

# PGIM INDIA MUTUAL FUND

# STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (SAI)

| Name of the Mutual Fund                   | PGIM India Mutual Fund   |  |  |  |
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| Name of the Asset Management Company      | PGIM India Asset Management Private<br>Limited<br>CIN: U74900MH2008FTC187029   |  |  |  |
| Name of the Trustee Company               | PGIM India Trustees Private Limited<br>CIN - U67190MH2009FTC193009   |  |  |  |
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This Statement of Additional Information (SAI) contains details of PGIM India Mutual Fund, its constitution, and certain tax, legal and general information. It is incorporated by reference (is legally a part of the Scheme Information Document).

This SAI is dated October 25, 2024.



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# I. INFORMATION ABOUT SPONSOR, AMC AND TRUSTEE COMPANIES

# A. Constitution of Mutual Fund

PGIM India Mutual Fund (the "**Mutual Fund**") has been constituted as a Trust in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Trusts Act, 1882 with Prudential Financial, Inc. ("**PFI**") as the sponsor and PGIM India Trustees Private Limited (the "**Trustee**") as the trustee. The Trust Deed dated July 28, 2009 has been registered under the Indian Registration Act, 1908, as amended by the first Deed of Amendment dated April 20, 2010 and by the second Deed of Amendment dated September 18, 2015 and by third Deed of Amendment dated August 02, 2019. The Mutual Fund has been registered with SEBI on May 13, 2010 under Registration Code MF/065/10/02.

PFI of the United States is not affiliated with Prudential plc, which is headquartered in the United Kingdom or with Prudential Assurance Company, a subsidiary of M&G plc, incorporated in the United Kingdom.

### **B.** Sponsor

PGIM India Mutual Fund is sponsored by PFI (<u>www.prudential.com</u>), a company incorporated, with its principal place of business in the United States of America (Sponsor). PFI is the settler of the Mutual Fund trust. PFI has entrusted a sum of Rs. 100,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) to the Trustee as the initial contribution towards the corpus of the Mutual Fund. The Sponsor shall be responsible for discharging its functions and responsibilities towards the Mutual Fund in accordance with SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996, and the various constitutive documents of the Mutual Fund.

PFI of the United States one of the largest investment managers worldwide with USD 1.5 trillion assets under management as of March 31, 2024 with operations in the United States, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. PFI's diverse and talented pool of employees are committed to helping individual and institutional customers grow and protect their wealth through a variety of products and services, including life insurance, annuities, retirement-related services, mutual funds and investment management. In the U.S., PFI's iconic rock symbol has stood for strength, stability, expertise and innovation for more than a century. For more information, please visit <u>https://news.prudential.com</u> (you may refer to Factsheet attached for reference). <u>https://news.prudential.com/files/fact\_sheets/earnings-fact-sheet\_1q24\_final.pdf</u>

PGIM is the asset management business of Prudential Financial Inc with USD 1.34 trillion in assets under management as of March 31, 2024. (PFI). PFI has a history that dates back over 145 years and through more than 30 market cycles. Built on a foundation of strength, stability and disciplined risk management, our firm is comprised of autonomous asset management businesses, each specializing in a particular asset class across public and private markets with a focused investment approach. PGIM has its presence across 19 countries through 41 office locations with over 1,400+ investment professionals. For more information, please visit https://www.pgim.com/overview

Financial Performance of the PFI during the past three years (as on Dec 31) is as follows:

| Particulars                    | 2023   | 2022   | 2021   |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Net Worth (in USD Millions)    | 27,820 | 16,250 | 61,876 |
| Total Income (in USD Millions) | 53,979 | 60,050 | 70,934 |



| Profit after tax (in USD Millions)        | 2,488 | (1,438) | 7,724   |
|---|-------|---------|---------|
| Assets Under Management (in USD Millions) | 1,450 | 1,377.3 | 1,742.3 |

# C. The Trustee

PGIM India Trustees Private Limited (the "**Trustee**"), through its Board of Directors, shall discharge its obligations as trustee of PGIM India Mutual Fund. The Trustee ensures that the transactions entered into by PGIM India Asset Management Private Limited (the "**AMC**") are in accordance with the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996, and will also review the activities carried on by the AMC.

# **Details of Trustee Directors:**

| Name  | Age         | Educational  | Brief Experience   |
|---|-------------|--|--|
|   |             | Qualifications   |  |
| <b>Mr. Sopun Leng</b><br>(Associate<br>Director)      | 44<br>years | Bachelor of<br>Business  | <ul> <li>Mr. Sopun Leng is the Head of Global Risk Management<br/>for PGIM Investments providing risk guidance and<br/>expertise across their global business.</li> <li>He has 18 years of Risk experience with a broad range of<br/>risk knowledge in implementing, developing and<br/>maintaining risk frameworks.</li> <li>Previously he was the Head of Risk Management for<br/>Alliance Bernstein in EMEA and also served with<br/>Vanguard Asset Management and Northern Trust Global<br/>Investments. Contributions to the UK industry include<br/>acting as Chair of the Business Enterprise Risk Committee<br/>and a member of their Climate Change Working Group<br/>with the Investment Association, and member of the<br/>Climate Financial Risk Forum (CFRF) Risk Management<br/>Group. He also Chairs Emeritus of the GARP European<br/>Buy-Side Risk Managers Forum. He holds a Bachelor of<br/>Business degree with a double major in Accounting and<br/>Marketing.</li> </ul> |
| Mr. Sidhartha<br>Pradhan<br>(Independent<br>Director) | 72<br>years | B.A. (Hons.),<br>M.A. (JNU),<br>LL.B (Utkal<br>University), M.<br>Phil (JNU), MBA<br>(University of<br>HULL, England). | <ul> <li>Mr. Pradhan joined the Indian Revenue Service in 1977<br/>batch. His last posting was as Vice Chairman, Income Tax<br/>Settlement Commission, Additional Bench-1, New Delhi<br/>from June 22, 2012 till June 11, 2014. His previous<br/>posting in Central Government was as Additional<br/>Secretary, Department of Disinvestment in the Ministry of<br/>Finance.</li> <li>He has worked in various capacities, both in Central<br/>Government and Government of Orissa. He has worked as<br/>Additional Commissioner and Commissioner, Income Tax<br/>(Central), Delhi. He also worked as Secretary, Public<br/>Enterprises, Government of Orissa from 1995-2000 and as</li> </ul>  |



|   |             |                         | <ul> <li>Special Secretary (Commerce), Government of Orissa. He has worked as Additional Secretary, Special Secretary and Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises, Government of Orissa from April, 1991 to July, 2000. He was nominated as a Member of the Task Force constituted by Government of Orissa for restructuring the Power Sector in 1992.</li> <li>Between 2007 to 2012, he was on Central Deputation where he worked as Joint Secretary and Additional Secretary as also the Chief Vigilance Officer, Department of Disinvestment and was in-charge of various disinvestment transactions in CPSEs like NTPC, REC, PGCIL, NHPC, SJVNL, OIL and ONGC, which were very successfully completed.</li> <li>He has also served as President of the Indian Revenue Service Association (Income Tax), All India Body, for two consecutive terms. He has also held the post of Vice-Chairman, Income Tax Settlement Commission.</li> <li>He has worked as Member of the High Level Committee, appointed by the Finance Minister, to interact with Trade and Industry on Tax Laws.</li> </ul>  |
|---|-------------|-------------------------|--|
| Mr. Sivaraman<br>Narayanaswami<br>(Independent<br>Director) | 66<br>years | Chartered<br>Accountant | <ul> <li>Mr. Sivaraman is seasoned business leader with a 34 year track record with the L&amp;T Group, most recently (till April 2016) as President and Whole Time Director with L&amp;T Finance Holdings (LTFH). Mr. Sivaraman's range of accomplishments centre on leading a small company or platforms through transformational growth into admirable organisations and providing exceptional leadership to produce differentiated outcomes.</li> <li>He joined LTFH in 2006 when the balance sheet was below Rs 3000 crore with PAT below Rs 30 crore. Balance sheet grew to Rs 57000 cr and PAT of Rs 857 crore by March 2016 by widening and deepening the offerings. He led its inorganic expansion into housing, two wheelers and asset management businesses – all of which have grown in size and profits on his watch.</li> <li>Key transactions include the acquisition of Fidelity's domestic mutual fund and building it into a Rs 25,000 crore AMC with 40% of assets in equity by April 2016 by integrating the organisation as well finding new leadership. L&amp;T Finance started out with 600 employees, it had around 12,000 employees by April 2016. As part of expanding the scope of offerings, infrastructure lending and wealth management business were also added and</li> </ul> |



|   |             |  | He spearheaded LTFH's listing in 2011. Whilst at L&T in<br>the period immediately before joining LTFH, Mr.<br>Sivaraman handled M&A and IR (2000-2006) led the<br>demerger of cement business and subsequent acquisition<br>by Grasim, including the buyout of Grasim's stake in<br>L&T by an innovatively funded Employee Welfare Trust.<br>As Treasurer between 1995-2000, he executed the<br>acquisition of Narmada Cement, structured L&T's first<br>BOOT financing and eventual profitable exit and<br>structuring and raising debt from capita markets for a<br>BOLT project. Earlier he held assorted roles heading<br>accounts in several L&T businesses and sales regions.  |
|---|-------------|--|--|
| Mr. Arvind<br>Ramesh<br>(Independent<br>Director) | 41<br>years | Bachelor of Law<br>(B.A. BL (Hons.),<br>from NALSAR of<br>University of Law,<br>Hyderabad. | <ul> <li>Mr. Arvind is a corporate lawyer with two decades of experience.</li> <li>He has specialized in financial services advising asset management companies, insurance companies, banks and non-banking financial institutions on regulatory matters, M&amp;A transactions, distribution, intermediation and complex litigation.</li> <li>He has spent a considerable portion of his career with AZB &amp; Partners, a leading Indian law firm. He has represented clients before the Telangana High Court on various corporate commercial and civil matters during the early years of his career and has a working knowledge of taxes, having spent four years with KPMG and Deloitte. He is widely recognised by publications such as IBLJ, RSG, Chambers and IFLR1000 as a leading transactional and regulatory lawyer in India.</li> <li>Mr. Arvind is currently a Designated Partner in Vritti Law Partners LLP- Mumbai.</li> </ul> |

### **Responsibilities and Duties of the Trustees:**

Pursuant to SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996, and the Trust Deed constituting the Mutual Fund, the duties and responsibilities of the Trustees are as follows:

- (1) The trustees and the Asset Management Company (AMC) shall with the prior approval of SEBI enter into an investment management agreement.
- (2) The investment management agreement shall contain such clauses as are mentioned in the Fourth Schedule of SEBI (Mutual Fund) Regulations, 1996 and such other clauses as are necessary for the purpose of making investments.
- (3) The trustees shall have a right to obtain from the AMC such information as is considered necessary by the trustees.



- (4) The trustees shall ensure that an AMC has been diligent in empanelling the brokers, in monitoring securities transactions with brokers and avoiding undue concentration of business with any broker.
- (5) The trustees shall ensure that the AMC has not given any undue or unfair advantage to any associates or dealt with any of the associates of the AMC in any manner detrimental to interest of the unitholders.
- (6) The trustees shall ensure that the transactions entered into by the AMC are in accordance with the regulations and the scheme.
- (7) The trustees shall ensure that the AMC has been managing the mutual fund schemes independently of other activities and have taken adequate steps to ensure that the interest of investors of one scheme are not being compromised with those of any other scheme or of other activities of the AMC.
- (8) The trustees shall ensure that all the activities of the AMC are in accordance with the provisions of the regulations of SEBI.
- (9) Where the trustees have reason to believe that the conduct of business of the mutual fund is not in accordance with the regulations of SEBI and the scheme, they shall forthwith take such remedial steps as are necessary by them and shall immediately inform SEBI of the violation and the action taken by them.
- (10) Each trustee shall file the details of his transactions of dealing in securities with the Mutual Fund on a quarterly basis.
- (11) The trustees shall be accountable for, and be the custodian of, the funds and property of the respective schemes and shall hold the same in trust for the benefit of the unitholders in accordance with the regulations of SEBI and the provisions of trust deed.
- (12) The trustees shall take steps to ensure that the transactions of the mutual fund are in accordance with the provisions of the trust deed.
- (13) The trustees shall be responsible for the calculation of any income due to be paid to the mutual fund and also of any income received in the mutual fund for the holders of the units of any scheme in accordance with the regulations of SEBI and the trust deed.
- (14) The trustees shall obtain the consent of the unitholders -
  - (a) whenever required to do so by SEBI in the interest of the unitholders; or
  - (b) whenever required to do so on the requisition made by three-fourths of the unitholders of any scheme; or
  - (c) when the majority of the trustees decide to wind up a scheme in terms of clause (a) of sub regulation (2) of regulation 39 or prematurely redeem the units of a close ended scheme.
  - (15) Trustees shall ensure that no change in the fundamental attributes of any scheme, the fees, and expenses payable or any other change which would modify the scheme and



affect the interest of the unit holders is carried out by the asset management company, unless it complies with the requirements specified under SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996.

- (16) The trustees shall call for the details of transactions in securities by the key personnel of the AMC in his own name or on behalf of the AMC and shall report to SEBI, as and when required.
- (17) The trustees shall quarterly review all transactions carried out between the mutual funds, AMC and its associates.
- (18) The trustees shall quarterly review the net worth of the AMC and in case of any shortfall, ensure that the AMC make up for the shortfall as per clause (f) of sub regulation (1) of regulation 21 of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations.
- (19) The trustees shall periodically review all service contracts such as custody arrangements, transfer agency of the securities and satisfy itself that such contracts are executed in the interest of the unitholders.
- (20) The trustees shall ensure that there is no conflict of interest between the manner of deployment of its net worth by the AMC and the interest of the unitholders.
- (21) The trustees shall periodically review the investor complaints received and the redressal of the same by the AMC.
- (22) The trustees shall abide by the Code of Conduct as specified in the Fifth Schedule of the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations.
- (23) The trustees shall furnish to SEBI on a half yearly basis, -
  - (a) a report on the activities of the mutual fund;
  - (b) a certificate stating that the trustees have satisfied themselves that there have been no instances of self-dealing or front running by any of the trustees, directors and key personnel of the AMC;
  - (c) a certificate to the effect that the AMC has been managing the schemes independently of any other activities and in case any activities of the nature referred to in sub-regulation (2) of regulation 24 have been undertaken by the AMC, adequate steps to ensure that the interest of the unitholders are protected.
- (24) The independent trustees referred to in sub regulation (5) of regulation 16 shall give their comments on the report received from the AMC regarding the investments by the mutual fund in the securities of group companies of the sponsor.
- (25) Trustees shall exercise due diligence as under:

#### I. General Due Diligence:

(i) The Trustees shall be discerning in the appointment of the directors on the Board of the AMC.



- (ii)Trustees shall review the desirability of continuance of the AMC if substantial irregularities are observed in any of the schemes and shall not allow the AMC to float new schemes.
- (iii) The trustee shall ensure that the trust property is properly protected, held and administered by proper persons and by a proper number of such persons.
- (iv) The trustee shall ensure that all service providers are holding appropriate registrations from SEBI or concerned regulatory authority.
- (v)The Trustees shall arrange for test checks of service contracts.
- (vi) Trustees shall immediately report to SEBI of any special developments in the Mutual Fund.

#### **II. Specific Due Diligence:**

The Trustees shall:

- (i) obtain internal audit reports at regular intervals from independent auditors appointed by the Trustees.
- (ii)obtain compliance certificates at regular intervals from the AMC.
- (iii) hold meeting of trustees at least once in two calendar months and at least six such meetings shall be held in every year.
- (iv) consider the reports of the independent auditor and compliance reports of AMC at the meetings of trustees for appropriate action.
- (v)maintain records of the decisions of the Trustees at their meetings and of the minutes of the meetings.
- (vi) prescribe and adhere to a code of ethics by the Trustees, AMC and its personnel.
- (vii) communicate in writing to the AMC of the deficiencies and checking on the rectification of deficiencies.

### **III.** Core responsibilities

- i. As per Regulation 18(25)(C) of MF Regulations, the Trustees shall exercise due diligence on such matters as may be specified by the SEBI from time to time. In terms of the said Regulation 18 (25)(C), the Trustees shall exercise independent due diligence on certain "core responsibilities", which are specified as under:
  - 1. The Trustees shall ensure the fairness of the fees and expenses charged by the AMCs.
  - 2. The Trustees shall review the performance of AMC in its schemes vis-à-vis



performance of peers or the appropriate benchmarks.

- 3. The Trustees shall ensure that the AMCs have put in place adequate systems to prevent mis-selling to increase assets under their management and valuation of the AMCs.
- 4. The Trustees shall ensure that operations of AMCs are not unduly influenced by the AMCs Sponsor, its associates and other stakeholders of AMCs.
- 5. The Trustees shall ensure that undue or unfair advantage is not given by AMCs to any of their associates/group entities.
- 6. The Trustees shall be responsible to address conflicts of interest, if any, between the shareholders/stakeholders/associates of the AMCs and unitholders.
- 7. The Trustees shall ensure that the AMC has put in place adequate systems to prevent misconduct including market abuse/misuse of information by the employees, AMC and connected entities of the AMCs.
- ii. The Trustees shall take steps to ensure that there are system level checks in place at AMCs' end to prevent fraudulent transactions including front running by employees, form splitting/ mis-selling by distributors etc. The Trustees shall review such checks periodically.
- iii. The Trustees and their resource persons shall independently evaluate the extent of compliance by AMCs *vis-à-vis* the identified key areas and not merely rely on AMCs' submissions /external assurances.
- iv. AMCs shall put in place suitable mechanisms/systems to generate system based information/data/reports for evaluation and effective due diligence by the Trustees. AMCs shall provide alerts based automated reports to the Trustees as may be required by the Trustees.
- v. The Trustees shall ensure that suitable mechanisms/systems are put in place by the AMCs to generate system based information/data/reports for evaluation and effective due diligence by the Trustees. The Trustees shall also ensure that the AMCs periodically review such systems.
- vi. AMCs shall submit exception reports/analytical information to the Trustees, that add value to the process of exercising their oversight role. The Trustees shall evaluate the nature and adequacy of the alerts and the manner of dealing with such alerts by AMCs.
- vii. The Trustees shall require the AMCs to furnish, in a true and fair manner, reports and alerts based on pre-decided parameters including but not limited to the areas specified as core responsibilities for taking appropriate action.



- viii. The Trustees shall periodically review the steps taken by AMCs for folios which do not contain all the Know Your Client (KYC) attributes / updated KYC attributes and ensure that the AMCs take remedial steps necessary for updating the KYC attributes especially pertaining to bank details, PAN, mobile phone number.
- (26) The independent directors of the trustees or AMC shall pay specific attention to the following, as may be applicable, namely:-
  - (i) the Investment Management Agreement and the compensation paid under the agreement.
  - (ii) service contracts with affiliates whether the AMC has charged higher fees than outside contractors for the same services.
  - (iii) selection of the AMC's independent directors
  - (iv) securities transactions involving affiliates to the extent such transactions are permitted.
  - (v) selecting and nominating individuals to fill independent directors vacancies.
  - (vi) code of ethics must be designed to prevent fraudulent, deceptive or manipulative practices by insiders in connection with personal securities transactions.
  - (vii) the reasonableness of fees paid to sponsor, AMC and any others for services provided.
  - (viii)principal underwriting contracts and their renewals.
  - (ix) any service contract with the associates of the AMC.
- (27) In carrying out their responsibilities, each member of the Board of Directors of Trustee Company shall maintain arms' length relationship with other companies, or institutions or financial intermediaries or any-body corporate with which he may be associated in any capacity.
- (28) No trustee shall participate in the meetings of the Board of Directors of the Trustee Company or in any decision making process for any investment in which he may be deemed to be interested.
- (29) All members of the Board of Directors of the Trustee Company shall furnish to SEBI and Trustee Company, the interest which they may have in any other company, or institution or financial intermediary or anybody corporate by virtue of his position as director, partner or with which he may be associated in any other capacity.
- (30) The Trustee shall at no time acquire any asset out of the Trust Property, which involves the assumption of any liability which is unlimited or results in encumbrance of the Trust Property in any way, except to the extent permitted by the SEBI Regulations.
- (31) The trustee shall act in the interest of the unitholders.



- (32) It shall be the duty of the Trustee to provide or cause to provide information to the unit holders and SEBI as may be required by SEBI from time to time.
- (33) The Trustee shall take reasonable care to ensure that the funds under various Schemes floated, are managed by the AMC in accordance with the Trust Deed and SEBI Regulations.
- (34) The Trustee have powers to dismiss the AMC under the specific events with the prior approval of the SEBI in accordance with the regulations.
- (35) The Trustee shall not acquire nor allow the AMC to acquire any assets out of the Trust Fund and/or unit capital which involves the assumption of unlimited liability or results in the encumbrances of Trust Fund and/or unit capital in any way.
- (36) No amendments to the Trust Deed shall be carried out without the prior approval of SEBI and unit holder's approval would be obtained where it affects the interest of Unit holders.
- (37) The Trustees shall appoint statutory auditors to verify the books of accounts and to ascertain the true and fair representation of the state of affairs as on a particular day and to ascertain profit or loss of the Mutual Fund, as at the end of the financial year.
- (38) Trustee Fees and Expenses- In accordance with the Deed of Trust constituting the Mutual Fund, the Trustee shall be entitled to a fee equal to 1% of the weekly average NAV of the relevant scheme. The Trustee is also entitled to the reimbursement of all costs, charges and expenses incurred in or for the effective discharge of its obligations and responsibilities towards the Trust. The reimbursements would always be to the extent permitted under the regulations.
- (39) **Supervisory Role of the Trustee:** The supervisory role of Trustee will be discharged inter alia by reviewing the information and operations of the Mutual Fund based on the internal audit reports/compliance reports received on a periodical basis. The Compliance Officer has direct reporting line to the Board of Directors of the Trustee. The Board meeting of the Trustee shall be held at least once in every two calendar months and at least six such meetings shall be held in every year or at such frequency as may be prescribed under the Regulations. The Board Meeting of the Trustee has been held six times during the last financial year. Further, the quorum for a Board meeting of the Trustee shall not be constituted unless such number of independent directors as may be prescribed by SEBI, from time to time, is present in at the meeting.

Further, the Board of Trustees shall constitute an Audit Committee, chaired by an independent trustee. The Audit Committee shall meet periodically to discuss the internal control systems, the scope of audit of the internal auditors, as well as the observations made by them. They shall also review the annual financial accounts. Recommendations, if any, of the audit committee on any matter relating to financial management etc. are considered in the subsequent Board meeting of AMC and Trustees.

Any addition/modification/deletion in the duties and responsibilities of the Trustee due to a change in the SEBI Regulations shall be applicable accordingly.



Notwithstanding anything contained in any applicable SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996, the Directors of the Trustee shall not be held liable for acts done in good faith, if they have exercised adequate due diligence honestly.

# II. Asset Management Company

PGIM India Asset Management Private Limited ("**the AMC**"), a private limited company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, and having its Registered Office at 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, C Wing, Laxmi Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai – 400 051. Further, the AMC has been appointed as the Asset Management Company of PGIM India Mutual Fund by PGIM India Trustees Private Limited ("**the Trustee**"), vide an Investment Management Agreement (IMA) dated July 30, 2009, executed between the Trustee and the AMC, and as amended by a Supplemental IMA dated April 20, 2010.

The AMC is a wholly owned 'step-down' subsidiary of PFI, (the Sponsor of PGIM India Mutual Fund), through one of its wholly owned 'step-down' subsidiary, namely, PGLH of Delaware, Inc., which holds 100% shares in AMC along with its nominee.

The AMC has been established as a full service asset management company providing investment solutions to both domestic and international retail as well as institutional clients.

The AMC is also registered as a Portfolio Manager with SEBI under the SEBI (Portfolio Managers) Regulations, 1993 [as repealed and superseded by SEBI (Portfolio Managers) Regulations, 2020] vide registration no. INP000006952 and the certificate of registration is valid unless it is suspended or cancelled by SEBI. The AMC shares investment research facility and certain employees between the mutual fund and portfolio management services activities. SEBI has vide its letter no. OW/3468/2013 dated February 08, 2013, accorded it's no objection to the AMC for sharing the investment research facility and certain employees between the mutual fund and portfolio facility and certain employees between the investment research facility and certain employees between the investment research facility and certain employees between the investment research facility and certain employees between the investment activities of the AMC. The AMC has proper systems and controls in place to ensure that there is no conflict of interest between the activity of managing the schemes of PGIM India Mutual Fund and the activity of portfolio management services.

The AMC is also providing non-binding investment advisory services to Foreign Portfolio Investors which are appropriately regulated broad based funds investing in India ('Offshore Funds') as permitted under Regulation 24(b) of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996. SEBI had vide its email dated February 01, 2023, accorded it's no objection to the AMC, for providing management and advisory services to Foreign Portfolio Investors. The AMC has proper systems and controls in place to ensure that (a) there is no conflict of interest between the activities of managing the schemes of the Fund and other activities of the AMC (b) there exists a system to prohibit access to insider information of various activities, as envisaged under SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996; and (c) interest of the unit holders of the schemes of the Fund are protected at all times.

The AMC will also act as the investment manager for PGIM India Alternative Investment Fund ("AIF Fund"), which is formed as a trust and has received registration as a Category III Alternative Investment Fund from SEBI vide Registration No. IN/AIF3/ 18-19/0615.

In case of an unavoidable conflict of interest situation, the AMC shall make appropriate disclosures in an appropriate manner, which shall include the source of conflict, potential



'material risk or damage' to the Fund's investors' interests and detailed parameters for the same.

The decision of PGIM AMC about the eligibility or otherwise of a person to transact under the scheme shall be final and binding on the applicant. PGIM AMC have the right to accept and/or to reject/compulsorily redeem the transaction at its sole discretion.

| Name  | Age         | Educational  | Brief Experience  |
|---|-------------|--|---|
| Traine  | Age         | Qualification  |   |
| Mr. Indrasena<br>Reddy<br>(Associate<br>Director) | 66<br>years | B.Sc. and M.S.<br>(Electronics)<br>Osmania<br>University,<br>India | Mr. Indy Reddy is the Chief Technology and Operations<br>Officer (CT&OO) for PGM Investments. Indy's<br>responsibilities include all aspects of technology strategy and<br>delivery, and operations functions including Fund<br>Administration, Transfer Agency, and Client Service.  |
|   |             |  | Indy most recently served as Global Head of Technology and<br>Operations for Citi Private Bank & Personal Wealth<br>Management. During his 15 years at Citi, he led a large group<br>of Technology and Operations staff and implemented an<br>impressive set of strategic initiatives – Platform Convergence,<br>Globalization, Automation and Digitization. He also drove the<br>Mobile & Digital strategy and deployed unified web and<br>mobile platform which significantly improved Bankers and<br>Clients experience. |
|   |             |  | Prior to joining Citi, Indy held senior technology positions at<br>Deutsche Bank and Credit Suisse where he led a large group<br>of technology team and implemented various global platforms<br>in the US and Europe.   |
|   |             |  | Indy has a B.Sc. and M.S. in Electronics from Osmania<br>University, India. Indy received various industry awards<br>including "Best Innovator in Wealth Management" by<br>Euromoney, "Premier 100 IT Leaders" by Computer World,<br>and "Elite 100 Winners" by Information Week.   |
| Mr. David Wan<br>Chang<br>(Associate<br>Director) | 58<br>years | Masters in<br>Education,<br>Undergraduate<br>in<br>Finance         | Mr. David Wan Chang oversees PGIM's asset management<br>businesses in India (PGIM India) and Taiwan (PGIM SITE),<br>and PGIM's joint venture on the Chinese mainland with<br>partner Everbright Securities.<br>Prior to joining PGIM, he has worked with Franklin   |
|   |             |  | Templeton where he spent more than 20 years, formerly as the CEO and regional head for Greater China since 2007, responsible for driving business across Hong Kong, the Chinese mainland and Taiwan, and more recently as senior advisor providing guidance and strategic counsel to the APAC team. He also held previous senior sales and business development roles at the firm. He currently serves as an  |

# **Details of AMC Directors:**



| Ms. Caroline  | 40          | CFA  | independent advisor to the Raffles Family Office in Hong<br>Kong providing advice on family governance, running family<br>business, philanthropy and all other areas that can add value to<br>the Raffles Family Office.   |  |
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| McDonagh<br>(Associate<br>Director)                       | years       | Charterholder,<br>CAIA<br>Charterholder<br>and BSc.<br>Finance, First<br>Class Honours,<br>University<br>College Cork                              | Management to create an holistic overview suitable for UCITs   |  |
| Mr. Rajesh<br>Krishnamoorthy<br>(Independent<br>Director) | 47<br>years | Chartered<br>Wealth<br>Manager<br>(CWM) –<br>Honorary,<br>Licensed<br>International<br>Financial<br>Analyst<br>(LIFA), MBA<br>(Finance),<br>B.Com. | Mr. Rajesh Krishnamoorthy has more than 23 years of<br>experience in the finance industry. The last position he held<br>was Country Head – India (LO) in Financial Planning<br>Standards Board Ltd, US where he was responsible for all<br>activities of FPSB in India. He is the Non-Executive Chairman<br>at iFAST India Holdings Pte Ltd, Singapore, a Senior Venture<br>Partner at Colossa Ventures that focuses on powering women<br>entrepreneurs in India and has earlier worked in iFAST<br>Financial India Pvt Ltd. as its founding Managing Director. He<br>has held the position of Chief consultant for Collaborative<br>Distribution Expansion Project for the mutual fund industry.<br>He was a member of Committee of Investment Adviser<br>Regulations (SEBI), Retirement Adviser Certificate<br>Examination (National Institute of Securities Markets),<br>Investment Adviser Certificate Examination (National Institute<br>of Securities Markets). He was also a member and coordinator<br>for SEBI Working Group on Investment Adviser Regulations,<br>2013. He has handled multiple roles at Fidelity Asset<br>Management and Fidelity Funds Network, in India and ICICI<br>Bank. Formerly, he has also been part of Corporate Treasury<br>Management in Tata Housing Development Co. |  |
| Dr. V. R.<br>Narasimhan<br>(Independent<br>Director)      | 67<br>years | MBA and Ph<br>D. Member of<br>Institute of<br>Company<br>Secretaries of<br>India   | <ul> <li>Dr V.R. Narasimhan has 40 plus years of work experience in Financial and Capital Markets in India.</li> <li>He started his career as a lecturer. Thereafter he worked with AP State Finance Corporation (APSFC), Public Enterprise Management Board, Government of Andhra Pradesh, SEBI, National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL), Kotak Mahindra Bank and NSE (National Stock Exchange).</li> <li>While he was working with India's first securities depository NSDL, NSDL he was responsible for spreading the demat</li> </ul>  |  |



|  |             |  | <ul> <li>concept amongst all issuers and investors in the country and also played key role in developing new products and services like setting up National Skill Registry for NASSCOM, biometric based investor registration system called MAPIN (now abandoned), conceptualization of Central Record Keeping Agency for PFRDA etc.</li> <li>While he was with Kotak Mahindra Bank, he played multiple roles including setting up Kotak Mahindra Pension Fund Company, setting up Kotak Commodity Derivatives Exchange, Group head for capital market compliance etc.</li> <li>He served NSE as its Chief Regulatory Officer from 2013 till 2018 responsible regulation of member brokers of NSE, Listed Companies (including their corporate governance, Market surveillance and Investigations, Investor Grievance redressal) and retired from its service. He was associated closely with SEBI in formulating LODR and replacing the then existing Listing Regulations with LODR.</li> <li>After his retirement from NSE, he served National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM), an educational initiative of SEBI as Dean of Corporate Governance and Secondary Market Research Studies. He retired therefrom in 2023.</li> <li>Dr. Narasimhan is a post graduate in Commerce, MBA (Finance) and a Ph. D and a qualified Company Secretaries.</li> </ul> |
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| Mr.<br>Muralidharan<br>Rajamani<br>(Independent<br>Director) | 63<br>years | B.Sc.<br>(Mathematics,<br>Statistics and<br>Physics), Post-<br>Graduation<br>(Economics),<br>University of<br>Madras | Mr. Muralidharan has over 33 years of experience in the<br>Banking Financial Services and Insurance Sector. Over the<br>last decade, he has held CEO/COO / Top Leadership positions<br>across institutions such as ICICI Bank, Dhanlaxmi Bank and<br>L&T Financial Services. Presently he is a Practice Head-<br>Leadership Development at the Leadership Centre<br>(www.leadershipcentre.in). He also mentors two Tech start<br>ups one in Delhi, India and another in the Silicon Valley. He<br>does pro-bono work with organizations that provide<br>opportunities and better environment for People with<br>Disabilities.   |
|  |             |  | His long tenures have been with the country's largest Public<br>and Private Sector Banks - State Bank of India (9 years) and<br>ICICI Bank (13 years). His wide experience spans Corporate<br>Banking, Retail Banking, Branch and Digital Channels,<br>Strategy, Technology, Operations and Transformational<br>Projects in Customer Experience some of which were<br>industry-first initiatives. At ICICI Bank, he was a part of the<br>team that set up the Bank in 1994 and went on to become<br>General Manager – Global Operations Group. His<br>transformational work in Dhanlaxmi Bank where he was the<br>President and Chief Operating Officer won him The Asian<br>Banker Award in 2012.  |



|  | He retired as the Group Head at L&T Financial Services<br>(Financial Services arm of the Engineering Giant Larsen &<br>Toubro) where he led the Operations, Technology, Credit Mid<br>office and Corporate Social Responsibility across the entire<br>spectrum of Infrastructure and Project Finance, Retail Lending<br>and Rural Finance, Asset Management, Wealth Management<br>and Insurance businesses. Mr. Muralidharan was the member<br>of the Group Executive Council, the Apex Body of the group.<br>Through his career, Mr. Muralidharan has been a part of<br>Strategic and Leadership committees and has held Board<br>Positions in the business and not for profit organizations. He<br>was also the Vice-Chair of Custommerce Service Excellent<br>Foundation. Mr. Muralidharan has been a regular speaker in<br>industry fora and facilitated sessions in leading institutions<br>such as National Institute of Bank Management, Tata<br>Management Training Centre and the like. Mr. Muralidharan<br>has throughout his career been part of strategic and<br>transformational initiatives across the institutions he was a part<br>of both in business and enterprise functions. Also. Mr.<br>Muralidharan has actively been engaged in building and<br>facilitating capability development and leadership<br>development. |
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# Powers, Duties and Obligations of the Asset Management Company

### A. Powers of the Asset Management Company

The AMC, in the course of managing the affairs of the Mutual Fund, has the power, inter-alia:

a) to invest in, acquire, hold, manage or dispose of all or any securities and to deal with, engage in and carry out all other functions and to transact all business pertaining to the Fund;

b) to keep the moneys belonging to the Trust with scheduled banks and Custodians as it may deem fit;

c) to issue, sell and purchase Units under any Scheme;

d) to repurchase the Units that are offered for repurchase and hold, reissue or cancel them;

e) to formulate strategies, lay down policies for deployment of funds under various Schemes and set limits collectively or separately for privately placed debentures, unquoted debt instruments, utilized debts and other forms of variable securities which are to form part of the investments of the Trust Funds;

f) to arrange for investments, deposits or other deployment as well as disinvestment or refund out of the Trust Funds as per the set strategies and policies;



g) to make and give receipts, releases and other discharges for moneys payable to the Trust and for the claims and demands of the Trust;

h) to get the Units under any scheme listed on any one or more stock exchanges in India or abroad;

i) to open one or more bank accounts for the purposes of the Fund, to deposit and withdraw money and fully operate the same;

j) to pay for all costs, charges and expenses, incidental to the administration of the Trust and the management and maintenance of the Trust property, Custodian and/or any other entities entitled for the benefit of the Fund, audit fee, management fee and other fees;

k) to furnish compliance reports to the Trustees as prescribed by SEBI;

l) to provide or cause to provide information to SEBI and the Unitholders as may be specified by SEBI and

m) to generally do all acts, deeds, matters and things which are necessary for any object, purpose or in relation to the PGIM India Mutual Fund in any manner or in relation to any scheme of the PGIM India Mutual Fund.

The Asset Management Company shall maintain high standards of integrity and fairness in all their dealings and in the conduct of their business.

The Asset Management Company shall render at all times high standards of service, exercise due diligence, ensure proper care and exercise independent professional judgment.

The independent directors of the Asset Management Company shall pay specific attention to the following as may be applicable, namely:

i. The Investment Management Agreement and the compensation paid under the agreement.

ii. Service contracts with affiliates – whether the company has charged higher fees than outside contractors for the same services.

iii. Securities transactions involving affiliates to the extent such transaction are permitted.

iv. Code of ethics must be designed to prevent fraudulent, deceptive or manipulative practices by insiders in connection with personal securities transactions.

v. The reasonableness of fees paid to sponsors, asset management company and any others for services provided.

vi. Principal underwriting contracts and renewals

vii. Any service contracts with the associates of the company.

# **B.** Duties and Obligations of the Asset Management Company:



(1) The asset management company shall take all reasonable steps and exercise due diligence to ensure that the investment of funds pertaining to any scheme is not contrary to the provisions of the Regulations and the trust deed.

(2) The asset management company shall exercise due diligence and care in all its investment decisions as would be exercised by other persons engaged in the same business.

(3) The asset management company shall obtain, wherever required under SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996, prior in-principle approval from the recognized stock exchange(s) where units are proposed to be listed.

(4) The asset management company shall be responsible for the acts of commissions or omissions by its employees or the persons whose services have been procured by the asset management company.

(5) The asset management company shall submit to the trustees quarterly reports of each year on its activities and the compliance with the Regulations.

(6) The trustees at the request of the asset management company may terminate the assignment of the asset management company at any time: Provided that such termination shall become effective only after the trustees have accepted the termination of assignment and communicated their decision in writing to the asset management company.

(7) Notwithstanding anything contained in any contract or agreement or termination, the asset management company or its directors or other officers shall not be absolved of liability to the mutual fund for their acts of commission or omissions, while holding such position or office.

(8) The Chief Executive Officer (whatever his designation may be) of the asset management company shall ensure that the mutual fund complies with all the provisions of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 and the guidelines or circulars issued in relation thereto from time to time and that the investments made by the fund managers are in the interest of the unit holders and shall also be responsible for the overall risk management function of the mutual fund.

(9) Chief Executive Officer (whatever be the designation) shall also ensure that the Asset Management Company has adequate systems in place to ensure that the Code of Conduct for Fund Managers and Dealers specified in PART - B of the Fifth Schedule of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 are adhered to in letter and spirit. Any breach of the said Code of Conduct shall be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors of the Asset Management Company and Trustees.

(10) The fund managers (whatever the designation may be) shall ensure that the funds of the schemes are invested to achieve the objectives of the scheme and in the interest of the unit holders.

(11) The Fund Managers (whatever be the designation) shall abide by the Code of Conduct for Fund Managers and Dealers specified in PART - B of the Fifth Schedule of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 and submit a quarterly self-certification to the Trustees that they have complied with the said code of conduct or list exceptions, if any.

(12) The Dealers (whatever be the designation) shall ensure that orders are executed on the best available terms, taking into account the relevant market at the time for transactions of the kind and size concerned to achieve the objectives of the scheme and in the best interest of all the unit holders.



(13) The Dealers (whatever be the designation) shall abide by the Code of Conduct for Fund Managers and Dealers specified in PART - B of the Fifth Schedule of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 and submit a quarterly self-certification to the Trustees that they have complied with the said code of conduct or list exceptions, if any.

(14) The board of directors of the AMC shall ensure that all the activities of the AMC are in accordance with the provisions of the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996.

(15) (a) An asset management company shall not, through any broker associated with the sponsor, purchase or sell securities which is average of 5% or more of the aggregate purchases and sale of securities made by the mutual fund in all its schemes. Provided that for the purpose of this sub-regulation, aggregate purchase and sale of securities shall exclude sale and distribution of units issued by the mutual fund Provided further that the aforesaid limit of 5% shall apply for a block of any three months

(b) An asset management company shall not purchase or sell securities through any broker which is average of 5% or more of the aggregate purchases and sale of securities made by the mutual fund in all its schemes, unless the asset management company has recorded in writing the justification for exceeding the limit of 5% and reports of all such investments are sent to the trustees on a quarterly basis. Provided that the aforesaid limit shall apply for a block of three months.

(16) An asset management company shall not utilize the services of the sponsor or any of its associates, employees or their relatives, for the purpose of any securities transaction and distribution and sale of securities:

Provided that an asset management company may utilize such services if disclosure to that effect is made to the unit holders and the brokerage or commission paid is also disclosed in the half yearly annual accounts of the mutual fund.

Provided further that the mutual funds shall disclose at the time of declaring half yearly and yearly results;

i. any underwriting obligations undertaken by the schemes of the mutual funds with respect to issue of securities associate companies,

ii. devolvement, if any,

iii. subscription by the schemes in the issues lead managed by associate companies

iv. subscription to any issue of equity or debt on private placement basis where the sponsor or its associate companies have acted as arranger or manager.

(17) The asset management company shall file with the trustees the details of transactions in securities by the key personnel of the asset management company in their own name or on behalf of the asset management company and shall also report to SEBI, as and when required by SEBI.

(18) In case the asset management company enters into any securities transactions with any of its associates a report to that effect shall be sent to the trustees at its next meeting.

(19) In case any company has invested more than 5 per cent of the net asset value of a scheme, the investment made by that scheme or by any other scheme of the same mutual fund in that company or its subsidiaries shall be brought to the notice of the trustees by the asset management company and be disclosed in the half yearly and annual accounts of the respective schemes with justification for such



investment provided the latter investment has been made within one year of the date of the former investment calculated on either side.

(20) The asset management company shall file with the trustees and SEBI –
i) detailed bio-data of all its directors along with their interest in other companies within fifteen days of their appointment; and

ii) any change in the interests of directors every six months.

iii) a quarterly report to the trustees giving details and adequate justification about the purchase and sale of the securities of the group companies of the sponsor or the asset management company as the case may be, by the mutual fund during the said quarter.

(21) Each director of the Asset Management Company shall file the details of his transactions of dealing in securities with the trustees on a quarterly basis in accordance with guidelines issued by SEBI.

(22) The asset management company shall not appoint any person as key personnel who has been found guilty of any economic offence or involved in violation of securities laws.

(23) The asset management company shall appoint registrars and share transfer agents who are registered with SEBI. Provided if the work relating to the transfer of units is processed in-house, the charges at competitive market rates may be debited to the scheme and for rates higher than the competitive market rates, prior approval of the trustees shall be obtained and reasons for charging higher rates shall be disclosed in the annual accounts.

(24) The asset management company shall abide by the Code of Conduct as specified in the Fifth Schedule.

The asset management company shall invest such amounts in such schemes of the mutual fund, based on the risks associated with the schemes, as may be specified by SEBI from time to time.

(25) The asset management company shall not invest in any of its scheme, unless full disclosure of its intention to invest has been made in the offer documents, in case of schemes launched after the notification of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) (Amendment) Regulations, 2011:

Provided that an asset management company shall not be entitled to charge any fee on its investment in that scheme.

(26) The asset management company shall not carry out its operations including trading desk, unit holder servicing and investment operations outside the territory of India.

(27) The asset management company shall compute and carry out valuation of investments made by its scheme(s) in accordance with the investment valuation norms specified in Eighth Schedule, and shall publish the same.

(28) The asset management company and the sponsor of the mutual fund shall be liable to compensate the affected investors and/or the scheme for any unfair treatment to any investor as a result of inappropriate valuation.



(29) The asset management company shall report and disclose all the transactions in debt and money market securities, including inter scheme transfers, as may be specified by SEBI.

