

A summary of the key changes is provided below:

- **Foreign entity:** The concepts of joint venture (“JV”) and wholly owned subsidiary (“WOS”) is now replaced by the term “foreign entity”. Previously, financial commitment to or on behalf of the Indian party’s JV or WOS was permitted, subject to compliance with certain conditions. The new ODI regime now permits operations in India by foreign entities, i.e., entities formed, registered or incorporated outside India, including in the International Financial Service Centre (the “IFSC”) in India, with limited liability.
- **Application of pricing guidelines:** Previously, a valuation of shares was required prior to any transfer of shares, partial or full acquisition of a foreign entity, etc. This position has changed under the new ODI regime such that the price used should be determined on an arm’s length basis after taking into consideration the valuation as per any internationally accepted pricing methodology.
- **Layering of subsidiaries:** Indian parties were previously not permitted to (i) set up Indian subsidiaries through its foreign JV or WOS or (ii) invest in a foreign JV or WOS that had any direct or indirect investment in India. This restriction has now been liberalized and under the ODI Rules, and a person resident in India may make financial commitment in a foreign entity that has invested or invests into India, provided that such structure does not result in more than two layers of subsidiaries.
- **Provision of guarantees:** Under the new ODI regime, an Indian party can now provide a guarantee to or on behalf of a second or subsequent level step-down subsidiary in which the Indian entity has acquired control through the foreign entity, without the need to first obtain government approvals. Earlier, such a guarantee required prior RBI approval.
- **Deferred consideration:** Under the new ODI regime, Indian parties are now permitted to acquire equity capital (by way of subscription to an issue or by way of purchase from a person resident outside India) wherein the payment of consideration for equity capital acquired may be deferred for a definite period as provided in the agreement, provided that the foreign securities shall be issued / transferred and valuation of consideration is done upfront and included in the agreement. Earlier, such deferred consideration arrangement required prior approval.
- **Overseas investment in strategic sectors:** Previously, there was no official guidance for investment in strategic sectors. Under the new ODI regime, Indian parties are now clearly permitted to make overseas investments in limited liability and unincorporated entities engaged in energy and natural resource sectors (e.g., oil, gas and coal start-ups, etc.) after ensuring that the investing Indian entity has obtained any requisite permissions from the relevant government authorities.
- **Investment by Indian entity in overseas entity engaged in financial services activity:** Under the new ODI regime, an Indian entity not engaged in financial services activity in India may make overseas investments in foreign entities which are directly or indirectly engaged in financial services activity (except banking or insurance), subject to compliance with certain conditions. Previously, such investment was prohibited.
- **The new ODI regime now permits various overseas investment related transactions under the automatic route that previously required governmental approvals (such as non-financial services entity investing in foreign entity engaged in financial services, investments in IFSC, transfer/ disinvestment, restructuring of balance sheet of foreign entity, among other things).**

#### **External Commercial Borrowings**

In December 2018, the RBI notified the Foreign Exchange Management (Borrowing and Lending) Regulations, 2018 (the “**New ECB Regulations**”), superseding the earlier framework that applied to External Commercial Borrowings.

Under the New ECB Regulations, eligible borrowers are allowed to raise funds through their authorized dealer banks, without approaching the RBI for approval, as long as the borrowing is in conformity with the prescribed parameters of the regulations. The RBI announced, in its press release dated July 6, 2022, its decision to temporarily increase the limit for such borrowings from US\$ 750 million, or its equivalent per financial year, to US\$ 1.5 billion. The above dispensation was made available up to December 31, 2022.

#### **Taxation**

The following summary is based on the law and practice of the Indian Income-tax Act, 1961, including the special tax regime contained in Sections 115AC and 115ACA of the Income-tax Act, 1961, read with the 2014 Scheme. The Income-tax Act, 1961 is amended every year by the Finance Act of the relevant year. Some or all of the tax consequences of Sections 115AC and 115ACA may be amended or changed by future amendments to the Income-tax Act, 1961.

We believe this information is materially complete as of the date hereof, however, this summary is not intended to constitute a complete analysis of the individual tax consequences to non-resident holders or employees under Indian law for the acquisition, ownership and sale of ADSs and equity shares.

**Residence:** For purposes of the Income-tax Act, 1961, an individual is considered to be a resident of India during any fiscal year if he or she is in India in that year for:

- a period or periods amounting to 182 days or more; or
- 60 days or more and, within the four preceding years has been in India for a period or periods amounting to 365 days or more.

