in dematerialized form.
 2. Custodian Mandate Extension: Mandate for the appointment of a custodian extended to all AIFs, subject to conditions.

Learn more: https://www.sebi.gov.in/media-and-notifications/press-releases/nov-2023/sebi-board-meeting_79337.html

Consultation Paper on changes in the regulatory framework for Special Situation Funds, a sub-category of Category I Alternative Investment Funds, necessary to facilitate Special Situation Funds to acquire stressed loans in terms of Reserve Bank of India (Transfer of Loan Exposures) Directions, 2021- dated 28th November, 2023.

In this regard, please find below the proposals wherein the AIF Regulations may be suitably amended specifically:

- Definition of 'Special Situation Asset' - The term 'available for acquisition' may be replaced by the term 'are acquired' in the definition of SSFs and it has been clarified that SSFs having prior investment in securities of stressed companies shall not be disqualified / barred from acquiring stressed loans of the companies.
- Eligibility of investors in SSFs in terms of Section 29A of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 ('IBC') - SSFs shall not invest in or acquire a special situation asset if any of its investors is disqualified in terms of Section 29A of IBC in relation to such SSF.
- Restrictions with regard to investment in connected entities - Regulation 19M(1) of AIF Regulations may be amended to specify that SSFs shall not invest in its 'related parties', wherein related party shall have same meaning as given in Companies Act, 2013.
- Minimum holding period and subsequent transfer of loans - SSF shall sell stressed loans, acquired in terms of Clause 58 of RBI Master Directions, only to the entities enlisted in the Annexure of RBI Master Directions.
- Monitoring of SSFs - In respect of stressed loans acquired in terms of Clause 58 of RBI Master Directions, SSFs shall submit to a trade reporting platform notified by RBI, any information as may be specified by SEBI in consultation with RBI from time to time. Also, SSFs shall submit to RBI any information as may be required by RBI. In respect of all investments in stressed loans acquired under Clause 58 of RBI Master Directions, information required by SSFs on the aforesaid trade reporting platform notified by RBI shall be specified by way of issuance of circular.
- Supervision of SSFs - SSFs who have acquired stressed loans in terms of Clause 58 of RBI Master Directions shall be subject to a dedicated supervisory framework as may be specified by SEBI, in consultation with RBI, from time to time.

Please note that the comments for aforesaid proposals shall be sent to SEBI officials latest by December 27, 2023

Learn more: https://www.sebi.gov.in/reports-and-statistics/reports/nov-2023/consultation-paper-on-changes-in-the-regulatory-framework-for-special-situation-funds-a-sub-category-of-category-i-alternative-investment-funds-necessary-to-facilitate-special-situation-funds-to-acq-_79425.html



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