(30) The board of directors of the AMC shall exercise due diligence as follows:

(a) The board of directors of the asset management company shall ensure before the launch of any scheme that the asset management company has

i. systems in place for its back office, dealing room and accounting;

ii. appointed all key personnel including fund manager(s) for the scheme(s) and submitted their biodata which shall contain the educational qualifications and past experience in the securities market with the Trustees, within fifteen days of their appointment;

iii. appointed auditors to audit its accounts;

iv. appointed a compliance officer who shall be responsible for monitoring the compliance of the Act, rules and regulations, notifications, guidelines, instructions, etc., issued by the Board or the Central Government and for redressal of investors grievances;

v. appointed a registrar to an issue and share transfer agent registered under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents) Regulations, 1993 and laid down parameters for their supervision; vi. prepared a compliance manual and designed internal control mechanisms including internal audit systems;

vii. specified norms for empanelment of brokers and marketing agents; viii. obtained, wherever required under these regulations, prior in principle approval from the recognized stock exchange(s) where units are proposed to be listed

(b) The board of directors of the asset management company shall ensure that -

i. the asset management company has been diligent in empaneling the brokers, in monitoring securities transactions with brokers and avoiding undue concentration of business with specific brokers;

ii. the asset management company has not given any undue or unfair advantage to any associate or dealt with any of the associate of the asset management company in any manner detrimental to interest of the unit holders;

iii. the transactions entered into by the asset management company are in accordance with these regulations and the respective schemes;

iv. the transactions of the mutual fund are in accordance with the provisions of the trust deed;

v. the networth of the asset management company are reviewed on a quarterly basis to ensure compliance with the threshold provided in clause (f) of sub regulation (1) of regulation 21 on a continuous basis;

vi. all service contracts including custody arrangements of the assets and transfer agency of the securities are executed in the interest of the unit holders;

vii. there is no conflict of interest between the manner of deployment of the networth of the asset management company and the interest of the unit holders;



viii. the investor complaints received are periodically reviewed and redressed;

ix. all service providers are holding appropriate registrations with the Board or with the concerned regulatory authority;

x. any special developments in the mutual fund are immediately reported to the trustees;

xi. there has been exercise of due diligence on the reports submitted by the asset management company to the trustees;

xii. there has been exercise of due diligence on such matters as may be specified by SEBI from time to time.

(31) The compliance officer appointed under sub-clause (iv) of clause (a) of sub regulation (22) shall independently and immediately report to SEBI any non compliance observed by him.

(32) A Unit Holder Protection Committee (UHPC) in the form and manner and with a mandate as may be specified by the SEBI to be constituted by the AMC;

The UHPC shall be responsible for:

a) protection of interest of unit holders of Mutual Fund schemes vis-a-vis all products and services provided by the AMC.

b) ensuring adoption of sound and healthy market practices in terms of investments, sales, marketing, advertisement, management of conflict of interests, redressal of unit holder's grievances, investor awareness.

c) compliance with laws and regulations and other related processes with specific reference to operation of the Mutual Fund business.

(33) The asset management company shall be responsible for calculation of any income due to be paid to the mutual fund and also any income received in the mutual fund, for the unit holders of any scheme of the mutual fund, in accordance with these regulations and the trust deed.

(34) The asset management company shall ensure that no change in the fundamental attributes of any scheme or the trust, fees and expenses payable or any other change which would modify the scheme and affect the interest of unit holders, shall be carried out unless —

i. a written communication about the proposed change is sent to each unit holder and an advertisement is issued in one English daily newspaper having nationwide circulation as well as in a newspaper published in the language of region where the Head Office of the mutual fund is situated; and

ii. the unit holders are given an option to exit at the prevailing Net Asset Value without any exit load.

(35) The asset management company shall put in place an institutional mechanism, as may be specified by the Board, for the identification and deterrence of potential market abuse including front-running and fraudulent transactions in securities.

(36) The Chief Executive Officer or Managing Director or such other person of equivalent or analogous rank and Chief Compliance Officer of the asset management company shall be responsible



and accountable for implementation of such an institutional mechanism for deterrence of potential market abuse, including front-running and fraudulent transactions in securities.

(37) The asset management company shall establish, implement and maintain a documented whistle blower policy that shall —

- (a) provide for a confidential channel for employees, directors, trustees, and other stakeholders to raise concerns about suspected fraudulent, unfair or unethical practices, violations of regulatory or legal requirements or governance vulnerability, and
- (b) establish procedures to ensure adequate protection of the whistle blowers.

# **Remuneration of the AMC**

In relation to each scheme launched by the Mutual Fund, the AMC is entitled to charge the Mutual Fund an investment management and advisory fees as specified by Regulations and / or the Scheme Information Document (SID).

| Name                    | Age | Designation                   | Educati<br>onal<br>Qualific<br>ation  | Total<br>No. of<br>years<br>of<br>Exper<br>ience | Nature of past experience<br>including assignments held<br>during the last 10 years  |
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| Mr. Ajit Kumar<br>Menon | 53  | Chief<br>Executive<br>Officer | B.Com,<br>Post<br>Graduat<br>e<br>(Master<br>of<br>Manage<br>ment<br>Studies) | 29<br>years                                      | <ul> <li>Over 29 years of experience in business strategy, distribution, sales and marketing:</li> <li>February 21, 2019 onwards – PGIM India Asset Management Pvt Ltd Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>October 06, 2018 to February 20, 2019 - PGIM India Asset Management Pvt Ltd Chief Executive Officer (Interim) and Chief Business Officer;</li> <li>March 21, 2018 to October 05, 2018 - PGIM India Asset Management Pvt Ltd Chief Business Officer;</li> <li>January 18, 2018 to March 20, 2018 - PGIM India Asset Management Pvt Ltd Chief Business Officer;</li> <li>January 18, 2018 to March 20, 2018 - PGIM India Asset Management Pvt Ltd Chief Executive Officer (Interim);</li> <li>July 17, 2017 to January 17, 2018 - PGIM India Asset Management Pvt Ltd Chief Business Officer;</li> <li>January 20, 2016 to July 14,</li> </ul> |

### **Information on Key Personnel:**



| Name                       | Age | Designation  | Educati<br>onal<br>Qualific<br>ation   | Total<br>No. of<br>years<br>of<br>Exper<br>ience | Nature of past experience<br>including assignments held<br>during the last 10 years   |
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|                            |     |  |  |  | <ul> <li>2017 - Tata Asset<br/>Management Ltd Head -<br/>Strategy;</li> <li>August 2000 to January 19,<br/>2016 - DSP BlackRock<br/>Investment Managers Pvt.<br/>Ltd Sales and Co-head of<br/>Marketing.</li> </ul>   |
| Mr. Vinod<br>Venkateswaran | 50  | Chief<br>Operating<br>Officer and<br>Chief<br>Information<br>Security<br>Officer | B.Com.,<br>FCS,<br>AIII,<br>PGDB<br>M,<br>Advanc<br>ed<br>Diploma<br>in<br>Systems<br>Manage<br>ment | 27<br>years                                      | <ul> <li>Over 27 years of experience across<br/>Operations, Customer Services,<br/>Risk, Projects, Process<br/>Management, Legal, Secretarial,<br/>Technology and Facilities:</li> <li>November 01, 2017 onwards -<br/>PGIM India Asset<br/>Management Pvt Ltd Chief<br/>Operating Officer and Chief<br/>Information Security Officer</li> <li>November 2012 to October<br/>2017 - L&amp;T Investment<br/>Management Ltd Head of<br/>Enterprise Operations &amp;<br/>Omni Channel Service</li> <li>June 2006 to November 2012<br/>- Fidelity Investments -<br/>Director Operations</li> </ul> |
| Mr. Abhishek<br>Tiwari     | 41  | Chief<br>Business<br>Officer   | B.com<br>&<br>PGDB<br>M,<br>Nirma<br>Universi<br>ty  | 17<br>years                                      | <ul> <li>Over 17 years of experience in Sales: -</li> <li>December 01, 2021 onwards - PGIM India Asset Management Private Limited - Chief Business Officer</li> <li>March 16, 2021 to November 30, 2021 – PGIM India Asset Management Private Limited – Head - Retail Sales, Products &amp; Alliances</li> <li>April 2019 to March 15, 2021 - PGIM India Asset Management Private Ltd - Head - Retail Sales West &amp; National Alliances</li> </ul>  |



| Name                                    | Age | Designation                    | Educati<br>onal<br>Qualific<br>ation | Total<br>No. of<br>years<br>of<br>Exper<br>ience | Nature of past experience<br>including assignments held<br>during the last 10 years  |
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|   |     |                                |                                      |  | <ul> <li>May 2018 to March 2019 -<br/>PGIM India Asset<br/>Management Private Ltd -<br/>Head - Private Banking</li> <li>December 2016 to May 2018 –<br/>Edelweiss Asset Management<br/>Company Ltd Head - Key<br/>Accounts</li> <li>April 2014 to November 2016<br/>- JP Morgan Asset<br/>Management India Pvt. Ltd<br/>Head Sales - Gujarat</li> <li>November 2013 to March<br/>2014 – Kotak Wealth<br/>Management – AVP – Client<br/>Relations</li> <li>April 2008 to October 2013 -<br/>DSP Investment Managers-<br/>Last position held - State Head<br/>– UP and Uttaranchal</li> </ul>                                    |
| Mr. Vinay<br>Paharia                    | 44  | Chief<br>Investment<br>Officer | B.Com.,<br>M.M.S                     | 21<br>years                                      | <ul> <li>Collectively over 21 years of experience in Indian financial markets, primarily in equity research &amp; Fund Management</li> <li>January 27, 2023 onwards - PGIM India Asset Management Private Limited. Chief Investment Officer since April 1, 2023</li> <li>April 2018 to January 2023 - Union Asset Management Company Ltd. Last Position Held - Chief Investment Officer.</li> <li>January 2007 to March 2018 - Invesco Asset Management Company Ltd. Last Position Held – Fund Management Company Ltd. Last Position Held – Fund Management Company Ltd. Last Position Held – Fund Manager - Equity</li> </ul> |
| Mr. Anandha<br>Padmanabhan<br>Anjeneyan | 42  | Fund<br>Manager -<br>Equity    | B Com,<br>ACA,<br>CFA,<br>FRM        | 16<br>years                                      | Collectively over 16 years of<br>experience in Indian financial<br>markets, primarily in equity<br>research:   |



| Name            | Age | Designation                | Educati<br>onal<br>Qualific<br>ation | Total<br>No. of<br>years<br>of<br>Exper<br>ience | Nature of past experience<br>including assignments held<br>during the last 10 years  |
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|                 |     |                            |                                      |  | <ul> <li>June 2021 onwards - PGIM<br/>India Asset Management Pvt.<br/>Ltd Equity Analyst and<br/>Fund Manager</li> <li>January 2020 to May 2021 -<br/>PGIM India Asset<br/>Management Pvt. Ltd<br/>Equity Analyst and<br/>Dedicated Fund Manager -<br/>Overseas Investments</li> <li>March 2019 to January 2020<br/>- PGIM India Asset<br/>Management Pvt. Ltd<br/>Equity Analyst</li> <li>May 2018 to March 2019 -<br/>Renaissance Investment<br/>Managers Private Ltd<br/>Equity Analyst</li> <li>August 2010 to May 2018 -<br/>Canara Robeco Asset<br/>Management Company Ltd<br/>Equity Analyst</li> <li>September 2009 to August<br/>2010 - Canara Robeco Asset<br/>Management Company Ltd<br/>Fixed Income Dealer</li> </ul> |
| Mr. Utsav Mehta | 36  | Fund<br>Manager-<br>Equity | B.Com.,<br>CFA                       | 13<br>years                                      | <ul> <li>Over 13 years of experience in Equity market, research and fund management :</li> <li>October 23, 2023 onwards - PGIM India Asset Management Pvt Ltd Vice President - Fund Manager - Equity.</li> <li>September 2018 to October 2023 - Edelweiss Asset Management Ltd - VP, Alternatives.</li> <li>June 2014 to September 2018 - Ambit Capital - Sector Analyst - Institutional Equities.</li> </ul>  |



| Name                   | Age | Designation   | Educati<br>onal<br>Qualific<br>ation | Total<br>No. of<br>years<br>of<br>Exper<br>ience | Nature of past experience<br>including assignments held<br>during the last 10 years   |
|------------------------|-----|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|
|                        |     |   |                                      |  | <ul> <li>January 2014 to May 2014 -<br/>MF Advisors LLP -<br/>Analyst - Investments.</li> <li>November 2012 - December<br/>2013 - Ambit Capital -<br/>Associate - Investment<br/>Research</li> </ul>  |
| Mr. Vivek<br>Sharma    | 41  | Fund<br>Manager –<br>Equity                                 | PGDM -<br>Finance                    | 14<br>years                                      | <ul> <li>Over 14 years of experience in Equity market, research and fund management :</li> <li>April 09, 2024 onwards - PGIM India Asset Management Pvt Ltd Fund Manager – Equity</li> <li>September 01, 2023 to March 20, 2024 - Edelweiss Asset Management Limited - Fund Manager – Equity</li> <li>March 09, 2017 to August 18, 2023 - PGIM India Asset Management Private Limited - Fund Manager – Equity</li> <li>October 01, 2010 to March 06, 2017 - ICICI Securities Ltd - Bacageneh Anglust</li> </ul>                             |
| Mr. Chetan<br>Gindodia | 30  | Dedicated<br>Fund<br>Manager for<br>Overseas<br>Investments | CA,<br>CFA,<br>B.Com                 | 8 years  | <ul> <li>Research Analyst</li> <li>Collectively 8 years of experience<br/>in equity research:</li> <li>29 March, 2024 onwards -<br/>PGIM India Asset<br/>Management Private<br/>Limited - Dedicated Fund<br/>Manager for Overseas<br/>Investments</li> <li>08 January, 2024 to 28<br/>March, 2024 - PGIM India<br/>Asset Management Private<br/>Limited – Research Analyst</li> <li>26 June, 2019 to 28<br/>December, 2023 -<br/>AlfAccurate Advisors<br/>Private Limited - Research<br/>Analyst</li> <li>8 November, 2016 to 21</li> </ul> |



| Name                   | Age | Designation  | Educati<br>onal<br>Qualific<br>ation | Total<br>No. of<br>years<br>of<br>Exper<br>ience | Nature of past experience<br>including assignments held<br>during the last 10 years<br>June, 2019 - Multi-Act<br>Trade and Investments<br>Private Limited – Research   |
|------------------------|-----|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Mr. Chetan<br>Chavan   | 44  | Dealer –<br>Equity and<br>Co-Fund<br>Manager –<br>Equity | B.Com                                | 20<br>years                                      | Associate<br>Collectively over 20 years of<br>experience in equity dealing and<br>fund management:<br>• 29 March, 2024 onwards -<br>PGIM India Asset<br>Management Private<br>Limited – Dealer Equity<br>• 15 March, 2023 to 27<br>March, 2024 - Bajaj<br>Finserve Asset Management<br>Limited - Senior Dealer-<br>Equity Investment<br>• 16 June, 2015 to 13 March,<br>2023 - Mahindra Manulife<br>Investment Management<br>Private Limited - Equity  |
| Mr. Prashant<br>Shelar | 41  | Dealer –<br>Equities                                     | B.Com                                | 18<br>years                                      | <ul> <li>Dealer</li> <li>Over 18 years of experience in<br/>Trade Execution &amp; Dealing:</li> <li>March 06, 2024 onwards –<br/>PGIM India Asset<br/>Management Private Limited<br/>– Junior Dealer – Equities</li> <li>12 January, 2024 to 01 March,<br/>2024 - Chola Securities Ltd -<br/>Deputy Manager</li> <li>19 July, 2023 to 10<br/>November, 2023 - Emkay<br/>Global - Dealer</li> <li>07 November, 2022 to 30<br/>April, 2023 - Motilal Oswal<br/>Asset Management Company<br/>Ltd - Manager.</li> <li>19 June, 2018 to 06<br/>November, 2022 - Motilal<br/>Oswal Financial Services<br/>Ltd - Manager.</li> <li>01 February, 2016 to 15 May,<br/>2018 - Motilal Oswal</li> </ul> |



| Name                   | Age | Designation                          | Educati<br>onal<br>Qualific<br>ation   | Total<br>No. of<br>years<br>of<br>Exper<br>ience | Nature of past experience<br>including assignments held<br>during the last 10 years   |
|------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|
|                        |     |                                      |  |  | <ul> <li>Securities - Assistant<br/>Manager.</li> <li>01 July, 2010 to 25 January,<br/>2016 - Grey Box<br/>Advisories Ltd - Trader.</li> <li>04 April, 2006 to 01 April,<br/>2010 - Indiabulls Securities<br/>Ltd - Assistant Manager</li> </ul>  |
| Mr. Puneet Pal         | 47  | Head - Fixed<br>Income               | MBA<br>(Finance<br>) from<br>Symbios<br>is<br>Institute<br>of<br>Busines<br>s<br>Manage<br>ment,<br>Pune | 23<br>years                                      | <ul> <li>Over 23 years of experience in the Debt markets within the Mutual Fund space:</li> <li>December 01, 2021 onwards - PGIM India Asset Management Pvt Ltd Head - Fixed Income</li> <li>December 13, 2017 to November 30, 2021 - PGIM India Asset Management Pvt Ltd Deputy Head - Fixed Income</li> <li>February 2012 to December 12, 2017 - BNP Paribas Asset Management India Pvt. Ltd Head - Fixed Income</li> <li>July 2008 to February 2012 - UTI Asset Management Ltd Sr. Vice President &amp; Fund Manager</li> <li>August 2006 to July 2008 - Tata Asset Management Ltd Fund Manager</li> <li>April 2004 to August 2006 - UTI Asset Management Company Ltd Asst. Fund Manager</li> <li>June 2001 to March 2004 - UTI Asset Management Company Ltd Dealer</li> </ul> |
| Mr. Bhupesh<br>Kalyani | 49  | Fund<br>Manager –<br>Fixed<br>Income | ACA,<br>Grad<br>CWA  | 19<br>years                                      | Over 19 years of experience in fund management of fixed income securities:  |



| Name                 | Age | Designation                 | Educati<br>onal<br>Qualific<br>ation | Total<br>No. of<br>years<br>of<br>Exper<br>ience | Nature of past experience<br>including assignments held<br>during the last 10 years   |
|----------------------|-----|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|
|                      |     |                             |                                      |  | <ul> <li>September 13, 2022 onwards -<br/>PGIM India Asset Management<br/>Pvt Ltd Fund Manager –<br/>Fixed Income;</li> <li>January 25, 2017 - September<br/>06, 2022 - IDBI Mutual Fund -<br/>Debt Fund Manager;</li> <li>August 2012 - August 2016 -<br/>Star Union Dai-ichi Life<br/>Insurance - Debt Fund<br/>Manager;</li> <li>November 2009 - August 2012-<br/>Tata Mutual Fund - Dealer –<br/>Fixed Income.</li> </ul>   |
| Mr. Sandeep<br>Devan | 39  | Dealer –<br>Fixed<br>Income | B.com                                | 14<br>years                                      | <ul> <li>Over 14 years of experience in<br/>Investment and Banking<br/>Operations : -</li> <li>May 02, 2022 onwards -<br/>PGIM India Asset<br/>Management Private<br/>Limited - Dealer – Fixed<br/>Income</li> <li>May 26, 2016 to May 01,<br/>2022 - PGIM India Asset<br/>Management Private<br/>Limited - Investment and<br/>Banking Operations.</li> <li>November 23, 2015 to May<br/>20, 2016- Kotak Asset<br/>Management India Private<br/>Limited - Investment<br/>Operations</li> <li>March 19, 2012 to<br/>November 22, 2015 - DWS<br/>Asset Management India<br/>Private Limited -<br/>Investment and Banking<br/>Operations.</li> <li>November 17, 2008 to<br/>March 16, 2012 - EFG<br/>Wealth Management India<br/>Private Limited - Mutual<br/>Fund Operations</li> </ul> |



| Name                  | Age | Designation                                    | Educati<br>onal<br>Qualific<br>ation | Total<br>No. of<br>years<br>of<br>Exper<br>ience | Nature of past experience<br>including assignments held<br>during the last 10 years   |
|-----------------------|-----|--|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Mr. Sandeep<br>Kamath | 47  | Head -<br>Compliance<br>and Legal              | B.Com,<br>B.G.L                      | 24<br>years                                      | <ul> <li>Around 24 years of experience in<br/>Compliance, Legal &amp; Secretarial<br/>function:</li> <li>May 18, 2017 onwards -<br/>PGIM India Asset<br/>Management Pvt Ltd Head -<br/>Compliance and Legal;</li> <li>July 5, 2004 to April 28, 2017<br/>- Kotak Mahindra Asset<br/>Management Company Ltd<br/>Last Position held: Head -<br/>Compliance &amp; Legal;</li> <li>July 2000 to July 2004 -<br/>Principal Asset Management<br/>Company Pvt. Ltd<br/>Compliance.</li> </ul>                  |
| Ms. Prabha<br>Shanker | 49  | Head- Risk<br>Management                       | BSc,<br>MMS                          | 22<br>years                                      | <ul> <li>Around 22 years of experience<br/>across operations, process review<br/>and new businesses in the<br/>financial services sector:-</li> <li>January 20, 2022 onwards –<br/>PGIM India Asset<br/>Management Private Ltd –<br/>Head – Risk Management;</li> <li>July 2006 – December 2021-<br/>Self - Employed Process<br/>Consultant to Mutual Funds<br/>and Fintech companies</li> <li>January 2000 to June 2006 –<br/>Kotak Mahindra Asset<br/>Management Company –<br/>Operations.</li> </ul> |
| Mr. Anoop<br>Gulati   | 46  | Head<br>Marketing &<br>Business<br>Development | MBA                                  | 23<br>years                                      | <ul> <li>Collectively over 23 years of experience in Sales:</li> <li>July 01, 2024 onwards - PGIM India Asset Management Private Limited - Head Marketing &amp; Business Development</li> </ul>   |



| Name        |         | Age | Designation   | Educati<br>onal<br>Qualific<br>ation | Total<br>No. of<br>years<br>of<br>Exper<br>ience | Nature of past experience<br>including assignments held<br>during the last 10 years   |
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| D           |         | 25  | SVD   |                                      | 10   | <ul> <li>November 01, 2023 – June 30, 2024 - PGIM India Asset Management Private Limited - Co-Head Marketing &amp; Business Development</li> <li>May 2018 to October 2023 - PGIM India Asset Management Private Limited - Head of Sales, West &amp; North Zone</li> <li>July 2011 to May 2018 - DSP BlackRock Investment Managers Pvt Ltd - Vice President – Sales</li> </ul>   |
| Dr.<br>Kaur | Sagneet | 35  | SVP -<br>Behaviour<br>Finance &<br>Consumer<br>Insights | PhD in<br>Psychol<br>ogy             | 10<br>years                                      | <ul> <li>Collectively over 10 years of experience in Behavioural and Consumer Science</li> <li>August 8, 2023 onwards - PGIM India Asset Management Private Limited - SVP - Behavior Finance &amp; Consumer Insights</li> <li>December 2018 to May 2023 - Morningstar India Private Limited. Last Position Held - Associate Director of Behavioral Research.</li> <li>January 2018 to December 2018 - Betterment Consumer tech Private Limited. Last Position Held – Vice President Consumer Sciences</li> <li>January 2017 to January 2018 - LXL Ideas Private Limited. Last Position Held – Head Research &amp; Strategy</li> <li>February 2013 to July 2016 – Maulana Azad National Fellowship by UGC. Last Position Held – Research Fellow &amp; Adhoc Faculty</li> </ul> |
| Ms.         | Reessha | 39  | Head &  | EPYM,                                | 11   | Collectively over 11 years of   |
| Chughh      |         |     | Senior Vice   | BSC                                  | years  | experience in Human Resources   |



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|-------------------------|-----|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|
|                         |     | President -<br>Human<br>Resources                                     | I.T.                                 |  | <ul> <li>department:</li> <li>October 03, 2023 onwards -<br/>PGIM India Asset<br/>Management Private<br/>Limited – Head - Human<br/>Resources</li> <li>January 06, 2016 –<br/>September 29, 2023 -<br/>Baroda BNP Paribas Asset<br/>Management India Private<br/>Limited – Head - Human<br/>Resources</li> <li>July 01, 2015 – January 04,<br/>2016 - Equifax Software<br/>Systems Private Limited –<br/>Manager - Human<br/>Resources</li> <li>June 06, 2012 – June 30,<br/>2015 - Equifax Credit<br/>Information Services<br/>Private Limited – Manager<br/>- Human Resources</li> </ul>  |
| Mr. Ranjit<br>Venugopal | 45  | Head -<br>Customer<br>Service and<br>Investor<br>Relations<br>Officer | B.Com<br>Graduat<br>e                | 24   | <ul> <li>Around 24 years of experience in<br/>Operations:</li> <li>June 14, 2024 onwards -<br/>PGIM India Asset<br/>Management Private Limited<br/>- Head of Customer Service<br/>and Investor Relations Officer</li> <li>April 21, 2021 to June 13,<br/>2024 - PGIM India Asset<br/>Management Private Limited<br/>- Vice President - Operations</li> <li>September 16, 2016 to April<br/>10, 2021 - IndiaIdeas.com<br/>Limited (Billdesk) - Head<br/>Operations &amp; Service<br/>Delivery</li> <li>August 01, 2007 to September<br/>10, 2016 - HSBC Mutual<br/>Fund (erstwhile L&amp;T Mutual<br/>Fund) - Customer Operations</li> </ul> |



| Name          |         | Age | Designation                    | Educati<br>onal<br>Qualific<br>ation                             | Total<br>No. of<br>years<br>of<br>Exper<br>ience | Nature of past experience<br>including assignments held<br>during the last 10 years  |
|---------------|---------|-----|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Ms.<br>Bunda  | Vinatha | 45  | Chief<br>Technology<br>Officer | Post<br>Graduat<br>e<br>Diploma<br>in<br>Comput<br>er<br>Science | 23   | <ul> <li>Collectively over 23 years of experience in Information Technology:</li> <li>June 24, 2024 onwards - PGIM India Asset Management Private Limited – Chief Technology Officer</li> <li>October 12, 2023 to May 10, 2024 - Kunato Inc (USA) - VP R&amp;D - Technology</li> <li>January 15, 2019 to October 10, 2023 - Zandbank PJSC (UAE) - Head of Channels Delivery – Technology</li> <li>January 07, 2017 to December 31, 2018 - Softcom Digital (India, USA) - Head of Engineering – Technology</li> <li>January 10, 2012 to November 30, 2015 - Microsoft (China) - Technology</li> </ul> |
| Mr.<br>Bhatia | Nikhil  | 41  | Head -<br>Finance &<br>BIU     | Chartere<br>d<br>Account<br>ant                                  | 21   | <ul> <li>Collectively over 21 years of experience in Finance:</li> <li>December 2017 onwards - PGIM India Asset Management Private Limited (erstwhile DHFL Pramerica Asset Managers Private Limited) – Head Finance &amp; BIU</li> <li>October 2011 to December 2017 - IDFC Mutual Fund - VP Finance</li> <li>August 2007 to July 2011 - JM Mutual Fund - Manager Finance / Manager Banking operations</li> </ul>  |



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|-----------------|-----|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Mr. Suraj Saraf | 43  | Head -<br>Product<br>Developme<br>nt | MBM,<br>Universi<br>ty of<br>Calcutta<br>. CFP <sup>CM</sup> | 20   | <ul> <li>Collectively over 20 years of experience in Research and Product Development:</li> <li>May 2021 onwards - PGIM India Asset Management Private Limited – Head - Product Development</li> <li>September 2018 to May 2021 - SBI Mutual Fund - AVP - Product Development</li> <li>December 2018 - L&amp;T Mutual Fund - Chief Manager - Product Development</li> <li>June 2008 to December 2011 - Religare Mutual Fund - Senior Manager – Products</li> <li>December 2005 to May 2008 - ICRA Online Limited - Mutual Fund Fund Analyst</li> </ul> |

# **Procedure and Recording of Investment Decisions:**

All investment decisions, relating to the Schemes, will be undertaken by the AMC in accordance with the Regulations, the investment objectives specified in the SID and the Investment Manual of the AMC. All investment decisions taken by the AMC Schemes will be recorded.

A detailed report will be made before taking any decision to invest in a company/issuer for the first time. Individual scrip wise reasons will be recorded by the fund manager at the time of placing individual orders. Performance of the Schemes will be periodically tabled before the boards of the AMC and the Trustee respectively. Performance of the Schemes vis-à-vis their respective benchmark indices will be periodically monitored by the boards of the Trustee and the AMC. Further, the boards of the Trustee and AMC will also review the performance of the Schemes in the light of performance of the mutual fund industry.

The AMC has appointed an Investment Committee, which lays down the broad investment policy for the Schemes, review the policy and to review the portfolio and performance of the Schemes periodically. However, the day to day investment management decision will be taken



by fund manager of the respective Scheme. All investment decisions shall be recorded in terms of Paragraph 12.23.1 of SEBI Master Circular dated May 19, 2023 as amended from time to time.

The Chief Executive Officer of the AMC shall inter-alia ensue that the investments made by the fund managers are in the interest of the Unit holders. The Fund Manager shall ensure that the funds of the Scheme(s) are invested in line with the investment objective of the Scheme(s) and in the interest of the Unit holders.

# III. Service Prodivers

# 1. Custodian

**Standard Chartered Bank** Crescenzo, 3A Floor, C-38/39, G-Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai 400 051. SEBI Registration Number: **IN/CUS/006** 

# 2. Registrar and Transfer agent

# **KFIN Technologies Limited**

Unit - PGIM India Mutual Fund 9th Floor, Capital Towers, 180, Kodambakkam High Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600034. SEBI Registration Number - **INR000000221** 

The Board of the Trustees and the AMC have ensured that the Registrar has adequate capacity to discharge responsibilities with regard to processing of applications within the time limit prescribed in the Regulations and also has sufficient capacity to handle investor complaints.

#### 3. Statutory Auditor for the Schemes of PGIM India Mutual Fund

**Price Waterhouse Chartered Accountants LLP,** 252, Veer Savarkar Marg, Shivaji Park, Dadar (W), Mumbai-400028

#### 4. Legal counsel

The AMC and Trustee avails of the services of experienced and renowned legal firms, as and when required depending upon the subject matter.

#### 5. Fund Accountant

**Standard Chartered Bank** 90, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Mumbai - 400 001.

6. Collecting Bankers



Standard Chartered Bank Registered Address:- 90 M. G. Road, Mumbai - 400 001 SEBI registration No. INBI00000885

# HDFC Bank Limited

Registered Address:- HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (W), Mumbai - 400 013 SEBI Registration Number - **INBI00000063** 

The AMC reserves the right to change / modify the list of Collection Bankers. During the New Fund Offer of the Schemes, the AMC shall appoint additional Collection Bankers to accept the applications for investment in the Schemes. The list of the Collection Bankers will be disclosed in the Scheme Information Document and also Key Information Memorandum and the website of the Mutual Fund, as and when the schemes are launched.

# **IV.** Condensed Financial Information (CFI)

Given below are the CFI for all the schemes launched by PGIM India Mutual Fund during last three fiscal years (excluding redeemed schemes):-

| HISTORICA<br>L PER UNIT<br>STATISTICS                      | PGIM India Small Cap<br>Fund |             | PGIM India Global<br>Select Real Estate<br>Securities Fund of Fund |             | PGIM India<br>CRISIL IBX<br>Gilt Index -<br>Apr 2028 Fund |             | PGIM<br>India<br>Large<br>and<br>Midcap<br>Fund # |             |         |
|--|------------------------------|-------------|--|-------------|---|-------------|---|-------------|---------|
| Date of<br>Allotment                                       |                              | 29-Jul-21   |  |             | 03-Dec-21   |             |   | 22-Feb-23   |         |
| Financial<br>Year  | 2023-<br>24                  | 2022-<br>23 | 2021-<br>22  | 2023-<br>24 | 2022-<br>23   | 2021-<br>22 | 2023-<br>24                                       | 2022-<br>23 | 2023-24 |
| <u>NAV at the</u><br><u>beginning of</u><br>the year (Rs.) | _                            |             |  |             |   |             |   |             |         |
| Regular<br>Growth  | 10.16                        | 11.03       | N.A  | 8.78        | 10.48   | N.A         | 10.15   | N.A         | N.A     |
| Regular<br>IDCW Option                                     | 10.16                        | 11.03       | N.A  | N.A         | 10.48   | N.A         | 10.15   | N.A         | N.A     |
| Regular Daily<br>IDCW Option                               | N.A                          | N.A         | N.A  | N.A         | N.A   | N.A         | N.A   | N.A         | N.A     |
| Regular<br>Weekly<br>IDCW Option                           | N.A                          | N.A         | N.A  | N.A         | N.A   | N.A         | N.A   | N.A         | N.A     |
| Regular<br>Monthly<br>IDCW Option                          | N.A                          | N.A         | N.A  | N.A         | N.A   | N.A         | N.A   | N.A         | N.A     |
| Regular<br>Quarterly<br>IDCW Option                        | N.A                          | N.A         | N.A  | N.A         | N.A   | N.A         | N.A   | N.A         | N.A     |



| Regular<br>Annual IDCW |       |         |       |       |       |             |       |       |         |
|------------------------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|---------|
| Option                 | N.A   | N.A     | N.A   | NL A  | N.A   | NI A        | NL A  | N.A   | N.A     |
| Regular                | N.A   | IN.A    | IN.A  | N.A   | N.A   | N.A         | N.A   | IN.A  | IN.A    |
| Bonus                  | N.A   | N.A     | N.A   | N.A   | N.A   | N.A         | N.A   | N.A   | N.A     |
| Direct Growth          | 10.49 | 11.18   | N.A   | 8.88  | 10.51 | N.A         | 10.15 | N.A   | N.A     |
| Direct IDCW            | 10.47 | 11.10   | 11.11 | 0.00  | 10.51 | <b>П.</b> Л | 10.15 | 11.71 | 11.11   |
| Option                 | 10.14 | 11.18   | N.A   | N.A   | 10.51 | N.A         | 10.15 | N.A   | N.A     |
| Direct Daily           | 10.14 | 11.10   | 11.21 | 11.21 | 10.51 | 11.11       | 10.15 | 11.21 | 1 (.7 ) |
| IDCW Option            | N.A   | N.A     | N.A   | N.A   | N.A   | N.A         | N.A   | N.A   | N.A     |
| Direct Weekly          | 11.11 | 1,111   | 1,111 | 1111  | 11.11 | 1,111       | 1,111 | 11.11 | 1 (11)  |
| IDCW Option            | N.A   | N.A     | N.A   | N.A   | N.A   | N.A         | N.A   | N.A   | N.A     |
| Direct                 | 11.21 | 1 (.7 1 | 1111  | 11.11 | 11.11 | 11.11       | 11.21 | 11.21 | 1 (.1   |
| Monthly                |       |         |       |       |       |             |       |       |         |
| IDCW Option            | N.A   | N.A     | N.A   | N.A   | N.A   | N.A         | N.A   | N.A   | N.A     |
| Direct                 |       |         |       |       |       |             |       |       |         |
| Quarterly              |       |         |       |       |       |             |       |       |         |
| IDCW Option            | N.A   | N.A     | N.A   | N.A   | N.A   | N.A         | N.A   | N.A   | N.A     |
| Direct Annual          |       |         |       |       |       |             |       |       |         |
| IDCW Option            | N.A   | N.A     | N.A   | N.A   | N.A   | N.A         | N.A   | N.A   | N.A     |
| IDCW paid              |       |         |       |       |       |             |       |       |         |
| during the             |       |         |       |       |       |             |       |       |         |
| year (Rs.)             |       |         |       |       |       |             |       |       |         |
| Regular                | -     |         |       |       |       |             |       |       |         |
| IDCW Option            | 0.35  | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00        | 0.65  | 0.00  | 0.00    |
| Regular Daily          |       |         |       |       |       |             |       |       |         |
| IDCW Option            | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00        | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    |
| Regular                |       |         |       |       |       |             |       |       |         |
| Weekly                 |       |         |       |       |       |             |       |       |         |
| <b>IDCW</b> Option     | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00        | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    |
| Regular                |       |         |       |       |       |             |       |       |         |
| Monthly                |       |         |       |       |       |             |       |       |         |
| IDCW Option            | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00        | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    |
| Regular                |       |         |       |       |       |             |       |       |         |
| Quarterly              |       |         |       |       |       |             |       |       |         |
| IDCW Option            | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00        | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    |
| Regular                |       |         |       |       |       |             |       |       |         |
| Annual IDCW            |       |         |       |       |       | _           | _     |       |         |
| Option                 | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00        | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    |
| Regular                |       | 0.5-    |       |       |       |             |       | 0.05  |         |
| Bonus                  | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00        | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    |
| Direct IDCW            |       |         |       | _     |       | _           | _     |       |         |
| Option                 | 0.35  | 0.35    | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00        | 0.65  | 0.00  | 0.00    |
| Direct Daily           |       | 0.6-    | 0.6-  |       |       | 0.5-        |       | 0.05  |         |
| IDCW Option            | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00        | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    |
| Direct Weekly          | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00        | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.6     |
| IDCW Option            | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00        | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    |
| Direct                 | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00        | 0.00  | 0.00  |         |
| Monthly                | 0.00  | 0.00    | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00        | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00    |



| IDCW Option                  |          |       |              |              |              |         |               |          |              |
|------------------------------|----------|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------|---------------|----------|--------------|
| Direct                       |          |       |              |              |              |         |               |          |              |
| Quarterly                    |          |       |              |              |              |         |               |          |              |
| IDCW Option                  | 0.00     | 0.00  | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00    | 0.00          | 0.00     | 0.00         |
| Direct Annual                | 0.00     | 0.00  | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00    | 0.00          | 0.00     | 0.00         |
| IDCW Option                  | 0.00     | 0.00  | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00    | 0.00          | 0.00     | 0.00         |
| NAV at the                   | 0.00     | 0.00  | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00    | 0.00          | 0.00     | 0.00         |
| end of the                   |          |       |              |              |              |         |               |          |              |
| year (Rs.)                   |          |       |              |              |              |         |               |          |              |
| Regular                      |          |       |              |              |              |         | 10.876        |          |              |
| Growth                       | 13.19    | 10.16 | 11.03        | 9.79         | 8.78         | 10.48   | 8             | 10.147   | 10.41        |
| Regular                      | 15.17    | 10.10 | 11.05        | 2.17         | 0.70         | 10.10   | 10.225        | 10.117   | 10.11        |
| IDCW Option                  | 12.84    | 10.16 | 11.03        | N.A          | N.A          | 10.48   | 10.225        | 10.147   | 10.41        |
| Regular Daily                | 12.04    | 10.10 | 11.05        | 11.11        | <b>N.</b> A  | 10.40   | 1             | 10.147   | 10.41        |
| IDCW Option                  | N.A      | N.A   | N.A          | N.A          | N.A          | N.A     | N.A           | N.A      | N.A          |
| Regular                      | 11.71    | 11.11 | 11.11        | 11.11        | 11.11        | 11.71   | 11.71         | 11.7     | 1 <b>N.A</b> |
| Weekly                       |          |       |              |              |              |         |               |          |              |
| IDCW Option                  | N.A      | N.A   | N.A          | N.A          | N.A          | N.A     | N.A           | N.A      | N.A          |
| Regular                      | IN.A     | IN.A  | <b>IN.A</b>  | IN.A         | <b>IN.A</b>  | IN.A    | IN.A          | IN.A     | IN.A         |
| Monthly                      |          |       |              |              |              |         |               |          |              |
| IDCW Option                  | N.A      | N.A   | N.A          | N.A          | N.A          | N.A     | N.A           | N.A      | N.A          |
| Regular                      | IN.A     | IN.A  | IN.A         | IN.A         | IN.A         | IN.A    | IN.A          | IN.A     | IN.A         |
| Quarterly                    |          |       |              |              |              |         |               |          |              |
| IDCW Option                  | N.A      | N.A   | N.A          | N.A          | N.A          | N.A     | N.A           | N.A      | N.A          |
| Regular                      | IN.A     | IN.A  | <b>IN.A</b>  | IN.A         | <b>IN.A</b>  | IN.A    | IN.A          | IN.A     | IN.A         |
| Annual IDCW                  |          |       |              |              |              |         |               |          |              |
| Option                       | N.A      | N.A   | N.A          | N.A          | N.A          | N.A     | N.A           | N.A      | N.A          |
| Regular                      | IN.A     | IN.A  | IN.A         | IN.A         | N.A          | N.A     | IN.A          | IN.A     | IN.A         |
| Bonus                        | NI A     | NI A  | NL A         | NL A         | N A          | NI A    | NI A          | NL A     | NI A         |
| Donus                        | N.A      | N.A   | N.A          | N.A          | N.A          | N.A     | N.A<br>10.901 | N.A      | N.A          |
| Dimage Crosseth              | 12.04    | 10.40 | 11 10        | 0.00         | 0 00         | 10.51   | 10.901        | 10 140   | 10.44        |
| Direct Growth<br>Direct IDCW | 13.84    | 10.49 | 11.18        | 9.98         | 8.88         | 10.51   | 10.249        | 10.149   | 10.44        |
|                              | 12.02    | 10.14 | 11 10        | NI A         | NI A         | 10.51   |               | 10 1 40  | 10.44        |
| Option                       | 13.02    | 10.14 | 11.18        | N.A          | N.A          | 10.51   | 7             | 10.149   | 10.44        |
| Direct Daily                 | NT A     | NT A  | NT A         | NT A         | NT A         | NT A    | NT A          | NT A     | NT A         |
| IDCW Option                  | N.A      | N.A   | N.A          | N.A          | N.A          | N.A     | N.A           | N.A      | N.A          |
| Direct Weekly                | NT A     | NT A  | NT A         | NT A         | NT A         | NT A    | NT A          | NT A     | <b>NT</b> 4  |
| IDCW Option                  | N.A      | N.A   | N.A          | N.A          | N.A          | N.A     | N.A           | N.A      | N.A          |
| Direct                       |          |       |              |              |              |         |               |          |              |
| Monthly                      | NT A     | NT A  | NT A         | NT A         | NT A         | NT A    | NT A          | NT A     | NT A         |
| IDCW Option                  | N.A      | N.A   | N.A          | N.A          | N.A          | N.A     | N.A           | N.A      | N.A          |
| Direct                       |          |       |              |              |              |         |               |          |              |
| Quarterly                    | NT A     | NT A  | NT A         | NT A         | <b>N</b> T A | RT A    | NT A          | NT A     | <b>NT</b> 4  |
| IDCW Option                  | N.A      | N.A   | N.A          | N.A          | N.A          | N.A     | N.A           | N.A      | N.A          |
| Direct Annual                | <b>.</b> | ЪТ 4  | <b>N</b> T 4 | <b>N</b> T 4 | <b>N</b> T 4 | <b></b> | <b></b>       | <b>.</b> | <b>N</b> T 4 |
| IDCW Option                  | N.A      | N.A   | N.A          | N.A          | N.A          | N.A     | N.A           | N.A      | N.A          |
| Annualized                   |          |       |              |              |              |         |               |          |              |
| returns (%)                  |          |       |              | 11.55        |              |         |               |          |              |
| Regularn Plan                | 30.11    | -     |              | 11.57        | -            |         | -             |          | 1.0001 11    |
| - Growth                     | %        | 7.89% | N.A          | %            | 16.22        | N.A     | 7.20%         | N.A.     | 4.20% **     |



| option                    |            |            |            |            | %              |            |       |         |          |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|------------|-------|---------|----------|
| Direct Plan -             | 32.14      |            |            | 12.46      | -<br>15.51     |            |       |         |          |
| Growth option             | 52.14<br>% | -<br>6.17% | N.A        | 12.40      | 13.31          | N.A        | 7.41% | N.A.    | 4.40% ** |
| Benchmark                 | 90         | 0.17%      | N.A        | 70         | 90             | IN.A       | 7.41% | IN.A.   | 4.40%    |
| returns (%)               |            |            |            |            |                |            |       |         |          |
| Regularn Plan             | -          |            |            |            | _              |            |       |         |          |
| - Growth                  | 64.60      | -          |            | 10.16      | 13.92          |            |       |         |          |
| option                    | %          | 6.03%      | 6.86%      | %          | %              | 0.92%      | 7.72% | N.A.    | 2.61% ** |
| •                         |            |            |            |            | -              |            |       |         |          |
| Direct Plan -             | 64.60      | -          |            | 10.16      | 13.92          |            |       |         |          |
| Growth option             | %          | 6.03%      | 6.86%      | %          | %              | 0.92%      | 7.72% | N.A.    | 2.61% ** |
|                           |            |            |            |            |                |            |       |         | NIFTY    |
|                           |            |            |            | FTSF       | EPRA/I         | Nareit     |       | L-IBX   | LargeMid |
| Benchmark                 | Nifty Sr   | nallcap 25 | 50 - TRI   |            | veloped In     |            |       | ndex -  | cap 250  |
|                           |            |            |            | 201        | eropea m       |            | April | 2028    | Index    |
|                           |            |            |            |            |                |            |       |         | TRI.     |
| <u>Standard</u>           |            |            |            |            |                |            |       |         |          |
| Benchmark                 | -          |            |            |            |                |            |       |         |          |
| <u>Returns (%)</u>        |            |            |            |            |                |            |       |         |          |
| Regularn Plan<br>- Growth | 30.27      |            | 20.26      | 30.27      |                | 20.26      | 8.55% | 1 570/  |          |
| option                    | 50.27<br>% | 0.59%      | %          | %          | 0.59%          | %          | 8.33% | 1.57%   | 3.34% ** |
| Direct Plan -             | 30.27      | 0.39%      | 20.26      | 30.27      | 0.39%          | 20.26      |       |         | 5.54%    |
| Growth option             | 30.27<br>% | 0.59%      | 20.20<br>% | 30.27<br>% | 0.59%          | 20.20<br>% | 8.55% | 1.57%   | 3.34% ** |
| Standard                  |            |            |            |            |                |            | CRISH | 10 Year | NIFTY 50 |
| Benchmark                 | NIF        | FTY 50 - 7 | ΓRI        | NIF        | NIFTY 50 - TRI |            |       | Index   | - TRI    |
| Net Asset at              |            |            |            |            |                |            |       |         |          |
| the end of                |            |            |            |            |                |            |       |         |          |
| year / period             | 1,373.     | 2015.5     | 1,688.     |            |                |            |       |         |          |
| Rs. in crores)            | 08         | 5          | 20         | 69.04      | 100.98         | 132.38     | 30.68 | 30.44   | 326.37   |
| Ratio of                  |            |            |            |            |                |            |       |         |          |
| Recurring                 |            |            |            |            |                |            |       |         |          |
| Expenses to               |            |            |            |            |                |            |       |         |          |
| average daily             |            |            |            |            |                |            |       |         |          |
| net assets (%             |            |            |            |            |                |            |       |         |          |
| of AAUM)                  | 2.00%      | 1.26%      | 1.45%      | 1.28%      | 1.29%          | 1.18%      | 0.39% | 0.54%   | 0.49%    |

The ratio of Recurring expenses to average daily net assets by percentage has been annualised for the respective period.