Per the Finance Act, 2020, an Indian citizen who is not liable to tax in any other country or territory shall be deemed to be resident in India subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. This amendment is effective from April 1, 2021.

The period of 60 days referred to above shall be read as 182 days (i) in case of a citizen of India who leaves India in a fiscal year for the purposes of employment outside of India or (ii) in case of a citizen of India or a person of Indian origin living abroad who visits India and within the four preceding years has been in India for a period or periods amounting to 365 days or more. Pursuant to the Finance Act, 2020, an amendment is enacted in clause (b) of Explanation 1 of Subsection (1) to Section 6 whereby, for a citizen of India or a person of Indian origin visiting India, the period of 60 days or more is extended to 120 days or more, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions.

A company is a resident of India if it is incorporated in India or its place of effective management is in India during the year.

**Taxation of Distributions:** Prior to the Finance Act, 2020, companies paying a dividend were liable to pay the dividend distribution tax on the amount distributed as dividend and in certain circumstances where the dividend income was taxable in the hands of resident assessee, with few exceptions. The Finance Act, 2020 has abolished the dividend distribution tax, effective beginning the financial year commencing on April 1, 2020. This will have the effect of reducing the tax burden on such companies and the burden of tax payment will shift to the shareholder at the shareholder's applicable rate of tax. As per the current provisions, companies are liable to deduct tax at the source on dividends distributed to shareholders, both resident and non-resident, if the dividend is distributed beyond a certain threshold or due to non-submission of certain documents by the shareholder. Any distributions of additional ADSs or equity shares to resident or non-resident holders will not be subject to tax under the Income-tax Act, 1961.

**Taxation of Capital Gains:** The following is a brief summary of capital gains taxation of non-resident and resident holders in respect of the sale of ADSs and equity shares received upon redemption of ADSs. The relevant provisions are contained mainly in Sections 45, 47(vii)(a), 115AC and 115ACA, of the Income-tax Act, in conjunction with the 2014 Scheme. Gains realized upon the sale of ADSs and listed shares that have been held for a period of more than twenty-four months and twelve months, respectively, are considered long-term capital gains. Gains realized upon the sale of ADSs and shares that have been held for a period of twenty-four months or less and twelve months or less, respectively, are considered short term capital gains. Capital gains are taxed as follows:

- Gains from a sale of ADSs outside India, by a non-resident to another non-resident are not taxable in India.
- Long-term capital gains realized by a resident holder from the transfer of the ADSs will be subject to tax at the rate of 10%. Short-term capital gains on such a transfer as per the provisions of the Income-tax Act will be taxed at graduated rates with a maximum of 30%.
- Long-term capital gains realized by a non-resident upon the sale of equity shares obtained through the redemption of ADSs, or settlement of such sale being made off a recognized stock exchange, are subject to tax at a rate of 10% as per the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961.
- Long-term capital gains realized by a non-resident upon the sale of equity shares obtained through the redemption of ADSs, or settlement of such sale being made on a recognized stock exchange, is exempt from tax for sale executed before March 31, 2018 and the short-term capital gains on such sale will be taxed at 15%. An additional tax called "Securities Transaction Tax", or "STT" (as defined and described in further detail below) will be levied at the time of settlement. Finance Act 2018 has introduced a new section "112A" effective April 01, 2018—Long-term capital gains on such sale executed from April 1, 2018 will be taxable, subject to a threshold exemption of 100,000. However, the cost of acquisition would be taken as higher of actual cost and prevailing price as of January 31, 2018 (prevailing price would be restricted to the actual sale price if lower than the prevailing price as of January 31, 2018).

The Finance Act, 2015 amended the law to compute the holding period of capital asset being share or shares of a company, acquired by a non-resident on redemption of GDR, from the date on which a request for redemption was made.