# Launched during the year

\*\* Absolute Return- Since scheme has not completed one year

N.A : Not Applicable

IDCW: Income Distribution Cum Withdrawal



Return during the year has been calculated as on March 31, 2024 for the growth plans of the respective schemes, considering Movement of NAV during the year.

For scheme that have not completed one year at the end of the respective year, returns for such periods are given as absolute returns and not annualized. Different plans have

#### Past performance may or may not be sustained in future.

#### V. Risk Factors

#### 1. Standard Risk Factors

#### a. Standard Risk Factors for investments in Mutual Fund

- Investment in Mutual Fund Units involves investment risks such as trading volumes, settlement risk, liquidity risk, default risk including the possible loss of principal;
- As the price/value/interest rates of the securities in which the Scheme invests fluctuates, the value of your investment in the Scheme may go up or down;
- Past performance of the Sponsor/AMC/Mutual Fund does not guarantee future performance of the Scheme;
- The name of the Scheme does not in any manner indicate either the quality of the scheme or its future prospects and returns;
- Save as otherwise provided in the Regulations, the Sponsor is not responsible or liable for any loss resulting from the operation of the Scheme beyond the initial contribution of Rs.100,000/- made by it towards setting up the Fund;
- The Schemes of PGIM India Mutual Fund are not guaranteed or assured return schemes

# b. Risk factors of not maintaining average AUM of Rs. 20 crore on half yearly rolling basis (Applicable only for open ended debt oriented schemes)

As per paragraph 6.12 of the Master Circular, in the interest of investors it is important that debt oriented schemes have an adequate corpus to ensure adherence to the investment objectives and compliance with investment restrictions specified under SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996. The Scheme shall maintain an average AUM of Rs. 20 crores on half yearly rolling basis. In case, the average AUM falls below Rs. 20 crores, the AMC shall scale up the AUM of Rs. 20 crore on half yearly rolling basis.

#### c. Risks associated with different derivative strategies

• Derivative products are leveraged instruments and can provide disproportionate gains as well as disproportionate losses to the investors. Execution of such strategies depends upon the ability of the fund manager to identify such opportunities as well as to manage risks arising thereby. Identification and execution of the strategies to be pursued by the Scheme involve uncertainty and investment decisions may not always be profitable. No assurance can be given that the fund manager will be able to identify or execute such strategies. Derivative investments carry certain risks and issues arising out of such dealings. The risks associated with the use of derivatives - either for hedging or for



portfolio balancing – are different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. Certain other risks, one or more, that may arise consequent to use of derivatives are: risk of mispricing or improper valuation of derivatives, credit risk arising out of counterparty failing to honour its commitment, liquidity risk where the derivatives cannot be sold at prices that reflect the underlying assets, rates and indices, and price risk where the market price may move in adverse fashion. Derivatives require the maintenance of adequate controls to monitor the transactions entered into, the ability to assess the risk that a derivative adds to the portfolio and the ability to manage the risks as a result of the possible failure of the counterparty to comply with the terms of the derivative contract.

- To the extent that Derivatives are utilised to seek to achieve the investment objectives of the Scheme, and for purposes other than hedging, the overall risk of loss to the Scheme may be increased. To the extent that Derivatives are utilised for hedging purposes, the risk of loss to the Scheme may be increased where the value of the Derivative instrument and the value of the Security or position which it is hedging are insufficiently correlated.
- **Futures and Call Options:-** The Scheme may invest in Derivatives such as futures and call options. The option buyer's risk is limited to the premium paid, while the risk of an option writer is unlimited. However the gains of an option writer are limited to the premiums earned. The writer of a call option bears a risk of loss if the value of the underlying asset increases above the exercise price. The loss can be unlimited as the underlying asset can increase to any level. The writer of a put option bears the risk of loss if the value of the underlying asset declines below the exercise price and the loss is limited to the strike price. The relevant stock exchange, if any, may impose restrictions on the exercise of options and may also restrict the exercise of options at certain times in specified circumstances.
  - Covered call options for equity shares
    - A. Benefits of using Covered Call strategy in Mutual Funds:

The covered call strategy can be followed by the Fund Manager in order to hedge risk thereby resulting in better risk adjusted returns of the Scheme. The strategy offers the following benefits:

- a) Hedge against market risk Since the fund manager sells a call option on a stock already owned by the mutual fund scheme, the downside from fall in the stock price would be lower to the extent of the premium earned from the call option.
- b) Generating additional returns in the form of option premium in a range bound market.

Thus, a covered call strategy involves gains for unit holders in case the strategy plays out in the right direction

**B.** Risks for writing covered call options for equity shares:



- a) Writing call options are highly specialized activities and entail higher than ordinary investment risks. In such investment strategy, the profits from call option writing is capped at the option premium, however the downside depends upon the increase in value of the underlying equity shares. This downside risk is reduced by writing covered call options.
- b) The Scheme may write covered call option only in case it has adequate number of underlying equity shares as per regulatory requirement.

This would lead to setting aside a portion of investment in underlying equity shares. If covered call options are sold to the maximum extent allowed by regulatory authority, the scheme may not be able to sell the underlying equity shares immediately if the view changes to sell and exit the stock. The covered call options need to be unwound before the stock positions can be liquidated. This may lead to a loss of opportunity, or can cause exit issues if the strike price at which the call option contracts have been written become illiquid. Hence, the scheme may not be able to sell the underlying equity shares, which can lead to temporary illiquidity of the underlying equity shares and result in loss of opportunity.

- c) The writing of covered call option would lead to loss of opportunity due to appreciation in value of the underlying equity shares. Hence, when the appreciation in equity share price is more than the option premium received the scheme would be at a loss.
- d) The total gross exposure related to option premium paid and received must not exceed the regulatory limits of the net assets of the scheme.

This may restrict the ability of Scheme to buy any options.

- Investments in index futures face the same risk as investments in a portfolio of shares representing an index. The extent of loss is the same as in the underlying Securities.
- The risk of loss in trading futures contracts can be substantial, because of the low margin deposits required, the extremely high degree of leverage involved in futures pricing and the potential high volatility of the futures markets.
- d. Risk Factors pertaining to Investments in units of Corporate Debt Market Development Fund (CDMDF)

# Backstop facility in form of investment in Corporate Debt Market Development Fund (CDMDF):

CDMDF is set up as a scheme of the Trust registered as an Alternative Investment Fund ('AIF') in accordance with the SEBI (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2012 ("AIF Regulations"). The objective of the CDMDF is to help to develop the corporate debt market by providing backstop facility to instill confidence amongst the market participants in the corporate debt/bond market during times of market dislocation and to enhance the secondary market liquidity. In times of market dislocation, CDMDF shall purchase and hold eligible corporate debt securities from the participating investors (i.e., specified debt-oriented MF schemes to begin with) and sell as markets



recover. The CDMDF will thus act as a key enabler for facilitating liquidity in the corporate debt market and to respond quickly in times of market dislocation. The trigger and period for which the backstop facility will be open shall be as decided by SEBI. Thus this backstop facility will help fund managers of the aforementioned Schemes to better generate liquidity during market dislocation to help the schemes fulfill liquidity obligations under stress situation.

In accordance with the requirement of regulation 43A of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 read with SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/IMD/PoD2/P/CIR/2023/129 dated July 27, 2023 on Investment by Mutual Fund Schemes in units of Corporate Debt Market Development Fund, the aforementioned schemes shall invest 25 bps of its AUM as on December 31, 2022 in the units of the Corporate Debt Market Development Fund ('CDMDF'). An incremental contribution to CDMDF shall be made every six months to ensure 25 bps of scheme AUM is invested in units of CDMDF. However, if AUM decreases there shall be no return or redemption from CDMDF. Contribution made to CDMDF, including the appreciations on the same, if any, shall be locked-in till winding up of the CDMDF.

We would further like to bring to the notice of the investors that investments in CDMDF units shall not be considered as violation while considering maturity restriction as applicable for various purposes (including applicable Investment limits) and the calculations of Potential Risk Class (PRC) Matrix, Risk-o-meter, Stress testing and Duration for various purposes shall be done after excluding investments in units of CDMDF.

Investors are requested to read detailed disclosure in Scheme Information Document of the respective Scheme pertaining to investment of the schemes in the CDMDF as listed in Section 1, Part II section "A. How will the Scheme allocate its assets?" and section "B. Where will the Scheme Invest?"

# e. Risk Associated with Swing Pricing:

The swing pricing mechanism aims to protect existing investors within a fund from dilution caused by subscriptions & redemptions of other investors entering and exiting the fund. Dilution refers to the bid-ask spread and transaction costs incurred when a portfolio manager buys or sells underlying securities of a fund as a result of investor net flows. Investors subscribe in and redeem out of a fund at a single net asset value ("NAV") which is based on the mid-price of underlying securities in the fund. However, when a portfolio manager buys securities following a net inflow or sells securities held following a net outflow, the portfolio manager buys at ask price (ie a higher price than mid-price) and sells at bid price (ie a lower price than mid-price). With swing pricing, these transaction costs are borne by the transacting investors instead of the existing investors in the fund, therefore protecting the long-term interest of shareholders who remain in the fund.

#### f. Risk Associated with Liquidity Risk Management:

Liquidity risk management is a tool to manage redemption and liquidity pressure for open ended debt schemes (ex Gilt and Overnight). A portion of the scheme's AUM is to be kept



in cash and cash equivalents and a portion of the fund's AUM is to be maintained in highly lliquid assets like AAA securities. The fund's return may be impacted to the extent the fund is not able to invest in better yield securities to meet the LRM requirements.

#### 2. Special Considerations

- Prospective investors should study Scheme Information Document ('SID') and Statement of Additional Information ('SAI') carefully in its entirety and should not construe the contents hereof as advise relating to legal, taxation, financial, investment or any other matters and are advised to consult their legal, tax, financial and other professional advisors to determine possible legal, tax, financial or other considerations of subscribing to or redeeming units, before making a decision to invest / redeem / hold Units.
- Neither SID or SAI nor the Mutual Fund has been registered in any jurisdiction outside India. The distribution of SID in certain jurisdictions may be restricted or totally prohibited and accordingly, persons who come into possession of SID are required to inform themselves about, and to observe, any such restrictions and or legal compliance requirements. No persons receiving a copy of SID or Key Information Memorandum and any accompanying application form in such jurisdiction may treat SID or such application form as constituting an invitation to them to subscribe for Units, nor should they in any event use any such application form, unless such an invitation could lawfully be made to them in the relevant jurisdiction and such application form could lawfully be used without compliance of any registration or other legal requirements.
- This is not an offer for sale, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, in the United States or to any "US Person" of any Units of the Scheme. *"US Person" includes a natural person, residing in the United States or any entity organized or incorporated under the laws of the United States.* US Citizens living abroad may also be deemed "US Persons" under certain rules. The Scheme offered hereunder has not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 as amended (the "Securities Act"), for offer or sale as part of its distribution and the Fund or the AMC have not been and will not be registered under the United States Investment Company Act of 1940. This does not constitute, and should not be construed as, "general solicitation or general advertising" as defined under Regulation D of the Securities Act, or "directed selling efforts" under Regulation S of the Securities Act.
- The AMC may have certain reporting obligations under U.S. tax laws in respect of investments by and payments to US based clients of the India operation. The AMC may also be obligated to withhold US tax under US tax laws, if the AMC makes any payment / distributions to US clients who do not have or who have not provided their US taxpayer ID, and also report all such payments to US clients in a (US) Form 1099. Thus, notwithstanding what is stated in the foregoing paragraph, if any US based NRI or PIO invests in any schemes of the Mutual Fund, such investor may be required to fill in and sign the prescribed Form W-9 (including US taxpayer ID/Social Security Number), if he/she is a US citizen or US resident to avoid U.S. tax withholding, if required, at the time of any payments; and if such an investor is a not a US citizen or resident, he/she may be required fill in and sign the prescribed Form W-8. The respective forms are available at http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf and http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/iw8ben.pdf
- The AMC, Trustee or the Mutual Fund have not authorized any person to issue any advertisement or to give any information or to make any representations, either oral or written, other than that contained in SID or the SAI or as is provided by the AMC in connection with this offering. Prospective investors are advised not to rely upon any information or representation not incorporated in the SID or SAI or provided by the AMC as having been authorized by the Mutual



Fund, the AMC or the Trustee. Any subscription, purchase or sale made by any person on the basis of statements or representations which are not contained in SID or which are inconsistent with the information contained herein shall be solely at the risk of the investor.

- Investment decisions made by the Investment Manager may not always be profitable.
- Pursuant to the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 and U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) laws and regulations, if after due diligence, the AMC believes that any transaction is suspicious in nature as regards money laundering or violating any provisions of the OFAC laws and regulations, on failure to provide required documentation, information, etc. by the investor, the AMC shall have absolute discretion to report such suspicious transactions to Financial Intelligence Unit India (FIU-IND and/or PFI or its affiliates for reporting under OFAC laws and regulations and/or to freeze the Units under folios of the investor(s), reject any application(s) / allotment of Units.
- The Mutual Fund may disclose details of the investor's account and transactions there under to those intermediaries whose stamp appears on the application form. In addition, the Mutual Fund may disclose such details to the bankers, as may be necessary for the purpose of effecting payments to the investor. The Fund may also disclose such details to regulatory and statutory authorities/bodies as may be required or necessary.
- The AMC may freeze/lock the folio(s) of unitholder(s) for further transactions or reject any applications for subscription or redemption of units pursuant to receipt of orders/instructions/directions issued by any Governmental, judicial, quasi-judicial or other similar authority, including orders restricting the unitholder(s) from dealing in securities or for attachment of units held by such unitholder(s).
- The tax benefits described in Scheme Information Document and Statement of Additional Information are as available under the present taxation laws and are available subject to relevant conditions. The information given is included only for general purpose and is based on advice received by the AMC regarding the law and practice currently in force in India as on the date of this Scheme Information Document and the Unit holders should be aware that the relevant fiscal rules or their interpretation may change. As is the case with any investment, there can be no guarantee that the tax position or the proposed tax position prevailing at the time of an investment in the Scheme will endure indefinitely. In view of the individual nature of tax consequences, each Unit holder is advised to consult his / her own professional tax advisor.
- Any dispute arising out of the Scheme shall be subject to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts in India. Statements in the SID are, except where otherwise stated, based on the law, practice currently in force in India and are subject to changes therein.
- The AMC is also registered as a Portfolio Manager with SEBI under the SEBI (Portfolio Managers) Regulations, 1993 [as repealed and superseded by SEBI (Portfolio Managers) Regulations, 2020] vide registration no. INP000006952 and the certificate of registration is valid unless it is suspended or cancelled by SEBI. The AMC shares investment research facility and certain employees between the mutual fund and portfolio management services activities. SEBI has vide its letter no. OW/3468/2013 dated February 08, 2013, accorded it's no objection to the AMC for sharing the investment research facility and certain employees between the mutual fund and portfolio management activities of the AMC. The AMC has proper systems and controls in



place to ensure that there is no conflict of interest between the activity of managing the schemes of PGIM India Mutual Fund and the activity of portfolio management services.

- The AMC is also providing management and advisory services to Foreign Portfolio Investors, which are broad based funds as permitted under Regulation 24(b) of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996. SEBI has vide its email dated February 01, 2023, accorded it's no objection to the AMC, for providing management and advisory services to Foreign Portfolio Investors. The AMC has proper systems and controls in place to ensure that (a) there is no conflict of interest between the activities of managing the schemes of the Fund and other activities, as envisaged under SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996; and (c) interest of the unit holders of the schemes of the Fund are protected at all times.
- The AMC also acts as the investment manager for PGIM India Alternative Investment Fund ("AIF Fund"), which is formed as a trust and has received registration as a Category III Alternative Investment Fund from SEBI vide Registration No. IN/AIF3/ 18-19/0615.

#### **Requirement of Minimum Investors in the Scheme**

All open ended scheme of the Fund shall have a minimum of 20 investors and no single investor shall account for more than 25% of the corpus of the scheme. In case the scheme does not have a minimum of 20 investors in the stipulated period, the provisions of Regulation 39(2)(c) of the SEBI (MF) Regulations would become applicable automatically without any reference from SEBI and accordingly the scheme shall be wound up and the units would be redeemed at applicable NAV. The two conditions mentioned above shall also be complied within each subsequent calendar quarter thereafter, on an average basis, as specified by SEBI. If there is a breach of the 25% limit by any investor over the quarter, a rebalancing period of one month would be allowed and thereafter the investor who is in breach of the rule shall be given 15 days' notice to redeem his exposure over the 25% limit. Failure on the part of the said investor to redeem his exposure over the 25% limit within the aforesaid 15 days would lead to automatic redemption by the Mutual Fund on the applicable NAV on the 15th day of the notice period. The Fund shall adhere to the requirements prescribed by SEBI from time to time in this regard.

# Investors are urged to study the terms of the offer carefully before investing in the Scheme, and to retain the SID and the SAI for future reference.

#### VI. HOW TO APPLY?

#### A. Purchase

a) New investors can purchase units by using a prescribed application form annexed to the Key Information Memorandum (KIM). Existing Unitholders may use the Transaction Slip printed at the bottom of their account statement, or use a 'Common Transaction/Application Form' for additional purchases. Investors, in their own interest, are requested to go through the Guidelines /instructions in Key Information Memorandum (KIM) for filling up the application form before investing. The investors signature on the main application form shall be the basis for all future transactions processing. During the NFO of a scheme, the existing



unitholders need to use the scheme's NFO application form for purchases; for switch transaction from one scheme to another, unitholders may use the Transaction Slip printed at the bottom of their account statement or use the Common Transaction Form.

- b) The application form or common transaction form, as mentioned above, is available at all Official Points of Acceptance of the Mutual Fund, namely, the Investor Service Centres (ISCs) of the AMC and the Registrars (KFIN Technologies Limited). The AMC/Registrar may open additional ISCs from time to time. Investors may obtain addresses of official points of acceptance from the relevant SID or by calling the AMC/Registrar.
- c) The duly completed application form / transaction slip / common transaction form, as the case maybe, along with the payment instrument may be submitted at any of the Official Points of Acceptance of the Mutual Fund. The ISCs will time-stamp, and return the acknowledgement slip in the application form, to acknowledge receipt of the application, subject to verification. No other form of acknowledgement will be issued.
- d) Payment for the investments can be made either by a cheque or a bank draft / pay order or electronic fund-transfer request or via Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) or National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT).
- e) In terms of Paragraph 16.2.2 of SEBI Master Circular dated May 19, 2023 mutual funds units can be transacted through all the registered stock brokers of the National Stock Exchange of India Limited and / or Bombay Stock Exchange Limited, who are also registered with AMFI and are empaneled as distributors with the AMCs. Investors desirous of transacting through the stock exchange mode are required to have a Demat account with NSDL/ CDSL. The Mutual Fund shall endeavor to offer the abovementioned facility of transacting through the stock exchanges at a future date.
- f) AMC/ its Registrar will take utmost care in processing, storing and maintaining such information so that such sensitive and personal information shall not get exposed to any unrelated third party(ies) and used for specific & associated purpose for which such information is collected. AMC/ its Registrar has implemented all required processes and controls as required under local data protection & privacy laws (Information Technology Act, 2000 & amendments 54 thereof from to time) and will continue to abide by all such data protection & privacy laws as notified by Government of India from time to time. Mutual Fund / AMC neither seek any investment from nor intend to offer any goods or services to Citizen(s)/Resident(s) of the USA / Canada / European Union Member States or any other territory outside India, where there are Data Protection Law passed as Public International Law and all the information that are provided by the investor(s) are done voluntarily and in full agreement to the data collection and sharing, as explained above.

Mutual Fund / AMC / its Registrar, who shall be collecting, using and sharing as indicated above, shall comply with local laws of India, which may or may not be in line with the requirements of other territorial laws. If you have any concern / query, you can write to Investor Relations Officer of the Mutual Fund/ AMC. By choosing to invest in the Mutual Fund, it is construed that investor is providing explicit consent to AMC, RTA and other entities engaged by AMC to process investor data in their roles as per existing & prospective processes determined by Mutual Fund /AMC from time to time.



<u>Online Transactions in units:</u> For the convenience of the investors, the Mutual Fund also endeavours to introduce the Online Transaction Module on its Website for transacting in units in the schemes of PGIM India Mutual Fund.

While applying for purchase of units in the schemes, investors should note the following:

- Cheque or demand draft should be crossed "Account Payee Only", and drawn in favor of the scheme in which the investor proposes to invest.
- Cheque or demand draft should be payable locally at the city where the application is deposited, and should be drawn on any bank that is a member of the local Clearing House.
- In case of an applicant who is resident of a city whose banking clearing circle is different from that of any ISC or designated collection center of the AMC, the AMC shall not bear the bank charges (As per demand draft charges prescribed by State Bank of India) incurred by the investor in obtaining a demand draft(s). Bank charges for outstation drafts will be borne by the Investor and the amount available for investment post deduction of bank charges shall not be less than the amount specified for minimum investment.
- Investors who intend to invest in more than one scheme/plan/option, should submit a separate payment instrument and a separate transaction slip for each such investment.
- Payment by cash, stock invests and out-station will not be accepted.
- Applicants need to specify the "mode of holding" in the application form as explained below:
- If an application is made by:
  - i. a sole applicant, the mode of holding should be specified as "Sole' or "Single";

ii.two or more applicants (maximum permitted being three applicants), the mode of holding should be specified as "Joint" or "Anyone or Survivor".

- If the mode of holding is specified as "Joint", all transactions/instructions will have to be signed by all the joint unitholders, while for mode of holding specified as "Anyone or Survivor", all transactions/instructions may be signed by any one of the unit holders. However, in all such cases, the Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal (IDCW) / redemption proceeds will be paid to the first named applicant / Unitholder (as determined by reference to the original Application Form). Further, the first named Unitholder shall receive the account statements, all notices and correspondences with respect to the folio, or IDCW / redemptions or other distributions and also have the voting rights, as permitted, associated with such units.
- If the mode of holding is not specified in the application form or is unclear, it will be treated as "Joint", where there are two or more applicants.
- Investors should clearly specify Schemes/Plans/Options in the application form and ensure that the application form is accompanied by a cheque/ demand draft/account-to-account fund transfer instruction to their bankers, favoring Schemes/Plans/Options. In



case of ambiguity or any discrepancy, the default option as specified in the SID will be applicable else the application is liable to be rejected.

- As per the directives issued by SEBI, it is mandatory for applicants to mention their bank account details in their applications for purchase of units. In case the Investment cheque attached with the application form is different from the Bank Mandate mentioned therein then the Investor needs to provide a cancelled cheque of the Bank account mentioned in the application form.
- Third party cheques will not be allowed for applying for purchase units of the schemes For more details, please refer to the section **"Restriction on Third Party Payments for Subscription of Units"**
- In the interest of investors, it is advised that the Application Form Number / Folio Number and Name of the First Investor should be written overleaf the cheque / draft before they are handed over to any courier / messenger / distributor / ISC.
- All redemption / Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal (IDCW) proceeds would be paid out only to the Bank Mandate on records. For the convenience of the investors, the AMC offers multiple bank mandate registration facility. For more details, please refer to the section "Registration of Multiple Bank Accounts" below.
- It is mandatory for all investors (including guardians, joint holders, NRIs and power of attorney holders) to provide their Income Tax Permanent Account Number (PAN) and also submit a photo copy of the PAN card issued to them by the Income Tax Department at the time of purchase of Units for the first time in scheme. Such photocopy must be verified at the ISCs by producing the original (which shall be returned across the counter) or verified and attested by any AMFI registered distributors, bank managers or judicial magistrate. Applications not accompanied by duly verified copy of the PAN card(s) are liable to be rejected.
- However, investors residing in the state of Sikkim are exempt from the mandatory requirement of PAN mentioned above, subject to the AMC being able to verify and ascertain the veracity of the claim of the investors that they are residents of Sikkim, on the basis of sufficient documentary evidence.
- Investments (including investments in SIPs) of up to Rs. 50,000/- per year per investor have been exempted from the requirement of PAN. The aggregate of the lump sum investment (fresh purchase & additional purchase) and Micro SIP installments by an investor in a financial year i.e. April to March does not exceed Rs. 50,000/- shall be exempt from the requirement of PAN.
   Accordingly, investors seeking the above exemption from PAN still need to submit the KYC Acknowledgment i.e. PAN Exempt KYC Reference No (PEKRN) / KYC Identification No. (KIN) acknowledgement issued by KRA / CKYC, irrespective of the amount of investment. However, requirements of Know Your Customer (KYC) shall be mandatory Also a duly verified/attested conv of such document(s) as may be prescribed

mandatory Also, a duly verified/attested copy of such document(s) as may be prescribed by the AMC/Trustee from time to time, needs to be submitted as the proof of identification in lieu of PAN Card copy. Investors may contact any of the Investor Service Centres (ISCs) of the AMC or Registrar to know the list of acceptable identification documents which may be provided as proof of identification in lieu of PAN. Further, this exemption shall be applicable only to micro investments made by individuals (including



NRIs, but not PIOs), Minors and Sole proprietary firms including joint holders. PIOs, HUFs and other categories of investors will not be eligible for this exemption. For the purpose of identifying Micro investment, the value of investments at the investor level (first holder) will be aggregated based on the unique ID number mentioned on the KYC Acknowledgement and such aggregation shall be done irrespective of the number of folios / accounts under which the investor is investing.

- Investors are advised to use the prescribed application form provided with the KIM, SIP auto debit form & SIP/SWP/STP form, and other standard forms available at the ISCs or the website of PGIM India Mutual Fund (www.pgimindiamf.com), for any financial/nonfinancial transactions. Any transaction received in any non-standard form, is liable to be rejected.
- Investors should provide the details / fill the form only in the space / boxes provided in the relevant forms. Any details/ notings /information/instruction provided at a non-designated area of the standard form being used, or any additional details for which space is not designated in the standard form, may not be executed by the AMC.
- The AMC and its Registrar reserve the right to disclose the details of the investors and their transactions to banks, couriers, distributors and any other organization for the purpose of transaction confirmations and/or execution, redemption payouts, data validations, compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, or for complying with anti-money laundering requirements.
- The Trustees shall have the absolute discretion to reject any application for purchase of Units, if in its opinion, increasing the size of the Unit Capital is not in the general interest of the Unit Holders, or if for any other reason it does not believe it would be in the best interest of the Scheme or its Unit Holders to accept such an application.

#### **Employee Unique Identification Number (EUIN)**

Pursuant to Paragraph 15. 11 of SEBI Master circular dated May 19, 2023, Mutual Funds have created a unique identity number of the employee/ relationship manager/ sales person of the distributor interacting with the investor for the sale of mutual fund products, in addition to the AMFI Registration Number (ARN) of the distributor. This Employee Unique Identification Number is referred as "EUIN".

EUIN aims to assist in tackling the problem of mis-selling even if the employee/relationship manager/sales person leaves the employment of the distributor or his/her sub broker. Quoting of EUIN is mandatory in case of advisory transactions.

Investors shall ensure that the application form, if routed through a Distributor shall have a valid ARN code, Sub broker ARN code, and EUIN. However, if a distributor has not given any advice pertaining to the investment, the EUIN box may be left blank. In this case investors are required to provide the declaration to this effect as given in the form provided in the Key Information Memorandum (KIM).

Investors are requested to note that EUIN is applicable for transactions such as Purchases, Switches, Registrations of SIP / STP / Trigger STP / Transfer of Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal (IDCW) Plan and EUIN is not applicable for transactions such as Installments under SIP/ STP / SWP / STP Triggers, Income Distribution cum Capital



Withdrawal (IDCW) Reinvestments, Bonus Units, Redemption, SWP Registration, Zero Balance Folio creation and installments under Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal (IDCW) Transfer Plans.

#### **Registration of Multiple Bank Accounts**

- (a) The investors may register multiple Bank Mandates in a single folio using a prescribed form, namely, "Multiple Bank Accounts Registration form", available on the Mutual Fund's website and also at the ISCs. An investor may register up to 5 bank accounts in case the investor is an individual/ HUF and up to 10 bank accounts in case the investor is a non-individual.
- (b) The following documents are required to be submitted along with the Multiple Bank Accounts Registration form:
  - ✓ Cancelled cheque leaf of the new bank mandate with first unit holder name and bank account number printed on the face of the cheque, or
  - ✓ Self-attested Bank Statement / Pass Book Page with account number, account holders' name and address., or
  - ✓ Bank letter / certificate with the account holders' name, account number, MICR, IFSC and branch address
- (c) By registering multiple bank accounts, investors may use any of the registered bank accounts to receive redemption/ Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal (IDCW) proceeds. These registered bank account details will be used for verification of instrument used for subscription to ensure that third party payments are not used for mutual fund subscription, except where permitted.
- (d) In case of existing unitholders, the existing bank mandate, and in case of new investors, their bank account details as mentioned in the application form for initial purchase, shall be treated as default bank account and all additional bank mandates would be considered as optional bank mandates, unless the unitholder gives a separate request to change the same to any of the other registered bank account using the 'Multiple Bank Accounts Registration Form'. However, unitholder may specify any other registered bank accounts for credit of redemption proceeds at the time of requesting for the redemption. In case the investor wants the redemption proceeds to be credited to any one of the optional bank accounts from amongst the bank mandates registered under a folio, the investor needs to clearly indicate the same in the redemption application form. In the absence of such indication, the redemption proceeds would be credited to the default bank account.
- (e) In case request for redemption is received together with a change of bank account or before verification and validation of the new bank account, the redemption request would be processed to the registered default bank account. Unit holders may note that it is desirable to submit their requests for change in bank details at least 10 calendar days prior to date of redemption/ Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal (IDCW) payment, if any. Any redemption request placed along or during this period shall ordinarily be processed as per the earlier bank account registered in the records of the Registrars.
- (f) The AMC / Registrar reserves the right to request for any such additional documents or information as it deemed necessary for enabling registration of bank accounts of unitholders.



# Prevention of Money Laundering and Know Your Client ('KYC') Requirements

- In terms of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 ('PMLA'), the Rules issued thereunder and the guidelines/ circulars issued by SEBI regarding Anti Money Laundering, all intermediaries, including mutual funds, have to formulate and implement a client identification programme as well as verify and maintain records of the identity and address(es) of investors;
- All investors desirous of investing in the Mutual Fund's schemes need to complete a onetime KYC compliance process, which is mandatory before investing the amount for the first time. Effective from January 01, 2011, KYC compliance is made mandatory for all categories of investors irrespective of the amount investment;
- Pursuant to SEBI Circular No. MIRSD/ Cir-26/ 2011 dated December 23, 2011, SEBI (KYC Registration Agency) Regulations, 2011 and SEBI Circular No. MIRSD/SE/Cir-21/2011 dated October 5, 2011, regarding uniformity in the Know Your Customer (KYC) process in the securities market and development of a mechanism for centralization of the KYC records to avoid duplication of KYC Process across the intermediaries in the securities market, the following are the revised KYC requirements with effect from January 01, 2012:-
  - SEBI has introduced a common KYC Application Form for all the SEBI registered intermediaries viz. Mutual Funds, Portfolio Managers, Depository Participants, Stock Brokers, Venture Capital Funds, Collective Investment Schemes, etc. New Investors are therefore requested to use the common KYC Application Form and carry out the KYC process including In-Person Verification (IPV) with any SEBI registered intermediaries including mutual funds. The KYC Application Forms are also available on our website www.pgimindiamf.com;
  - o The Mutual Fund shall perform the initial KYC of its new investors and may undertake enhanced KYC measures commensurate with the risk profile of its investors. The Mutual Fund shall upload the details of the investors on the system of the KYC Registration Agency (KRA). Registrar & Transfer Agent (RTA) of the Mutual Fund may also undertake the KYC of the investors on behalf of the Mutual Fund. KRA shall send a letter to the investor within 15 working days of the receipt of the initial/updated KYC documents from the Mutual Fund, confirming the details thereof;
  - Once the investor has done KYC with a SEBI registered intermediary, the investor need not undergo the same process again with another intermediary including mutual funds. However, the Mutual Fund reserves the right to carry out fresh KYC of the investor;
  - It is mandatory for intermediaries including mutual funds to carry out In-Person Verification (IPV) of its new investors from the Effective Date. The IPV carried out by any SEBI registered intermediary can be relied upon by the Mutual Fund. PGIM India Asset Management Private Limited and NISM/AMFI certified distributors who are KYD compliant are authorised to undertake the IPV for Mutual Fund investors. Further, in case of any applications received directly (i.e. without being routed



through the distributors) from the investors, the Mutual Fund may rely upon the IPV (on the KYC Application Form) performed by the scheduled commercial banks;

- Existing KYC compliant investors of the Mutual Fund can continue to invest as per the current practice. However, existing investors are also urged to comply with the new KYC requirements including IPV as mandated by SEBI.
- Applicants intending to apply for units through a Power of Attorney (PoA) must ensure that the issuer of the PoA and the holder of the PoA must mention their KYC Compliance Status and attach proof of KYC Compliance at the time of investment. In the event of non-compliance of KYC requirements, the Trustee / AMC reserves the right to freeze the folio of the investor(s) folio.
- To ensure appropriate identification of the investor(s) under its KYC policy and with a view to monitor transactions for the prevention of money laundering, AMC / Mutual Fund reserves the right to seek information, record investor's telephonic calls and / or obtain and retain documentation for establishing the identity of the investor, proof of residence, source of funds, etc. It may re-verify identity and obtain any incomplete or additional information for this purpose.
- The KYC documentation shall also be mandatorily complied with by the nominees / legal heirs/ claimants inheriting or staking their claim on the units of a deceased unitholder (transmission of units) by virtue of a valid nomination or by operation of law.
- Notwithstanding the above, investors investing through Micro SIP route and investor residing in State of Sikkim shall not be subject to the above standard KYC formalities.

For investor investing through Micro SIP route (i.e. Rs. 50,000/- per year per investor) following documents are required:

- Standard specified identification instruments like Voter ID card, Government/Defense ID card, Card of Reputed employer, Driving License, Passport in lieu of PAN.
- Proof of address copy. It is clarified that where photo identification documents contain the address of the investor, a separate proof of address is not required.
- Supporting documents copy shall be self-attested by the investor/attested by the ARN holder mentioning the ARN number or attested by any competent authority.

For investors based in State of Sikkim the following documents are required:

- $\circ\,$  Proof of address of Sikkim state and application form should mention the same address.
- Address proof shall be self-attested by the investor / attested by the ARN holder mentioning the ARN number or attested by any competent authority.
- The Mutual Fund, AMC, Trustees and their Directors, employees and agents shall not be liable in any manner for any claims arising whatsoever on account of freezing the units in any folio / rejection of any application / cancelling allotment of units or mandatorily



redeeming of units due to non-compliance with the provisions of the Act, SEBI circular(s) and KYC policy and / or freezing the units in any folio where the AMC believes that transaction is suspicious in nature within the purview of the Act and SEBI circular(s) and reporting the same to FIU-IND.

- Investor agrees and acknowledges that the Trustees/AMC may, on receiving a request/order(including interim orders)/direction from any competent, administrative, legislative or judiciary or quasi-judicial authorities (including but not limited to RBI, SEBI, FIU or AMFI) ("Relevant Authorities") freeze and/or seize the Investor's account and/or redeem the units at the applicable NAV and pay the proceeds of the redemption of the Investor's investments to such Relevant Authorities or such other person as may be directed by the Relevant Authority and take any other action as may be required without being responsible or liable in any manner whatsoever, for any losses (including financial or tax or otherwise), damages, expenses, claims or otherwise.
- Investor further agrees and acknowledges that the Trustees/AMC may, at any time, at their sole discretion, share the Investor's details with any Relevant Authorities (including such other person as may be directed by the Relevant Authorities) and/or with any Prudential Group entities and/or with such other person / entity for the purpose of ensuring identification and verification of the Investor/Unitholder and/or ensuring compliance with the Applicable Laws, as the case may be.
- Investor agrees and acknowledges that the Trustees/AMC, in order to comply with any law for the time being in force in India or any law which is applicable to the Sponsor of the Fund, will check appropriate identification and verification of the Investor(s), including verifying the Investor's details with the sanction lists/screening lists or such other lists as may be prescribed under any laws applicable to AMC/Trustees/Sponsor.
- Pursuant to the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 and U.S. OFAC, if after due diligence, the AMC believes that any transaction is suspicious in nature as regards money laundering, on failure to provide required documentation, information, etc. by the investor, the AMC shall have absolute discretion to report such suspicious transactions to FIU-IND and / or to freeze the Units under folios of the investor(s), reject any application(s) / allotment of Units.
- Investors transacting in the Units of the Schemes through the stock exchanges in dematerialized mode, (as and when the facility is made available by the AMC) will be subject to KYC formalities carried out by the Depository Participant and this will be considered as sufficient compliance of SEBI circular dated December 19, 2008 on Anti-Money Laundering guidelines.
- Investors/unit holders may contact their distributors, if any, or the ISCs, for any additional information/clarification.
- SEBI vide circular dated January 24, 2013 prescribed guidelines for identification of Beneficial Ownership to be followed by the intermediaries for determination of beneficial owners. A 'Beneficial owner' is defined as a natural person or persons who ultimately own, control or influence a client and/or persons on whose behalf a transaction is being conducted, and includes a person who exercise ultimate effective control over a legal person or arrangement. In this regard, all categories of investors (except individuals, company listed on a stock exchange or majority-owned subsidiary of such company) are



required to provide details about beneficial ownership for all investments with effect from July 1, 2014. The Fund reserves the right to reject applications/restrict further investments or seek additional information from investors who have not provided the requisite information on beneficial ownership. In the event of change in beneficial ownership, investors are requested to immediately update the details with the Fund/Registrar.

# • <u>Centralized KYC ('ÇKYC'):</u>

With effect from February 1, 2017, new individual investor, who has never done KYC under KRA regime i.e. a prospective customer who is new to KRA System and whose KYC is not registered or verified in the KRA system, will be required to fill the new Centralized KYC form while investing in the schemes of the Fund. If any new individual investor uses the old KRA KYC form, which does not have all information needed for registration with CKYC, such investor should either fill the new CKYC form or provide the missing/additional information in the Supplementary CKYC form. Further, investors who have already completed CKYC and have a KYC Identification Number ('KIN') from the Central KYC Records Registry can invest in the schemes of the Fund quoting their 14 digit KIN in the application form. In case the PAN of the investors is not updated in CKYC system, investor will be required to submit self certified copy of PAN Card to the Fund.

• Implementation of the Prevention Of Money Laundering (Maintenance of Records) Second Amendment Rules, 2017 and Prevention of Money-laundering (Maintenance of Records) Amendment Rules, 2019 With Respect To Seeding Of Aadhaar Number: Investors are requested to note that submitting proof of possession of Aadhaar number is voluntary and not mandatory. The aforesaid guidelines will be subject to change as per the directives issued by the concerned regulatory/ government authority from time to time.

# • <u>Updation of Permanent Account Number (PAN) :</u>

Investors are requested to note that PAN is mandatory for all financial transactions (including redemptions) in schemes of the Fund, with respect to all existing and prospective investors (including joint holders, guardians of minors, POA and NRIs). Accordingly, any financial transactions received without PAN, in respect of non-PAN-exempt folios, shall be rejected in case the copy of the PAN card is not submitted earlier to the Fund or along with the transaction. The AMC reserves the right to keep on hold the transaction till the PAN is validated by the AMC / Registrar.

The investors who have not provided the copy of PAN card to the AMC or not completed the KYC process at the time of investing in any of the schemes of the Fund, are advised to provide a copy of self-attested PAN card by submitting 'KYC Change Request Form' which is available on our website ww.pgimindiamf.com

#### **Applications On Behalf of Minors:**

In the case of investments made "on behalf of minor", the application shall be made / signed by the guardian, subject to the following:

a. The minor shall be the first and the sole holder in the account.



- b. Guardian can be either natural guardian (i.e. father or mother) or a court appointed legal guardian
- c. It is mandatory for the guardian to submit documentary evidence confirming the relationship status.
- d. It is also mandatory to provide minor's date of birth in application form along with any of following supporting documents:
  - Birth certificate of the minor, or
  - School leaving certificate/Mark sheet issued by Higher Secondary Board of respective states, ICSE, CBSE etc., or
  - Passport of the minor, or
  - Any other suitable proof evidencing the date of birth of the minor, which is acceptable to the AMC.
- e. Payment for investment by any mode shall be accepted from the bank account of the minor, parent or legal guardian of the minor with guardian or from a joint account of the minor with the parent or legal guardian only. For existing folios, the AMCs shall insist upon a Change of Pay-out Bank mandate before redemption is processed. Irrespective of the source of payment for subscription, all redemption proceeds shall be credited only in the verified bank account of the minor, i.e. the account the minor may hold with the parent/ legal guardian after completing all KYC formalities.
- f. Upon the minor attaining the status of major, the minor in whose name the investment was made, shall be required to provide all the KYC / FATCA details, updated bank account details including cancelled original cheque leaf of the new account and his/her specimen signature duly authenticated by banker/guardian. Investors shall additionally note that, upon the minor attaining the status of major, the account shall be frozen for operation by the guardian on the day the minor attains the age of majority and no further transactions including standing instructions like SIP / STP / SWP shall be allowed till the till the documents for changing the status are received.

#### **Applications by NRIs, PIOs and FPIs**

NRIs and PIOs may purchase units of the Mutual Fund on a repatriation and non-repatriation basis, while FPIs may purchase units only on a repatriation basis. They shall attach a copy of the cheque used for payment or a Foreign Inward Remittance Certificate (FIRC) or an Account Debit Certificate from the bankers along with the application form to enable the AMC to ascertain the repatriation status of the amount invested. The account type shall be clearly ticked as NRE or NRO or FCNR, to enable the AMC determine the repatriation status of the investment amount. The AMC and the Registrar may rely on the repatriation status of the investment purely based on the details provided in the application form.

#### (i) Repatriation basis

NRIs and PIOs may pay their subscription amounts by way of inward remittance through normal banking channels, Indian Rupee drafts purchased abroad, cheques drawn on Non-



resident (External) (NRE) Accounts or Indian Rupee drafts payable at par at any of the ISCs and purchased out of funds held in NRE Accounts / FCNR/ NRO Accounts. FPIs may pay their subscription amounts either by way of inward remittance through normal banking channels or out of funds held in Foreign Currency Accounts or Non Resident Rupee Accounts maintained with a designated branch of an authorised dealer with the approval of RBI.

In case Indian Rupee drafts are purchased abroad or from FCNR/NRE accounts, an account debit certificate from the bank issuing the draft confirming the debit shall also be submitted with the application form. NRIs shall also be required to furnish such other documents as may be necessary and as requested by the AMC/Mutual Fund/Registrar, in connection with the investment in the schemes.

#### (ii) Non-Repatriation basis

NRIs and PIOs may pay their subscription amounts by cheques/demand drafts drawn out of Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) accounts/ Non-Resident Special Rupee (NRSR) accounts and Non Resident Non-Repatriable (NRNR) accounts payable at the city where the application form is accepted.

#### **Restriction on Third Party Payments for Subscription of Units:**

In order to enhance compliance with Know Your Customer (KYC) norms under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA) and to mitigate the risks associated with acceptance of third party payment instruments (cheques, demand drafts, pay orders etc.), Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) has issued best practice guidelines on Risk Mitigation Process against third party cheques in mutual fund subscriptions.

In line with these recommendations, the Mutual Fund / the AMC shall not accept applications for subscriptions for purchase of units accompanied with third party payment instruments. For this purpose, "Third Party Payment" shall mean payment made through an instrument issued from an account other than that of the beneficiary investor. In case of payment instruments issued from a joint bank account, the first named applicant/investor must be one of the joint holders of the bank account from which the payment instrument is issued. 'Related person/s' means such persons as may be specified by the AMC from time to time.

**Exception:** The AMC/ Registrar of the Mutual Fund will accept subscriptions to schemes of the Mutual Fund accompanied by Third-Party Payment Instruments only in exceptional case mentioned below:

1. Custodian on behalf of an FPI or a Client

The investors making an application under the above mentioned exceptional cases are required to comply with the following, without which their applications for subscriptions for units will be rejected / not processed.

- a) Mandatory KYC compliance of the investor **and** the person making the payment, in order to determine the identity of the investor and the person issuing the payment instrument.
- b) Submit a separate, 'Third Party Payment Declaration Form' from the beneficiary applicant/s (guardian in case of minor) and the person making the payment i.e., the Third



Party, giving details of the bank account from which the payment is made and the relationship of the Third Party with the beneficiary. (The declaration form is available at www.pgimindiamf.com)

c) Submit a cancelled cheque leaf or copy of bank statement / pass book page mentioning bank account number, account holders' name and address or such other document as the AMC may require for verifying the source of funds to ascertain that funds have been remitted from the drawer's account only.

The AMC shall adopt the following process for identifying Third Party Payments: and accordingly investors are required to comply with the requirements specified below:

- a. **Payment by Cheque:** An investor at the time of his/her purchase must provide the details of pay-in bank account (i.e. account from which a subscription payment is made) and pay-out bank account (i.e. account into which redemption/ Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal (IDCW) proceeds are to be paid). Identification of third party cheques by the AMC / Registrars will be on the basis of either matching of pay-in bank account details with registered/pay-out bank account details or by matching the bank account number/name/signature of the first named investor with the name/account number/signature available on the cheque. If the name/bank account number is not preprinted on the cheque and signature on the cheque does not match with signature on the application, then the first named applicant/investor should submit any one of the following documents:
  - (i) a copy of the bank passbook or a statement of bank account having the name and address of the account holder and account number;
  - (ii) a letter\* (in original) from the bank on the bank's letterhead certifying that the investor maintains an account with the bank, along with information like bank account number, bank branch, account type, the MICR code of the branch & IFSC Code (where available).

\* In respect of (ii) above, it should be certified by the bank manager with his/her full signature, name, employee code, bank seal and contact number.

Investors should note that where the bank account numbers have changed on account of the implementation of core banking system at their banks, any related communication from the bank towards a change in bank account number should accompany the application form for subscription of units.

#### b. <u>Payment by Prefunded Instrument:</u>

(i) If the subscription is settled with pre-funded instruments such as Pay Order, Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, etc., a certificate (in original) from the Issuing banker must accompany the purchase application, stating the Account holder's name and the Account number which has been debited for issue of the instrument. The account number mentioned in the Certificate should be a registered bank account or the first named unitholder should be one of the account holders to the bank account debited for issue of such instruments.



(ii) A pre-funded instrument issued against cash shall not be accepted, except in case of payment made by Parents/Grandparents/related persons on behalf of a minor in consideration of natural love and affection or as gift for a value not exceeding Rs. 50,000/-. This also should be accompanied by a certificate from the banker giving name, address and PAN of the person who has procured the payment instrument.

The Certificate(s) mentioned in (i) and (ii) above should be duly certified by the bank manager with his/her full signature, name, employee code, bank seal and contact number.

# c. <u>Payment by RTGS, NEFT, Bank transfer, etc.</u>:

A copy of the instruction to the bank stating the account number debited must accompany the purchase application. The account number mentioned on the transfer Instruction copy should be a registered bank account or the first named unitholder should be one of the account holders to the bank account.

The above broadly covers the various modes of payment for mutual fund subscriptions. The above list is only indicative not exhaustive list and any other mode of payment as introduced from time to time will also be covered accordingly. In case the application for subscription does not comply with the above provisions, the AMC / Registrars retains the Sole and absolute discretion to reject/not process such application and refund the subscription money and shall not be liable for any such rejection.

#### <u>Applications under Power of Attorney or by Body corporate/ Registered society/Trust/</u> Partnership

- Every investor, depending on the category under which he/she/ it falls, is required to provide the relevant documents along with the application form as may be prescribed by the AMC. In case of an application made under a Power of Attorney or by a limited company, body corporate, registered society or partnership etc., the relevant Power of Attorney or the relevant resolution or authority to make the application as the case may be, or duly certified copy thereof, along with the memorandum and articles of association/bye-laws must be lodged at the Registrar's Office at the time of submission of application.
- In case an investor has issued Power of Attorney (POA) for making investments, switches, redemptions etc. under his folio, both the signature of the investor and the POA holder have to be clearly captured in the POA document to be accepted as a valid document. At the time of making redemption / switches the fund would not be in a position to process the transaction unless, POA holder's signature is available in the POA.
- Original or certified true copies of the following documents should be submitted by Companies/Bodies Corporate/PSUs/Banks and Financial Institutions along-with the application form:
  - Board resolution authorizing the investment;
  - List of authorized officials to make such investment along with the specimen signature of such authorized officials;



MOA and AOA/Trust Deed/Partnership Deed/ Bye Laws including certificate of registration/any other incorporation or foundation documents. The onus of authentication of the documents shall be on the Investors and the AMC/Fund will accept and act on these in good faith. Wherever the documents are not expressly authenticated, submission of these documents by such Investors shall be full and final proof of the corporate investors' authority to invest and the AMC/Fund shall not be liable under any circumstances for any defects in the documents so submitted.

All such documents should be in English language or notarized translated copy in English Language.

# **Change in Static Information**

- Change in the Bank Mandate:-
  - Updation of bank accounts in a customer's account/folio should be either through Multiple Bank Account Registration Form or a standalone separate Change of Bank Mandate form.
  - In case of standalone change of bank details, Mutual Funds shall collect the supporting documents towards the proof of new bank details as given below. Based on AMCs internal risk assessment, the AMC may also consider collecting proof of old bank account and proof of identity of the clients, while effecting a change of bank account.
  - Investors are required to submit any one of the following documents in Original or produce originals for verification or copy attested by the Bank:-
    - Cancelled original cheque of the new bank mandate with first unit holder name and bank account number printed on the face of the cheque; OR
    - Self-attested copy of bank statement; OR
    - Bank passbook with current entries not older than 3 months; OR
    - Bank Letter duly signed by branch manager/authorized personnel
  - Investors are advised to register multiple bank accounts and choose any of the existing registered bank accounts towards receipt of redemption proceeds.
  - Any unregistered bank account or a new bank account forming part of redemption request will not be entertained or processed.
  - Investors, who have not provided the bank details at the time of making investment, are required to submit proof of new bank details as specified above. Such Investors are also required to submit valid Proof of Identity as prescribed under KYC guidelines along with Proof of Investment;
  - Any change of Bank Mandate request received/processed few days prior to submission of redemption request or on the same day as a standalone change request,



the AMC will continue to follow cooling period of 10 calendar days for validation of the same.

On receipt of change of bank mandate request, the AMC / Registrar may contact the investor on the registered telephone number or registered email address available in the records of the AMC / Registrar to confirm the authenticity of the request from the investor. In case the AMC / Registrar is unable to confirm the authenticity of change of bank mandate request from the investor, the AMC / Registrar retains the sole and absolute discretion to reject/not to process such request and shall not be liable for any such rejection. The AMC / Registrar reserves the right to undertake other mitigation measures, as it may deem necessary to verify and confirm the request from the investor.

# • Change of Address:-

- KYC Not Complied Folios/Clients: In case of change of address for KYC Not Complied Folios, the investor need to submit the following supporting documents:
  - Proof of new Address (POA), and
  - Proof of Identity (POI): Only PAN card copy if PAN is updated in the folio, or PAN/other proof of identity if PAN is not updated in the folio.
  - Based on the AMC internal risk assessment, the AMC may also consider collecting proof of old address, while effecting a change of address.
- KYC Complied Folios/Clients: In case of change of address for KYC Complied Folios, the investor needs to submit the following supporting documents:
  - Proof of new Address (POA),
  - Any other document/form that the KRA may specify form time to time.

Copies of all the documents submitted by the applicants/clients should be self-attested and accompanied by originals for verification. In case the original of any document is not produced for verification, then the copies should be properly attested / verified by entities authorized for attesting/verification of the documents as per extant KYC guidelines.

The AMC reserves the right to reject any application if the same is in violation of any laws or regulations and the investors should note that the AMC will not be liable for any compensation arising on account of such rejection.

#### B. Redemption and Switch of units

#### How to Redeem/Switch?

Unitholders may use the Transaction Slip printed at the bottom of their account statement, or use a 'Common Transaction Form' for redemption which can be submitted at any of the ISCs or AMC office. Where the Unitholder has opted to transact through the Internet, he may redeem his units through the website of the mutual fund i.e. www.pgimindiamf.com and/or through any other website, through which redemption may be facilitated in future.



The redemption request will be processed only for the clear units, and the payment shall be made by cheque, pay order, Direct Credit, NEFT, RTGS or any other mode as decided by AMC in the interest of the investor. The pay out will be favouring the First holder's name and bank details provided by the investor at the time of purchase or through subsequent request, will be adopted for the aforesaid purpose. In case a Unit holder redeems Units immediately after making subscription for purchase of units, the redemption request for such investor shall be rejected.

In case the Unit holder specifies the number of Units and amount in the redemption request, the number of units shall be considered for Redemption. In case the Unit holder does not specify the number of Units or amount in the redemption request, the request will not be processed.

• If the balance Units in the Unit holder's account is less than the amount specified in the redemption request, then the Mutual Fund shall redeem the entire balance of Units in account of the Unitholder.

• In case a Unitholder has purchased Units on multiple days in a single folio, the Units will be redeemed / switched out on a 'First in First Out' (FIFO) basis, i.e., the Units acquired chronologically first / earlier will be redeemed / switched out first, and the Exit Load, if any, applicable to each of the Units would correspond to the period of time the Units were held by the Unitholder.

• In case of Units held in dematerialized mode, the Unit Holder can give a request for Redemption only in number of Units. Request for subscriptions can be given only in amount. Depository participants of registered Depositories only to process redemption request of units held in Demat form.

# CUT OFF TIMING FOR REDEMPTIONS INCLUDING SWITCH-IN/SWITCH-OUTS:

1) In respect of valid applications received up to 3 p.m. on a business day by the Mutual Fund, closing NAV of the day of receipt of application, shall be applicable.

2) In respect of valid applications received after 3 p.m. on a business day by the Mutual Fund, the closing NAV of the next business day shall be applicable.

All physical applications will be time stamped in accordance with the SEBI guidelines.

#### **Switch Transactions**

Valid Switch application will be considered for processing on the earliest day which is a Business Day for both the 'Switch out' scheme and the 'Switch in' scheme. Application for 'Switch in' shall be treated as purchase application and the Applicable NAV based on the cut-off time for purchase shall be applied. Application for Switch out shall be treated as redemption application and the Applicable NAV based on the cut-off time for redemption shall be applied

a) In respect of valid application received before 3.00 p.m. on a business day and funds for the entire amount of subscription/purchase as per the application are credited to the bank account



of the Scheme and are available for utilization before the cut-off time, The closing NAV of the day on which the funds are available for utilisation shall be applicable;

b) In respect of valid application received after 3.00 p.m. on a business day and funds for the entire amount of subscription / purchase as per the application are credited to the bank account of the Scheme and are available for utilization before the cut-off time of the next business day, the closing NAV of the next business day shall be applicable;

c) However, irrespective of the time of receipt of valid application, where the funds are not available for utilisation on the day of the application, the closing NAV of the Business Day on which the funds are available for utilisation before the cut-off time (3:00 p.m.) shall be applicable.

For determining the availability of funds for utilisation, the funds for the entire amount of subscription/purchase (including switch-in) as per the application should be credited to the bank account of the scheme before the cut-off time and the funds are available for utilisation before the cut-off time without availing any credit facility whether intra-day or otherwise, by the Scheme.

# C. Right to limit Redemption

The AMC may, under the below mentioned circumstances, impose restriction on redemption (including switch-outs) for a period not exceeding 10 working days in any 90 days period. Such restriction may be imposed when there are circumstances leading to a systemic crisis or event that severely constricts market liquidity or the efficient functioning of markets such as:

- <u>Liquidity issues</u> When market at large becomes illiquid affecting almost all securities rather than any issuer specific security;
- <u>Market failures, exchange closures</u> When markets are affected by unexpected events which impact the functioning of exchanges or the regular course of transactions. Such unexpected events could also be related to political, economic, military, monetary or other emergencies;
- <u>Operational issues</u> When exceptional circumstances are caused by force majeure, unpredictable operational problems and technical failures (e.g. a black out).

However, such restriction would not be applicable to the redemption (including switch-outs) requests received for up to INR 2 Lakhs. In case of redemption (including switch-outs) requests above INR 2 Lakhs, the AMC shall redeem the first INR 2 Lakhs without such restriction and remaining part over and above INR 2 Lakhs shall be subject to such restriction.

Any imposition of restriction on redemption (including switch-outs) of units of the Scheme shall be made applicable only after specific approval of Board of AMC and Trustee and the same shall also be informed to SEBI immediately.

#### D. Suspension of Fresh Subscriptions into the scheme under special circumstances

The AMC/Trustee reserves the right to temporarily suspend subscriptions /switches into any scheme of the Mutual Fund which invests overseas, if the limit prescribed by SEBI for



overseas investments by all schemes of the Mutual Fund put together is exceeded or is expected to be exceeded.

# E. Special Products / Facilities offered by the AMC / Schemes

#### Systematic Investment Plan (SIP):-

SIP is a facility provided to unitholders to invest specified amounts in the Scheme at regular / specified frequency and a specified period by providing a single mandate / standing instruction as per details mentioned below except for PGIM India ELSS Tax Saver Fund:

| Particulars  | Frequency              | Details  |  |  |
|--|------------------------|--|--|--|
| SIP Transaction Dates  | Monthly                | Any date of the month or quarter, as   |  |  |
| Shi Thuisterion Dutes  | Quarterly              | applicable   |  |  |
| Minimum no. of installments and Minimum amount per installment | Monthly                | 5 installments of Rs. 1,000/- each and in multiples of Rs.1/- thereafter   |  |  |
| initial anount por instantion                                  | Quarterly              |  |  |  |
| Mode of Payment  | Monthly &<br>Quarterly | <ul><li>a) Direct Debit mandate through select<br/>banks with whom AMC has an<br/>arrangement.</li><li>b) National Automated Clearing House<br/>(NACH) Facility.</li></ul> |  |  |

SIP facility provided to unitholders of PGIM India ELSS Tax Saver Fund:

| Particulars   | Frequency              | Details   |  |  |
|---|------------------------|---|--|--|
| SIP Transaction Dates   | Monthly                | Any date of the month or quarter, as applicable.  |  |  |
| Shi mulsuedon Duces   | Quarterly              | applicable.   |  |  |
| Minimum no. of installments and<br>Minimum amount per installment | Monthly Quarterly      | <ul> <li>12 installments of Rs. 500/- each and in multiples of Rs.500/- thereafter</li> <li>6 installments of Rs. 1000/- each and in multiples of Rs.500/- thereafter</li> <li>6 installments of Rs.1000/- each and in</li> </ul> |  |  |
|   | Quarterry              | multiples of Rs.500/- thereafter  |  |  |
| Mode of Payment   | Monthly &<br>Quarterly | <ul> <li>a) Direct Debit mandate through select<br/>banks with whom AMC has an<br/>arrangement.</li> <li>b) National Automated Clearing House<br/>(NACH) Facility.</li> </ul>   |  |  |

Investors may enroll for the SIP facility by submitting duly completed SIP Enrolment Form at any OPA.

If the SIP period is not specified by the unit holder then the SIP enrolment will be deemed to be for perpetuity and processed accordingly.

If any SIP installment due date falls on a non-Business day, then the respective transactions will be processed on the next Business day based on receipt of funds within the stipulated timelines in the



scheme collection account. The SIP enrollment will be discontinued if (a) 3 consecutive SIP installments in case of Monthly & 2 consecutive SIP instalments in case of Quarterly frequency are not honored. (b) the Bank Account (for Standing Instruction) is closed and request for change in bank account (for Standing Instruction) is not submitted at least 21 days before the next SIP Auto Debit installment due date.

#### **<u>SIP</u>** Subscription through Direct Debit:

New investor enrolling for SIP via ECS or Direct Debit Facility, must fill-up the prescribed Common Application Form and SIP Auto Debit Form and submit along with a cancelled cheque leaf of the bank account for which the Direct Debit mandate is provided.

For an existing Investor, to enroll for SIP ECS Debit facility or Direct Debit Facility, an Investor must fill-up the SIP Application Form for SIP ECS / Direct Debit facility. Investors shall be required to submit a cancelled cheque leaf of the bank account for which the ECS / debit mandate is provided. However, the SIP facility with direct debit will be available through selected distributors/Banks, the AMC reserves the right to add/modify/delete from the list of distributors/banks through whom such facility will be available to the investors.

SIP Subscription through of National Automated Clearing House (NACH) Platform.

The unit holders can also make payment of SIP instalments through NACH facility. NACH is a centralized system, launched by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) with an aim to consolidate multiple Electronic Clearing Service (ECS) mandates. This facility will enable the unit holders of the Fund to make SIP investments through NACH by filling up the SIP Registration cum mandate form. A Unique Mandate Reference Number (UMRN) will be allotted to every mandate registered under NACH which can be used for SIP transactions. The NACH facility shall be available subject to terms and conditions contained in the SIP registration Mandate Form and as prescribed by NPCI from time to time.

Investors should note that there should be a gap of at least 30 days between submission of SIP applicable form and first SIP installment, in case of SIP transactions commenced during ongoing offer.

Investors may choose to discontinue subscription under the SIP at any time by submitting a written request at any of the OPA/ISC. Notice of such discontinuance should be received at least 21 days prior to the due date of the next SIP installment.

Units under SIP will be allotted at the Applicable NAV of the respective SIP transaction dates and time on which funds are realized in the scheme's collection account as per SIP mandate. In case the SIP date falls on a non-Business Day or falls during a Book Closure period, the immediate next Business Day will be considered for this purpose.

An extension of an existing SIP mandate will be treated as a fresh mandate on the date of receipt of such application, and all the above conditions need to be met with.

The Load structure prevailing at the time of submission of the SIP application (whether fresh or extension) will apply for all the SIP installments indicated in SIP enrolment form.

Please refer to the SIP Enrolment form for terms and conditions before enrolment. The AMC reserves the right to modify the provisions of the SIP as deemed appropriate from time to time.



# **Top-up facility under Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) :**

This facility will enable the investors to increase their contribution in an SIP at pre-determine intervals by a fixed amount during the tenure of SIP (except under Micro-SIP).

Terms and conditions for availing Top up facility:

- 1. Top up option must be specified by the investors at the time of SIP registration. Existing SIPs cannot be converted into this facility;
- 2. Minimum SIP Top up amount for Monthly and Quarterly SIP is Rs. 100/- and in multiples of Re. 1/-;
- 3. Investors shall clearly mention the maximum SIP Top up amount or date upto which SIP Top up will continue and after which SIP will continue at the last processed SIP Top up amount till the expiry of SIP period mentioned in the application form.
- 4. The Top up facility shall be available for SIP Investments only through ECS (Debit Clearing) / Direct Debit Facility/Standing Instruction;
- 5. Frequency for Top up:
  - a. Half Yearly Top up: Under this option, the amount of investment through SIP installment shall be increased by an amount chosen by the Investor post every 6<sup>th</sup> (sixth) SIP instalment in case of Monthly SIP and post every 2<sup>nd</sup> (second) SIP instalment in case of Quarterly SIP.
  - b. Yearly Top up: Under this option, the amount of investment through SIP instalment shall be increased by an amount chosen by the Investor post every 12<sup>th</sup> (twelfth) SIP instalment in case of Monthly SIP and post every 4<sup>th</sup> (fourth) SIP instalment in case of Quarterly SIP.
  - c. Default frequency will be Half Yearly Top up.
- 6. The Top up details cannot be modified once enrolled. In order to make any changes, the investor must cancel the existing SIP and enroll for a fresh SIP with the revision in Top up details;
- 7. All other Terms & Conditions applicable for regular SIP will be applicable to this facility; and
- 8. Registration under this facility is subject to Investor's Bankers accepting the mandate for SIP Top- up.

The AMC / Trustee reserves the right to change / modify the terms and conditions or withdraw the facility at a later date.

#### Systematic Investment Plan ('SIP') Pause Facility:

This facility is available for investors who wish to temporarily pause their SIP in the schemes of the Mutual Fund.

The terms and conditions of the Facility are as follows:

1) The Facility will be available for a maximum of 3 months.

2) This Facility is available only for SIPs with Monthly and Quarterly frequencies.

3) The maximum number of instalments that can be paused using this Facility are 3 (three) consecutive instalments for SIPs registered with Monthly frequency and 1 (one) for SIPs registered with Quarterly frequency. Thereafter, automatically the balance SIP instalments (as originally registered) will resume.



4) This Facility can be availed only once during the tenure of the SIP.

5) This Facility is applicable for AMC initiated debit instructions i.e. ECS/NACH/ Direct Debit and SIPs registered through Stock Exchange Platforms, Mutual Fund Utility ('MFU') and other online platforms.

6) The SIP pause request should be submitted at least 15 days prior to the next SIP date.

7) This Facility will also be available for Top-up SIPs.

8) The SIP pause request can be submitted via a physical application or via email sent across from the registered email id of the investor to the email id transact@pgimindia.co.in

9) The Facility once registered cannot be cancelled.

The AMC/Trustee reserves the right to change/modify the terms and conditions or withdraw the Facility at a later date. The AMC/Trustee may at its sole discretion suspend the Facility in whole or in part at any time without prior notice.

# Systematic Transfer Plan (STP)# :-

STP is an investment plan enabling Unitholders to transfer specified amounts from one scheme of the Mutual Fund ('Source scheme') to another ('Target scheme') on a recurrent basis for a specified period at specified frequency as per the table below, by providing a single mandate / standing instruction. On the specified STP transaction dates, Units under the Source scheme will be redeemed at the applicable redemption price, and admissible units will be allotted under the Target scheme as per the investor's STP mandate.

• Source Scheme:- All open ended schemes of the Mutual Fund (except PGIM India ELSS Tax Saver Fund & PGIM Retirement Fund)

| Particulars  | Frequency                             | Details  |  |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|  | Daily                                 | All business days in the month   |  |  |  |
|  | Weekly                                | Monday to Friday (Any 1 day)   |  |  |  |
| STP Transaction Dates  | Monthly & Quarterly                   | Any date   |  |  |  |
|  | 2                                     | date falls on a non-Business day, then the<br>vill be processed on the immediately<br>or both the schemes. |  |  |  |
| Minimum no. of<br>installments and Minimum<br>amount per installment | Daily, Weekly, Monthly<br>& Quarterly | 5 (five) installments of Rs. 1,000/- each and in multiples of Rs.1/- thereafter.                           |  |  |  |
|  |                                       | For PGIM India ELSS Tax Saver Fund:-   |  |  |  |
|  |                                       | 6 (six) installments of Rs. 1,000/- each and in multiples of Rs.500/- thereafter.                          |  |  |  |

• Target Scheme:- All open ended schemes of Mutual Fund



#For PGIM India ELSS Tax Saver Fund & PGIM Retirement Fund STP is available only after completion of lock in period as stated in respective Scheme Information Document.

Investors may register for STP using a prescribed transaction form. If the STP period or no. of installments is not specified in the transaction Form, the STP transactions will be processed until the balance of units in the unit holder's folio in the Source scheme becomes zero.

The STP mandate may be discontinued by a Unit holder by giving a written notice of 7 days. STP mandate will terminate automatically if all Units held by the unitholder in the Source scheme are redeemed or upon the Mutual Fund receiving a written intimation of death of the sole / 1st Unit holder.

The default frequency shall be Monthly.

In case if the start date is not provided by the unit holder, then the first STP would be the 7th working day from the date of submission of the form (excluding Submission date).

For Physical STP registration requests, the first instalment would get triggered on the 3rd working day from the date of submission of the form (excluding Submission date)

For online STP registration requests, the first instalment would get triggered on the 2nd working day from the date of submission of the request (excluding Submission date)

In case of Daily frequency, if the instalment date falls on a non-business day, STP will not get triggered for that date.

In case of any other specified frequency, if the instalment date is a non-business day, STP will get triggered on the next business day.

Load Structure of the Source Scheme & Target Schemes as on the date of enrolment of STP shall be applicable.

The provision of 'Minimum redemption amount' specified in the SID of Source Scheme and 'Minimum application amount' specified in the SID of the Target Schemes will not be applicable for Daily STP.

The AMC reserves the right to introduce STP facility at any other frequencies or on any other dates as the AMC may feel appropriate from time to time.

Please refer to the STP Enrolment form for terms and conditions before enrolment.

The AMC / Trustee reserves the right to change / modify the terms and conditions or withdraw the facility at a later date.

#### Systematic Withdrawal Plan (SWP):-

SWP is a facility that enables Unitholders to withdraw specified amounts from the Scheme on a recurrent basis for a specified period at specified frequency by providing a single mandate/ standing instruction.

| Particulars | Frequency | Details |
|-------------|-----------|---------|
|             |           |         |



| Frequency & Transaction<br>Dates                                     | Monthly,<br>Quarterly &<br>Annual | Any date   |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Minimum no. of<br>installments and Minimum<br>amount per installment | Monthly,<br>Quarterly &<br>Annual | 5 installments of Rs. 1,000/- each and in multiples of Re.1/- thereafter |
| Mode of Payment  | Monthly,<br>Quarterly &<br>Annual | as chosen by the unitholder  |

Investors may register for SWP using the prescribed transaction form. If the SWP period or no. of installments is not specified in the transaction Form, the SWP transactions will be processed until the balance of units in the unit holder's folio in the Source scheme becomes zero. In case the date of SWP transaction falls on a non-Business Day, the transaction shall be effected on the immediate next Business day.

The SWP mandate may be discontinued by a Unit holder by giving a written notice of at least 7 days prior to the next SWP transaction date. The SWP mandate given by the investor will discontinue automatically, if all Units under the folio are redeemed or upon the Mutual Fund receiving a written intimation of death of the sole / 1st Unit holder.

For Physical SWP registration requests, the first instalment would get triggered on the 3rd working day from the date of submission of the form (excluding Submission date)

For online SWP registration requests, the first instalment would get triggered on the 2nd working day from the date of submission of the request (excluding Submission date)

In case of any other specified frequency, if the instalment date is a non-business day, SWP will get triggered on the next business day.

Please refer to the SWP Enrolment form for terms and conditions before enrolment. The AMC reserves the right to modify the provisions of the SWP as deemed appropriate from time to time.

#### **Switching Options:-**

#### (a) Inter-Scheme Switching option:-

Under Switch Option, Unit holders may 'Switch-Out' (transfer) their investments in the Scheme, either partially or fully to any other scheme offered by the Mutual Fund from time to time. The investors may also 'Switch-In' their investments from any other scheme offered by the Mutual Fund to this Scheme. This Switch option is useful to investors who wish to alter the allocation of their investment among the schemes of the Mutual Fund in order to meet their changed investment needs. Switch transaction will be effected by way of a Redemption of Units from the Source Scheme (Switch-Out) at applicable NAV, subject to Exit Load, if any, and investment of the Redemption proceeds into the Target (Switch-In) scheme opted by the investor at applicable NAV and accordingly, Switch transaction must comply with the Redemption rules of 'Switch Out scheme' and the Subscription rules of the 'Switch In scheme'.

#### (b) Intra- Scheme Switching option



Unit holders under the Scheme have the option to Switch their Unit holdings between the Plans or Options subject to the following:-

- Where the investments were routed through a distributor (i.e. made with distributor code) any Switch of Units from the Regular Plan to Direct Plan shall be subject to applicable exit load, if any. In such cases, after the switch, exit load prevailing on the date of the switch shall apply for subsequent redemption / switch-out from Direct Plan;
- Where investments were made directly i.e. without any distributor code, exit load will not be levied on switch of Units from Regular Plan to Direct Plan. In such cases, after the switch, exit load prevailing on the date of the switch shall apply for subsequent redemption from Direct Plan;
- No exit load shall be levied in case of switch of Units from Direct Plan to Regular Plan. However, after the switch, exit load prevailing on the date of the switch shall apply for subsequent redemption / switch-out from the Regular Plan.

# The Switches would be done at the Applicable NAV based prices and the difference between the NAVs of the two Plans/Options will be reflected in the number of Units allotted. <u>Auto Switch</u> Option (Available during New Fund Offer Period)

This facility is available for existing and new Investors of PGIM India Mutual Fund wherein they can invest in our PGIM India Overnight Fund, PGIM India Money Market Fund or PGIM India Ultra Short Term Fund during the NFO period and also opt for auto switching all units into the NFO scheme on the last date of the NFO.

# Facility to transact in the Scheme through MF Utility Portal:

The AMC has entered into an arrangement with MF Utilities India Private Limited ("MFUI"), a SEBI registered Category II Registrar to an Issue, for usage of MF Utility Portal ("MFUP"), which acts as a transaction aggregation portal for transacting in multiple schemes of various mutual funds with a single form and a single payment instrument.

Investors/ prospective investors can submit their financial and non-financial transactions pertaining to the Scheme through MFUP either electronically on the online transaction portal of MFUI (<u>www.mfuonline.com</u>) or physically (in prescribed application form) at any of the authorised Point of Service locations ("MFU POS") designated by MFUI from time to time.

Online transaction portal of MFUI (<u>www.mfuonline.com</u>) will be an Official Points of Acceptance of Transactions ("OPA") for Scheme in addition to all the authorised MFUI POS designated by MFUI from time to time as the OPA for schemes of the Fund in respect of the transactions in the Scheme routed through MFUP by the investors / distributors.

The uniform cut-off time as prescribed by SEBI and as mentioned in the SID / KIM of the Scheme shall be applicable for transactions received by MFUI.

Investors are requested to note that, MFUI will allot a Common Account Number ("CAN"), a single reference number for all investments in the Mutual Fund industry, for transacting in multiple schemes of various mutual funds through MFUP and to map existing folios, if any. Investors can create a CAN by submitting the CAN Registration Form and other necessary documents at any of the MFUI POS.



For facilitating transactions through MFUP, the AMC/ the Fund/ its Registrar and Transfer Agent ("R&T") will be required to furnish and disclose certain information / details about the investor(s), which may include certain personal information including financial information, with MFUI and / or its authorised service providers. Investors transacting through MFUP shall be deemed to have consented and authorised the AMC/ the Fund/R&T to furnish and disclose all such information to MFUI and/or its authorised service providers as may be required by MFUI from time to time.

The transactions routed through MFUP shall be subject to the terms & conditions as may be stipulated by MFUI / the AMC/ the Fund from time to time. Further, investments in the schemes of the Fund routed through MFUP shall continue to be governed by the terms and conditions stated in the SID of the respective scheme(s).

To know more about MFUP and the list of authorised MFUI POS, please visit the MFUI website (<u>www.mfuindia.com</u>). For any queries or clarifications related to MFUP, please contact the Customer Care of MFUI on 1800-266-1415 (during the business hours on all days except Sunday and Public Holidays) or send an email to clientservices@mfuindia.com.

For any escalations and post-transaction queries pertaining to the schemes of the Fund, the investors should contact the AMC /R&T.

# **Facility to Purchase/Redeem Units of the Scheme(s) through Stock Exchange(s):**

Investors can purchase/redeem units of the Scheme on Mutual Fund Services System (MFSS) of the National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (NSE) and BSE StAR MF platform (BSE StAR MF) of the BSE Limited (BSE). Switching of units will not be permitted under MFSS. However, unitholders can switch the units of eligible scheme on BSE StAR MF platform. Investors can avail Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) facility for purchasing units of the Scheme on MFSS and BSE StAR MF platform.

Further, in accordance paragraph 16.2.12 of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Fund dated May 19, 2023, investors can also directly access infrastructure of the recognised stock exchanges to purchase and redeem mutual fund units directly from Mutual Fund/ Asset Management Companies.

The following are the salient features of the above mentioned facility:

- 1. The MFSS / BSE StAR MF is the electronic platforms provided by NSE/BSE to facilitate purchase/redemption of units of mutual fund scheme(s).
- 2. The facility for purchase/redemption of units on MFSS/BSE StAR MF is available on all business days between 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. or such other time as may be decided from time to time.
- 3. Eligible Participants

All the trading members of NSE/BSE who are registered with AMFI as mutual fund advisors and who are registered with NSE/BSE as Participants are eligible to offer MFSS/BSE StAR MF ('Participants'). In addition to this, the Participants are required to comply with the requirements which may be specified by SEBI/NSE/BSE from time to time.

In addition to the above, clearing members of the National Stock Exchange/BSE shall be eligible to offer purchase and redemption of units of specified schemes of PGIM India Mutual Fund on MFSS/BSE StAR MF.

Depository participants of registered Depositories shall be eligible to process only redemption request of units held in demat form. DPs do not process any redemption requests and only accept delivery instructions.



All such Participants/clearing members/depository participants will be considered as Official Points of Acceptance (OPA) of PGIM India Mutual Fund in accordance with paragraph 16.2.4.8(a) of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Fund dated May 19, 2023.

4. Eligible investors

The facility for purchase/redemption of units of the Scheme is available to existing as well as new investors. Switching of units will not be permitted under MFSS. However, unitholders can switch the units of eligible scheme on BSE StAR MF platform. Investors have an option to hold units in either physical mode or dematerialized (electronic) mode.

5. Cut off timing for purchase/redemption of units

Time stamping as evidenced by confirmation slip given by stock exchange mechanism will be considered for the purpose of determining applicable NAV and cut off timing for the transactions. The applicability of NAV will be subject to guidelines issued by SEBI on uniform cut-off time for applicability of NAV.

1. The procedure for purchase/redemption of units through MFSS System/BSE StAR MF is as follows:

# A Physical mode:

#### **Purchase of Units:**

- i) The investor is required to submit purchase application form (subject to limits prescribed by NSE/BSE from time to time) along with all necessary documents to the Participant.
- ii) Investor will be required to transfer the funds to Participant.
- iii) The Participant shall verify the application for mandatory details and KYC compliance.
- iv) After completion of the verification, the Participant will enter the purchase order in the Stock Exchange system and issue system generated order confirmation slip to the investor. Such confirmation slip will be the proof of transaction till the investor receives allotment details from Participant.
- v) The Participant will provide allotment details to the investor.
- vi) The Registrar will send Statement of Account showing number of units allotted to the investor.

# **Redemption of Units:**

- i) The investor is required to submit redemption request (subject to limits prescribed by NSE/BSE from time to time) along with all necessary documents to Participant.
- ii) After completion of verification, the Participant will enter redemption order in the Stock Exchange system and issue system generated confirmation slip to the investor. The confirmation slip will be proof of transaction till the redemption proceeds are received from the Registrar.
- iii) The redemption proceeds will be directly sent by the Registrar through appropriate payment mode such as direct credit, NEFT or cheque/demand draft as decided by AMC from time to time, as per the bank account details available in the records of Registrar.

#### **B** Depository mode:

#### **Purchase of Units:**

i) The investor intending to purchase units in Depository mode is required to have Depository Account (beneficiary account) with the depository participant of National Securities Depository Ltd. and/or Central Depository Services (India) Ltd.



- ii) The investor is required to place an order for purchase of units (subject to limits prescribed by NSE/BSE from time to time) with the Participant.
- iii) The investor should provide his Depository Account details along with PAN details to the Participant. Where investor intends to hold units in dematerialised mode, KYC performed by Depository Participant will be considered compliance with applicable requirements as specified read in line with paragraph 16.2.4.4 of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Funds dated May 19, 2023.
- iv) The Participant will enter the purchase order in the Stock Exchange system and issue system generated order confirmation slip to the investor. Such confirmation slip will be the proof of transaction till the investor receives allotment details from Participant.
- v) The investor will transfer the funds to the Participant.
- vi) The Participant will provide allotment details to the investor.
- vii) Registrar will credit units to the depository account of the investor directly through credit corporate action process. This will be processed through AMC Pool Account to trading/clearing member's account and from there to Investors.

viii) Depository Participant will issue demat statement to the investor showing credit of units.

#### **Redemption of Units:**

- i) Investors who intend to redeem units through dematerialised mode must either hold units in depository (electronic) mode or convert his existing units from statement of account mode to depository mode prior to placing of redemption order.
- ii) The investor is required to place an order for redemption (subject to limits prescribed by NSE/BSE from time to time) with the Participant. The investor should provide their Depository Participant on same day with Depository Instruction Slip with relevant units to be credited to Clearing Corporation pool account.
- iii) The redemption order will be entered in the system and an order confirmation slip will be issued to investor. The confirmation slip will be proof of transaction till the redemption proceeds are received from the Registrar.
- 7. Investors having demat account and purchasing and redeeming mutual fund units in demat mode through trading/clearing members, shall receive redemption proceeds (if units are redeemed) and units (if units are purchased) through trading/clearing member's pool account. PGIM India MF/AMC will pay redemption proceeds to the trading/clearing member (in case of redemption) and trading/clearing member in turn will pay redemption proceeds to the respective investor. Similarly, units shall be credited by PGIM India MF/AMC/Registrar into trading/clearing member's pool account (in case of purchase) and trading/clearing member in turn will credit the units to the respective investor's demat account.
- 8. Payment of redemption proceeds to the trading/ clearing members by PGIM India MF/AMC/shall discharge PGIM India MF/AMC of its obligation of payment of redemption proceeds to Individual Investor. Similarly, In case of purchase of units, crediting units into trading/clearing member pool account shall discharge PGIM India MF/PGIM India AMC of its obligation to allot units to individual investor.
- 9. An account statement will be issued by PGIM India Mutual Fund to investors who purchase/redeem units under this facility in physical mode. In case of investor who purchase/redeem units through this facility in dematerialized mode, his depository participant will issue demat statement showing credit/debit of units to the investor's accounts. Such demat



statement given by the Depository Participant will be deemed to be adequate compliance with the requirements for dispatch of statement of account prescribed by SEBI.

- 10. Investors should note that electronic platform provided by NSE/BSE is only to facilitate purchase/redemption of units in the Schemes of mutual fund. In case of non-commercial transaction like change of bank mandate, nomination etc. the Unit holders should submit such request to the Investor Services Center of PGIM India Mutual Fund in case of units held in physical mode. Further in case of units held in dematerialized mode, requests for change of address, bank details, nomination should be submitted to his Depository Participant.
- 11. Investors will be required to comply with Know Your Customer (KYC) norms as prescribed by NSE/NSDL/CDSL and PGIM India Mutual Fund to purchase/redeem units through stock exchange infrastructure.
- 12. Investors should note that the terms & conditions and operating guidelines issued by NSE/BSE shall be applicable for purchase/redemption of units through stock exchange infrastructure.
- 13. Investors should get in touch with the Investor Service Centres of PGIM India Mutual Fund for further details.

# APPLICATION / REQUEST THROUGH FAX / ONLINE TRANSACTIONS:

#### **Transaction by Fax:**

In order to facilitate quick processing of transaction and/ or instruction of investment of investor, the AMC/ Trustee may (at its sole discretion and without being obliged in any manner to do so and without being responsible and/ or liable in any manner whatsoever) accept and process any application, supporting documents and/ or instructions submitted by an investor/ Unit holder by facsimile (Fax transmission) who has signed the Fax indemnity with the AMC. The AMC/ Trustee/ Mutual Fund shall have no obligation to check or verify the authenticity or accuracy of Fax Submission purporting to have been sent by the investor and may act thereon as if same has been duly given by the investor and the investor/ Unit holder voluntarily and with full knowledge takes and assumes any and all risk associated therewith. In all such cases the investor will have to immediately submit the original documents/ instruction to AMC / Mutual Fund / official points of acceptance by clearly mentioning the words "For Records Only".

# **Transactions by E-fax and E-mail:**

Investors may submit their application for financial/ non-financial transactions via electronic fax ('E-fax') and electronic mail ('E-mail') to the AMC'/ Registrar and Transfer Agent ('R&T') subject to the condition that the investor has signed up the email/e-fax indemnity with the AMC. The AMC/ Trustee may (at its sole discretion and without being obliged in any manner to do so and without being responsible and/ or liable in any manner whatsoever) accept and process any application, supporting documents and/ or instructions submitted by investors via E-Fax/E-mail. The AMC/ Registrar shall not be liable for any loss/ damage/ claim arising out of incorrect processing of transaction received through fax, on account of incorrect data entered due to illegible fax, delay in receipt of fax due to technical reasons, etc. In all such cases the investor will have to immediately submit the original documents/ instruction to AMC / R&T/ Mutual Fund by clearly mentioning the words "For Records Only". The current designated fax number for accepting application via E-fax is 1800 266 3121 and the current designated email id for accepting application via E-mail is transact@pgimindia.co.in. The AMC reserves the right to add or remove designated fax number(s) / email id(s) to/from the above list. The designated fax number(s) and designated email id(s) will be Official Points of Acceptance of Transactions ("OPA") for Schemes of the Fund in respect of the transactions routed through these



designated fax number(s) / designated email id(s). The uniform cut-off time as prescribed by SEBI and as mentioned in the SIDs/ KIMs of the Schemes shall be applicable for transactions received through the above modes.

Further, the AMC reserves the right to not seek corresponding original document(s) in respect of a transaction received through Fax/E-fax/E-mail and accordingly processed.

All other terms and conditions mentioned in this document w.r.t. fax/web/electronic transactions shall be applicable to above facility. The AMC reserves the right to modify/discontinue above facility at any point of time.

#### **Online Transactions through the Mutual Fund's website:**

The Mutual Fund offers\_the facility of transacting through the online mode on the Mutual Fund's website, subject to the Investor/Unitholder fulfilling the terms and conditions as may be specified by the AMC.

The acceptance of the fax / web /electronic transactions will be solely at the risk of the transmitter of the fax / web / electronic transactions and the Mutual Fund/AMC (Recipient) shall not in any way be liable or responsible for any loss, damage caused to the transmitter directly or indirectly, as a result of the transmitter sending or purporting to send such transactions including where a fax / web /electronic transactions sent / purported to be sent is not processed on account of the fact that it was not received by the Recipient.

The transmitter acknowledges that fax/web/electronic transactions is not a secure means of giving instructions / transactions requests and that the transmitter is aware of the risks involved including those arising out of such transmission being inaccurate, imperfect, ineffective, illegible, having a lack of quality or clarity, garbled, altered, distorted, not timely etc. The transmitter's request to the Recipient to act on any fax / web / electronic transmission is for the transmitter's convenience and the Recipient is not obliged or bound to act on the same. The transmitter authorizes the Recipient to accept and act on any fax / web / electronic transmission which the Recipient believes in good faith to be given by the transmitter and the Recipient shall be entitled to treat any such fax / web / electronic transaction as if the same was given to the Recipient under the transmitter's original handwritten signature.

The transmitter agrees that security procedures adopted by the Recipient may include signature verification, telephone call backs or a combination of the same, which may be recorded by tape recording device and the transmitter consents to such recording and agrees to co-operate with the Recipient to enable confirmation of such fax/web/ electronic transaction requests. The transmitter accepts that the fax / web / electronic transactions shall not be considered until time stamped as a valid transaction request in the Scheme(s) in line with SEBI (Mutual Funds) regulations.