- In addition to the above, a surcharge as set forth below and an additional surcharge called "Health and Education Cess" of 4% (effective financial year commencing April 1, 2018) is levied as follows:

Category of person	Net Income Range (in )	Surcharge rate for FY 2022-23
Individual/HUF/AOP/BOI/artificial Juridical Person	0-5 million	Nil
	5 million - 10 million	10%
	10 million - 20 million	15%
	20 million - 50 million	25%
	50 million - 100 million	37%
	Above 100 million	
Firms/Co-operative Society/Local Authority	0-10 million	Nil
	Above 10 million	12% (7% from FY 2022-23)
Domestic Company	0 - 10 million	Nil
	10 million - 100 million	7%
	Above 100 million	12% (rate is 10% for Companies opting for section 115BAA)
Foreign Company	0 - 10 million	Nil
	10 million - 100 million	2%
	Above 100 million	5%

- The above rates may be reduced by the applicable tax treaty in case of non-residents. The capital gains tax is computed by applying the appropriate tax rates to the difference between the sale price and the purchase price of the equity shares or ADSs. In the case of employees who receive shares allotted as part of a company's stock option plan, the purchase price shall be the fair market value which has been taken into account for the purpose of computing the perquisite on salaries. In 1992, the government allowed established Indian companies to issue FCCB. Effective April 2008, the conversion of FCCBs into shares or debentures of any company shall not be treated as a 'transfer' and consequently will not be subject to capital gains tax upon conversion. Further, the cost of acquisition of the shares received upon conversion of the bond shall be the price at which the corresponding bond was acquired.
- Any gain realized by a non-resident or resident employee on the sale of equity shares is subject to Indian capital gains tax, which, in the case of a non-resident is to be withheld at the source by the buyer. However, as per the provisions of Section 196D(2) of the Income-tax Act, 1961, no withholding tax is required to be deducted by way of capital gains arising to Foreign Institutional Investors as defined in Section 115AD of the Income-tax Act, 1961 on the transfer of securities as defined in Section 115AD of the Income-tax Act, 1961.

The value of shares/securities allotted under any employee stock option plan is treated as a perquisite in the hands of employees and will be taxed accordingly. The tax rate will vary from employee to employee, with a maximum of 42.74% (subject to the prevailing tax rate slab) on the perquisite value. The perquisite value is calculated as the difference between the fair market value of the share / security on the date of exercise minus the exercise price.

According to the 2014 Scheme, a non-resident holder's holding period for the purposes of determining the applicable capital gains tax rate under the Income-tax Act, 1961, in respect of equity shares received in exchange for ADSs commences on the date of notice of the redemption by the depository to the custodian. For purposes of determining the holding period for a resident employee, the holding period starts from the date of allotment of such assets. Capital gains derived from the sale of subscription rights or other rights by a non-resident holder not entitled to an exemption under a tax treaty will be subject to Indian capital gains tax as per the domestic income tax law. If such subscription rights or other rights are deemed by the Indian tax authorities to be situated within India, the gains realized on the sale of such subscription rights or other rights will be subject to Indian taxation. The capital gains realized on the sale of such subscription rights or other rights, which will generally be in the nature of short term capital gains, will be subject to tax at variable rates with a maximum rate of 40% in the case of foreign companies and at graduated rate with a maximum of 30%, in the case of resident employees and non-resident individuals. In addition to this, there will be a surcharge levied and an additional surcharge called "Health and Education Cess" of 4% in addition to the above tax and surcharge will be levied (Refer to table above for surcharge rates).

As per Section 55(2) of the Income-tax Act, 1961, the cost of any share (commonly called a "bonus share") allotted to any shareholder without any payment and on the basis of such shareholder's share holdings, shall be nil. The holding period of bonus shares for the purpose of determining the nature of capital gains shall commence on the date of allotment of such shares by the company.

**Securities Transaction Tax:** In respect of a sale and purchase of equity shares entered into on a recognized stock exchange, (i) both the buyer and seller are required to each pay a Securities Transaction Tax ("STT"), at the prescribed rates on the transaction value of the securities, if a transaction is a delivery based transaction (i.e., the transaction involves actual delivery or transfer of shares); and (ii) the seller of the shares is required to pay a STT at the prescribed rates on the transaction value of the securities, if the transaction is a non-delivery based transaction, i.e., a transaction settled without taking delivery of the shares. The STT rates are as follows:

<b>Taxable securities transaction</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Payable by</b>
Purchase of an equity share in a company where— (a) the transaction of such purchase is entered into in a ) recognized stock exchange; and (b) the contract for the purchase of such share is settled by ) the actual delivery or transfer of such share.	0.1%	Purchaser
Sale of an equity share in a company where— (a) the transaction of such sale is entered into in ) recognized stock exchange; and (b) the contract for the sale of such share is settled by the ) actual delivery or transfer of such share.	0.1%	Seller
Sale of a unit of an equity-oriented fund, where— (a) the transaction of such sale is entered into in a ) recognized stock exchange; and (b) the contract for the sale of such unit is settled by the ) actual delivery or transfer of such unit.	0.001%	Seller
Sale of an equity share in a company or a unit of an equity-oriented fund, where— (a) the transaction of such sale is entered into in a ) recognized stock exchange; and (b) the contract for the sale of such share or unit is settled ) otherwise than by the actual delivery or transfer of such share or unit.	0.025%	Seller
(a) Sale of an option in securities	0.021%	Seller
(b) Sale of an option in securities, where option is ) exercised	0.125%	Purchaser
(c) Sale of a futures in securities	0.0125%	Seller
Sale of a unit of an equity-oriented fund to the Mutual Fund.	0.001%	Seller

**Goods and Service Tax:** Brokerage or commission paid to stockbrokers in connection with the sale or purchase of shares is subject to levy of the Goods and Services Tax at an effective rate of 18%.

**Buyback of Securities:** Finance (No. 2) Act, 2019 extended the provisions of Section 115QA of the Income-tax Act, 1961 for buyback of shares, which were initially applicable only to unlisted companies, to the buyback of shares by listed companies. The Finance Act, 2013 levied a tax of 20% against the company for consideration paid to shareholders (in excess of the initial subscription amount) towards buyback of shares by an unlisted company under 115QA of the Income-tax Act, 1961. Pursuant to Finance (No. 2) Act, 2019, a company shall be liable for additional income tax on the distributed income for every buyback of shares, which will result in additional cash outflow. Currently, the rate of tax on buyback of shares is 20% (plus surcharge and cess).

**Stamp Duty and Transfer Tax:** Upon issuance of the equity shares underlying our ADSs, companies will be required to pay a stamp duty of 0.1% per share of the issue price of the underlying equity shares. A transfer of ADSs is not subject to Indian stamp duty. However, upon the acquisition of equity shares from the depository in exchange for ADSs, the non-resident holder will be liable for Indian stamp duty at the rate of 0.25% of the market value of the ADSs or equity shares exchanged. A sale of equity shares by a non-resident holder will also be subject to Indian stamp duty at the rate of 0.25% of the market value of the equity shares on the trade date, although customarily such tax is borne by the transferee. Shares must be traded in dematerialized form. The transfer of shares in dematerialized form is currently not subject to stamp duty.

**Gift Tax:** The Finance Act, 2017, inserted provisions related to tax on the receipts of any sum of money, by any person either without consideration or for an inadequate consideration for value exceeding 50,000 (Stamp duty value in case of immovable property) during the year. The same is exempt from tax if it is received from any relative, occasion of marriage, under a will or by way of inheritance, or in contemplation of death of the payer or donor.

**General Anti Avoidance Rule (“GAAR”):** The GAAR provisions to deal with the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development’s Base Erosion and Profit Shifting project, of which India is an active participant, were applicable from fiscal year 2018. Pursuant to GAAR, an arrangement in which the main purpose, or one of the main purposes, is to obtain a tax benefit and may be declared as an “impermissible avoidance arrangement” if it also satisfies at least one of the following four tests. If any of our transactions are found to be impermissible avoidance arrangements under GAAR, our business, financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected.

- The arrangement creates rights and obligations, which are not normally created between parties dealing at arm’s length.
- It results in misuse or abuse of provisions of tax laws.
- It lacks commercial substance or is deemed to lack commercial substance.
- It is carried out in a manner, which is normally not employed for a bona fide purpose.

**Minimum Alternative Tax:** From April 1, 2012 onwards, income arising out of any business carried on in a Special Economic Zone as a developer or unit along with regular income is subject to MAT. Any tax paid under MAT, will be eligible for adjustment against regular income tax liability computed under the Income-tax Act, 1961 for the following fifteen years as MAT credit. The rate of tax under MAT provisions is 17.47%. In the financial year ended March 31, 2020, the GoI amended the Income-tax Act, 1961 through The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Act, 2019, providing an option to pay a lower rate of tax of 22% (plus surcharge and cess) by foregoing all the deductions available under Chapter VI-A and other profit-linked deductions as prescribed in the Income-tax Act, 1961. This option, once exercised, is irrevocable and the corresponding MAT credit available will lapse. In the future, if a company opts for this lower rate of tax, this may lead to increase in tax outflow and the MAT credit available to the company will lapse.