In consideration of the Recipient from time to time accepting and at its sole discretion (including but not limited to the AMC extending / discontinuing such facilities from time to time) acting on any fax / web / electronic transaction request received / purporting to be received from the transmitter, the transmitter agrees to indemnify and keep indemnified the AMC, Directors, employees, agents, representatives of the AMC, Mutual Fund and Trustees from and against all actions, claims, demands, liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, costs and expenses of whatever nature (whether actual or contingent) directly or indirectly suffered or incurred, sustained by or threatened against the indemnified parties whatsoever arising from or in connection with or any way relating to the indemnified parties in good faith accepting and acting on fax / web / electronic transaction requests



including relying upon such fax / electronic transaction requests purporting to come from the Transmitter even though it may not come from the Transmitter. The AMC reserves the right to modify the terms and conditions or to discontinue the abovementioned facility at any point of time.

# Applications via electronic mode (through Channel Partners)

Subject to the Investor fulfilling certain terms and conditions stipulated by the AMC, PGIM India Mutual Fund may accept transactions through the AMC's distributors / channel partners electronically.

# The AMC reserves the right to modify/ add any additional facilities or discontinue any of the aforesaid facilities or at any point of time.

# F. Default scenarios available to the investors under plans/options of the Schemes

The Scheme shall offer two plans viz. Regular Plan and Direct Plan.

Each Plan has two Options, viz., Growth Option and Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal Option (IDCW). IDCW Option has the following three facilities:

i. Reinvestment of Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal option (IDCW – Reinvestment);

ii. Payout of Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal option (IDCW – Payout);

iii. Transfer of Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal plan (IDCW – Transfer) #.

# No fresh application with IDCW Transfer Plan will be accepted w.e.f. March 8, 2016.

**Growth Option:** - IDCW will not be declared under this Option. The income attributable to Units under this Option will continue to remain invested and will be reflected in the Net Asset Value of Units under this Option. Hence, the unit holders who opt for this Option will not receive any IDCW.

**IDCW Option:** - Under the IDCW Option, IDCW will be declared, subject to availability of distributable profits, as computed in accordance with SEBI (MF) Regulations. Under IDCW option, the following facilities are available:-

• **IDCW Payout** – Under this facility, IDCW, if declared, will be paid (subject to deduction of tax at source, if any) to those Unit holders / Beneficial Owners whose names appear in the Register of Unit holders maintained by the Mutual Fund/ statement of beneficial ownership maintained by the Depositories, as applicable, on the notified record date.

• **IDCW Reinvestment :** - Under this facility, IDCW, if declared, will be reinvested (subject to deduction of tax at source, if any) in the Scheme. Under this facility, the IDCW due and payable to the Unit holders will be compulsorily and without any further act by the Unit holders, reinvested in the IDCW Option at the prevailing ex-IDCW Net Asset Value per Unit on the record date.

• **IDCW Transfer Facility:** (No fresh application with IDCW Transfer Plan will be accepted w.e.f. March 8, 2016.)

If distributor code is mentioned in application form but 'Direct Plan' is mentioned in the scheme name, the distributor code will be ignored and the application will be processed under 'Direct Plan' & in



case neither distributor code nor "Direct" is indicated in the application form, the same will be treated as Direct Plan.

# **Default Option/Facility:**

The investor must clearly specify his/her choice of Option/Facility in the application form, in the absence of which, the Default Option/Facility would be applicable and the application will be processed accordingly:

**Default Option:** Growth Option (if the investor has not indicated choice between 'Growth' or 'IDCW' Options).

# Default Facility Under IDCW Option: IDCW Reinvestment

It must be distinctly understood that the actual declaration of IDCW and frequency thereof is at the sole discretion of Board of Directors of the Trustee Company. There is no assurance or guarantee to the Unit holders as to the rate of IDCW distribution nor that the IDCW will be paid regularly. If the amount of IDCW payable under the Payout of Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal option facility is Rs. 100/- or less, then the IDCW would be compulsorily reinvested in the same option of the Scheme. Further investors are requested to note that the amounts can be distributed out of investors capital (Equalization Reserve) which is part of a sale price that represents realized gains.

Direct Plan is only for investors who purchase /subscribe Units in the Scheme directly with the Fund and is not available for investors who route their investments through a Distributor and is offered in accordance with paragraph 2.5 of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Funds dated May 19, 2023.

Investors may please note that the Direct Plan under the Scheme is meant for investors who understand the capital market, mutual funds and the risks associated therewith. The risks associated with the investments in the schemes of mutual funds may vary depending upon the investment objective, asset allocation and investment strategy of the Schemes and the investments may not be suited for all categories of investors. The AMC believes that investors investing under the Direct Plan of the Scheme are aware of the investment objective, asset allocation, investment strategy, risks associated therewith and other features of the Scheme and has taken an informed investment decision. Please note that SID, SAI, Key Information Memorandum or any other advertisements and its contents are for information only and do not constitute any investment advice or solicitation or offer for sale of units of the Scheme from the AMC.

If distributor code is mentioned in application form but 'Direct plan' is mentioned in the scheme name, the distributor code will be ignored and the application will be processed under direct plan" & in case neither distributor code nor "Direct" is indicated in the application form, the same will be treated as direct plan.

ScenarioDistributor Code (ARN<br/>Code) mentioned by the<br/>InvestorPlan mentioned by<br/>the InvestorDefault Plan1Not mentionedNot mentionedDirect Plan2Not mentionedDirectDirect Plan

The following shall be the treatment of applications under "Direct" / "Regular" Plans:



| 3 | Not mentioned | Regular       | Direct Plan  |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 4 | Mentioned     | Direct        | Direct Plan  |
| 5 | Direct        | Not Mentioned | Direct Plan  |
| 6 | Direct        | Regular       | Direct Plan  |
| 7 | Mentioned     | Regular       | Regular Plan |
| 8 | Mentioned     | Not Mentioned | Regular Plan |

In cases of wrong/ invalid/ incomplete ARN codes mentioned on the application form, the application shall be processed under Direct Plan. The AMC shall contact and obtain the correct ARN code within 30 calendar days of the receipt of the application form the investor/ distributor. In case, the correct code is not received within 30 calendar days, the AMC shall reprocess the transaction under Direct Plan from the date of application without any exit load.

# Treatment of purchase/switch/ Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs)/ Systematic Transfer Plans (STPs) transactions received through distributors who are suspended temporarily or terminated permanently by AMFI is stated below:-

- 1. During the period of suspension, no commission shall be accrued or payable to the distributor whose ARN is suspended. Besides, any unpaid commission as on the date of the suspension if any stand forfeited In other words, during the period of suspension, commission on the business canvassed prior to the date of suspension shall stand forfeited. The above rule shall apply irrespective of whether the suspended distributor is the main ARN holder or a sub- distributor.
- 2. All Purchase and Switch transactions post the date of suspension, including SIPs/STPs registered prior to the date of suspension and fresh SIP / STP registrations received under the ARN code of a suspended distributor during the period of suspension, shall be processed under Direct Plan and shall be continued under Direct Plan perpetually\*, with a suitable intimation to the unitholder/s mentioning that the distributor has been suspended from doing mutual fund distribution.

\*Note: If the AMC receives a written request / instruction from the unitholder/s to shift back to Regular Plan under the ARN of the distributor post the revocation of suspension of ARN, the same shall be honored.

- 3. All Purchase and Switch transactions including SIP/STP transactions received through the stock exchange platforms through a distributor whose ARN is suspended shall be processed under the Direct Plan..
- 4. All transactions received through un-empanelled distributors shall be processed under the Direct Plan.
- 5. In case where the ARN has been permanently terminated, the unitholders have the following options;
  - a. Switch their existing investments under Regular Plan to Direct Plan (with capital gain tax implications); or



b. continue their existing investments under Regular Plan under ARN to another distributor of their choice.

All plans/options under the Scheme shall have common portfolio.

#### VII. RIGHTS OF UNITHOLDERS OF THE SCHEME

- 1. Unit holders of the Scheme have a proportionate right in the beneficial ownership of the assets of the Scheme.
- 2. When the Mutual Fund declares an Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal (IDCW)/dividend under a scheme, IDCW/ dividend warrants shall be dispatched to the Unit Holders within 7 working days from the record date of IDCW/dividend. Consolidated Account Statement ('CAS') at mutual fund industry level for each calendar month will be issued on or before 15th day of succeeding month to all unit holders having financial transactions and who have provided valid Permanent Account Number (PAN). For folios not included in the CAS, the AMC shall issue a monthly account statement to the unit holders, pursuant to any financial transaction done in such folios; the monthly statement will be send on or before 15th day of succeeding month. In case of a specific request received from the unit holders, the AMC shall provide the account statement to the unit holder within 5 business days from the receipt of such request. If a Unit holder so desires the Mutual Fund shall issue a Unit certificate (non- transferable) within 5 Business Days of the receipt of request for the certificate.
- 3. The Mutual Fund shall dispatch redemption or repurchase proceeds within 3 working days of accepting the valid redemption or repurchase request. For schemes investing at least 80% of total assets in such permissible overseas investments, 5 Working Days of accepting the valid redemption or repurchase request. Further, in case of exceptional scenarios as prescribed by AMFI vide its communication no. AMFI/ 35P/ MEM-COR/ 74 / 2022-23 dated January 16, 2023, read with clause 14.1.3 of SEBI Master Circular No. SEBI/HO/IMD/IMD-PoD-1/P/CIR/2023/74 dated May 19, 2023 (SEBI Master Circular), the AMC may not be able to adhere with the timelines prescribed above.
- 4. The Trustee is bound to make such disclosures to the Unit holders as are essential in order to keep the unitholders informed about any information known to the Trustee which may have a material adverse bearing on their investments.
- 5. The appointment of the AMC for the Mutual Fund can be terminated by majority of the Directors of the Trustee Board or by 75% of the Unit holders of the Scheme.
- 6. 75% of the Unit holders of a Scheme can pass a resolution to wind- up a Scheme.
- 7. The Trustee shall obtain the consent of the Unit holders:
  - whenever required to do so by SEBI, in the interest of the Unit holders.
  - whenever required to do so if a requisition is made by three- fourths of the Unit holders of the Scheme.
  - when the majority of the trustees decide to wind up a scheme in terms of clause (a) of sub regulation (2) of regulation 39 of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 or prematurely redeem the units of a close ended scheme.



- 8. The trustees shall ensure that no change in the fundamental attributes of any scheme, the fees and expenses payable or any other change which would modify the scheme and affect the interest of the unit holders is carried out by the asset management company, unless it complies with sub-regulation (26) of regulation 25 of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996.
- 9. In specific circumstances, where the approval of unitholders is sought on any matter, the same shall be obtained by way of a postal ballot or such other means as may be approved by SEBI.

# VIII. INVESTMENT VALUATION NORMS FOR SECURITIES AND OTHER ASSETS

PGIM India Mutual Fund shall value its investments according to the valuation norms, as specified in Schedule VIII of the Regulations, or such norms as may be prescribed by SEBI from time to time. The broad valuation norms are detailed below. These norms are indicated based on the current Regulations and the Guidelines issued by SEBI: -

#### A. Valuation Norms for Equity and Equity Related Instruments

- <u>Traded Security</u>: All actively traded equity securities be valued at it's closing price on the principal stock exchange (NSE) on the Valuation day (i.e. T day). If a security is not listed on the principal stock exchange but listed on the secondary stock exchange, the closing price of the security on the secondary stock exchange on the valuation day will be considered for the purpose of valuation. Likewise, for an equity security listed on both the Exchanges, If the price is not available on a particular valuation day then it's closing price in the Secondary Stock Exchange (BSE) on valuation day will be considered for the purpose of valuation. If a security is not traded on the principal or secondary stock exchange on a particular valuation day, the value at which it was traded on the principal stock exchange or secondary stock exchange as the case may be, on the earliest previous day may be used provided such date is not more than 30 days prior to the valuation date.
- 2. <u>Non Traded security or thinly traded security</u>: If the equity instrument is not traded up to T-30 days or is thinly traded (trade value in a calendar month is less than Rs. 5 lakhs and total volume is less than 50,000 shares) then the valuation will be;

a. Non Traded security - in good faith on the basis of net worth per share and earnings capitalization, as prescribed by SEBI.

b. Thinly traded security - Where a Stock Exchange identifies thinly traded securities and publishes or provides the required information along with the daily quotations, the same shall be used for the purpose of valuation. Where no such information and quotations are available valuation shall be done on the basis of in good faith based on the principles described above for non-traded securities.

- 3. <u>Merger/ Amalgamation</u>:- Valuation of the resulting company would be determined by valuation of merging/amalgamating company prior to the ex-date of merger/amalgamation. In case of merging/amalgamating companies being listed, valuation of resulting companies would be summation of valuation of entities immediately prior to merger date. Further if a listed company merges into an unlisted surviving company, then the surviving company should be valued at the traded value of merging company immediately before merger.
- 4. <u>Demerger</u>:-In case of demerger, there are three possibilities namely, (a) both companies'



shares are listed (b) One of the companies' shares are listed (c) both companies' shares are not listed.

- a) If both the companies are listed, then the traded price of the individual securities will be considered for valuation.
- b) If one of the demerged companies is listed :
- i. for the company whose security is listed, the valuation would be carried out by following the methodology defined above for traded securities ; and
- ii. for the company whose security is not listed, the valuation price will be derived as follows :

[Last quoted closing price of the original traded share one trading day prior to the ex date of the demerger] **minus** [Last quoted closing price of the listed company after the demerger ].

In cases where the last quoted closing price of the listed company after demerger is equal to or in excess of the premerger price, then the valuation price for the non listed company will be taken as Zero.

- c) In cases where there are multiple demerged companies and such companies are not listed, the valuation methodology will be finalized in consultation with the valuation committee. Likewise, other complex reconstruction and arrangement transactions where the methodology for valuation is not defined in this policy document will be referred to the valuation committee for guidance on fair valuation and the justification for the recommended methodology would be recorded in writing.
- d) If both the companies post demerger are not listed, the pre-merger price (i.e the closing price of the share of the company one trading day prior to the ex-date for the demerger) will be bifurcated between the two resulting companies in the demerger ratio.
- 5. <u>Valuation of Rights Entitlement and Renunciation</u>: The Rights entitlement will be valued as on ex-date. The rights entitlement will be valued at Ex–Rights price minus Rights Offer price till the rights shares are traded. In case the offer price is higher than the Ex-Rights price, rights share will be valued at Zero. In case of rights on non traded shares, the value of rights will be Zero. In case the quantity applied for, is less than or equal to the rights entitlement, then shares applied will be valued at the ex-rights price till the rights shares are traded. In case the quantity applied for is more than the rights entitlement then the additional quantity will be shown as application money. Valuation of additional quantity will commence on confirmation of actual allotment.

Renunciations : Where rights shares are renounced and if the rights share renunciation is traded in the stock exchanges, then the traded price for the renunciations shall be used for valuation.

6. <u>Preference Shares</u>: - For all categories of preference shares that are listed and traded in the Stock Exchanges, the valuation would be done at the closing price of the security in the principal stock exchange or the secondary stock exchange and the valuation methodology adopted will be similar to valuation of traded equity securities mentioned above. Where preference shares are not traded or listed, the same shall be fair valued by the valuation committee after considering price / terms of underlying security. Valuation committee shall, after taking into account available data points, determine the valuation of such security



providing for appropriate illiquidity discount to reflect the fair realizable value of the security.

- 7. <u>Convertible Debentures</u>:- In the case of convertible debentures, the non-convertible and convertible components shall be valued separately. The non-convertible component (Debt) shall be valued on the same basis and methodology as would be applicable for debt instruments. The convertible component (Equity) should be valued on the same basis as would be applicable to an equity instrument. If after conversion the resultant equity instrument would be traded at the same level with an existing equity instrument which is traded, the value of the latter instrument can be adopted after an appropriate discount for non-tradability, time value, volatility etc of the equity instrument during the period preceding the conversion. While valuing such instrument the fact whether the conversion is optional shall also be taking into consideration
- 8. <u>Warrants</u>: Traded warrants will be valued at traded price. Non traded warrants will be valued as under:
  - If the exercise price is less than the underlying share price then the warrants would be valued at the value of the underlying share price less the exercise price with illiquidity discount as may be decided by the valuation committee.
  - If the exercise price is more than the underlying share price then it would be valued at Zero.
- 9. Futures and Options: -
  - Traded Futures and Options that are traded shall be valued as per the settlement price provided by NSE. ;
  - Non Traded When a security is not traded on the respective stock exchange on the date of valuation, then the settlement price / any other equivalent price provided by the respective stock exchange. In the event such reference price is not available for a particular security, the same shall be fair valued by the valuation committee after considering prices / terms of underlying security.
- 10. <u>American Depository Receipt /Global Depository Receipt (ADR/GDR)</u>:- ADR and GDR will be valued based on last traded price on the exchange where the issue is listed. However in case an ADR or GDR is listed on more than one stock exchange, the AMC reserves the right to determine the stock exchange, the price of which would be used for the purpose of valuation of the same.

Due to difference in time zones of different markets, in case the closing prices of securities are not available within a given time frame to enable the AMC to upload the NAVs for a valuation day, the AMC may use the last available traded price for the purpose of valuation. The use of the closing price/last traded price for the purpose of valuation will also be based on the practice followed in a particular market.

Non traded ADR/GDRs shall be fair valued by the valuation committee after considering prices / terms of underlying security.



11. <u>Unlisted Equity Shares</u>: - Unlisted equity shares will be valued in good faith on the basis of net worth per share and earnings capitalization, as prescribed by SEBI.

# **B.** Valuation Norms for Debt and Money Market Instruments

#### 1. Valuation of Money market and Debt securities including Bill Rediscounting (BRDS):-

These instruments will be valued at the average of the security level prices as provided by the valuation agencies nominated by AMFI (currently CRISIL & IMACS).

In case security level prices given by valuation agencies are not available for a new security (which is currently not held by any Mutual Fund) then such security may be valued at purchase yield on the date of allotment/purchase.

If the security level prices are not provided on subsequent days and the purchase yield is considered inappropriate, then the Valuation Committee shall adopt alternate procedures / methodologies in accordance with the fair valuation principles to arrive at the fair valuation of the security.

<u>Floating rate Bonds (FRBs):</u> Floating rate bonds (FRBs) will be valued as per AMFI Best Practices Guidelines Circular No.95 / 2021-22 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

2. <u>Sovereign securities</u>

| Sovereign Securities which includes Government                                      | Sovereign securities shall be |  |  |
|---|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Securities (G Secs/ SDLs), Treasury Bills, Cash                                     | valued on the basis of the    |  |  |
| Management Bills and any other Sovereign security security level prices as provided |                               |  |  |
|   | by the valuation agencies     |  |  |

3. OTC derivatives and Market Linked Debentures

| OTC Derivatives and Market | All OTC Derivatives (including Interest Rate Swaps) and |  |  |
|----------------------------|---|--|--|
| Linked debentures          | Market Linked Debentures shall be valued at the average |  |  |
|                            | of security level prices obtained from the valuation    |  |  |
|                            | agencies.   |  |  |

- 4. <u>Interest Rate Futures</u> :- Interest Rate Futures shall be valued at the daily settlement price on NSE or any other recognized stock exchange.
- 5. <u>Valuation Methodology for money market and debt securities which are rated below</u> investment grade:

Money market and debt securities which are rated below investment grade shall be valued at the price provided by valuation agencies.

Till such time the valuation agencies compute the valuation of money market and debt securities classified as below investment grade, such securities shall be valued on the basis of indicative haircuts provided by these agencies. These indicative haircuts shall be applied on the date of credit event i.e. migration of the security to sub-investment grade on the principal and accrued interest if any and shall continue till the valuation agencies compute the valuation price of such securities. Further, these haircuts shall be updated and refined, as



and when there is availability of material information which impacts the haircuts. In case of securities classified as below investment grade but not default, interest accrual will continue with the same haircut applied to the principal. In case of securities classified as default, no further interest will be accrued.

In case of trades during the interim period between date of credit event and receipt of valuation price from valuation agencies, such traded price for valuation will be considered if it is lower than the price post standard haircut. The said traded price shall be considered for valuation till the valuation price is determined by the valuation agencies.

In case of trades after the valuation price is computed by the valuation agencies as referred above and where the traded price is lower than such computed price, such traded price shall be considered for the purpose of valuation and the valuation price may be revised accordingly.

The trades referred above shall be of a minimum size as determined by valuation agencies.

AMC may deviate from the indicative haircuts and/or the valuation price for money market and debt securities rated below investment grade provided by the valuation agencies subject to the following and post approval of the valuation committee:

- The detailed rationale for deviation from the price post haircuts or the price provided by the valuation agencies shall be recorded by AMC.
- The rationale for deviation along-with details such as information about the security (ISIN, issuer name, rating etc.), price at which the security was valued vis-a-vis the price post haircuts or the average of the price provided by the valuation agencies (as applicable) and the impact of such deviation on scheme NAV (in amount and percentage terms) will be reported to the Board of AMC and Trustees.

Treatment of any future recovery

Any recovery shall first be adjusted against the outstanding interest recognized in the NAV and any balance shall be adjusted against the value of principal recognized in the NAV.

- 6. <u>REPO instruments (Tenor upto 30 days)</u>: Investments in Repo instruments (tenor upto 30 days), valuation would be done on cost plus accrual basis.
- 7. <u>Reverse repo (Tenor upto 30 days)</u>: In the case of reverse repo (tenor upto 30 days) the valuation will be done on the basis of cost adjusted by the accrued interest based on the cost and sell back price.
- 8. <u>Tri-party Repo (TREPS) (Tenor upto 30 days):-</u> TREPS trades will be valued at cost plus interest accrual after netting off CCIL charges.
- 9. <u>Repo/TREPS (Tenor greater than 30 days):-</u> Repo / TREPS At the average of the security level prices as provided by the valuation agencies nominated by AMFI (currently CRISIL & ICRA) from the next day of the purchase date.

On the purchase date, the Repo/TREPS will be valued at purchase yield. In the case of multiple Repo/TREPS trades, the same will be valued at weighted average yield.

10. Private Placements (primary market) :- Privately placed instruments upto the date of



allotment to be valued at cost. From the date of allotment, the security will be valued as per the above stated valuation methodology.

- 11. <u>Short Term Deposits</u> —:- Short Term Deposits maturing within 30 days from the date of valuation shall be valued at cost plus accrual basis
- 12. <u>Fixed Deposits Step up (tenor upto 30 days)</u> :- FDs would be valued at cost plus interest accrued.
  - For each period, the accrual would be done at the realizable rate. The rate differential between two periods, would be accrued on the day the rate changes.
  - Realizable rate would be the rate applicable for that period less any prepayment penalty
  - The securities with both Put and Call option on the same Securities with both Put and Call option on the same day and day and same put and call option price would be deemed to mature on the Put/Call day and would be valued at same price accordingly All other cases The cash flow of each put and call option shall be evaluated and the security shall be valued on the following basis : 1. Identify a 'Put Trigger Date', a date on which 'price to put option' is the highest when compared with price to other put options and maturity price. 2. Identify a 'Call Trigger Date', a date on which 'price to call option' is the lowest when compared with price to other call options and maturity price 3. In case no Put Trigger Date or Call Trigger Date ('Trigger Date") is available, then valuation would be done to maturity price. 4. In case one Trigger Date is available, then valuation would be done as to the said Trigger Date. 5. In case both Trigger Dates are available, then valuation would be done to the earliest date.
- 13. Valuation of securities with Put/Call Options: -

- 14. <u>Bills of Exchange/Promissory Notes</u>:- These instruments would be valued at cost plus interest accrued.
- 15. <u>Valuation guidelines for Fixed Income inter-scheme transfers:</u>
  - Inter scheme of money market or debt security (irrespective of maturity) will be done at a price which is the average of the prices provided by the valuation agencies within the preagreed TAT after communication of inter scheme to the valuation agencies.
  - If the price is received from only 1 valuation agency within the pre-agreed TAT after communication of inter scheme to the valuation agencies, that price will be considered for the inter scheme trade.



• If prices are not received from any of the Valuation Agencies within the agreed TAT, the IST would be at the price derived from the weighted average yield / price of traded securities at the time of the IST for which the below mentioned process will be followed

#### For instruments maturing above 1 year:

The weighted average yield / price of traded securities (excluding inter scheme transfers of others and own trades of PGIM India Mutual Fund) will be considered if there are at least two trades, with each trade being of a minimum Rs 5 crores face value, aggregating to Rs. 25 crores or more for same or similar security on a public platform\*

#### For instruments maturing below 1 year:

The weighted average yield / price of traded securities (excluding inter scheme transfers of others and own trades of PGIM India Mutual Fund) will be taken if there are at least three trades, with each trade being of a minimum Rs. 25 crores face value, aggregating to Rs. 100 crores or more for same or similar security on a public platform\*

# Criteria for identifying similar securities in case of securities having residual maturing upto 30 days:

Similar security should be identified by the following waterfall logic, provided that the maturity date of the security is within the same calendar quarter and should have a residual maturity of up to 30 days:

1) Same issuer and same type of asset, with maturity date within  $\pm 7$  calendar days of maturity date of security shall be considered first and should have a residual maturity upto 30 days. If no such instance is available, then Step 2. will be followed.

Example: For Punjab National Bank CD maturing on March 6, 2019, all secondary market trades of Punjab National Bank CDs maturing within February 27, 2019 to March 13, 2019 will be considered first.

2) Similar security from a different issuer within the same category (PSU Bank, Private Bank or Financial Institution etc.) and similar long term credit rating\*\*, with maturity date within ±7 calendar days of maturity date of security will be considered and should have a residual maturity upto 30 days.

Example: For Punjab National Bank CD maturing on March 6, 2019, all secondary market trades of similar public sector bank CDs maturing within February 27, 2019 to March 13, 2019 will be considered first

In case of banks CDs -

- Issuer of the Securities having long term rating of AAA and/or AA+ and short term rating of A1+ will be considered as comparable.
- Issuer of the Securities having long term rating of AA and/or AA- and short term rating of A1+ will be considered as comparable.
- Issuer of the Securities having long term rating of A+ and below and short-term rating of



A1+ will be considered as comparable.

# Criteria for identifying similar securities in case of securities having residual maturing above 30 days:

Similar security should be identified by the following waterfall logic, provided that the maturity date of the security is within the same calendar quarter :

1) Same issuer and same type of asset, with maturity date within  $\pm$  15 working days of maturity date of security shall be considered first. If no such instance is available, then Step 2 will be followed:

Example: For Punjab National Bank CD maturing on March 6, 2019, all secondary market trades of Punjab National Bank CDs maturing within February 12, 2019 to March 28, 2019 will be considered first.

2) Similar security from a different issuer within the same category (PSU Bank, Private Bank or Financial Institution etc.) and similar long term credit rating<sup>\*\*</sup>, with maturity date within  $\pm$  15 working days of maturity date of security will be considered.

Example: For Punjab National Bank CD maturing on March 6, 2019, all secondary market trades of similar public sector bank CDs maturing within February 12, 2019 to March 28, 2019 will be considered.

In case of banks CDs -

- Issuer of the Securities having long term rating of AAA and/or AA+ and short term rating of A1+ will be considered as comparable.
- Issuer of the Securities having long term rating of AA and/or AA- and short term rating of A1+ will be considered as comparable.
- Issuer of the Securities having long term rating of A+ and below and short term rating of A1+ will be considered as comparable.

#### Note:

Outlier trades, if any, will be ignored after recording suitable justification.

If due to the non-availability of traded securities, at the time of the IST, the above mentioned criteria cannot be fulfilled, the IST would be done at the previous day's price/yield.

#### \* Public Platform refers to:

F-TRAC / Corporate Bond Reporting Platform (CBRICS) / Indian Corporate Debt Market(ICDM) / Negotiated Dealing System - Order Management (NDS-OM) / MSE FIRST: For corporate bonds / debentures, commercial papers, certificate of deposits and securitized debt.

#### C. Valuation Norms on AT-1 Bonds & Tier-2 Bonds



AT-1 Bonds and Tier-2 bonds will be valued as per AMFI best practices guidelines circular no 91/2020-21 dated March 24, 2021 or any subsequent amendments there to.

- 1. The said waterfall requires grouping of same issuer with similar maturity and similar issuers with similar maturity. However, in case any ISIN of issuer has not traded, the valuation of AT-1 Bonds is currently done based on adjusting spread directly to the benchmark security.
- 2. In order to improve existing valuation of these bonds and implement the defined waterfall, following is proposed to be done:
  - i. Form two types of ISINs:
    - a) Benchmark ISINs (a non-benchmark ISIN can be linked to only one benchmark ISIN. Currently, SBI ISINs happens to be the benchmark ISINs across all maturities for AT-1 Bonds.)
    - b) Non-benchmark ISINs (Will be divided into multiple groups based on similar issuer and similar maturity).
    - c) The groups will be decided in consultation with valuation agencies. The two main criteria envisaged to be used here would be Tier 1 / Tier 2 ratings of the ISINs / Issuers, and the spread range in which the group of ISINs / Issuer's trade over the benchmark.
  - ii. Take a look back period for trade recognition as under:
    - a) 15 working days for benchmark ISINs
    - b) 30 working days for non-benchmark ISINs
    - c) This will be revised to 7 working days for benchmark ISIN and 15 working days for non-benchmark ISINs from October 01, 2021.
- 3. If the ISIN gets traded, the traded YTM will be taken for the purpose of valuation. Further, if 1 ISIN of the issuer trades all other ISINs of issuers will be considered as traded but with necessary adjustment of spread to YTM. If none of the ISIN of the issuer gets traded, the trade of similar issuer in the group will be taken to valuation however with necessary adjustment of spread to YTM of similar issuer similar maturity. If none of the ISIN in a group gets traded on any particular day, an actual trade in a look back period will be seen. If there is an actual trade in look back period the security will be considered as traded and valued with necessary adjustment of spread to YTM. According to this valuation will be done based on the trade of issuer, trade of similar issuer and as an additional layer a look back period of is requested. It is confirmed that spread over YTM will be taken without any adjustment of modified duration to call.
- 4. Further, as the valuation is based on trade during the look back period, it is confirmed that a spread will be adjusted to reflect adverse news, change in credit rating, interest rate etc., which has bearing on the yield of ISIN being valued.
- 5. However, if there is no actual trade of any ISIN of the issuer as well as similar issuer during look back period also then valuation will be done by taking spread over matrix and/or polling in line with the waterfall mechanism prescribed by AMFI.
- 6. AMCs shall adopt maturity of 100 years for perpetual bond issued by banks. There will be a glide path for smooth implementation. The Deemed Residual Maturity for the Purpose of Calculation of valuation as well as Macaulay Duration for existing as well as new perpetual bonds issued:



| Time Period                         | Deemed Residual Maturity (Years) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Till March 31, 2022                 | 10                               |
| April 01, 2022 – September 31, 2022 | 20                               |
| October 01, 2022 – March 31, 2023   | 30                               |
| March 31, 2023 onwards              | 100                              |

The residual maturity will always remain above the deemed residual maturity proposed above.

7. Hitherto, Mutual Fund industry used to value Tier II bonds considering first call date as a deemed maturity date. Therefore, a glide path is required for valuation as well as calculation of Macaulay Duration for tier II bonds also. Accordingly, valuation methodology, as mentioned above, for AT-1 Bonds is to be followed for the valuation of tier II bonds also. Further, the Macaulay Duration is proposed to be calculated as under for Tier II bonds:

| Time Period                     | Deemed Residual Maturity for all securities (Years)   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| April 01, 2021 – March 31, 2022 | 10 years or contractual maturity whichever is earlier |
| April 01, 2022 onwards          | Actual Maturity                                       |

- 8. Besides, AT-1 bonds and Tier 2 bonds being different categories of bonds, the valuation of these bonds will be done separately (i.e.) ISIN of AT-1 bond traded will not mean that ISIN of Tier-2 bonds of the same issuer have also traded. However, if any issuer does not exercise call option for any ISIN, then the valuation and calculation of Macaulay Duration should be done considering maturity of 100 years from the date of issuance for AT-1 Bonds and Contractual Maturity for Tier 2 bonds, for all ISINs of the issuer.
- 9. It is confirmed that the Macaulay Duration of ISINs will be calculated based on the deemed residual maturity proposed in para 7 and 8 above to reflect the duration risk.
- 10. Further, henceforth mutual funds will disclose both Yield to Call and Yield to Maturity.

# **D.** Valuation Norms for Other Instruments

- 1. <u>Units/Shares of Mutual Fund</u>: Investments in Units / Shares of Mutual Fund Schemes will be valued at the last declared / latest Net Asset Value made available per Unit / Share by the respective mutual fund Scheme, as at the close of the relevant valuation day. Where the investment is in an overseas fund, the NAV per unit of the underlying fund in the foreign currency would be converted into INR using the FBIL Reference Rate from Bloomberg.
- 2. <u>Upfront Fee on Trades:-</u> Details of upfront fees to be shared with the valuation agencies on the trade date as part of the trade reporting.

Upfront fees on all trades including primary market trades will be considered by the valuation agencies for valuing the security



Upfront fees will be reduced from the cost of the investment in the scheme that made the investment

In case upfront fees is received across multiple schemes, then such upfront fees should be shared on a pro rate basis across such schemes

#### 3. Foreign Securities:-

- On the valuation date, the securities issued outside India and listed on Stock exchanges outside India shall be valued at the closing price on the stock exchange at which it is listed or at the last available traded price. However in case a security is listed on more than one stock exchange, the AMC reserves the right to determine the stock exchange, the price of which would be used for the purpose of valuation of that security. In such cases, the AMC shall record the justification for selecting a particular stock exchange whose price is used for valuation. If, at a later date, the AMC proposes to apply the price available on a different stock exchange for the purpose of valuation of the security, the same would need to be approved by the Valuation Committee with necessary justification for the change and such change shall be carried out prospectively after the approval of the valuation committee.
- Due to difference in time zones of different markets, in case the closing prices of securities are not available within a given time frame to enable the AMC to upload the NAVs for a Valuation Day, the AMC may use the last available traded price for the purpose of valuation. The use of the closing price/last traded price for the purpose of valuation will also be based on the practice followed in a particular market.
- In case any particular security is not traded on the Valuation Day, the same shall be valued on a fair value basis by the Valuation Committee of the AMC.

# E. Deviation:-

Any deviation to the Valuation Policy shall be with the prior approval of the Valuation Committee and a detailed rationale for such deviation will be recorded All such deviations alongwith details such as information about the security (ISIN, issuer name, rating etc) price at which the security was valued vis-à-vis the price as per the valuation agencies and the impact of such deviation on scheme NAV (in amount and percentage terms) shall be reported to the Board of AMC and Trustees.

#### F. Exceptional Events:-

While the endeavour at PGIM India AMC is to adopt a fair, reliable and consistent valuation methodology that reflects the realisable value of securities held across the portfolios of its various schemes, in exceptional circumstances, there may be a need for a departure from the consistently followed approach and methodology to ensure fair valuation of securities. While it is not practically possible to list all kinds of exceptional events, the following types of events have the potential of being classified as exceptional events:

- Major policy announcements by the Central Bank, the government or the regulator
- Natural disasters or public disturbances that force the markets to close unexpectedly
- Significant volatility in the capital market



- Liquidity crunch in the market
- Events related to a company or a sector falling below the investment grade
- Any other event which the valuation committee believes is exceptional

The valuation committee shall be responsible for identifying such exceptional events and recommending appropriate alternate valuation methodologies in line with the principles of fair valuation.

In case of exceptional event, the Valuation Committee may seek the guidance of the AMC board in deciding the appropriate methodology for valuation of affected securities. Deviations from the valuation policy and principles, if any, will be communicated to the unit holders by way of suitable disclosures on the fund's website.

#### **COMPUTATION OF NAV**

#### A. Policy of computation of NAV

NAV of Units under the Scheme will be calculated by following method:

|                 | Market or Fair Value of Scheme's investments + Current Assets - Current Liabilities |
|-----------------|---|
| NAV (Rs.) = $-$ | and Provisions  |
|                 | No. of Units outstanding under the Scheme   |

The NAV shall be calculated up to two/four decimals (depending on the nature of Scheme, kindly refer SID for details). However the AMC reserves the right to declare the NAVs up to additional decimal places as it deems appropriate. Separate NAV will be calculated and disclosed for each Plan/Option. The AMC will calculate and disclose the NAV of the Scheme on all the Business Days.

NAV of units under the scheme shall be calculated as shown below:

Market or Fair Value of Scheme's investment (Rs.) = 1,15,12,05,600.00Current Assets (Rs.) = 60,00,000.00Current Liabilities (Rs.) = 40,00,000.00No of units Outstanding under the scheme = 10,00,00,000

|                      | 115,12,05,600 + 60,00,000 - 40,00,000 |           |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| NAV Per Unit (Rs.) = | 10,00,00,000                          | - = 11.53 |

The aforesaid provision pertaining to "Calculation of NAV" shall apply in respect of each individual scheme and / or plan as the case may be. The NAV per unit above is rounded off to two decimals

The NAV will be calculated as of the close of every Business Day.

#### **B.** Policy for computation of NAV in foreign securities



On the valuation day, all assets and liabilities in foreign currency will be valued in Indian Rupees at the RBI reference rate as at the close of banking hours on that day in India. The Trustees reserve the right to change the source for determining the exchange rate at a future date after recording the reason for such change.

# C. Procedure in case of delay in disclosure of NAV

The NAV of the schemes shall be declared as per timelines stated in the respective SID on AMC and AMFI website.

If the NAVs are not available before the commencement of Business Hours on the following day due to any reason, the Mutual Fund shall issue a press release giving reasons and explaining when the Mutual Fund would be able to publish the NAV.

Investor may write to AMC for availing facility of receiving the latest NAVs through SMS.

The AMC, shall disclose portfolio (along with ISIN) in a user friendly & downloadable spreadsheet format, as on the last day of the month/half year for the scheme(s) on its website www.pgimindiamf.com and on the website of AMFI www.amfiindia.com within 10 days from the close of each month/half year.

In case of unitholders whose email addresses are registered with PGIM India Mutual Fund, the AMC shall send via email both the monthly and half yearly statement of scheme portfolio within 10 days from the close of each month/half year respectively. The AMC shall publish an advertisement every half-year, in the all India edition of at least two daily newspapers, one each in English and Hindi, disclosing the hosting of the half yearly statement of the schemes portfolio on the AMC's website www.pgimindiamf.com and on the website of AMFI (www.amfiindia.com). The AMC shall provide physical copy of the statement of scheme portfolio without any cost, on specific request received from a unitholder.

# IX. TAX & LEGAL & GENERAL INFORMATION

#### A. Taxation on investing in Mutual Funds

Prospective Unit holders should inform themselves of and take their own advice on the taxes applicable to the subscription, holding and redemption of units, and any distribution (each, a "Relevant Event") under the laws of the place of their operations, domicile, residence, citizenship and/or incorporation. Neither the Fund nor any of the parties listed in the Sections I of this Statement of Additional Information gives or makes any warranty and/or representation as to the tax consequences in relation to any Relevant Event (or combination of Relevant Events), takes any responsibility for any tax consequences in relation to any Relevant Event (or combination of Relevant Events) and each of the Fund and such parties expressly disclaims any liability whatsoever for any tax consequences in relation to any Relevant Event (or combination of Relevant Events) and/or for any loss howsoever arising (whether directly or indirectly) from any Relevant Event (or combination of Relevant Event (or combination of Relevant Event (or combination of Relevant Event) and/or for any loss howsoever arising (whether directly or indirectly) from any Relevant Event (or combination of Relevant Event (or combination of Relevant Event (or combination of Relevant Event). Dividends, interest income, gains on the disposal of investments and other income received by the Fund on its investments in some jurisdictions may be liable to the imposition of income tax, irrecoverable withholding tax or other tax.



The following paragraphs are based on Law and practice currently in force as well as known future changes at the date of this Statement of Additional information and are subject to changes in content and interpretation. They are intended as a general guide only and not necessarily describe the tax consequences for all types of investors in the Fund and no reliance, therefore, should be placed up on them.

# INCOME-TAX

The income-tax rates indicated below are as per the Finance Act, 2024 (FA 2024).

# A. FOR UNIT HOLDERS

# (i) Securities Transaction Tax ('STT')

At the time of sale of units of an equity oriented fund<sup>1</sup> to the Mutual Fund (i.e. redemption/ repurchase of units by the Fund), the Unit holder is required to pay STT of 0.001% on the value of the transfer, which will be collected by the Mutual Fund and deposited into Government treasury. Where such units are purchased or sold on a recognised stock exchange in India, Unit holders would be required to pay STT at the rates mentioned in Table J below.

STT is not applicable to sale of units of funds which do not qualify as 'equity-oriented funds'.

# (ii) Tax on Capital Gains

#### On units of Equity Oriented Funds:

# Long-term Capital Gains

Under section 2(29A) read with section 2(42A) of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (Act), units of an equity oriented mutual fund held as capital assets are treated as long-term capital assets if they are held for a period of more than twelve months preceding the date of transfer. The additional (bonus) units issued under any option under the Scheme and held as capital assets would be treated as a long-term capital assets if held for a period of more than 12 months from the date when such additional units were allotted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> An equity oriented fund has been defined as:

a) In case where the fund invests a minimum of 90 per cent of the total proceeds in units of another fund, which is traded on recognized stock exchange, and such other fund also invests a minimum of 90 per cent of its total proceeds in the equity shares of domestic companies listed on a recognized stock exchange; and

b) In any other case, a minimum of 65 per cent of the total proceeds of such fund is invested in the equity shares of domestic companies listed on a recognized stock exchange.
 Provided that the percentage of equity shareholding or unit held in respect of the fund, as the case may be, shall be computed with reference to the annual average of the monthly averages of the opening and closing figures.



Under the provisions of section 112A of the Act, in respect of transfer of a unit of an equity oriented fund, tax at the rate of 10% plus applicable surcharge and cess shall be levied on long-term capital gains, exceeding Rs 1,00,000, where STT has been paid on transfer of such unit of an equity oriented fund.

The long-term capital gains are required to be computed without giving effect to the first and second provisos to section 48 of the Act, i.e. benefit of computation of capital gains in foreign currency and indexation in respect of cost of acquisition and improvement.

Further, for the purpose of computing capital gains in relation to a long-term capital asset, being a unit of an equity-oriented fund, acquired before 1 February 2018, the cost of acquisition is deemed to be the higher of:

- The cost of acquisition of such unit; and
- The lower of –
  (a) the fair market value of the unit; and
  - (b) the full value of consideration received or accruing as a result of the transfer of the unit.

Fair market value has been defined to mean -

- a) in a case where the unit is listed on any recognized stock exchange, the highest price of the unit quoted on such exchange on 31 January 2018. However, where there is no trading in such unit on such exchange on 31 January 2018, the highest price of such unit on such exchange on a date immediately preceding the 31 January 2018 when such unit was traded on such exchange shall be the fair market value.
- b) in a case where the capital asset is a unit and is not listed on recognized stock exchange, the net asset value of such asset as on 31 January 2018.

Tax rate for long-term capital gains on units of an equity-oriented fund

#### Table A

| Particulars               | Rate of tax (Refer Note 1)                          |  |  |
|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| Resident unit holders     | 10% without indexation benefit                      |  |  |
| Non-resident unit holders | 10% without foreign currency and indexation benefit |  |  |

#### Short-term Capital Gains

Under section 2(42A) of the Act, units of a mutual fund held as capital assets for a period of 12 months or less preceding the date of their transfer are regarded as short-term capital assets.



As per section 111A of the Act, short-term capital gains arising from the transfer of a unit of an equity-oriented fund, where such transaction is chargeable to STT, is taxable at the rate of 15% plus applicable surcharge and cess.

Tax rate for short-term capital gains on units of an equity-oriented fund

# Table B

| Particulars                            | Rate of tax (Refer Note 1)             |
|--|--|
| Resident unit holders                  | 15%                                    |
| Non-resident unit holders – FPI        | 15% (without foreign currency benefit) |
| Non-resident unit holders – other than | 15% (with foreign currency benefit)    |
| FPIs                                   |  |

# On units of funds other than Equity Oriented Funds:

As per section 2(42A) of the Act, units of a Mutual Fund (other than an equity-oriented fund) shall be considered as a short-term capital asset where the same are held for a period of 36 months or less immediately preceding their date of transfer

*a)* Long-term capital gains on specified mutual funds<sup>2</sup>

As per section 50AA of the Act, gains arising on transfer, redemption or maturity of specified mutual funds acquired on or after 1 April 2023 will deemed to be 'short-term capital gains' (regardless of the period of holding) and taxable at the applicable rates (refer tax rates applicable to short term capital gains in Table D/ Table E).

Further, gains arising on transfer, redemption or maturity of specified mutual funds which were acquired before 1 April 2023 and are held for a period of more than 36 months shall be taxable at the rates specified below in Table C.

# b) Long-term capital gains on other than specified mutual funds

Tax rate for long-term capital gains on units of a mutual fund (other than specified mutual funds)

# Table C

| Particulars.   | Rate of tax (Refer Note 1) |  |
|--|----------------------------|--|
| Resident unit holders                                |                            |  |
| Listed or unlisted units 20% with indexation benefit |                            |  |
| Non-resident unit holders                            |                            |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Specified mutual fund means a mutual fund by whatever name called, where not more than 35% of its total proceeds is invested in the equity shares of domestic companies. The percentage of equity shareholding held in respect of the Specified mutual fund shall be computed with reference to the annual average of the daily closing figures.



| FPI (for listed or unlisted units) | 10% without foreign currency and  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
|                                    | indexation benefit                |  |  |
| Overseas financial organisation    | 10% (without indexation benefit)* |  |  |
| Others – Listed units              | 20% with indexation benefit       |  |  |
| Others – Unlisted units            | 10% without foreign currency and  |  |  |
|                                    | indexation benefit                |  |  |

\*Where gross total income consists only of income from units or income by way of long term capital gains from transfer of units.

c) Short-term Capital Gains

Under section 2(42A) of the Act, units of mutual fund held as capital assets for a period of 36 months or less preceding the date of their transfer are regarded as short-term capital assets.

Short-term capital gains earned on the transfer of units of funds other than equity-oriented funds is added to the total income of the assessee and taxed at the following tax rates:

# Table D

| Particulars                  | Income slab                       | Rate of tax             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Individual/ Hindu            | Where total income for a tax      | Nil                     |
| Undivided Family             | year (April to March) is less     |                         |
| (HUF)/ AOP/ BOI <sup>#</sup> | than or equal to Rs 250,000*      |                         |
|                              | (the basic exemption limit)       |                         |
|                              | Where such total income is more   | 5% of the amount by     |
|                              | than Rs 250,000* but is less than | which the total income  |
|                              | or equal to Rs 500,000            | exceeds Rs 250,000*     |
|                              | Where such total income is more   | Rs 12,500 plus 20% of   |
|                              | than Rs 500,000* but is less than | the amount by which the |
|                              | or equal to Rs 1,000,000          | total income exceeds    |
|                              |                                   | Rs 500,000*             |
|                              | Where such total income is more   | Rs 112,500 plus 30% of  |
|                              | than Rs 1,000,000                 | the amount by which the |
|                              |                                   | total income exceeds    |
|                              |                                   | Rs 1,000,000            |
| Co-operative society         | Where total income for a tax      | 10% of the total income |
|                              | year (April to March) is less     |                         |
|                              | than or equal to Rs 10,000        |                         |
|                              | Where such total income is more   | Rs 1,000 plus 20% of    |
|                              | than Rs 10,000 but is less than   | the amount by which the |
|                              | or equal to Rs 20,000             | total income exceeds    |
|                              |                                   | Rs 10,000               |
|                              | Where the total income exceeds    | Rs 3,000 plus 30% of    |
|                              | Rs 20,000                         | the amount by which the |
|                              |                                   | total income exceeds    |



| [      |   | Rs 20,000   |
|--------|---|---|
|        | Co-operative society                              | 22%   |
|        | availing concessional tax                         | 2270  |
|        | rate benefit (subject to                          |   |
|        | prescribed conditions)                            |   |
|        | under section 115BAD of                           |   |
|        | the Act   |   |
|        | Co-operative society                              | 15%   |
|        | availing concessional tax                         | 1.5 / 0   |
|        | rate benefit (subject to                          |   |
|        | prescribed conditions)                            |   |
|        | under section 115BAE of                           |   |
|        | the Act   |   |
|        | Domestic Corporate                                | 30%   |
|        | (where the total turnover                         |   |
|        | or gross receipts of such                         |   |
|        | company for financial                             |   |
|        | year 2021-22 exceeds Rs                           |   |
|        | 400 crores)/ Partnership                          |   |
|        | firm/ LLP/ Local                                  |   |
|        | authority/ FPIs                                   |   |
|        | Domestic company,                                 | 25%   |
|        | where the total turnover                          |   |
|        | or gross receipts of such                         |   |
| ш      | company for financial                             |   |
| #      | year 2021-22 does not                             |   |
| S      | exceed Rs 400 crores                              |   |
| e s    | Domestic company                                  | 22%   |
| c<br>c | availing concessional tax                         |   |
| t      | rate benefit (subject to                          |   |
| i      | prescribed conditions)<br>under section 115BAA of |   |
| 0      | the Act   |   |
| n      | Domestic company                                  | 15%   |
|        | engaged solely in the                             | 1.5 /0  |
| 1      | business of manufacture/                          |   |
| 1      | production and availing                           |   |
| 5      | concessional tax rate                             |   |
| В      | benefit (subject to                               |   |
| А      | prescribed conditions)                            |   |
| С      | under section 115BAB of                           |   |
|        | the Act   |   |
| i      | AOP/ BOI  | 30% or such higher rate of tax applicable to the individual |
| n      |   | members of the AOP/ BOI                                     |
|        | Foreign Corporates                                | 40%   |
| t      | FPIs  | 30%   |



he Act to provide individuals and HUFs for an optional tax regime in respect of their total income at the following rates w.e.f. 1 April 2023:

#### Table E

|   | Income slab                                      | Tax rate (refer Note 1)              |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|
|   | Where total income for a tax year (April to      | Nil                                  |
| Т | March) is less than or equal to Rs 3,00,000 (the |                                      |
| h | basic exemption limit)                           |                                      |
| e | Where such total income is more than Rs          | 5% of the amount by which the total  |
|   | 3,00,000 but is less than or equal to Rs 600,000 | income exceeds Rs 3,00,000           |
| a | Where such total income is more than             | Rs 15,000 plus 10% of the amount by  |
| b | Rs 6,00,000 but is less than or equal to         | which the total income exceeds       |
| 0 | Rs 9,00,000                                      | Rs 6,00,000                          |
| v | Where such total income is more than             | Rs 45,000 plus 15% of the amount by  |
| e | Rs 9,00,000 but is less than or equal to         | which the total income exceeds Rs    |
|   | Rs 1,200,000                                     | 9,00,000                             |
| n | Where such total income is more than             | Rs 90,000 plus 20% of the amount by  |
| e | Rs 12,00,000 but is less than or equal to        | which the total income exceeds Rs    |
| W | Rs 15,00,000                                     | 12,00,000                            |
|   | Where such total income is more than Rs          | Rs 1,50,000 plus 30% of the amount   |
| t | 15,00,000  | by which the total income exceeds Rs |
| а |  | 15,00,000                            |
| x |  |                                      |

regime shall be subject to conditions and other provisos laid down under the section 115BAC of the Act.

Further, individuals and HUFs who do not have business income or income from profession can opt for new tax regime on a year on year basis. However, taxpayers earning business income or income from profession can opt into the new tax regime only once on irrevocable basis. Such option will apply to all subsequent tax years and in a case where such option is withdrawn by the taxpayer, he shall not be eligible to avail the concessional slab rates in subsequent years until he ceases to have business income or income from profession.

\* In case of resident individuals of age 60 years or more, but less than 80 years, the basic exemption limit is Rs 300,000. Income between Rs 300,000 and Rs 500,000 will be taxable at the rate of 10%.

In case of resident individuals of age 80 years or more, the basic exemption limit is Rs 500,000. Income exceeding Rs 500,000 but less than or equal to Rs 1,000,000 will be taxable at the rate of 20%.

This section should be read in conjunction with Note 1.

#### Consolidation of mutual fund schemes



Section 47 of the Act deals with transactions not regarded as transfer for the purpose of computing capital gains chargeable to tax under the provisions of the Act.

Section 47(xviii) of the Act provides that transfer by a unit holder of units held by him on consolidation of schemes of a mutual fund shall not be treated as a transfer provided, they are allotted units in the consolidated scheme of the mutual fund. The aforesaid exemption is provided only where the consolidation is of two or more schemes of an equity-oriented fund or two or more schemes of a non-equity-oriented fund.

Further, the period of holding of the units of the consolidated scheme shall include the period for which the units in the consolidating scheme were held by the assessee. Also, the cost of acquisition of the units of the consolidated scheme shall be deemed to be the cost of acquisition of the units in the consolidating scheme.

Additionally, transfer by a unit holder of units held on consolidation of plans of a mutual fund schemes shall not be treated as transfer provided, they are allotted units in the consolidated plan of that scheme of the mutual fund. The cost of acquisition of the units in the consolidated plan of mutual fund scheme shall be the cost of units in the consolidating plan of a mutual fund scheme and period of holding of the units of the consolidated plan of a mutual fund scheme shall include the period for which the units in the consolidating plan of a mutual fund scheme were held by the assessee.

#### Segregation of mutual fund schemes

SEBI has, vide circular SEBI/HO/IMD/DF2/CIR/P/2018/160 dated 28 December 2018 permitted creation of segregated portfolio of debt and money market instruments by Mutual Fund schemes. As per the SEBI circular, all the existing unit holders in the affected scheme as on the day of the credit event shall be allotted equal number of units in the segregated portfolio as held in the main portfolio. Accordingly, on segregation, the unit holders hold same number of units in two schemes –the main scheme and segregated scheme.

Explanation 1 to Section 2(42A) of the Act relating to the period of holding provides that the period of holding of the units of the segregated scheme shall include the period for which the units in the main scheme were held by the assessee.

Similarly, sub-section (2AG) is inserted in section 49 of the Act to provide that the cost of acquisition of a unit or units in the segregated portfolio shall be the amount which bears to the cost of acquisition of a unit or units held by the assessee in the total portfolio, the same proportion as the net asset value of the asset transferred to the segregated portfolio bears to the net asset value of the total portfolio immediately before the segregation of portfolios.

Also, sub-section (2AH) of section 49 of the Act provides that the cost of the acquisition of the original units held by the unit holder in the main portfolio shall be deemed to have been reduced by the amount so arrived at under sub-section (2AG) of the Act.



Separately, the provisions of the Act are silent on the tax neutrality of receipt of units of segregated portfolio. However, arguably, segregation of portfolio does not result in transfer as investor as the investor continues to hold units of main portfolio and segregated portfolio.

# (iii) Tax on business income

Under section 28 of the Act, profit arising on transfer of units of a mutual fund which are held as stock in trade or trading asset, is taxed under the head 'Profits and gains of business or profession'. Such profit is added to the total income of the assessee and taxed at applicable rates.

In case of non-resident Unit holders eligible for availing tax treaty benefits, please refer to paragraph (viii) below.

# (iv) Deduction from business income

No deduction would be allowed for STT while calculating capital gains. However, where the units are treated as stock in trade and the profits arising from the sale of units are taxed under the head 'Profits and gains of business or profession', the STT paid by the Unit holder can be claimed as a deduction from such business profits under section 36(xv) of the Act.

# (v) Tax on income from other sources

Section 56(2)(x) in the Act provides that any property (includes mutual fund units) received without consideration or for consideration less than the Fair Market Value (FMV) is taxable in the hands of the recipient, being any person instead of limiting it to individuals and HUFs. Certain exceptions such as property received from prescribed persons like relatives, etc. or on prescribed occasions like marriage, etc. have been excluded from the purview of section 56(2)(x) of the Act. The following amounts would taxable under the head 'Income from other sources' at the rates mentioned in Table D/ Table E above:

# Table F

| Sr No. | Taxable situation  | Taxable amount                          |
|--------|--|---|
| (a)    | Units received without any consideration<br>where the aggregate fair market value of<br>such units exceed Rs 50,000                        | The aggregate FMV of the units received |
| (b)    | Units received for a consideration where<br>the aggregate FMV of the units received<br>exceeds the consideration by more than<br>Rs 50,000 | aggregate FMV of the units              |

For this purpose, the FMV means the value to be determined in accordance with the methods prescribed.



For the purpose of computing capital gains on transfer of such units received without consideration or for consideration less than the FMV, the cost of acquisition is deemed to be the value determined under (a) or (b) above, as the case may be.

# (vi) Deduction from total income

In terms of the provisions of section 80C of the Act, an individual or a HUF is entitled to claim a deduction in respect of the amount of subscription made to any units of any Mutual Fund referred to in section 10(23D), being a fund formulated in accordance with the Equity Linked Savings Scheme, 2005 notified by the Central Government in the Official Gazette vide notification no. SO 1563(E) dated 3 November 2005. The aggregate amount deductible under section 80C in respect of subscription to the units of the Mutual Fund (including the amount of dividend reinvested), being an equity linked savings scheme and other prescribed investments is restricted to Rs 150,000.

Further, a new tax regime for the taxpayers like individual and HUF is provided, where taxpayers are given an option to pay taxes at a concessional rate (new slab rates) from FY 2020-21 onwards (refer Table E above for rates effective from 1 April 2023). Any individual/ HUF opting for such the new tax regime from FY 2020-21 onwards will have to discharge taxes on income at the concessional rate prescribed by forgoing specified exemptions and deductions (i.e. house rent allowance, deduction under Chapter VI-A other than the provisions of section 80CCD(2) and section 80JJAA of the Act, without set off of any losses) and satisfaction of certain conditions. Thus, individual or HUF opting for new concessional tax regime shall not be entitled to deduction under section 80C of the Act.

For the purpose of computing the eligible deduction under section 80C of the Act under the old regime, the total income of the assessee shall be reduced by the income earned in the nature of long-term capital gains and short-term capital gains on equity oriented mutual fund.

# (vii) Tax Deduction at Source Table G

|               |                 | TDS Rates under the Act (Refer Note 1) |      |                  |
|---------------|-----------------|--|------|------------------|
|               | Particulars     | Residents                              | FPIs | NRIs / Other     |
|               |                 |  |      | foreign entities |
|               |                 |  |      | (excluding       |
|               |                 |  |      | FPIs)*           |
| Short-term    | Non equity-     | NIL                                    | NIL  | 30% for foreign  |
| capital gains | oriented fund   |  |      | non-corporates   |
|               |                 |  |      |                  |
|               |                 |  |      | 40% for foreign  |
|               |                 |  |      | corporate        |
|               |                 |  |      | entities         |
|               | Equity-oriented | NIL                                    | NIL  | 15%              |
|               | Fund            |  |      |                  |
| Long-term     | Non equity-     |  |      | Unlisted - 10%   |



| capital gains        | oriented fund#         |      |                  | (without               |
|----------------------|------------------------|------|------------------|------------------------|
|                      |                        |      |                  | foreign                |
|                      | -Other than            | NIL  | NIL              | currency and           |
|                      | specified mutual funds |      |                  | indexation<br>benefit) |
|                      | Tullus                 |      |                  | Listed - 20%           |
|                      |                        |      |                  | (after providing       |
|                      |                        |      |                  | indexation             |
|                      |                        |      |                  | benefit in             |
|                      |                        |      |                  | respect of cost        |
|                      |                        |      |                  | of acquisition)        |
|                      | -Specified             | NIL  | NIL              |                        |
|                      | mutual funds           |      |                  | 30% for foreign        |
|                      |                        |      |                  | non-corporates         |
|                      |                        |      |                  | 40% for foreign        |
|                      |                        |      |                  | corporate<br>entities  |
|                      | Equity-oriented        | NIL  | NIL              | 10%                    |
|                      | Fund                   |      |                  | 10 /0                  |
| Business             | Non-equity and         | NIL  | 30/ 40% for non- | 30/ 40% for            |
| income               | equity oriented        |      | corporate FPIs   | foreign                |
|                      | mutual fund            |      | 1004             | non-corporates         |
|                      |                        |      | 40% for          |                        |
|                      |                        |      | corporate FPIs   | 40% for foreign        |
|                      |                        |      |                  | corporate<br>entities  |
| Income               | -                      | 10%  | 20%              | 20%                    |
| distribution         |                        | 2070 |                  | 20,0                   |
| by Mutual            |                        |      |                  |                        |
| Fund (other          |                        |      |                  |                        |
| than capital         |                        |      |                  |                        |
| gains) <sup>\$</sup> |                        |      |                  |                        |

<sup>\$</sup> Section 194K of the Act provides that a person responsible for paying to a resident any income in respect of units of mutual fund (dividend income) specified under section 10(23D) of the Act shall withhold taxes at the rate of 10% provided such income exceeds INR 5,000.

Please note that, no surcharge and health and education cess shall be charged on the amount of tax to be deducted in case of resident individuals, non-corporates and corporates.

Further, where any person furnishes a NIL/ lower withholding certificate obtained under section 197 of the Act/ certificate in Form 15G/ Form 15H of the Act under section 197A, the same can be considered for withholding tax purposes.

\*Section 196A of the Act provides that a person responsible for paying to a non-resident any income in respect of units of mutual fund (dividend income) specified under section 10(23D)



of the Act shall withhold taxes at the rate of 20% (plus applicable surcharge and cess) or rate provided in the relevant Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) whichever is lower, provided the payee furnishes a tax residency certificate and such other information and documents as may be prescribed to claim treaty benefit.

<sup>#</sup>As per section 50AA of the Act, gains arising on transfer, redemption or maturity of specified mutual funds acquired on or after 1 April 2023 will deemed to be 'short-term capital gains' (regardless of the period of holding).

Further, tax shall be withheld at the following rates on the gains arising on transfer, redemption or maturity of specified mutual funds which were acquired before 1 April 2023 and are held for a period of more than 36 months in case of non-resident unitholders:

# Table H

| Particulars     | Withholding rates   |
|-----------------|---|
| -Listed funds   | 20% with indexation benefit in respect of cost of acquisition<br>(plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess)  |
| -Unlisted funds | <ul><li>10% without foreign currency and indexation benefit in respect<br/>of cost of acquisition</li><li>(plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess)</li></ul> |

#### Withholding on payment made to FPIs

Section 196D of the Act provides for deduction of tax on income of FPI from securities as referred to in section 115AD(1)(a) of the Act (other than interest referred in section 194LD of the Act) at the rate of 20%.

As per section 196AD(2) of the Act, no tax is required to be deducted at source from any income by way of capital gain in respect of transfer of units referred to in section 115AD of the Act.

The proviso to section 196D of the Act provides that tax shall be deducted on the above income, at the rate of twenty percent or the rates provided in the relevant DTAA, whichever is lower, provided the payee furnishes a tax residency certificate and such other information and documents as may be prescribed.

#### Withholding on payment made to overseas financial organisation

As per section 196B of the Act, tax is deductible on long-term capital gains arising on transfer of units of other than equity oriented mutual fund purchased in foreign currency and dividend



income, at the rate of 10%. The said tax rate shall be increased by applicable surcharge and cess<del>.</del>

# TDS rate on non-furnishing of Permanent account number (PAN)

As per provisions of section 206AA of the Act, the payer would be obliged to withhold tax at penal rates of TDS in case of payments to investors who have not furnished their PAN to the payer. The penal rate of TDS is higher of 20% or rate specified under the relevant provisions of the Act or rate in force (including surcharge and health and education cess), as may be applicable.

However, section 206AA of the Act provides that the provisions shall not apply to non-residents in respect of payment of interest on long-term bonds as referred to in section 194LC and any other payment subject to such conditions as may be prescribed.

As per Rule 37BC of the Income-tax Rules, 1962 (Rules), the provisions of section 206AA of the Act shall not apply to non-residents in respect of payments in the nature of interest, royalty, fees for technical services, dividend and payment on transfer of capital assets provided the non-residents provide the following information to the payer of such income:

- Name, email-id, contact number;
- Address in the country or specified territory outside India of which the deductee is a resident;
- A certificate of his being resident in any country or specified territory outside India from the government of the other country or specified territory if the law of that country or specified territory provides for issuance of such certificate;
- Tax Identification Number of the deductee in the country or specified territory of his residence and in a case, no such number is available, then a unique number on the basis of which the deductee is identified by the Government of that country or the specified territory of which he claims to be a resident.

# TDS for non-filers of return of income at higher rates

Section 206AB of the Act provides for higher rates of withholding tax where the recipient (being a specified person):

- has not filed the return of income for an assessment year (AY) relevant to the previous year immediately prior to the previous year in which tax is required to be deducted,
- has an aggregate of tax deducted at source and tax collected at source of INR 50,000 or more in such previous year; and
- for whom the time limit of filing return of income under section 139(1) of the Act has expired.

Where the recipient qualifies as a specified person under section 206AB of the Act, withholding shall be higher of the following:



- twice the rate specified in the relevant provision of the Act; or
- twice the rate or rates in force; or
- the rate of 5%

Further, where provisions of section 206AA of the Act is applicable to a specified person, in addition to the provision of section 206AB, the tax shall be deducted at higher of the two rates provided in section 206AB and in section 206AA of the Act.

However, it is pertinent to note that the following persons have been excluded from the definition of specified person:

- a) a non-residents who do not have a permanent establishment in India; and
- b) a person who is not required to furnish the return of income for the assessment year relevant to the said previous year and is notified by the Central Government.

#### PAN becoming inoperative

Rule 114AAA of the Rules as substituted vide Notification no. 15/2023 provides that where an individual does not link his PAN with his Aadhaar number, then PAN of such a taxpayer shall become inoperative and shall be liable for the following consequences:

- a) refund of any amount of tax or part thereof, due under the provisions of the Act shall not be made;
- b) interest shall not be payable on such refund for the period, beginning with the date specified under sub-rule (4) and ending with the date on which it becomes operative;
- c) where tax is deductible under Chapter XVIIB in case of such person, such tax shall be deducted at higher rate, in accordance with provisions of section 206AA of the Act;
- d) where tax is collectible at source under Chapter XVII-BB in case of such person, such tax shall be collected at higher rate, in accordance with provisions of section 206CC of the Act.

However, PAN will again become operative as and when the taxpayer links it with the Aadhaar number and makes the payment of fee in accordance with sub-rule (5A) of rule 114 of the Rules.

Further, in this regard, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) vide Notification No. 37/2017, F. No. 370133/6/2017-TPL, dated 11 May 2017 has clarified that provisions of section 139AA of the Act shall not apply to an individual who does not possess the Aadhaar number or the Enrolment ID and is a non-resident as per the Act.

Given that provisions of section 139AA of the Act does not apply to a non-resident, consequently, the provisions of Rule 114AAA shall also not apply.

#### <u>Note 1:</u>



In case of resident individuals and HUF, where the total income as reduced by the long-term capital gains, is below the basic exemption limit (Rs 500,000 in case of resident individuals of age 80 years or more, Rs 300,000 in case of resident individuals of age 60 years or more but less than 80 years, and Rs 250,000 in case of resident in India below 60 years of age), the long-term capital gains will be reduced to the extent of the shortfall and only the balance long-term capital gains will be subjected to the 10% tax.

The tax rates would need to be increased by below mentioned surcharge rate:

- a) 10% in case of Individuals/ HUFs/ Association of People (AOP)/ Body of Individuals (BOI), where the total income exceeds Rs 5,000,000 but does not exceed Rs 10,000,000.
- b) 15% in case of Individuals/ HUFs/ AOP/ BOI, where the total income exceeds Rs 10,000,000 but does not exceed Rs 20,000,000.
- c) 25% in case of Individuals/ HUFs/ AOP/ BOI, where the total income (excluding dividend income<sup>3</sup> and capital gain income under section 111A, 112, 112A and 115AD(1)(b) of the Act) exceeds Rs 20,000,000 but does not exceed Rs 50,000,000.
- d) 37%\* in case of Individuals/ HUFs/ AOP/ BOI, where the total income (excluding dividend income<sup>3</sup> and capital gain income under section 111A, 112, 112A and 115AD(1)(b) of the Act) exceeds Rs 50,000,000.
- e) 15% in case of Individuals/ HUFs/ AOP/ BOI, where the total income (including the dividend income<sup>3</sup> and capital gain income under section 111A, 112, 112A and 115AD(1)(b) of the Act) exceeds Rs 20,000,000 but is not covered in clauses (c) and (d).
- f) 12% in case of firms/ local authority where the total income exceeds Rs 10,000,000.
- g) 7% in case of co-operative society where the total income exceeds Rs 1,00,00,000 but does not exceed Rs 10,00,00,000.
- h) 12% in case of co-operative society where the total income exceeds Rs 10,00,00,000.
- i) 10% in case of resident co-operative society availing benefit under section 115BAD or 115BAE of the Act irrespective of total income.
- j) 7% in case of domestic corporate Unit holders, where the total income exceeds Rs 10,000,000 but does not exceed Rs 100,000,000.
- k) 12% in case of domestic corporate Unit holders, where the total income exceeds Rs 100,000,000.
- 10% in case of domestic corporate Unit holders availing benefit under section 115BAA and 115BAB of the Act irrespective of total income.
- m) 2% in case of foreign corporate Unit holders, where the total income exceeds Rs 10,000,000 but does not exceed Rs 100,000,000.
- n) 5% in case of foreign corporate Unit holders, where the total income exceeds Rs 100,000,000.

\* Surcharge rate shall not exceed 25% in case of individual and HUF opting for new tax regime under section 115BAC of the Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Refers to dividend received from domestic companies and does not include income from units of Mutual Fund.



Health and education cess of 4% would be charged on amount of tax inclusive of the applicable surcharge for all Unit Holders.

Further, a tax rebate up to Rs 12,500 per annum would be available for resident individuals with total income up to Rs 500,000 per annum.

However, where individual has opted for new tax regime under section 115BAC of the Act, a rebate upto Rs 25,000 per annum would be available with total income upto Rs 7,00,000. Further, marginal relief is available to the extent incremental income tax liability exceeds incremental income in excess of Rs 7,00,000 if the resident individual has opted for new tax-regime.

In case of non-resident Unit Holders eligible for availing tax treaty benefits, please refer to paragraph (viii) below.

# (viii) Tax treaty

In the case of a non-resident Unit Holder who is resident of a country with which India has signed a Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA), which is in force, income-tax is payable at the rate provided in the Act or at the rate provided in such agreement, whichever is more beneficial to such non-resident Unit Holder.

Further, where the rate of tax prescribed under the relevant DTAA is lower than that prescribed under the Act, tax would be withheld at such lower rate.

Section 90(4) of the Act, provides that a taxpayer, not being a resident, to whom a DTAA applies, shall not be entitled to claim any relief under such DTAA unless a certificate of it being a resident (TRC) in any country outside India is obtained by it from the Government of that country.

Further, section 90(5), provides that the assessee referred to in section 90(4) of the Act, shall also provide such other documents and information, as may be prescribed. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has issued a Notification substituting Rule 21AB of the Rules and prescribing the format of information to be provided under section 90(5) of the Act, i.e. in Form No 10F. An assessee would be required to furnish<sup>4</sup> Form No 10F, where the required information<sup>5</sup> is not explicitly mentioned in the aforementioned certificate of residency; in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Pursuant to the Notification dated 16 July 2022 issued by Central Board of Direct Taxes, non-residents are required to furnish Form No. 10F electronically on the income-tax web portal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> - Status (individual, company, firm etc.) of the taxpayer;

<sup>-</sup> Nationality (in case of an individual) or country or specified territory of incorporation or registration (in case of others);

<sup>-</sup> Taxpayer's tax identification number in the country or specified territory of residence (In case there is no such number, then, a unique number on the basis of which the person is



which case, the Notification additionally requires the assessee to keep and maintain such documents as are necessary to substantiate the information provided.

The non-residents shall be required to keep and maintain the aforesaid documents (i.e. TRC and Form No 10F) in order to substantiate the claim of tax treaty benefits.

As per the provisions of section 115A of the Act, where the income of a non-resident (not being a company) or a foreign company comprises of *inter-alia* dividend or interest income and appropriate taxes have been withheld in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XVII-B of the Act on such income by the payer, such non-resident is not required to furnish the return of income under section 139(1) of the Act.

Section 195(7) of the Act provides that the CBDT may specify a class of persons or cases, where a person responsible for making any payment to a non-resident (other than a company) or a foreign company, shall make an application to the Assessing Officer to determine the appropriate proportion of sum chargeable to tax and upon such determination, tax shall be deducted under section 195(1) of the Act on such chargeable proportion. However, CBDT has not specified any class of persons or cases as on the date.

# (ix) Tax on Income distributed by the Mutual Fund (dividend income)

Currently, the income distributed by the Mutual Funds (dividend income) is taxable in the hands of the unitholders at the applicable tax rates (plus applicable surcharge and cess), as below:

| Particulars                            | Tax                                      |
|--|--|
| Resident (Individuals/ Non-corporates/ | Refer tax rates mentioned in Table D/    |
| Corporates)                            | Table E above.                           |
| Non-residents (Individuals/ Non-       | Taxed in the hands of unitholders at the |
| corporates / Corporates)               | rate of 20% under section 115A of the    |
|  | Act (plus applicable surcharge and       |
|  | cess).                                   |

# Table I

Such income from units is now taxable in the hands of investors after the deduction of interest expense incurred if any, and such deduction shall not exceed 20% of the dividend or income from units under section 57 of the Act.

identified by the Government of the country or the specified territory of which the taxpayer claims to be a resident);

<sup>-</sup> Period for which the residential status, as mentioned in the certificate of residence is applicable; and

<sup>-</sup> Address of the taxpayer in the country or specified territory outside India, during the period for which the certificate is applicable.



Additionally, taxability in the hands of non-residents shall be subject to DTAA benefits which can be claimed in the return of income to be filed by such investors. The investors should obtain specific advice from their tax advisors regarding the availability of the tax treaty benefits.

Further, it shall also subject to withholding of taxes at source by the Mutual Fund (discussed above).

# (x) Bonus stripping

Under the provisions of section 94(8) of the Act, where a person buys units (original units) within a period of three months before the record date, receives bonus units on such original units, and then sells (all or part of) the original units within a period of nine months from the record date and continues to hold the bonus units, then the loss incurred on the original units shall be ignored while computing the income chargeable to tax but shall be deemed to be the cost of acquisition of the bonus units.

# (xi) Switching between options

Switching from one option to another option of a Scheme will be effected by way of redemption of units of the relevant option and reinvestment of the redemption proceeds in the other option selected by the Unit holder. Hence, switching will attract the same implications as applicable on transfer of such units.

# (xii) Set-off and carry forward of losses

According to the provisions of the Act, the capital loss resulting from sale of units would be available for set off against other capital gains made by the investor and would reduce the tax liability of the investor to that extent. However, losses on transfer of units held as long-term capital assets would be allowed to be set-off only against gains from transfer of long-term capital assets. Where such losses arising from sale of units held as capital asset cannot be wholly set-off, the amount of losses not set-off can be carried forward for a period of eight years.

Under the Act, a loss resulting from the transfer of units held as stock in trade or trading asset would be available for set off against income under any other head other than income under the head 'Salaries'. Where such loss cannot be wholly set-off in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the amount remaining to be set-off can be carried forward for a period of eight years and set-off against income under the head 'Profits and gains of business or profession'.

The above provision shall be subject to bonus stripping provisions as discussed in para (x) above.

# (xiii) Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT)



Section 115JB(1) of the Act provides that, if the tax payable by a company on the total income computed as per the provisions of the Act is less than 15% of its 'book profit', then notwithstanding anything contained in any other provision of the Act, the 'book profit' shall be deemed to be the total income of the tax payer, and the amount of tax payable shall be the amount of income-tax at the rate of 15% (plus applicable surcharge and health and education cess) on such total income. This tax prescribed on book profits under section 115JB is commonly referred to as MAT.

The above provisions of section 115JB of Act shall not be applicable to domestic companies opting for concessional rate of tax under section 115BAA and 115BAB of the Act.

Section 115JB(2) of the Act further provides that, every company shall, for the purposes of section 115JB of the Act, prepare its profit and loss account in accordance with Schedule III of the Indian Companies Act, 2013. Further, Explanation 1 to section 115JB(2) of the Act prescribes certain additions to/ deductions from the net profit/ loss to determine the 'book profit' within the meaning of section 115JB of the Act.

The amount of income accruing or arising to a foreign company from capital gains arising on transactions in securities or interest, dividend, royalty, or fees for technical services chargeable to tax at the rates specified in Chapter XII of the Act, shall be excluded from the purview of MAT, if such income is credited to the Profit and Loss Account and the income-tax payable thereon in accordance with the provisions of the Act (other than the MAT provisions), is at a rate less than the MAT rate of 15%. Also, corresponding expenses shall be excluded while computing MAT.

Further, the MAT provisions are not applicable to a foreign company:

- i. If such company is a taxpayer of a country with which India has a DTAA and the taxpayer does not have a Permanent Establishment in India in accordance with the provisions of such DTAA.
- ii. If such company is a resident of a country with which India does not have a DTAA and the taxpayer is not required to seek registration under any law in force relating to companies.

As per the provisions of section 115JAA of the Act, a company paying tax under section 115JB of the Act is eligible to claim tax credit. The tax credit is the difference between the tax payable under section 115JB of the Act and the tax payable under the normal provisions of the Act. Such tax credit shall be carried forward and set-off up to 15 succeeding AYs.

Further, CBDT vide circular No. 29/2019 dated 2 October 2019 clarified that domestic companies opting for concessional rate of tax under section 115BAA and 115BAB of the Act will not be allowed to set off brought forward credit of taxes paid under the MAT provisions of the Act.



Foreign Tax Credit (FTC) claimed against MAT liability which exceeds the FTC that would have been allowable while computing income under normal provisions, would be ignored while computing tax credit under MAT.

# (xiv) General Anti Avoidance Rules (GAAR)

The General Anti Avoidance Rule (GAAR), effective from 1 April 2017, allows the Indian Revenue authorities to declare an arrangement entered into by an assessee as an impermissible avoidance arrangement, subject to specified terms and conditions therein and determine tax consequences as appropriate. Further, investments made up to 31 March 2017 would be protected from the applicability of GAAR.

# (xv) Certain deductions available under Chapter VI-A of the Act (Equity Linked Savings Schemes)

Equity Linked Savings Schemes (ELSS) are schemes formulated under the Equity Linked Savings Scheme (ELSS), 2005, issued by the Central Government.

Accordingly, any investment made by an assessee in the ELSS of the Fund up to a sum of Rs 1,50,000 in a financial year would qualify for deduction under Section 80C of the Act.

An "assessee" as per ELSS 2005 means:-

(i) an individual; or

(ii) a Hindu undivided family; or

(iii) an association of persons or a body of individuals consisting, in either case, only of husband and wife governed by the system of community of property in force in the State of Goa and Union Territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu by whom, or on whose behalf, investment is made;

Note-

Any individual/ HUF opting to be taxed under the new tax regime (i.e. opting for the option to pay taxes at a concessional rate as per new slab rates) will have to give up certain exemptions and deductions. Since, individuals/ HUF opting for the new tax regime are not eligible for Chapter VI-A deductions, the investment in ELSS Funds cannot be claimed as deduction from the total income.

# **B.** Tax Implications for the Mutual Fund:

PGIM India Mutual Fund is a Mutual Fund registered with the Securities and Exchange Board of India and its entire income is exempt from tax under the provisions of section 10(23D) of the Act. The Mutual Fund will receive all Indian sourced income which shall not be subject to any deduction of tax at source under the provisions of section 196(iv) of the Act.

Where the Fund receives any income from investments made in overseas jurisdictions, the



same may be subject to withholding tax (or any other tax) in the relevant jurisdiction from where the income is received. As the Fund is exempted from its entire income (including foreign income) in India, credit/ refund in respect of such foreign taxes withheld/ paid by the fund will not be available.

# (i) STT

Under the Act, as and when the Mutual Fund purchases and sells equity shares/ units/ derivatives, it would be required to pay the STT applicable on such purchases/ sales to the concerned Recognised Stock Exchange. The rates of STT have been listed below.

# Table J

| Nature of Transaction   | Payable<br>by | Value on which tax<br>shall be levied  | Rates<br>applicable<br>(per cent) |
|---|---------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Delivery based purchase<br>transaction in units of equity-<br>oriented fund entered into in a<br>recognized stock exchange  | Purchaser     | Value at which units are bought  | Nil                               |
| Delivery based purchase<br>transaction in equity shares or<br>units of a business trust entered in<br>a recognized stock exchange                                     | Purchaser     | Value at which<br>shares/ units are<br>bought  | 0.1                               |
| Delivery based sale transaction in<br>equity shares or units of a<br>business trust entered in a<br>recognized stock exchange   | Seller        | Value at which<br>shares/ units are<br>sold  | 0.1                               |
| Delivery based sale transaction in<br>units of equity-oriented fund<br>entered into in a recognized stock<br>exchange   | Seller        | Value at which units are sold  | 0.001                             |
| Non-delivery-based sale<br>transaction in equity shares or<br>units of equity-oriented fund or<br>units of a business trust entered in<br>a recognised stock exchange | Seller        | Value at which<br>shares/ units are<br>sold  | 0.025                             |
| Transaction for sale of futures in securities   | Seller        | Value at which futures are traded  | 0.0125                            |
| Transaction for sale of an option in securities   | Seller        | The option premium   | 0.0625                            |
| Transaction for sale of an option<br>in securities, where the option is<br>exercised  | Purchaser     | The intrinsic value<br>i.e. difference<br>between the<br>settlement price and<br>the strike price as | 0.125                             |



|                                     |        | against the settlement price. |       |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Sale of units of an equity-oriented | Seller | Value at which units          | 0.001 |
| fund to the mutual fund             |        | are sold                      |       |
| Sale of unlisted equity shares by   | Seller | Value at which                | 0.2   |
| any holder of such shares under     |        | shares are sold               |       |
| an offer for sale to the public     |        |                               |       |
| included in an initial public offer |        |                               |       |
| and where such shares are           |        |                               |       |
| subsequently listed on a            |        |                               |       |
| recognised stock exchange           |        |                               |       |
| Sale of unlisted units of a         | Seller | Value at which                | 0.2   |
| business trust under an offer for   |        | shares are sold               |       |
| sale                                |        |                               |       |

# C. Other Considerations:

- (i) Wealth-tax: Finance Act 2015 has abolished the levy of wealth-tax under the Wealth-tax Act, 1957 with effect from the financial year 2015-16.
- (i) **Gift-tax:** The Gift-tax Act, 1958 has ceased to apply to gifts made on or after 1 October 1998. Gifts of units purchased in a scheme of the Mutual Fund would therefore, be exempt from gift-tax.
- (ii) Investments in units of the Mutual Fund will rank as an eligible form of investment under section 11(5) of the Act read with Rule 17C of the Rules, for religious and charitable trusts.

# EACH INVESTOR IS ADVISED TO CONSULT HIS OR HER OWN TAX CONSULTANT WITH RESPECT TO THE SPECIFIC TAX IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF HIS OR HER PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHEME.

# B. Legal Information

# 1. Nomination Facility

Pursuant to Regulation 29A of the SEBI Regulations, the AMC provides an option to Unit holder to nominate (in the manner prescribed under the SEBI Regulations), a person(s) in whom the Units held by him shall vest in the event of his/her death. Where the Units are held by more than one person jointly, the joint Unit holders may together nominate a person(s) in whom all the rights in the Units shall vest in the event of death of all the joint Unit holders. By provision of this facility the AMC is not in any way attempting to grant any rights other than those granted by law to the nominee(s).

## a) Who can nominate/be nominees?



- Who can nominate: Nomination can be made only by individuals on their own behalf, either singly or jointly. Nomination is also available to a sole proprietary concern account.
- Who cannot nominate: Non-individuals including society, trust, body corporate, partnership firm, Karta of Hindu Undivided Family, holder of Power of Attorney cannot nominate.
- Who can be nominated:
- ii. Resident Indian individuals
- iii. minors through parent/legal guardian
- iv. Non-Resident Indian individuals, subject to the exchange controls in force from time to time.
- v. religious and charitable trusts and
- vi. Central Government, State Government, a local authority or any person designated by virtue of his office.

Nomination can be made for maximum of 3 nominees. In case of multiple nominees, the percentage of allocation / share in favour of each of the nominees should be indicated clearly against the respective names and such allocation / share should be in whole numbers without any decimals, making a total of 100 percent. In case the percentage of allocation / share for each of the nominees is not clearly indicated in the nomination form, the Mutual Fund /the AMC, by invoking default option, shall settle the claim equally amongst all the nominees.

In case a minor is nominated, the name and address of the guardian of the minor nominee shall be provided by the unit holder(s).

• Who cannot be nominated: Nominee shall not be a trust (other than a religious or charitable trust), society, body corporate, partnership firm, Karta of Hindu Undivided Family or a Power of Attorney holder.

## b) How to Nominate?

Investors may make the nomination (i) at the time of initial investment for purchase units in a scheme by filling up the form / columns for nomination provided in the application form or (ii) subsequently, using a prescribed Nomination Form, available at all ISCs of the Mutual Fund.

If the units are held jointly, all joint unit holders will be required to sign the nomination form.

## **Change or cancellation of Nomination:**

A nomination made can be changed or cancelled subsequently by the unitholder(s) by making an application in the prescribed form to the Mutual Fund for change or cancellation of nomination. Change in / cancellation of nomination can be made only by those individuals who hold units on their own behalf singly or jointly and who made the original nomination.



### c) Effects of nomination/ change or cancellation of nomination

A nomination in respect of the Units does not create an interest in the property after the death of the Unit holder. The nominee(s) shall receive the Units only as an agent and trustee for the legal heirs or legatees as the case may be. It is hereby clarified that the nominees(s) under the nomination facility provided herein shall not necessarily acquire any title or beneficial interest in the property by virtue of this nomination.

**Nomination in respect of units stands rescinded upon transfer of units:-** On cancellation of nomination, the nomination made previously shall stand rescinded and the AMC/Mutual Fund shall not be under any obligation to transfer the units in favour of any of the persons nominated earlier.

The AMC shall, subject to completion of the necessary formalities by the nominee(s), including KYC Compliance, production of death certificate of the deceased unit holder and duly attested signature of the nominee(s), furnishing of proof of guardianship in case of minor nominee, execution of indemnity bond or such other document as may be required, proceed to effect the payment/transfer of units to the nominee(s).

Transfer of units/payment to a nominee of the sums shall be valid and effectual against any demand made upon the Trust/AMC, and shall discharge the Trust/AMC of all liability towards the estate of the deceased unit holder and his/her successors and legal heirs, executors and administrators.

If the Mutual Fund or the AMC or the Trustee were to incur or suffer any claim, demand, liabilities, proceedings or if any actions are filed or made or initiated against any of them in respect of or in connection with the nomination, they shall be entitled to be indemnified absolutely for any loss, expenses, costs, and charges that any of them may suffer or incur absolutely from the investor's estate.

#### d) Nomination For Units held in Electronic (Demat) Mode

For units of the scheme(s) held in electronic (demat) form with the Depository, the nomination details provided by the Unit holder to the depository will be applicable to the Units of the Scheme. Such nomination including any variation, cancellation or substitution of Nominee(s) shall be governed by the rules and bye-laws of the Depository.

Payment to the nominee of the sums shall discharge the Mutual Fund of all liability towards the estate of the deceased Unit holder and his/her legal successors/legal heirs. In case nomination has been made for DP account with joint holders, in case of death of any of the joint holder(s), the securities will be transmitted to the surviving holder(s). Only in the event of death of all the joint holders, the securities will be transmitted to the nominee. In case nomination is not made by the sole holder of DP account, the securities would be transmitted to the account of legal heir(s), as may be determined by an order of the competent court.

#### 2. Transfer of Units



Units of the schemes are freely transferable. Further, if a person becomes a holder of the units consequent to operation of law, or upon enforcement of a pledge, the Mutual Fund will, subject to production of satisfactory evidence, effect the transfer, if the transferee is otherwise eligible to hold the units.

# 3. Transmission of Units

# 1. Deletion of names of the deceased unit holders in case of death of 2nd and/or 3rd Holder

In case units are held by more than one unit holder, then upon death of 2nd and/or 3rd unitholders, the units shall be transmitted in favour of the surviving unitholder, upon the surviving unitholder submitting the following documents to the satisfaction of the Mutual Fund, AMC/Trustee or Registrar:

- a. Transmission Request Form (Form T1) for Transmission of Units to the surviving unitholder/s.
- b. Death Certificate of the deceased unitholder(s) in original OR photocopy of the death certificate self-attested and attested by a notary public/gazette officer in original Self-attested copy of PAN Card of the Surviving Joint Holder(s) (if PAN is not provided already)
- c. Fresh Bank Mandate Form along with Cancelled cheque of the new first unitholder, with the claimant's name pre-printed OR Recent Bank Statement/Passbook (not more than 3 months old) of the new first holder
- d. Fresh Nomination Form (or Nomination Opt-out form) in case there is no nomination or a change in existing nomination is desired by the surviving unit holders.
- e. KYC Acknowledgment OR KYC Form of the surviving unit holder(s), if not KYC compliant.
- f. Transmission will be completed only once the status of the KYC is "KYC complied".
- g. Additional documentation required:

ID proof [PAN/Redacted Aadhaar/Voter ID / Passport or any other OVD as per PMLA guidelines] of the deceased person attested by the claimant(s), duly notarized or originals can be shown at the AMC branches and OSV seal attested by them.