**Advance Pricing Agreements (“APAs”):** The Company has concluded APAs in multiple jurisdictions in order to bring more predictability to the Company’s tax obligations in respect of its overseas operations. Any material changes to the critical assumptions underlying these APAs may have impact on taxes. Further, when these APAs expire, there is no certainty that they will be renewed. If renewed, there is no certainty as to whether they will be on the same terms.

**Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (“BEPS”):** The Company operates in various countries and any change in tax rates or tax laws of any country could have impact on taxes. There may be changes in tax rates in some countries as a result of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development’s Pillar Two Blueprint of the Inclusive Framework on BEPS which has an objective of having a global minimum tax rate. Further, the US has proposed some significant changes in tax policies as part of the “Made in America” tax plan. The tax proposals include an increase in corporate tax rates from 21% to 28%. There are also proposals related to global minimum tax, reducing profit shifting, minimum book profit tax, among other things. The impact on our tax cost will depend upon the proposals that will be incorporated into the final bill. There could be other changes in international tax laws and practices as a result of other pillars of BEPS (including tax on digital services) which may potentially impact our tax cost.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS WITH RESPECT TO INDIAN AND THEIR LOCAL TAX CONSEQUENCES OF ACQUIRING, OWNING OR DISPOSING OF EQUITY SHARES OR ADSs.

#### **Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences**

The following is a summary of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences that may be relevant with respect to the ownership and disposition of equity shares or ADSs and is for general information only. This summary addresses the U.S. federal income tax considerations of U.S. holders. For purposes of this discussion, “U.S. holders” are (a) individuals who are citizens or residents of the United States, (b) corporations (or other entities treated as corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or therein, (c) estates, the income of which is includable in gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes, regardless of its source and (d) trusts having a valid election to be treated as “United States persons” (within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”) in effect under U.S. Treasury Regulations or the administration of which a U.S. court exercises primary supervision and with respect to which a United States person has the authority to control all substantial decisions.

This summary is limited to U.S. holders who hold or will hold equity shares or ADSs as capital assets. In addition, this summary is limited to U.S. holders who are not residents in India for purposes of the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the GoI for the avoidance of Double Taxation and the prevention of Fiscal Evasion (the “Convention”) with respect to taxes on income. If a partnership holds the equity shares or ADSs, the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend upon the status of the partner and upon the activities of the partnership. A partner in a partnership holding equity shares or ADSs should consult its own tax advisor.

This summary does not address any tax considerations arising under the laws of any U.S. state or local or foreign jurisdiction, or tax considerations under any U.S. non-income tax laws. In addition, this summary does not address tax considerations applicable to holders that may be subject to special tax rules, such as banks, insurance companies, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, financial institutions, dealers in securities or currencies, tax-exempt entities, persons liable for alternative minimum tax, persons that will hold equity shares or ADSs as a position in a “straddle” or as part of a “hedging” or “conversion” transaction for tax purposes, persons holding ADSs or equity shares through partnerships or other pass-through entities, persons that have a “functional currency” other than the U.S. dollar or holders of 10% or more, by voting power or value, of the shares of our company. This summary is based on the Code, U.S. Treasury Regulations in effect or, in some cases, proposed, as of the date of this document, as well as judicial and administrative interpretations thereof available on or before such date and is based in part on the assumption that each obligation in the Deposit Agreement and any related agreement will be performed in accordance with its terms. All of the foregoing is subject to change, which could apply retroactively and could affect the tax consequences described below.

EACH PROSPECTIVE INVESTOR SHOULD CONSULT ITS OWN TAX ADVISOR WITH RESPECT TO THE U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND FOREIGN TAX CONSEQUENCES OF ACQUIRING, OWNING OR DISPOSING OF EQUITY SHARES OR ADSs.

**Ownership of ADSs:** For U.S. federal income tax purposes, holders of ADSs generally will be treated as the owners of equity shares represented by such ADSs. Accordingly, the conversion of ADSs into equity shares generally will not be subject to United States federal income tax.