# 2. Transmission of Units to surviving unit holder(s) in case of death of the 1<sup>st</sup> holder:

In case units are held by more than one unit holder, then upon death of first holder, the units shall be transmitted in favour of the surviving unitholder(s), upon the surviving unitholder(s) submitting the following documents to the satisfaction of the Mutual Fund, AMC/Trustee or Registrar:

- a. Transmission Request Form (Form T2) for Transmission of Units to the surviving unit holder/s.
- b. Death Certificate of the deceased unitholder(s) in original OR photocopy of the death certificate self-attested and attested by a notary public/gazette officer in original Self attested Copy of PAN Card of the Surviving Joint Holder(s) (if PAN is not provided already)
- c. Cancelled cheque of the new first unitholder, with the claimant's name pre-printed **OR**

Recent Bank Statement/Passbook (not more than 3 months old) of the new first holder.



- d. KYC Acknowledgment OR KYC Form of the Surviving unit holder(s) if not KYC Compliant.
- e. Transmission will be completed only once the status of the KYC is "KYC complied".
- f. Additional documentation required: ID proof [PAN/Redacted Aadhaar/Voter ID / Passport or any other OVD as per PMLA guidelines] of the deceased person attested by the claimant(s), duly notarized or originals can be shown at the AMC branches and OSV seal attested by them.

# 3. Transmission of Units to the registered Nominee/s in case of death of sole or all unitholders

In case where the unit holder(s) has/have made a valid nomination, then upon death of the sole unit holder or all the joint unit holders, as the case may be, the units shall be transmitted in favour of the nominee, upon the nominee making an application for settlement of the claim by submitting the following documents to the satisfaction of the Mutual Fund, AMC/Trustee or Registrar:

- a. Transmission Request Form (Form T3) for Transmission of Units in favour of the Nominee(s).
- b. Death Certificate of the deceased unitholder(s) in original OR photocopy of the death certificate self-attested and attested by a notary public/gazette officer in original copy of Birth Certificate in case the Nominee is a minor.
- c. Self-attested copy of PAN card of the Nominee(s) / Guardian (in case the Nominee is a minor).
- d. KYC Acknowledgment OR KYC Form of the Nominee(s)/ Guardian (where Nominee is a minor). Transmission will be completed only once the status of the KYC is "KYC Complied". Cancelled cheque with the Nominee's name pre-printed OR copy of the Nominee's recent Bank Statement/Passbook (which is not more than 3 months old).
- e. If the transmission amount is upto 5 Lakhs, Bank Attestation of signature of the claimant by the Bank Manager as per Annexure-I(a). In case the claimant is a minor, the signature of the guardian (as per the bank account of the minor or the joint account of the minor with the Guardian) shall be attested.
- f. If the transmission amount is more than 5 Lakh as an operational risk mitigation measure, signature of the Nominee shall be attested by a Notary Public or a Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) with seal and date in the space provided for signature attestation in the TRF itself below the signature of the claimant.
- g. Additional documentation required: ID proof [PAN/Redacted Aadhaar/Voter ID / Passport or any other valid OVD as per PMLA guidelines] of the deceased person attested by the claimant(s), duly notarized or originals can be shown at the AMC branches and OSV seal attested by them.

# 4. Transmission of Units to the claimant/s on death of the Sole unitholder or ALL unitholders, where there is NO nomination has been registered

If the Unit holder has not appointed a nominee, the Units shall be transmitted in favour of the Unit holder's executor/administrator of estate/legal heir(s), as the case may be, on production of the following documents to the satisfaction of the Mutual Fund, AMC/Trustee or Registrar:



- a) Transmission Request Form (Form T3) for Transmission of Units to the claimant.
- b) Death Certificate of the deceased unitholder(s) in original OR photocopy of the death certificate self-attested and attested by a notary public/gazette officer in original copy of Birth Certificate in case the claimant is a minor.
- c) Self-attested copy of PAN card of the claimant / guardian (in case the claimant is a minor).
- d) KYC Acknowledgment OR KYC Form of the claimant / guardian (in case the claimant is a minor). Transmission will be completed only after the KYC status is updated as "KYC complied".
- e) Cancelled cheque with the claimant's name pre-printed OR copy of the claimant's recent Bank Statement/Passbook (which is not more than 3 months old).
- f) Additional documentation required:

ID proof [PAN/Redacted Aadhaar/Voter ID / Passport or any other valid OVD as per PMLA guidelines of the deceased person attested by the claimant(s), duly notarized or originals can be shown at the AMC branches and OSV seal attested by them.

## A. If the transmission amount is up to $\gtrless$ 5 Lakh:

- a) Bank Attestation of signature of the claimant by the Bank Manager as per Annexure-I(a). In case the claimant is a minor, the signature of the guardian (as per the bank account of the minor or the joint account of the minor with the Guardian) shall be attested.
- b) Any appropriate document evidencing relationship of the claimant/s with the deceased unitholder/s.
- c) Bond of Indemnity as per Annexure-II to be furnished by Legal Heirs for Transmission of Units without production of Legal Representation.

Provided that in case the legal heir(s)/claimant(s) is submitting the Succession Certificate or Probate of Will or Letter of Administration or appropriate Court order wherein the claimant is named as a beneficiary, an affidavit as per Annexure-III from such legal heir/claimant(s) alone would be sufficient, i.e., Bond of Indemnity is not required.

- d) Individual Affidavit to be given by each legal heir as per Annexure-III
- e) NOC from other legal heirs as per Annexure IV, where applicable.

## B. If the transmission amount is more than ₹ 5 Lakh :

- a) Signature of the claimant duly attested by a Notary Public or a JMFC with seal and date in the space provided for signature attestation in the Form T3 itself below the signature of the claimant. In case the claimant is a minor, the signature of the guardian (as per the bank account of the minor or the joint account of the minor with the guardian) shall be attested.
- b) Individual affidavits to be given each legal heir as per Annexure-III
- c) (i) Where transmission value at the PAN-level is more than ₹ 5 lakhs, but less than ₹10 lakhs, any one of the documents mentioned below:
  - ✓ Notarised copy of Registered Will along with a Notarized indemnity bond from the claimant (appropriate beneficiary of the will) to whom the securities are to be transmitted, as per the format specified;

OR

✓ Legal Heirship Certificate or its equivalent, along with :



(i) a Notarized indemnity bond from the legal heir(s) / claimant(s) to whom the securities are to be transmitted, as per the format specified provided and

(ii) No Objection Certificate from all the non-claimants (i.e., remaining legal-heirs), duly attested by a Notary Public, JFMC or by a Gazetted Officer as per the format specified .

(ii) Where transmission value at the PAN-level is more than  $\gtrless 10$  lakhs, any one of the documents mentioned below:

- ✓ Notarised copy of Probated Will; OR
- ✓ Succession Certificate issued by a competent court, OR
- ✓ Letter of Administration or court decree, in case of Intestate Succession.
- d) Identity proof (e.g., copy of PAN card, redacted Aadhaar card, passport) of all legal heirs signing the NOC/affidavit other than claimant/s (i.e., legal heirs other than the claimant mentioned in Probate or Letters of Administration or Succession Certificate).

#### 5. Change of Karta upon death of the Karta of Hindu Undivided Family (HUF)

If the case of a HUF, a Hindu Undivided Family ,the property of the family is managed by the Karta and the HUF does not come to an end in the event of death of the Karta. In such a case, the members of the HUF will need to appoint a new Karta, who needs to submit following documents for transmission:

- a. Request Form (Form T4) for change of Karta upon demise of the registered Karta.
- b. Death Certificate of the deceased Karta in original OR photocopy of the death certificate self-attested and attested by a notary public/gazette officer in original.
- c. Bank's letter certifying that the signature and details of the new Karta have been updated in the bank account of the HUF & attesting the signature of the new Karta as per Annexure-1(b)
- d. KYC acknowledgment OR KYC form of the new Karta and the HUF, if not KYCcompliant. Transmission will be completed only after the KYC status is updated as "KYC complied".
- e) Indemnity Bond as per Annexure V signed by all surviving coparceners (including the new Karta).
- f) Any appropriate document evidencing relationship of the new Karta and the other coparceners with the deceased Karta. Additional documentation required:

a) ID proof [PAN/Redacted Aadhaar/Voter ID / Passport or any other valid OVD as per PMLA guidelines] of the deceased Karta attested by the new Karta , duly notarized or originals to be shown at the AMC branches.

b) If the transmission amount is for more than  $\gtrless$  5 lakh, the signature of the new Karta) shall be attested by a Notary Public or a JMFC in the space provided for signature attestation in the TRF itself below the signature of the claimant.

6. Transmission of Units to the claimant/s upon death of the Karta of HUF, where there is no surviving co-parcener or the HUF has been dissolved/partitioned after demise of the Karta



- i. Transmission Request Form (Form T5) for Transmission of Units to the Claimant.
- ii. Death certificate of the deceased Karta in original OR photocopy thereof attested by a notary public/gazette officer in original copy of birth certificate.
- iii. Self-attested copy of PAN Card of the claimant(s) / guardian (in case the claimant is a minor).
- iv. KYC acknowledgment or KYC form of the claimant(s) /guardian (in case the claimant is a minor). Transmission will be completed only after the status of the KYC is updated as "KYC complied".
- v. Cancelled cheque with the claimant's name pre-printed thereon OR copy of the claimant's recent bank statement/passbook which is not more than 3 months old.
- vi. If the transmission amount is upto ₹ 5 lakh, attestation of the signature of the claimant by bank manager as per Annexure-I(a). In case the claimant is a minor, the signature of the guardian (as per the minor's bank account / minors joint account with the guardian) shall be attested.

If the transmission amount is for more than ₹ 5 lakh, the signature of the claimant shall be attested by a Notary Public or a JMFC in the space provided for signature attestation in the TRF itself below the signature of the claimant.

- vii. Bond of Indemnity to be furnished by the Claimant as per Annexure-VI. AMFI BPG -Updated Guidelines on Transmission of Units - Jan. 2024
- viii. If the HUF has been dissolved/partitioned by the surviving members after demise of the Karta, the transmission of units shall be processed on the basis of any of the following documents:
  - a) Notarized copy of Settlement Deed, OR
  - b) Notarized copy of Deed of Partition, OR
  - c) Notarized copy of Decree of the relevant competent Court.

Additional documentation required:

• ID proof [PAN/Redacted Aadhaar/Voter ID / Passport or any other valid OVD as per PMLA guidelines] of the deceased person attested by the claimant(s), duly notarized or originals can be shown at the AMC branches and Original Seen & Verified stamp attested by them.

Unit holders may please note that, in addition to the abovementioned documents, the AMC/Registrar may, depending on the circumstance of each case seek additional documents.

Please note that nominee / legal heir(s) of a deceased unitholder need to comply with KYC documentation prior to applying for transmission of units

## 1. Transfer and Transmission of Units held in Demat Mode

For units of the Scheme(s) held in demat form, the Units will be freely transferable and will be subject to the transmission facility in accordance with the provisions of SEBI (Depositories and Participants) Regulations, 2018 as may be amended from time to time.

The delivery instructions for transfer of units will have to be lodged with the DP in the requisite form as may be required from time to time and transfer will be effected in



accordance with such rules/regulations as may be in force governing transfer of securities in dematerialized form.

## 2. Change in Guardian in case of a minor unit holder

The Guardian can be changed in a folio held "on behalf of a minor", either due to mutual consent or demise of the existing guardian. However, the new guardian can only be either a natural guardian (i.e. father or mother) or a court appointed legal guardian. New guardian should submit documentary evidence confirming the relationship with the minor, bank attestation attesting his/her signature and KYC compliance acknowledgement.

# **3.** Minor attaining majority – Status Change

When a minor unit holder attains majority on completion of 18 years of age, the unitholder is required to make an application to the AMC/Registrar to change his / her status from "minor" to "individual" and register his / her signature with the Registrars, submitting the following documents:

- A prescribed Service Request form duly filled or request letter, containing details such as the name of the unitholder, folio numbers, scheme name etc., and details of new Bank mandate, where the account is changed from minor to major and also submit cancelled original cheque leaf. The Signature of the major unit holder on the form/letter should be duly attested by his / her bankers. Alternatively a Signature attestation certificate/ letter issued by a manager of a scheduled bank may be submitted.
- KYC acknowledgement/ FATCA details of the major unit holder.

In this regard, Unit holders may please note the following:

- a. The AMC/Registrar shall endeavor to send advance notice at the registered correspondence address, advising the minor and guardian to submit prescribed documents, in order to effect change of status from 'minor' to 'major'.
- b. In case the requisite documents to change the status are not received by the date when the minor attains the age of majority, no further transactions (financial and non-financial) will be permitted in the Folio(s) till the regularization of the Folio/s in a manner prescribed by the AMC / Mutual Fund and Folio(s) will be frozen for operation by the representing guardian and all transactions will be suspended.
- c. The AMC/ Mutual Fund will register standing instructions like SIP/ STP/SWAP etc. for a folio held by a minor Unitholder from the parent/ legal guardian only till the date when the minor Unitholder attains the age of majority, even though the instructions may be for a period beyond that date.

## 4. Duration of the Schemes

The duration of open-ended Schemes is perpetual, while that of the close-ended schemes is as mentioned in the relevant SIDs. However, in terms of the Regulations, open-ended



schemes is to be wound up anytime, and close-ended scheme may be wound up at any time prior to the maturity date, under the following circumstances:

- a) On happening of any event, which in the opinion of the Trustee, requires the Scheme concerned to be wound up; OR
- b) If 75% of the unit holders of the Scheme concerned pass a resolution that the Scheme be wound up; OR
- c) If SEBI so directs in the interests of unit holders.

In addition to the above, an open-ended scheme may also be wound up if the scheme fails to fulfil the condition of a minimum of 20 investors on an ongoing basis for each calendar quarter.

Further, an average AUM of Rs. 20 crore on half yearly rolling basis has to be maintained for all open ended debt oriented schemes. In case of breach of the this provisions, the AMC shall scale up the AUM of such scheme within prescribed period so as to comply with the provisions, failing which the provisions of Regulation 39(2)(c) of the Regulations related to winding up of scheme would become applicable.

Where a scheme is to be wound up under the circumstances mentioned above, the trustees shall give notice within one day, disclosing the circumstances leading to the winding up of the scheme:- to the Board and in two daily newspapers having circulation all over India, a vernacular newspaper circulating at the place where the mutual fund is formed.

Provided that where a scheme is to be wound up under clause (a) trustees shall obtain consent of the unit holders participating in the voting by simple majority on the basis of one vote per unit and publish the results of voting within forty five days from the publication of notice

Provided further that in case the trustees fail to obtain the required consent of the unitholders under clause (a), the schemes shall be reopened for business activities from the second business day after publication of results of the voting.

## 5. Procedure and Manner of Winding Up

The Trustee shall call a meeting of the unit holders to approve by simple majority of the unit holders present and voting at the meeting for authorising the Trustee or any other person to take steps for winding up of the scheme concerned. The Trustee or the person authorised as above, shall dispose off the assets of the scheme concerned in the best interest of the unit holders of the scheme.

The proceeds of sale realised in pursuance of the above shall be first utilised towards discharge of such liabilities as are due and payable under the scheme, and after meeting the expenses connected with such winding up, the balance shall be paid to the unit holders in proportion to their respective interest in the assets of the scheme, as on the date when decision for winding up was taken. On completion of the winding up, the Trustee shall forward to SEBI and unit holders a report on the winding up, detailing, the circumstances leading to the winding up, the steps taken for disposal of the assets of the scheme before winding up, net assets available for distribution to the unit holders and a Certificate from



the auditors of the Mutual Fund. Notwithstanding anything contained herein above, the provisions of the Regulations in respect of disclosures of half-yearly reports and annual reports shall continue to be applicable until winding up is completed or the scheme concerned ceases to exist. After the receipt of the report referred to above, under "Procedure and Manner of Winding Up", if SEBI is satisfied that all measures for winding up of the scheme concerned have been complied with, the scheme shall cease to exist. Pursuant to Paragraph 7.2 of SEBI Master Circular dated May 19, 2023, schemes which are in the process of winding up in terms of Regulation 39(2)(a) of MF Regulations shall be listed on recognized stock exchange, subject to compliance with listing formalities as stipulated by the stock exchange. Further, pursuant to listing, trading on stock exchange mechanism will not be mandatory for investors, but an optional channel to exit such schemes.

The aforesaid provisions pertaining to "Procedure and Manner of Winding Up" shall apply in respect of each individual scheme and to the extent possible shall apply mutatis mutandis to each Investment Plan.

# 6. KYC Requirements and Requirements of Prevention of Money Laundering Act

Please refer Section IV. Prevention of Money Laundering and Know Your Client ('KYC') Requirements.

# 7. Consolidation of Folios

In case an investor has multiple folios, the AMC reserves the right to consolidate all the folios into one folio, based on such criteria as may be determined by the AMC from time to time. In case of additional purchases in same scheme/ fresh purchase in new scheme, if the investor fails to provide the folio number, the AMC reserves the right to allot the units in the existing folio, based on such integrity check as may be determined by the AMC from time to time.

## 8. Default Option/Plan/Scheme in case of incomplete or inconsistent information

Investors may note that in case of fresh / additional purchases, if the name of the Scheme on the application form / transactions slip differs with the name on the Cheque / Demand Draft / payment instrument / transfer letter, then the AMC will allot units under the scheme mentioned on the application form. In case of fresh/additional purchases, if the scheme name is not mentioned on the application form / transaction slip, then the units will be allotted under the scheme mentioned on the cheque / demand draft / payment instrument / transfer letter. The Plan / Option that will be considered in such cases if not specified by the customer will be the default option of the scheme as per the SID. However, in case of additional purchase if the scheme name is not specified by the customer then the AMC reserves the right to allot units in the option under which units were allotted at the time of fresh purchase.

# 9. Unclaimed Redemption / Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal (IDCW) Amount

The unclaimed redemption and IDCW amounts may be deployed by the Mutual Fund in call money market or money market instruments or a separate plan of only Overnight scheme / Liquid scheme / Money Market Mutual Fund scheme floated by Mutual Fund



specifically for deployment of the unclaimed amounts. Provided that such schemes where the unclaimed redemption and dividend amounts are deployed shall be only those Overnight scheme/ Liquid scheme / Money Market Mutual Fund schemes which are placed in A-1 cell (Relatively Low Interest Rate Risk and Relatively Low Credit Risk) of Potential Risk Class matrix as per Paragraph 17.5 of SEBI Master Circular dated May 19, 2023. AMCs shall not be permitted to charge any exit load in this plan and TER (Total Expense Ratio) of such plan shall be capped as per the TER of direct plan of such scheme or at 50bps whichever is lower.

Investors who claim these amounts during a period of three years from the due date shall be paid at the prevailing Net Asset Value. After a period of three years, this amount will be transferred to a pool account and the investors can claim the amount at prevailing NAV at the end of the third year. The income earned on such funds will be used for the purpose of investor education. The AMC will make a continuous effort to remind the investors through letters to take their unclaimed amounts. The Fund shall not be liable to pay any interest or compensation on unclaimed amount.

# Payment of unclaimed redemption/IDCW amounts to investor:

Investors who claim the unclaimed amount during a period of three years from the due date will be paid initial unclaimed amount along-with the income earned on its deployment. Investors, who claim these amounts after 3 years, will be paid initial unclaimed amount along-with the income earned on its deployment till the end of third year. After the third year, the income earned on such unclaimed amounts shall be used for the purpose of investor education.

For more details on how to claim the unclaimed redemption/IDCW amount, please refer to the website of the Fund viz. <u>www.pgimindiamf.com</u>.

## **10. Pledge of Units**

The Units under the respective Scheme(s) (subject to completion of Lock-in Period, if any) may be offered as security by way of a pledge / charge in favor of scheduled banks, financial institutions, non-banking finance companies (NBFC's), or any other body. The AMC/RTA will note and record such Pledged Units. A standard form for this purpose is available on request at all ISCs. The AMC shall mark a lien on the specified units only upon receiving the duly completed form and documents as it may require. Disbursement of such loans will be at the entire discretion of the bank / financial institution / NBFC or any other body concerned and the Mutual Fund assumes no responsibility thereof.

The Pledgor will not be able to redeem/switch Units that are pledged until the entity to which the Units are pledged provides a written authorisation to the Mutual Fund that the pledge / lien/ charge may be removed. As long as Units are pledged, the Pledgee will have complete authority to redeem such Units. Dividends declared on Units under lien will be paid / re-invested to the credit of the Unit Holder and not the lien holder unless specified otherwise in the lien letter.

**For Units held in Electronic (Demat) Mode:-** For units of the Scheme(s) held in electronic (demat) form, the rules of Depository applicable for pledge will be applicable for Pledge/Assignment of units of the Scheme(s). Pledgor and Pledgee must have a



beneficial account with the Depository. These accounts can be with the same DP or with different DPs.

## 11. Website

The website of the Fund/AMC is intended solely for the use of Resident Indians, Non Resident Indians, Persons of Indian Origin and Foreign Institutional Investors registered with SEBI. It should not be regarded as a solicitation for business in any jurisdiction other than India. In particular the information is not for distribution and does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in any jurisdiction where such activity is prohibited. Any persons resident outside India, who nevertheless intend to respond to this material must first satisfy themselves that they are not subject to any local requirements, which restrict or prohibit them from doing so. Information other than that relating specifically to the AMC/Fund and its products is for information purposes only and should not be relied upon as a basis for investment decisions. The AMC cannot be responsible for any information contained in any website linked from the Mutual Fund's website.

The investors are requested to read the Terms and Conditions given on the said Website carefully before using the Website. By using the said Website, the investor will be deemed to have agreed that the Terms and Conditions specified apply to the use of the investor of the said Website, any information obtained from the site, and our products and services. If the investor does not agree to the specified Terms, the investor may not use the said Website or download any content from it.

## 12. Disclosure of Investors' Information to Service Providers and Intermediaries

The investors may note that the Mutual Fund or AMC need to use the services of intermediaries such as post office, local and international couriers, banks and other intermediaries for correspondence with the investor and for making payments to the investor by cheques, drafts, warrants, electronic mode, etc.

The AMC may share investors' personal information with the following third parties:

- Registrar, Banks and / or authorised external third party service providers who are involved in transaction processing, dispatches, etc., of investors' investment in the Scheme;
- Distributors or Sub-brokers through whom applications of investors are received ; or
- Any other organisations for compliance with any legal or regulatory requirements or to verify the identity of investors for complying with anti-money laundering laws.

The investor expressly agrees and authorises the Mutual Fund or AMC or their intermediaries to correspond with the investor or make payments through intermediaries including but not limited to post office, local and international couriers, and banks. The investor clearly understands that the Mutual Fund or AMC uses such intermediaries for convenience of the investor and such intermediaries are agents of the investor and not the Mutual Fund or AMC.

## **13.** Compliance with Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act



The Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act was signed into US law in March 2010 and includes provisions commonly referred to as Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ('FATCA'). FATCA require financial institutions to report to the US Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") certain information on US persons (based on one or more specified US indicia), holding accounts outside the US, as a safeguard against U.S. tax evasion. FATCA provisions imposes a 30% withholding tax on certain U.S. source payments (including dividends and gross proceeds from the sale or other disposal of property that can produce U.S. source income) when made to an individual or entity that does not comply with FATCA provisions. The 30% withholding could also apply to payments otherwise attributable to US source income. Any amounts withheld under FATCA may not be refundable by the IRS.

FATCA is globally applicable from July 1, 2014 and in order to comply with FATCA obligations, the Fund will, with effect from July 1, 2014 seek additional information/ documentation from investors while accepting applications or otherwise (at its discretion), in order to ascertain their U.S. Person status. Further, with effect from July 1, 2014, the Fund reserves the right not to accept applications which are not accompanied with information/documentation required to establish the U.S. Person status from the investors.

Further, the Fund (through its agents or service providers) may report the information related to the investment of any investor to the US tax authorities (or to an Indian agency as notified, once India signs the Inter-governmental Agreement with US) and redeem and/or apply withholding tax to payments to investors who fail to provide the information and documents required to identify their status, or are non-FATCA compliant financial institutions or fall within other categories specified in the FATCA provisions and regulations. Investors should consult their own tax advisors regarding the applicability of FATCA requirements to them.

# C. General Information

## 1. Inter-Scheme Transfer of Investments:

Transfers of investments from one scheme to another scheme in the same mutual fund shall be allowed only if -

(a) such transfers are done at the prevailing market price for quoted instruments on spot basis.

*Explanation* : "spot basis" shall have same meaning as specified by stock exchange for spot transactions.

(b) the securities so transferred shall be in conformity with the investment objective of the scheme to which such transfer has been made.

## 2. Aggregate investment in the Scheme under the following categories:

In accordance with Paragraph on 'Scheme Related Disclosures' of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Funds dated May 19, 2023, please find below the aggregate investment in the respective Scheme(s) by Board of Directors of PGIM India Asset Management Private Limited (AMC) and key personnel as on May 31, 2024:



|   | Aggregate am<br>31, 2024 (mar  | cheme as on May                    |              |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Scheme Name   | AMC's<br>Board of<br>Directors | Keypersonnel(excludingFundManager) | Fund Manager |
| PGIM India Ultra Short<br>Duration Fund                         | -                              | 11,63,241.30                       | 4,24,469.41  |
| PGIM India Arbitrage Fund                                       | -                              | 3,43,620.10                        | 1,09,447.58  |
| PGIM India Dynamic Bond<br>Fund                                 | -                              | 3,61,009.69                        | 1,33,863.15  |
| PGIM India Balanced<br>Advantage Fund                           | -                              | 53,62,369.27                       | 14,32,222.12 |
| PGIM India Liquid Fund  | -                              | 17,52,484.34                       | 5,72,092.17  |
| PGIM India Flexi Cap Fund                                       | 60,48,467.87                   | 1,60,34,291.55                     | 61,53,634.51 |
| PGIM India Corporate Bond<br>Fund                               | -                              | 3,75,584.32                        | 1,36,262.21  |
| PGIM India Large Cap Fund                                       | -                              | 14,28,244.14                       | 5,18,940.01  |
| PGIM India Global Equity<br>Opportunities Fund                  | -                              | 32,39,073.93                       | 91,804.79    |
| PGIM India Gilt Fund  | -                              | 3,86,601.47                        | 1,40,649.67  |
| PGIM India Global Select Real<br>Estate Securities Fund of Fund | -                              | -                                  | 4,349.37     |
| PGIM India Emerging Markets<br>Equity Fund                      | -                              | 14,47,347.38                       | 6,872.39     |
| PGIM India Hybrid Equity<br>Fund                                | -                              | 6,53,650.46                        | 2,71,180.98  |
| PGIM India Large and Mid<br>Cap Fund                            | -                              | 3,02,987.44                        | 79,626.54    |
| PGIM India Equity Savings<br>Fund                               | -                              | 3,37,167.47                        | 1,38,167.71  |
| PGIM India Money Market<br>Fund                                 | -                              | 6,72,722.40                        | 2,75,333.24  |
| PGIM India Midcap<br>Opportunities Fund                         | -                              | 3,17,04,212.74                     | 86,42,332.85 |
| PGIM India Overnight Fund                                       | -                              | 1,55,828.47                        | -            |
| PGIM India Small Cap Fund                                       | -                              | 55,54,065.74                       | 17,22,024.68 |
| PGIM India ELSS Tax Saver<br>Fund                               | -                              | 14,66,228.18                       | 5,99,150.09  |

## 3. Dematerialisation and Rematerialisation procedures:

# (1) Option to hold units in dematerialized (Demat) form:

The investors shall have an option to hold the Units in demat mode. However, for SIP transactions, while the units will be allotted based on the applicable NAV as per the respective SIDs, the same will be credited to unitholder's Demat account on a weekly basis, upon realization of funds/ credit confirmation. For example, for fund realization/ credit



confirmation received from the bankers from Monday to Friday of a week, the Units will be credited to unitholder's Demat account with the DP in the following week on Monday.

To hold the Units in demat mode, the investor will be required to have a beneficiary account with a Depository Participant (DP) of the NSDL/CDSL and will be required to mention in the application form, DP's Name, DP ID and Beneficiary Account No. with the DP at the time of subscribing to the Units. The AMC will credit the Units to the Beneficiary Account of Unit holder within five working days from the date of clearance of the investor's cheque.

If a Unit holder desires to opt for dematerialization of units held under physical account statement at a later date, he will be required to make an application to AMC/ RTA/DP in Conversion Request Form (available on the website of the Mutual Fund or with the DPs) along with Statement of Account, a copy of Client Master Report (CMR) or Transaction Statement (only the page of Transaction Statement reflecting the name and pattern of holding) issued by its Depository Participant. Application for issue of Units in demat mode may be submitted to any of the OPAs / ISCs or DPs. The AMC will credit the Units to the Beneficiary Account of Unit holder within two working days from the investor's cheque or receipt of demat request.

In case the unit holders do not provide their Demat Account details, or the demat details provided in the application form are incomplete / incorrect or do not match with the details with the Depository records, the Units will be allotted in physical account statement mode provided the application is otherwise complete in all respect and accordingly, an Account Statement shall be sent to them.

## (2) Re-materialisation of units held in Demat form:

Units of the Scheme held in demat may be converted into physical account statement mode via re-materialisation process. Rematerialization of Units ('remat') will be in accordance with the provisions of SEBI (Depositories & Participants) Regulations, 2018. The investor will need to submit a remat request to his/her DP for re-materialisation of holdings in his/her account. If there is sufficient balance in the investor's account, the DP will generate a Rematerialisation Request Number (RRN) and the same is entered in the space provided for the purpose in the re-materialisation request form. The DP will then dispatch the request form to the AMC/ RTA. The AMC/ RTA accepts the request for re-materialisation prints and dispatch the account statement to the investor and send electronic confirmation to the DP. DP shall inform the investor about the changes in the investor account following the acceptance of the remat request.

## (3) Listing & Transfer:

Being open-ended Scheme under which the Subscription and Redemption of Units will be made on a continuous basis, the Units of the Schemes are not proposed to be listed on any stock exchange. However, the AMC in consultation with the Trustee may list the Units on one or more Stock Exchanges at a later date. In such an event, the AMC will make suitable public announcement to that effect.

Units held in Demat form are transferable in accordance with the provisions of SEBI (Depositories and Participants) Regulations,2018 through off market deals or in accordance with the stock exchange rules, upon the Scheme being listed. Transfers should be only in favor of transferees who are eligible for holding Units under the Scheme.



If a person becomes a holder of the Units consequent to operation of law, or upon enforcement of a pledge, the Mutual Fund will, subject to production of satisfactory evidence, effect the transfer, if the transferee is otherwise eligible to hold the Units. Similarly, in cases of transmission of Units consequent on the death of a unitholder, the transferee's name will be recorded by the AMC / Registrar subject to production of satisfactory evidence and completing the requisite procedure / documentation.

# (4) The policy regarding reissue of repurchased units (including the maximum extent, the manner of reissue, the entity (the scheme or the AMC) involved in the same:

The Schemes does not propose to reissue Redeemed Units.

#### (5) Restrictions, if any, on the right to freely retain or dispose of units being offered:

Units of the Scheme are freely transferable. Units of the Scheme are presently not proposed to be listed on any stock exchange. The Units of the Scheme held in dematerialized form are transferable through off-market deals, in accordance with the provisions of SEBI (Depositories and Participants) Regulations, 2018, as may be amended from time to time, as mentioned above under section "Listing & Transfer".

## (i) Pledge of Units:

## (a) Units held in demat mode:

The Units held in demat mode can be pledged as per the provisions of Depositories Act and Rules and Regulations framed by Depositories.

## (b) Units held in physical mode:

The Units held in physical mode under the Scheme may be offered as security by way of a pledge / charge in favor of scheduled banks, financial institutions, non-banking finance companies (NBFCs), or any other body as decided by the AMC. A standard form for this purpose is available on request at all ISCs.

The AMC / Registrar will note and record such Pledge of Units. The AMC shall mark a lien only upon receiving the duly completed form and documents as may be prescribed. Disbursement of such loans will be entirely at the discretion of the bank / financial institution / NBFC concerned (hereinafter referred to as the "Pledgee") and the Mutual Fund/AMC assumes no responsibility thereof. The Pledgor will not be able to redeem Units that are pledged, until the Pledgee to whom the Units are pledged provides written authorisation to the Mutual Fund that the pledge / lien charge may be revoked. Further, the Pledgee will have complete authority to redeem such Units so long as the Units remain under pledge. IDCW declared on Units under lien will be paid / re-invested to the credit of the Unit Holder and not the lien holder unless specified otherwise in the lien letter.

For units of the Scheme held in electronic (Demat) form, the rules of Depository applicable for pledge will be applicable for Pledge/Assignment of units of the Scheme. Pledgor and Pledgee must have a beneficial account with the Depository. These accounts can be with the same DP or with different DPs.

#### (6) How to redeem the units held in Demat mode:



Investors who intend to redeem units through dematerialised mode must either hold units in depository (electronic) mode or convert his existing units from statement of account mode to depository mode prior to placing of redemption order.

The investor is required to place an order for redemption (subject to limits prescribed by NSE/BSE from time to time) with the Participant. The investor should provide their Depository Participant on same day with Depository Instruction Slip with relevant units to be credited to Clearing Corporation pool account.

The redemption order will be entered in the system and an order confirmation slip will be issued to investor. The confirmation slip will be proof of transaction till the redemption proceeds are received from the Registrar.

Investors having demat account and purchasing and redeeming mutual fund units in demat mode through trading/clearing members, shall receive redemption proceeds (if units are redeemed) and units (if units are purchased) through trading/clearing member's pool account. PGIM India MF/AMC will pay redemption proceeds to the trading/clearing member (in case of redemption) and trading/clearing member in turn will pay redemption proceeds to the respective investor. Similarly, units shall be credited by PGIM India MF/AMC/Registrar into trading/clearing member's pool account (in case of purchase) and trading/clearing member in turn will credit the units to the respective investor's demat account.

Payment of redemption proceeds to the trading I clearing members by PGIM India MF/AMC/shall discharge PGIM India MF/AMC of its obligation of payment of redemption proceeds to Individual Investor. Similarly, in case of purchase of units, crediting units into trading/clearing member pool account shall discharge PGIM India MF/PGIM India AMC of its obligation to allot units to individual investor.

An account statement will be issued by PGIM India Mutual Fund to investors who purchase/redeem units under this facility in physical mode. In case of investor who purchase/redeem units through this facility in dematerialized mode, his depository participant will issue demat statement showing credit/debit of units to the investor's accounts. Such demat statement given by the Depository Participant will be deemed to be adequate compliance with the requirements for dispatch of statement of account prescribed by SEBI.

Investors should note that electronic platform provided by NSE/BSE is only to facilitate purchase/redemption of units in the Schemes of mutual fund. In case of non-commercial transaction like change of bank mandate, nomination etc. the Unit holders should submit such request to the Investor Services Centre of PGIM India Mutual Fund in case of units held in physical mode. Further in case of units held in dematerialized mode, requests for change of address, bank details, nomination should be submitted to his Depository Participant.

## (7) Is switch-transaction permissible if the units are held in Demat:

Not permitted.

(8) The procedure for change in investor's profile / bank account details etc. in respect of units held in demat mode (i.e., To whom the investor is required to approach, in case of such requests):



In case of non-commercial transaction like change of bank mandate, nomination etc. if units are held in dematerialized mode, requests for change of address, bank details, nomination should be submitted to his Depository Participant.

# 4. ASBA Disclosures

# Additional mode of payment through Applications Supported by Blocked Amount (ASBA) during NFO:

Pursuant to Paragraph 14.8 of SEBI Master Circular dated May 19, 2023, during the NFO of the schemes launched by the Mutual Fund, investors are provided an additional mode of payment through (ASBA) facility while applying for the Units offered under NFO of the Scheme(s).

- 1. ASBA or "Applications Supported by Blocked Amount" is an application containing an authorization given by the Investor to block the application money in his specified bank account towards the subscription of Units offered during the NFO of mutual fund schemes.
- 2. ASBA facility is currently available only to those investors who wish to hold the units in dematerialized form.
- 3. An Investor intending to subscribe to the Units in the NFO through ASBA, is required to submit duly completed prescribed ASBA Application Form to a Self-Certified Syndicate Bank (SCSB) (SCSB is a bank providing ASBA services to its customers. A list of recognized SCSBs is available on the websites of SEBI (<u>www.sebi.gov.in</u>), BSE (www.bseindia.com), and NSE (www.nseindia.com)), with whom his/her bank account is maintained, either physically with the Designated Branches (DBs) of the SCSB ("Physical ASBA"); or electronically through the internet banking facility offered by the SCSB ("Electronic ASBA"). It may be noted that ASBA application form will not be accepted by any of the offices of PGIM India Mutual Fund or its Registrar & Transfer Agent, i.e., KFIN Technologies Ltd.
- 4. Upon submission of an ASBA form with the SCSB, investor shall be deemed to have agreed to block the entire subscription amount specified in the application form and authorized the designated bank to block such amount in the bank account. On acceptance of Physical or Electronic ASBA, the SCSB shall block funds available in the bank account specified to the extent of the application money specified in the ASBA.
- 5. The application money towards the cost of the Units shall be blocked in the investor's account until (a) Allotment of Units is made or (b) Rejection of the application or (c) Winding up of the Scheme, as the case may be. SCSBs shall unblock the bank accounts for (a) Transfer of requisite money to the Mutual Fund / Scheme bank account against each valid application on allotment or (b) in case the application is rejected. Thus, for an investor who applies through ASBA facility, the application money towards the subscription of Units shall be debited from his specified bank account only if his/her application is considered for allotment of Units.
- 6. During processing of the ASBA form by the Registrar, if the application is found to be incomplete or incorrect, the SCSB will be informed about the same. SCSB will then



unblock such amount from the investor's bank account with appropriate remarks in the investor account.

- 7. The Bank Account Number in the ASBA form should necessarily be of the first applicant only. In case where the bank account is jointly held, the first applicant should be one of the joint holders. Investors shall ensure that the bank account details mentioned in the ASBA form is correct and the funds are available in their account for the SCSB to block the amount.
- 8. The names of the applicants, the manner of holding, the mode of holding in the application form should exactly match with the information available in the demat account. In case of any mismatch, incorrect or incomplete information, the application may be rejected by the SCSB or the Registrar. All investor related details for allotment of Units such as names of the applicants, manner of holding, mode of holding, bank account, etc. will be updated as per the demat account.
- 9. The investors should check their demat accounts for allotment of Units within 10 working days of the NFO closure. No physical account statement will be sent to the investors by the Mutual Fund or its Registrar.
- 10. All grievances relating to the ASBA facility may be addressed to the AMC/RTA to the issue, with a copy to the SCSB, giving full details such as name, address of the applicants, subscription amount blocked on application, bank account number and the designated branch or the collection center of the SCSB where the ASBA from was submitted by the investor.
- 11. On the date of closure of the NFO, the ASBA form should be submitted to the SCSBs before the 3.00 p.m. or such other time as may be decided by respective SCSBs.
- 12. PGIM India Mutual Fund or its Registrar, KFIN Technologies Ltd. shall not be liable for any negligence or mistake committed by the SCSBs.

## **5. Portfolio Turnover Details**

The Scheme will endeavour to keep the portfolio turnover at a minimum. However, the portfolio turnover ratio may vary as the Scheme may change the portfolio according to Asset Allocation to align itself with the objectives of the Scheme. The effect of higher portfolio turnover could be higher brokerage and transaction costs.

## 6. Stress testing

In accordance with SEBI circular and AMFI guidelines (issued from time to time), the AMC carries out stress testing for all open ended debt schemes (except overnight scheme). Stress testing covers impact on the scheme NAV on account of interest rate risk, credit risk and liquidity risk.

## 7. Potential Risk Class (PRC) Matrix

In terms of paragraph 17.5 of SEBI Master Circular all debt schemes are required to be classified in terms of a Potential Risk Class matrix consisting of parameters based on maximum interest rate risk (measured by Macaulay Duration (MD) of the scheme) and



maximum credit risk (measured by Credit Risk Value (CRV) of the scheme). In addition to the above stated requirements, at all points of time, positioning of the aforementioned Index Fund in the Potential Risk Class (PRC) matrix shall be in the same cell as that of positioning of the index in the PRC matrix.

# A. Associate Transactions

- Underwriting obligations undertaken by the schemes of the Mutual Fund with respect to issues of associate companies and devolvement if any, of such commitments, during the last 3 fiscal years:- NIL
- Subscription by the schemes in issues lead managed by associate companies during the last 3 fiscal years: NIL
- Total business given to associate brokers and the percentage of brokerage commission paid to them during the last 3 fiscal years: NIL
- Distribution of units performed by associate companies during the last 3 fiscal years:
   NIL

# Commission paid to associates/related parties/group companies of sponsor/AMC:

| Financial<br>Year | Name of<br>associate<br>/related<br>parties/group<br>companies of<br>sponsor/AMC | Nature of<br>Associati<br>on /<br>Nature of<br>relation | Business giv<br>Cr. & %<br>business rece<br>Fund)<br>in Rs. Cr. | of total | (in Rs. Cr. | & % of mission |
|-------------------|--|---|---|----------|-------------|----------------|
| 2021-2022         | NA   |   |   |          |             |                |
| 2022-2023         | NA   |   |   |          |             |                |
| 2023-2024         |  | NA  |   |          |             |                |

Any investment made by the schemes of the Mutual Fund in group companies of the sponsor or the sponsor shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations.

The AMC may however, for the purposes of providing certain services utilize the services of the Sponsor, group companies and any other associate company of the Sponsor, who is in a position to provide the requisite services to the AMC. The AMC will conduct its business with the its associate/group companies (including their employees or relatives) on commercial terms and on arms-length basis and at a mutually agreed terms and conditions to the extent and limits permitted under the SEBI Regulations. Appropriate disclosures, wherever required, shall be made by the AMC.

## **B.** Documents Available for Inspection

The following documents will be available for inspection at the office of PGIM India Mutual Fund at Laxmi Towers, C Wing, 4th Floor, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East, Mumbai – 400 051 during business hours on any Business day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays):



- Memorandum and Articles of Association of the AMC
- Investment Management Agreement
- Trust Deed and amendments thereto, if any
- Mutual Fund Registration Certificate
- Agreement between the Mutual Fund and the Custodian
- Agreement with Registrar and Share Transfer Agents
- Consent of Auditors to act in the said capacity
- Consent of Legal Advisors to act in the said capacity
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 and amendments from time to time thereto.
- Indian Trusts Act, 1882.

# C. Investor Grievances Redressal Mechanism

Investors may contact any of the Investor Service Centres (ISCs) of the AMC for any queries / clarifications at 1800 266 7446 (toll free), Fax number (022) 61593017. In order to protect confidentiality of information, the customer service representatives may require personal information of the investor for verification of the investor's identity.

Investors may also send an e-mail to <u>care@pgimindia.co.in</u> for their grievances/ feedback/ suggestions.

The Head Office of the AMC will follow up with the respective Investor Service Centres and the Registrar on complaints and enquiries received from investors to ensure timely redressal and prompt investor services. The AMC will at all times endeavour to handle transactions efficiently and to resolve any investor grievances promptly.

Mr. Ranjit Venugopal is the Investor Relations Officer for the Mutual Fund. All unresolved queries, complaints may be forwarded to him at the AMC's Head Office at the abovementioned address or forwarded via e-mail to: <u>care@pgimindia.co.in</u>. He can be contacted at telephone number: +91-44-40745800.

## **Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) Portal:**

Pursuant to SEBI Circular no. SEBI/HO/OIAE/OIAE\_IAD-1/P/ CIR/2023/131 dated July 31, 2023 read with Master Circular for Online Resolution of Disputes in Indian Securities Market dated August 04, 2023, on Online Resolution of Disputes in the Indian Securities Market, disputes between Investors and intermediaries arising out of latter's activities in the securities market, can be resolved in accordance with the circular and by harnessing online conciliation and/or online arbitration as specified in the circular.

The link to SEBI ODR portal viz. https://smartodr.in is also made available on our website (https://www.pgimindiamf.com/) for your ready reference and complete understanding.

Details of investors complaints received and redressed during the period April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2024 are as under:-

| Period | Number of Complaints       |  |  |  |
|--------|----------------------------|--|--|--|
|        | Received Redressed Pending |  |  |  |



| Period                                 | Number of Complaints |           |         |
|--|----------------------|-----------|---------|
|  | Received             | Redressed | Pending |
| April 01, 2020 till March 31, 2021     | 40                   | 40        | NIL     |
| April 01, 2021 till March 31, 2022     | 124                  | 124       | NIL     |
| April 01, 2022 till March 31, 2023     | 412                  | 412       | NIL     |
| April 01, 2023 till March 31, 2024     | 325                  | 325       | NIL     |
| April 01, 2024 till September 30, 2024 | 80                   | 80        | NIL     |

# D. Information pertaining to Investments by the Schemes of the Fund

# **1.** Derivative strategies

The Scheme may invest in various derivative instruments which are permissible under the applicable regulations. Such investments shall be subject to the investment objective and strategy of the Scheme and the internal limits if any, as laid down from time to time. These include but are not limited to futures (both stock and index) and options (stock and index). Derivatives are financial contracts of pre-determined fixed duration, whose values are derived from the value of an underlying primary financial instrument such as interest rates, exchange rates, commodities and equities. There are several advantages in using derivatives in the portfolio. The use of derivatives provides flexibility to the Scheme to hedge whole or part of the portfolio.

The risks associated with derivatives are similar to those associated with underlying investments. The additional risks of using derivative strategies could be on account of:

- Illiquidity;
- Potential mispricing of the Futures/Options;
- Lack of opportunity;
- Inability of derivatives to correlate perfectly with the underlying (Indices, Assets, Exchange Rates);
- Cost of hedge can be higher than adverse impact of market movements;
- An exposure to derivatives in excess of the hedging requirements can lead to losses;
- An exposure to derivatives can also limit the profits from a genuine investment transaction.
- The prices which are seen on the screen need not be the same at which execution will take place.

For detailed risks associated with use of derivatives, please refer paragraph "Risk associated with different derivative strategies"

The following section describes the concepts and examples of derivatives that may be used by the fund manager:-

## Futures:-

A futures contract is a standardized contract between two parties where one of the parties commits to sell, and the other to buy, a stipulated quantity of a security at an agreed price on or before a given date in the future. Currently, futures contracts have a maximum expiration cycle of 3-months. Three contracts are available for trading, with 1 month, 2 months and 3 months expiry respectively. A new contract is introduced on the next trading day following the expiry of the relevant monthly contract. Futures contracts typically expire on the last Thursday of the month.



<u>Basic Structure of an Index Future:</u> The Index futures are instruments designed to give exposure to the equity markets indices. The BSE Limited ('BSE') and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited ('NSE') have trading in index futures of 1, 2 and 3 month maturities. The pricing of an index future is the function of the underlying index and short term interest rates. Index futures are cash settled; there is no delivery of the underlying stocks.

Example using hypothetical figures:

1 month S & P CNX NIFTY Future

Say, the Mutual Fund buys 1,000 futures contracts; each contract value is 100 times futures index price

| Spot Index :          | 4200.00   |   |  |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|--|
| Future Price on day 1 | : 4210.00 | ) |  |
| Say, Margin :         | 10%       |   |  |

On the date of Settlement: Future Price = Closing Spot Price = 4225

Profits for the Fund =  $(4225-4210) \times 1000 \times 100 = \text{Rs.} 1,500,000$ 

Please note that the above example is given for illustration purposes only. Some assumptions have been made for the sake of simplicity. The net impact for the Scheme will be in terms of the difference of the closing price of the index and cost price. Thus, it is clear from the example that the profit or loss for the Scheme will be the difference of the closing price (which can be higher or lower than the purchase price) and the purchase price. The risks associated with index futures are similar to those associated with equity investments. Additional risks could be on account of illiquidity and potential mispricing of the futures.

<u>Basic Structure of a Stock Future:</u> A futures contract on a stock gives its owner the right and obligation to buy or sell the stocks. The single stock futures traded on NSE are cash settled; there is no delivery of the underlying stocks on the expiration date. A purchase or sale of futures on a security gives the trader essentially the same price exposure as a purchase or sale of the security itself. In this regard, trading in stock futures is no different from trading the security itself.

Example using hypothetical figures:

The Mutual Fund holds shares of XYZ Ltd., the current price of which is Rs. 500 per share. The Mutual Fund sells one month futures on the shares of XYZ Ltd. at the rate of Rs. 540. If the price of the stock falls, the Mutual Fund will suffer losses on the stock position held. However, in such a scenario, there will be a profit on the short futures position.

At the end of the period, the price of the stock falls to Rs. 450 and this fall in the price of the stock results in a fall in the price of futures to Rs. 470. There will be a loss of Rs. 50 per share (Rs. 500–Rs. 450) on the holding of the stock, which will be offset by the profits of Rs. 70 (Rs. 540 – Rs. 470) made on the short futures position.

Please note that the above example is given for illustration purposes only. Some assumptions have been made for the sake of simplicity. Certain factors like margins and other related costs have been ignored. The risks associated with stock futures are similar to those associated with equity



investments. Additional risks could be on account of illiquidity and potential mispricing of the futures.

# **Option Contracts (Stock and Index)**

In the global financial markets, particularly securities markets, options have been, for quite many years, a means of conveying rights from one party to another at a specified price on or before a specific date, at a cost, which is called Premium. The underlying instrument can be an individual stock or a stock index such as the BSE Sensex (such options being referred to as index options). Options are used widely the world over to manage risk and generate income. options may be preferred over futures as they provide asymmetric pay offs.

There are broadly two kinds of Options trade viz. Long & Short. A Long Call is buying a Call option to purchase the stock at a later date at a fixed price called the strike price. A Long Put on the other hand is buying Put option i.e. an option to sell the stock at a later date at the strike price. Similarly A Short Call is selling a Call option which is also called writing a Call option by which the option writer has an obligation to sell the stock to the call buyer at the strike price. A Short Put is to sell or write a Put option i.e. an obligation to buy the stock from the Put buyer at the strike price. The specified price at which the shares are contracted to be purchased or sold is called the strike price. Options that can be exercised on or before the expiration date are called American Options, while those that can be exercised only on the expiration date are called European Options. Option contracts are designated by the type of option, name of the underlying, expiry month and the strike price.

# **Example for Options**

**Buying a Call Option:** Let us assume that the Scheme buys a call option of ABC Ltd. with strike price of Rs. 3500, at a premium of Rs. 100. If the market price of ABC Ltd on the expiration date is more than Rs. 3500, the option will be exercised. The Scheme will earn profits once the share price crosses Rs. 3600 (Strike Price + Premium i.e. 3500+100). Suppose the price of the stock is Rs. 3800, the option will be exercised and the Scheme will buy 1 share of ABC Ltd. from the seller of the option at Rs 3500 and sell it in the market at Rs. 3800, making a profit of Rs. 200. In another scenario, if on the expiration date the stock price falls below Rs. 3500, say it touches Rs. 3000, the Scheme will choose not to exercise the option. In this case the Scheme loses the premium (Rs. 100), which will be the profit earned by the seller of the call option.

**Buying a Put Option**: Let us assume that the Scheme owns shares of ABC Ltd., which are trading at Rs. 3500. The fund manager expects the price to rise to Rs. 3800 but at the same time wants to protect the downside. So, he can buy a put option at Rs. 3500 by paying a premium of, say, Rs. 100. If the stock falls to say Rs 3200 by expiry, the option becomes in-the-money by Rs. 300 and the schemes loses only the initial premium paid to buy the hedge. On the contrary, if the fund manager's view turns out to be right and the stock actually rallies to Rs. 3800, the scheme gains Rs. 300 from the stock and the hedging cost paid to buy the protection is the loss. Thus, adjusted for the hedging cost, the scheme gains Rs. 200 from the trade.

# Writing a Covered Call Option:

The Scheme owns 5000 shares of A with a current market price of Rs 180. The view of the fund manager is that the price could decline by Rs 15 - Rs 20 over a one-month period. The fund manager does, however, wish to hold the shares due to the positive long-term outlook. The fund manager can cover the expected near-term decline by writing a call or buying a put.



A call option may be sold for a contract size of 5000 at a strike price of Rs 180 with an expiry date that is one month going forward. The Scheme receives a premium of Rs 10 (for example) for writing this call option in favour of the buyer. The buyer has the choice to buy the shares at Rs 180 on expiry date (usually the 1st Thursday of a month). The following are examples based on price trends after one month:

• if the stock price declines to Rs 170, the buyer of the call option will not exercise the right to buy as the stock can be purchased at a lower price in the spot market. The fund manager has ensured that the Rs 180 prevailing at the time of selling the option is protected through a combination of market price of Rs 170 and earned premium of Rs 10;

• If the stock price dips below Rs 170, the buyer will not exercise the option. The loss for the fund manager is limited to the extent to which price dips below Rs 170, as the decline from Rs 180 to Rs 170 is covered by the earned premium;

• If the stock price rises to Rs 190, the buyer of the option will exercise the right to buy the shares he can buy them at the strike price of Rs 180 and if he chooses to sell at the spot of Rs 190 to make a profit of Rs 10 per share. This price trend is, however, contrary to the expectations of the fund manager. There is no loss for the fund manager as he has already received Rs 10 as premium. This will ensure that his effective price in meeting the comportment to the holder of the call option is Rs 180 and

• If the stock price rises to more than Rs 190, the buyer will exercise the option. The loss to the fund manager will be limited to the extent to which the price is higher than Rs 190, as the premium of Rs 10 will cover partially the higher cost of the shares that have to be purchased to meet the commitment under the option.

The above example is hypothetical in nature and all figures are assumed for the purpose of illustrating the use of call options in individual stocks. Similarly, analogies can be drawn to illustrate the use of put options in individual stocks, and call and put options in index.

Note on Risk: The risk (loss) for an option buyer is limited to the premium paid, while the risk (loss) of an option writer is unlimited, the latter's gain being limited to the premiums earned. However, in the case of the Fund, all option positions will have underlying assets and therefore all losses due to price-movement beyond the strike price will actually be an opportunity loss. The writer of a put option bears a risk of loss if the value of the underlying asset declines below the strike price. The writer of a call option bears a risk of loss if the value of the underlying asset increases above the strike price.

The Scheme will use options only for the purpose of hedging and portfolio balancing or for any purpose as permitted by Regulations from time to time. Internal controls / limits for managing risks associated with options have been set up / laid down.

Besides, the purchase and sale of Index and Single stock equity derivatives, the Fund Manager may also use some of the below-mentioned strategies for the purpose of efficient portfolio management:

## (a) Reverse Arbitrage:



This strategy will be adopted if the cash price of a stock (say "ABC") is reasonably greater than single stock futures of ABC, then the Investment Manager may sell cash position in ABC and buy single stock futures of ABC. In this case the Investment Manager will still be having a long-term view on the stock ABC but is able to minimize the cost of holding of ABC.

## (b) Arbitrage:

This strategy will be adopted if the single stock future of ABC is reasonably greater than the cash price of ABC, then the Investment Manager will buy the shares of ABC in the cash market and sell equivalent numbers of single stock futures of ABC. In this case the Investment Manager may not have an investment view of the stock ABC but would like to enhance the portfolio value.

## (c) Portfolio Hedging:

Portfolio Hedging will be adopted -

- (i) If in an already invested portfolio of a Scheme, the Investment Manager is expecting a market correction, the Investment Manager may sell Index Futures to insulate the portfolio from the market related risks.
- (ii) If there are significant inflows to the Scheme and the market expectations are bullish, the Investment Manager may buy Index Futures to continue participation in the equity markets.

# (d) Alpha Strategy:

The Scheme will seek to generate alpha by superior stock selection and removing market risks by selling appropriate index. For example, one can seek to generate positive alpha by buying a bank stock and selling Bank Nifty future.

Execution of these strategies depends upon the ability of the fund manager to identify and execute based on such opportunities. These involve significant uncertainties and decision of fund manager may not always be profitable. No assurance can be given that the fund manager will be able to identify or execute such strategies.

## **Investment in Fixed Income Derivative Instruments:**

The Scheme may use Derivative instruments like interest rate swaps like overnight indexed swaps (OIS), forward rate agreements, interest rate futures(as and when permitted) or such other Derivative instruments as may be permitted under the applicable regulations.

Derivatives will be used for the purpose of hedging, and portfolio balancing or such other purpose as may be permitted under the regulations and Guidelines from time to time.

As per the guidelines issued by RBI permitting participation by Mutual Funds in interest rate swaps and forward rate agreements, the Fund will use Derivative instruments for the purpose of hedging and portfolio balancing. The Fund may also use derivatives for such purposes as maybe permitted from time to time. Further, the guidelines issued by RBI from time to time for forward rate agreements and interest rate swaps and other derivative products would be adhered to by the Mutual Fund. IRS and FRAs do also have inherent credit and settlement risks. However, these risks are substantially reduced as they are limited to the interest streams and not the notional principal amounts.



Investments in Derivatives will be in accordance with the extant SEBI regulations / guidelines. The circumstances under which such transactions would be entered into would be when, for example using the IRS route it is possible to generate better returns / meet the objective of the Scheme at a lower cost. e.g. if buying a 2 Yr Mibor based instrument and receiving the 2 Yr swap rate yields better return than the 2 Yr AAA corporate, the Scheme would endeavor to do that. Alternatively, the Scheme would also look to hedge existing fixed rate positions if the view on interest rates is that it would likely rise in the future.

The following information provides a basic idea as to the nature of the Derivative instruments proposed to be used by the Fund and the benefits and risks attached therewith. Please note that the examples have been given for illustration purposes only.

#### Using Overnight Indexed Swaps

In a rising interest rate scenario, the Scheme may enhance returns by hedging the risk on its fixed interest paying assets by entering into an OIS contract where the Scheme agrees to pay a fixed interest rate on a specified notional amount, for a predetermined tenor and receives floating interest rate payments on the same notional amount. The fixed returns from the Scheme assets and the fixed interest payments to be made by the Scheme on account of the OIS transaction offset each other and the Scheme benefits on the floating interest payments that it receives. The Scheme may enter into an opposite position in case of a falling interest rate scenario, i.e. to hedge the floating rate assets in its portfolio the Scheme enters into an OIS transaction wherein it receives a fixed interest rate on a specified notional amount for a specified time period and pays a floating interest rate on the same notional amount. The floating interest payments that the Scheme receives on its floating rate securities and the floating interest payments that the Scheme receives on its floating rate securities and the floating interest payments that the Scheme has to pay on account of the OIS transaction offset each other and the Scheme benefits on the floating interest payments that the Scheme has to pay on account of the OIS transaction offset each other and the Scheme benefits on the fixed interest payments that the Scheme has to pay on account of the OIS transaction offset each other and the Scheme benefits on the fixed interest payments that it receives in such a scenario.

## <u>Swap</u>

Assume that the Scheme has a Rs. 20 Crore floating rate investment linked to MIBOR (Mumbai Inter Bank Offered Rate). Hence, the Scheme is currently running an interest rate risk and stands to lose if the interest rate moves down. To hedge this interest rate risk, the Scheme can enter into a 6 month MIBOR swap. Through this swap, the Scheme will receive a fixed predetermined rate (assume 12%) and pays the "benchmark rate" (MIBOR), which is fixed by the NSE or any other agency. This swap would effectively lock-in the rate of 12% for the next 6 months, eliminating the daily interest rate risk. This transaction is usually routed through an intermediary who runs a book and matches deals between various counterparties. The steps will be as follows:

Assuming the swap is for Rs. 20 Crores for June 1, 2022 to December 1, 2022. The Scheme is a fixed rate receiver at 12% and the counterparty is a floating rate receiver at the overnight rate on a compounded basis (say NSE MIBOR).

On June 1, 2022 the Scheme and the counterparty will exchange only a contract of having entered this swap. This documentation would be as per International Swap Dealers Association (ISDA) norms.

On a daily basis, the benchmark rate fixed by NSE will be tracked by them. On December 1, 2022 they will calculate the following:



- The Scheme is entitled to receive interest on Rs. 20 Crores at 12% for 184 days i.e. Rs. 1.21 Crores, (this amount is known at the time the swap was concluded) and will pay the compounded benchmark rate;
- The counterparty is entitled to receive daily compounded call rate for 184 days & pay 12% fixed.
- On December 1, 2022, if the total interest on the daily overnight compounded benchmark rate is higher than Rs. 1.21 Crores, the Scheme will pay the difference to the counterparty. If the daily compounded benchmark rate is lower, then the counterparty will pay the Scheme the difference.
- Effectively the Scheme earns interest at the rate of 12% p.a. for six months without lending money for 6 months fixed, while the counterparty pays interest @ 12% p.a. for 6 months on Rs. 20 Crores, without borrowing for 6 months fixed.

The above example illustrates the use of Derivatives for hedging and optimizing the investment portfolio. Swaps have their own drawbacks like credit risk, settlement risk. However, these risks are substantially reduced as the amount involved is interest streams and not principal.

## Forward Rate Agreement

Assume that on June 30, 2022, the 30 day commercial paper (CP) rate is 8% and the Scheme has an investment in a CP of face value Rs. 50 Crores, which is going to mature on July 30, 2022. If the interest rates are likely to remain stable or decline after July 31, 2022, and if the fund manager, who wants to re-deploy the maturity proceeds for 1 more month does not want to take the risk of interest rates going down, he can then enter into a following Forward Rate Agreement (FRA) say as on June 30, 2022:

He can receive  $1 \times 2$  FRA on June 30, 2022 at 8.00% (FRA rate for 1 months lending in 1 months time) on the notional amount of Rs. 50 Crores, with a reference rate of 30 day CP benchmark. If the CP benchmark on the settlement date i.e. July 30, 2022 falls to 7.75%, then the Scheme receives the difference 8.00 - 7.75 i.e. 25 basis points on the notional amount Rs. 50 Crores.

#### Interest Rate Futures

Assume that the Scheme holds an Indian ten year benchmark and the fund manager has a view that the yields will go up in the near future leading to decrease in value of the investment and subsequent decrease in NAV of the Scheme. The fund manager decides to use Interest Rate Futures to mitigate the risk of decline of NAV of the Scheme.

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- The benchmark 10 year paper 6.88% 2022 is trading at INR 98.00 at a yield of 7.19%.
- December 2022 futures contract on the 10 year notional 7% coupon bearing Government paper is trading at a yield of 7.29% at a price of INR 98.50.
- The mutual fund decides to hedge the exposure by taking a short position in December 2022 interest rate futures contract.

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• As expected by the fund manager the yield of the benchmark ten year paper has increased to 8% and the price has decreased to 92.70.



- The December 2022 futures contract is trading at a price of INR 93.17 indicating a yield of 8.05%
- The mutual fund unwinds the short position by buying the December 2022 futures contract. The transaction results in profit from the futures position, against the corresponding loss from the Government of India security position.

For details of risk factors relating to use of Derivatives, the investors are advised to refer to Scheme Specific Risk Factors.

## 2. Swing Pricing

Paragraph 4.10 of SEBI Master Circular dated May 19, 20232021 has introduced swing pricing framework for open ended debt mutual fund schemes (except overnight funds, Gilt funds and Gilt with 10-year maturity funds) w.e.f May 01, 2022. SEBI has prescribed swing pricing for scenarios related to net outflows from the schemes. Accordingly, a mandatory full swing during market dislocation times for high-risk open ended debt schemes is being introduced in all open-ended debt schemes of PGIM India Mutual Fund (except PGIM India Overnight Fund and PGIM India Gilt Fund) as per the provisions given below :

# **Provision for Swing pricing during Market Dislocation**

- a) <u>Swing Pricing</u>: Swing pricing refers to a process for adjusting a scheme's Net Asset Value (NAV) to effectively pass on transaction costs stemming from significant net capital activity (i.e., flows into or out of the fund) to the investors associated with that activity. Swing pricing is an anti-dilution adjustment that seeks to protect investors in a scheme from performance dilution as a result of significant outflows from the scheme, particularly during market dislocation.
- b) <u>Market Dislocation Period</u>: Market dislocation would be declared and notified by SEBI either suo moto or based on recommendations made by Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI). Swing pricing will be applicable for a specified period as notified by SEBI.
- c) <u>Swing Pricing Framework</u>: Subsequent to the announcement of market dislocation, the swing pricing framework shall be mandated only for the Eligible open ended debt schemes of the Mutual Fund (except PGIM India Overnight Fund and PGIM India Gilt Fund) which fulfill both the following conditions
  - i. have High or Very High risk on the risk-o-meter (as of the most recent period at the time of declaration of market dislocation); and
  - classify themselves, on the date of declaration, in the cells A-III, B-II, B-III, C-I, C-II and C-III of Potential Risk Class (PRC) Matrix in terms of paragraph 17.5 of SEBI Master Circular dated May 19, 2023.
- d) <u>Swing Factor</u>: The minimum swing factor as given below will be applicable. This shall be made applicable to the schemes mentioned above and the NAV will be adjusted downward for swing factor.

| Minimum swing factor for open ended debt schemes |                    |                   |                  |  |  |  |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|--|--|--|
| Maximum Credit Risk of scheme                    |                    |                   |                  |  |  |  |
| $\rightarrow$                                    | Class A (CRV*>=12) | Class B (CRV>=10) | Class C (CRV<10) |  |  |  |
| Maximum Interest Rate Risk of                    |                    |                   |                  |  |  |  |



| scheme ↓                         |       |       |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Class I: (MD<=1 year)            | NIL   | NIL   | 1.50% |
| Class II: (MD<=3 years)          | NIL   | 1.25% | 1.75% |
| Class III: Any Macaulay duration | 1.00% | 1.50% | 2.00% |
| *CRV: Credit Risk Value          |       |       |       |

e) Applicability of Swing Pricing:

- i. Mandatory full swing pricing as stated above, when notified by SEBI, shall be applicable to schemes that fulfil the criterion indicated in points c(i) and c(ii) above as on the date of declaration of the market dislocation.
- ii. When swing pricing mechanism is triggered and swing factor is made applicable during market dislocation, both the entering and exiting investors shall get NAV adjusted for swing pricing.
- iii. Swing pricing shall be made applicable to all unitholders at PAN level, with an exemption for redemptions up to Rs. 2 lacs for each mutual fund scheme for market dislocation
- iv. As mandated by SEBI, to begin with, Swing pricing shall be applicable to scenarios related to net outflows from the schemes.
- f) <u>Illustration on the swing pricing effect on the NAV for incoming and outgoing investors</u>. Consider a scheme having NAV of Rs 100 and Swing Factor of 1%, the NAV shall be adjusted as below on issue of notification of market dislocation by SEBI:

Swing NAV = Unswung NAV \* (1 – Swing Factor) = Rs. 100 \* (1-0.01) = Rs. 100 \* (0.99) = Rs. 99 If there is any exit load applicable as per scheme

If there is any exit load applicable as per scheme provisions, the same will be applied on swung NAV.

- g) <u>Computation of NAV for purpose of scheme performance</u>: The scheme performance shall be computed based on unswung NAV.
- h) <u>Disclosures pertaining to NAV adjusted for swing factor</u>: Disclosures pertaining to NAV adjusted for swing factor along with the performance impact (in the following format as prescribed by SEBI) shall be made in the SIDs of respective Eligible schemes and in scheme wise Annual Reports and Abridged summary and the same shall be disclosed on the website prominently only if swing pricing framework has been made applicable for the said mutual fund scheme.

## 3. Provisions on creation of Segregated portfolio/Side pocketing

The AMC may create a segregated portfolio of debt and money market instruments in a mutual fund scheme, wherein provisions for creation of segregated portfolios are available in the scheme information document of the scheme, in case of a credit event and to deal with liquidity risk.

In this regard, the term 'segregated portfolio' shall mean a portfolio comprising of debt or money market instrument affected by a credit event, that has been segregated in a mutual fund scheme and the term 'main portfolio' shall mean the scheme portfolio excluding the



segregated portfolio. The term 'total portfolio' shall mean the scheme portfolio including the securities affected by the credit event.

A segregated portfolio may be created in a mutual fund scheme in case of a credit event at issuer level i.e. downgrade in credit rating by a SEBI registered Credit Rating Agency (CRA), as under:

- a. Downgrade of a debt or money market instrument to 'below investment grade', or
- b. Subsequent downgrades of the said instruments from 'below investment grade', or
- c. Similar such downgrades of a loan rating.

In case of difference in rating by multiple CRAs, the most conservative rating shall be considered. Creation of segregated portfolio shall be based on issuer level credit events as detailed above and implemented at the ISIN level.

In case of an unrated debt or money market instruments, Segregated portfolio may be created only in case of actual default of either the interest or principal amount. In such case AMCs shall inform AMFI immediately about the actual default by the issuer. Upon being informed about the default, AMFI shall immediately inform the same to all AMCs. Pursuant to dissemination of information by AMFI about actual default by the issuer, AMCs may segregate the portfolio of debt or money market instruments of the said issuer in terms of Paragraph 4.4 of SEBI Master circular dated May 19, 2023.

## A process for creation of segregated portfolio is as follows:

- 1. The AMC shall decide on creation of segregated portfolio on the day of credit event, as per the process laid down below:
- i. The AMC shall seek approval of Trustees, prior to creation of the segregated portfolio.
- ii. The AMC shall immediately issue a press release disclosing its intention to segregate such debt and money market instrument and its impact on the investors. It shall also be disclosed that the segregation shall be subject to trustee approval. Additionally, the said press release shall be prominently disclosed on the website of the AMC.
- iii. The AMC shall ensure that till the time the trustee approval is received, which in no case shall exceed 1 business day from the day of credit event, the subscription and redemption in the scheme shall be suspended for processing with respect to creation of units and payment on redemptions.
- 2. Upon receipt of approval from Trustees:
- i. Segregated portfolio shall be effective from the day of credit event
- ii. AMC shall issue a press release immediately with all relevant information pertaining to the segregated portfolio. The said information shall also be submitted to SEBI.
- iii. An e-mail or SMS shall be sent to all unit holders of the concerned scheme.
- iv. The NAV of both segregated and main portfolio shall be disclosed from the day of the credit event.
- v. All existing investors in the scheme as on the day of the credit event shall be allotted equal number of units in the segregated portfolio as held in the main portfolio.
- vi. No redemption and subscription shall be allowed in the segregated portfolio. However, in order to facilitate exit to unit holders in segregated portfolio, AMC shall enable listing of units



of segregated portfolio on the recognized stock exchange within 10 working days of creation of segregated portfolio and also enable transfer of such units on receipt of transfer requests.

- 3. If the trustees do not approve the proposal to segregate portfolio, AMC shall issue a press release immediately informing investors of the same.
- 4. Notwithstanding the decision to segregate the debt and money market instrument, the valuation shall take into account the credit event and the portfolio shall be valued based on the principles of fair valuation (i.e. realizable value of the assets) in terms of the relevant provisions of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 and Circular(s) issued thereunder.
- 5. All subscription and redemption requests for which NAV of the day of credit event or subsequent day is applicable will be processed as per the existing circular on applicability of NAV as under:
- a. Upon trustees' approval to create a segregated portfolio:
- i) Investors redeeming their units will get redemption proceeds based on the NAV of main portfolio and will continue to hold the units of segregated portfolio.
- ii) Investors subscribing to the scheme will be allotted units only in the main portfolio based on its NAV.
- b. In case trustees do not approve the proposal of segregated portfolio, subscription and redemption applications will be processed based on the NAV of total portfolio.
- 6. In order to enable the existing as well as the prospective investors to take informed decision, the following shall be adhered to:
- a. A statement of holding indicating the units held by the investors in the segregated portfolio along with the NAV of both segregated portfolio and main portfolio as on the day of the credit event shall be communicated to the investors within 5 working days of creation of the segregated portfolio.
- b. Adequate disclosure of the segregated portfolio shall appear in all scheme related documents, in monthly and half-yearly portfolio disclosures and in the annual report of the mutual fund and the scheme.
- c. The Net Asset Value (NAV) of the segregated portfolio shall be declared on daily basis.
- d. The information regarding number of segregated portfolios created in a scheme shall appear prominently under the name of the scheme at all relevant places such as SID, KIM-cum-Application Form, advertisement, AMC and AMFI websites, etc.
- e. The scheme performance required to be disclosed at various places shall include the impact of creation of segregated portfolio. The scheme performance should clearly reflect the fall in NAV to the extent of the portfolio segregated due to the credit event and the said fall in NAV along with recovery(ies), if any, shall be disclosed as a footnote to the scheme performance.
- f. The disclosures at paragraph (d) and (e) above regarding the segregated portfolio shall be carried out for a period of at least 3 years after the investments in segregated portfolio are fully recovered/ written-off.
- g. The investors of the segregated portfolio shall be duly informed of the recovery proceedings of the investments of the segregated portfolio. Status update may be provided to the investors at the time of recovery and also at the time of writing-off of the segregated securities.



- 7. In order to ensure timely recovery of investments of the segregated portfolio, the Trustees to the fund would continuously monitor the progress and take suitable action as may be required.
- 8. TER for the Segregated Portfolio:
- a. AMC shall not charge investment and advisory fees on the segregated portfolio. However, TER (excluding the investment and advisory fees) can be charged, on a pro-rata basis only upon recovery of the investments in segregated portfolio.
- b. The TER so levied shall not exceed the simple average of such expenses (excluding the investment and advisory fees) charged on daily basis on the main portfolio (in % terms) during the period for which the segregated portfolio was in existence.
- c. The legal charges related to recovery of the investments of the segregated portfolio may be charged to the segregated portfolio in proportion to the amount of recovery. However, the same shall be within the maximum TER limit as applicable to the main portfolio. The legal charges in excess of the TER limits, if any, shall be borne by the AMC.
- d. The costs related to segregated portfolio shall in no case be charged to the main portfolio.
- 9. Monitoring by Trustees

The trustees shall monitor the compliance of provisions of creation of segregated portfolio pursuant to Paragraph 4.4 of SEBI Master Circular dated May 19, 2023, and disclose in the half-yearly trustee reports filed with SEBI, the compliance in respect of every segregated portfolio created.

In case it is established that there has been a misuse of the provision for creation of segregated portfolio or that necessary due diligence has not been done for the security, the Trustees may in consultation with the Board of Directors of the AMC consider reduction in the performance incentive of the Fund Managers, Chief Investment Officer (CIO) and Credit Analyst(s) who are involved in the investment process of securities, which could even include claw back of the incentives.

Illustration of Segregated Portfolio: Portfolio Date: 31-Mar-24 Downgrade Event Date: 31-Mar-24 Downgrade Security: 7.65% Z Ltd from AA+ to B Valuation Marked Down: 25% Mr. X is holding 1000 Units of the Scheme, amounting to (1000\*15.0573) Rs.15,057.35

| Security                  | Rating     | Type of the<br>Security | Quantity  | Price Per<br>Unit (Rs) | Market Value<br>(Rs. in Lacs) |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 7.80% X<br>FINANCE<br>LTD | CRISIL AAA | NCD                     | 32,00,000 | 102.81                 | 3,289.98                      |
| 7.70 % Y LTD              | CRISIL AAA | NCD                     | 32,30,000 | 98.51                  | 3,182.00                      |
| 7.65% Z Ltd               | CRISIL B*  | NCD                     | 32,00,000 | 73.843                 | 2,362.97                      |

Portfolio Before Downgrade Event:



| A Ltd<br>(15/Feb/2020)     | ICRA A1+  | СР                          | 32,00,000 | 98.3641 | 3,147.65 |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|----------|
| 7.65 % AB<br>LTD           | CRISIL AA | NCD                         | 30,00,000 | 98.6757 | 2,960.27 |
| Cash / Cash<br>Equivalents |           |                             |           |         | 114.47   |
|                            |           | Net Assets                  |           |         | 15057.34 |
|                            |           | Unit Capital (no. of units) |           |         | 1000.00  |
|                            |           | NAV (Rs)                    |           |         | 15.0573  |

\* Marked down by 25% on the date of credit event. Before Marked down the security was valued at Rs.98.4570 per unit on the date of credit event i.e. on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, NCD of Z Ltd (7.65%) will be segregated as separate portfolio.

| Security                   | Rating        | Type of the<br>Security    | Quantity Price Pe<br>Unit (Rs) |         | Market Value<br>(Rs. in Lacs) |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| 7.80% X<br>FINANCE<br>LTD  | CRISIL<br>AAA | NCD                        | 32,00,000                      | 102.812 | 3,289.98                      |
| 7.70 % Y<br>LTD            | CRISIL<br>AAA | NCD                        | 32,30,000                      | 98.5139 | 3,182.00                      |
| A Ltd<br>(15/Feb/2020)     | ICRA A1+      | СР                         | 32,00,000                      | 98.3641 | 3,147.65                      |
| 7.65 % AB<br>LTD           | CRISIL<br>AA  | NCD                        | 30,00,000                      | 98.6757 | 2,960.27                      |
| Cash / Cash<br>Equivalents |               |                            |                                |         | 114.47                        |
|                            |               | Net Assets                 |                                |         | 12694.37                      |
|                            |               | Unit Capital (no of units) |                                |         | 1000                          |
|                            |               | NAV (Rs)                   |                                |         | 12.6944                       |

Main Portfolio as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Segregated Portfolio as on 31st March 2024

| Securi | ty Rating | Type of the<br>Security | Quantity |  | Market Value (Rs.<br>in Lacs) |
|--------|-----------|-------------------------|----------|--|-------------------------------|
|--------|-----------|-------------------------|----------|--|-------------------------------|



| 7.65% Z<br>Ltd | CRISIL<br>B* | NCD                        | 32,00,000 | 73.843 | 2,362.97 |
|----------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|
|                |              | Unit Capital (no of units) |           |        | 1000     |
|                |              | NAV (Rs)                   |           | 2.3630 |          |

# Value of Holding of Mr. X after Creation of Segregated Portfolio

|                   | Segregated Portfolio<br>(7.65 % Z Ltd) | Main Portfolio | Total Value (Rs.) |
|-------------------|--|----------------|-------------------|
| No. of units      | 1000                                   | 1000           |                   |
| NAV(Rs.)          | 2.3630                                 | 12.6944        |                   |
| Total Value (Rs.) | 2362.97                                | 12694.33       | 15057.300         |

Investors may also note that the process followed by the AMC/Trust regarding creation of segregated portfolios shall be in accordance with the provisions laid down by SEBI in this regard, from time to time.

# 4. Short selling / stock lending

Short selling refers to selling a stock which the seller does not own at the time of the trade and Stock lending refers to lending of securities to another person or entity for a fixed period of time, at a negotiated compensation in order to enhance returns of the portfolio.

Subject to the SEBI (Mutual Fund) regulations and in accordance with Securities Lending Scheme, 1997, paragraph 12.11 of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Funds dated May 19, 2023 and framework for short selling and borrowing and lending of securities notified by SEBI vide circular No. MRD/DoP/SE/ Dep/Cir – 4/2007 dated December 20, 2007, as may be amended from time to time, the Scheme may engage in short selling of Securities. The scheme may also engage in securities lending; provided however that the Scheme shall not deploy more than 20% of its net assets in securities lending, and a single intermediary exposure shall not exceed 5% of the net assets of the Scheme.

## E. Transaction Charges and Stamp Duty

## Transaction Charges –

In accordance with paragraph 10.5 of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Fund dated May 19, 2023, the AMC/ Fund may deduct a Transaction Charge on per purchase / subscription of Rs. 10,000/- and above, as may be received from new investors (an investor who invests for the first time in any mutual fund schemes) and existing investors.

Investors are requested to note that w.e.f January 1, 2023, PGIM India has stopped deducting transaction charges for investments in Regular Plans, and consequently no transaction charges shall be deducted from the investment amount for transactions / applications received from the distributor (i.e. in Regular Plan) and full subscription amount will be invested in the Scheme.

## Stamp Duty -



Pursuant to Notification No. S.O. 1226(E) and G.S.R. 226(E) dated March 30, 2020 issued by Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, read with Part I of Chapter IV of Notification dated February 21, 2019 issued by Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India on the Finance Act, 2019, a stamp duty @ 0.005% of the transaction value would be levied on applicable mutual fund transactions. The rate and levy of stamp duty may vary as amended from time to time.

# a. Stock Lending by the Mutual Fund

Subject to the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 and the applicable guidelines issued by SEBI, the Mutual Fund may engage in stock lending. Stock lending means the lending of stock to another person or entity for a fixed period of time, at a negotiated compensation. The securities lent will be returned by the borrower on expiry of the stipulated period.

The Investment Manager will apply the following limits, should it desire to engage in Stock Lending:

- a) Not more than 20% of the net assets of a scheme can generally be deployed in Stock Lending;
- b) Not more than 5% of the net assets of a scheme can generally be deployed in Stock Lending to any single counter party.

# b. Borrowing by the Mutual Fund

The Mutual Fund is allowed to borrow to meet the temporary liquidity needs of the schemes for the purpose of repurchase, redemption of units or payment of interest or Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal (IDCW) to the unit holders, provided that the Mutual Fund shall not borrow more than 20% of the net assets of each scheme and the duration of such borrowing shall not exceed a period of six months.

## c. Underwriting by the Mutual Fund

Subject to SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 the Schemes of the Mutual Fund may enter into underwriting agreements after the Mutual Fund obtains a certificate of registration in terms of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Underwriters) Rules and Securities and Exchange Board of India (Underwriters) Regulations, 1993 authorising it to carry on activities as underwriters. The capital adequacy norms for the purpose of underwriting shall be the net assets of the respective Scheme/ Plans and the underwriting obligation of the respective Scheme/ Plans shall not at any time exceed the total net asset value of the respective Scheme/ Plans.

## d. Soft-Dollar Policy

Soft-dollar arrangement refers to an arrangement between asset management companies and brokers in which an asset management company executes trades through a particular broker and in turn the broker provides benefits such as free research, hardware, software or even non-research-related services, etc., to that asset management company. The AMC may, from time to time, have soft dollar arrangements with its brokers and while entering into such arrangements the AMC shall ensure that such arrangements are limited to only benefits (like free research report, etc.) that are in the interest of investors.



# X. DISCLOSURES AND REPORTS BY THE FUND

## 1. Account Statement/Consolidated Account Statement

- An applicant in a scheme whose application has been accepted shall have the option either to receive the statement of accounts or to hold the units in dematerialised form and the asset management company shall issue to such applicant, a statement of accounts specifying the number of units allotted to the applicant or issue units in the dematerialized form as soon as possible but not later than five working days from the date of closure of the initial subscription list or from the date of receipt of the application.
- The unit holders whose valid application for subscription has been accepted by the Fund, a communication specifying the number of units allotted, in the form of an email and/or SMS at the registered email address and/or mobile number.
- Thereafter, a Common Account Statement ('CAS') shall be issued which shall enable a single consolidated view of all the investments of an investor in mutual funds and securities held in demat form with the Depositories. CAS shall contain details relating to all the transactions carried out by the investors across all schemes of all mutual funds during the month and holding at the end of the month.
- The asset management company shall issue units in dematerialized form to a unitholder within two working days of the receipt of request from the unitholder.
- The following shall be applicable with respect to CAS, for unit holders having a Demat Account:-
  - Investors having mutual funds investments and holding securities in Demat account shall receive a CAS from the Depository;
  - CAS shall be issued on the basis of PAN. In case of multiple holding, it shall be PAN of the first holder and pattern of holding. The CAS shall be generated on a monthly basis.
  - If there is any transaction in any of the Demat accounts or in any of the mutual fund folios of the investor, depositories shall send the CAS on or before fifteenth day of the succeeding month. In case there is no transaction in any of the mutual fund folios and demat accounts then CAS with holding details shall be sent to the investor on half yearly basis on or before twenty first day of the succeeding month.
  - Investors will have an option not to receive CAS through the Depository. Investors who do not wish to receive CAS through the Depository can indicate their negative consent to the Depository and such Investors will receive CAS from AMC / the Fund.
- Unit holders who do not have Demat account shall be issued the CAS for each calendar month on or before fifteenth day of the succeeding month in whose folio(s) transaction(s) has/have taken place during the month by physical form or email (wherever the investors have provided the email address). For the purpose of sending CAS, common investors across mutual funds shall be identified by their PAN.



- As the CAS will be issued on the basis of PAN, the Unit holders who have not provided their PAN will not receive CAS.
- Further, the CAS detailing holding across all schemes of all mutual funds at the end of every six months ended September 30 or March 31, shall be sent in physical form/email on or before twenty first day of the succeeding month to all such unit holders in whose folios transactions have not taken place during that period. The half-yearly CAS will be sent by email to the Unitholders whose email is available, unless a specific request is made to receive in physical.
- In case of a specific request received from the Unitholders, the AMC will provide the account statement to the Unitholder within 5 Business Days from the receipt of such request.

Pursuant to paragraph 14.3.3.4 of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Fund dated May 19, 2023-

a. Each CAS issued to the investors shall also provide the total purchase value / cost of investment in each scheme.

b. Further, CAS issued for the half-year (ended September/ March) shall also provide:

- i. The amount of actual commission paid by AMCs/Mutual Funds (MFs) to the distributor in absolute terms during the half-year period against the concerned investor's total investments in each MF scheme. The commission paid to Distributors is the gross commission and does not exclude costs incurred by distributors such as GST (wherever applicable, as per existing rates), operating expenses, etc. The term \_commission refers to all direct monetary payments and other payments made in the form of gifts / rewards, trips, event sponsorships etc. by AMCs/MFs to distributors.
- ii. The scheme's average Total Expense Ratio (in percentage terms) for the half-year period for each schemes applicable plan (regular or direct or both) where the concerned investor has actually invested in.

## 2. Half Yearly Disclosures/Portfolio Disclosures/Financial Results

The AMC, shall disclose portfolio (along with ISIN) in a user friendly & downloadable spreadsheet format, as on the last day of the month/half year for the scheme(s) on its website www.pgimindiamf.com and on the website of AMFI www.amfiindia.com within 10 days from the close of each month/half year.

In case of unitholders whose email addresses are registered with, PGIM India Mutual Fund shall send via email both the monthly and half yearly statement of scheme portfolio within 10 days from the close of each month /half year respectively.

The AMC shall publish an advertisement every half-year, in the all India edition of at least two daily newspapers, one each in English and Hindi, disclosing the hosting of the half yearly statement of the schemes portfolio on the AMC's website www.pgimindiamf.com. and on the website of AMFI (www.amfiindia.com). The AMC shall provide physical copy of the statement of scheme portfolio without any cost, on specific request received from a unitholder.



# 3. Half Yearly Results

The Mutual Fund shall within one month of the close of each half year i.e., 31st March and 30<sup>th</sup> September, upload the soft copy of its unaudited financial results containing the details specified in Regulation 59 on its website and shall publish an advertisement disclosing uploading of such financial results on its website, in one English newspaper having nationwide circulation and in one regional newspaper circulating in the region where the head office of the Mutual Fund is situated. This shall also be displayed on the website of AMFI.

# 4. Annual Report

The Scheme wise annual report or an abridged summary thereof shall be provided to all Unit holders not later than four months (or such other period as may be specified by SEBI from time to time) from the date of closure of the relevant accounting year (i.e., 31st March each year). Scheme wise annual report shall be displayed on the website of the AMC (www.pgimindiamf.com) and Association of Mutual Funds in India (www.amfiindia.com).

In case of unitholders whose email addresses are available with the Mutual Fund, the scheme annual reports or abridged summary would be sent only by email. Unitholders whose email addresses are not available with the Mutual Fund will have an option of receiving a physical copy of scheme annual reports or abridged summary by post/courier. The AMC shall provide a physical copy of scheme annual report or abridged summary without charging any cost, upon receipt of a specific request from the unitholders, irrespective of registration of their email addresses. Physical copies of annual report will also be available to unitholders at the registered office at all times. The full annual report shall be available for inspection at the Head Office of the Mutual Fund and a copy shall be made available to the Unit holders on request on payment of nominal fees, if any.

The AMC shall publish an advertisement every year, in the all India edition of at least two daily newspapers, one each in English and Hindi, disclosing the hosting of the scheme wise annual report on the AMC website (www.pgimindiamf.com) and on the website of AMFI (www.amfiindia.com).

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Statement of Additional Information, the provisions of the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 and the guidelines thereunder shall be applicable.

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