**Dividends:** The gross amount of any distributions of cash or property (other than, generally, distributions of our equity shares) with respect to equity shares or ADSs will generally be included in income by a U.S. holder as foreign source dividend income at the time of receipt, which in the case of a U.S. holder of ADSs generally should be the date of receipt by the depository, to the extent such distributions are made from the current or accumulated earnings and profits (as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles) of our company. Such dividends will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction (“DRD”) generally allowed to corporate U.S. holders, other than certain corporate U.S. holders who own 10% or more of us. 10% corporate U.S. holders should consult their tax advisors regarding any DRD to which they are entitled. To the extent, if any, that the amount of any distribution by our company exceeds our company’s current or accumulated earnings and profits as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles, such excess will be treated first as a tax-free return of capital to the extent of the U.S. holder’s tax basis in the equity shares or ADSs and thereafter as capital gain. However, because we do not intend to determine our earnings and profits under U.S. federal income tax principles, any distribution will generally be treated as a dividend for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Subject to certain conditions and limitations, including the passive foreign investment company rules described below, dividends paid to non-corporate U.S. holders, including individuals, may be eligible for a reduced rate of taxation if we are deemed to be a “qualified foreign corporation” for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

A qualified foreign corporation generally includes a foreign corporation (1) with respect to any dividend it pays on its shares (or ADSs in respect of such shares) that are readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States, or (2) it is eligible for the benefits under a comprehensive income tax treaty with the United States which the U.S. Treasury Secretary determines is satisfactory and which includes an exchange of information program. In addition, a corporation is not a qualified foreign corporation if it is a passive foreign investment company (as discussed below) for the taxable year in which the dividend is paid or the preceding taxable year. Our ADSs are traded on the NYSE, an established securities market in the United States as identified by Internal Revenue Service guidance. We may also be eligible for benefits under the Convention.

EACH U.S. HOLDER SHOULD CONSULT ITS OWN TAX ADVISOR REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF DIVIDENDS AND SUCH HOLDER’S ELIGIBILITY FOR REDUCED RATE OF TAXATION UNDER THE LAW IN EFFECT FOR THE YEAR OF THE DIVIDEND.



Subject to certain conditions and limitations, Indian dividend withholding tax, if any, imposed upon distributions paid to a U.S. holder with respect to such holder's equity shares or ADSs generally should be eligible for credit against the U.S. holder's U.S. federal income tax liability. Alternatively, a U.S. holder may claim a deduction for such amount, but only for a year in which a U.S. holder does not claim a credit with respect to any foreign income taxes. The overall limitation on foreign taxes eligible for credit is calculated separately with respect to specific classes of income. For this purpose, distributions on equity shares or ADSs will be income from sources outside the United States and will generally be "passive category income" for purposes of computing the United States foreign tax credit allowable to a U.S. holder. No foreign tax credit or deduction is allowed for taxes paid or accrued with respect to a dividend that qualifies for the DRD. If dividends are paid in Indian rupees, the amount of the dividend distribution included in the income of a U.S. holder will be in the U.S. dollar value of the payments made in Indian rupees, determined at a spot exchange rate between Indian rupees and U.S. dollars applicable to the date such dividend is included in the income of the U.S. holder, regardless of whether the payment is in fact converted into U.S. dollars. Generally, gain or loss, if any, resulting from currency exchange fluctuations during the period from the date the dividend is paid to the date such payment is converted into U.S. dollars will be treated as U.S. source ordinary income or loss.

**Sale or Exchange of Equity Shares or ADSs:** A U.S. holder generally will recognize gain or loss on the sale or exchange of equity shares or ADSs equal to the difference between the amount realized on such sale or exchange and the U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in the equity shares or ADSs, as the case may be. Subject to the "Passive Foreign Investment Company" discussion below, such gain or loss will be capital gain or loss, and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the equity shares or ADSs, as the case may be, were held for more than one year. Gain or loss, if any, recognized by a U.S. holder generally will be treated as U.S. source passive category income or loss for U.S. foreign tax credit purposes. Capital gains realized by a U.S. holder upon sale of equity shares (but not ADSs) may be subject to tax in India, including withholding tax. See the "Taxation of Distributions" and "Taxation of Capital Gains" discussion above. Due to limitations on foreign tax credits, however, a U.S. holder may not be able to utilize any such taxes as a credit against the U.S. holder's federal income tax liability.

**Backup Withholding Tax and Information Reporting:** Any dividends paid, or proceeds on a sale of, equity shares or ADSs to or by a U.S. holder may be subject to U.S. information reporting, and backup withholding, currently at a rate of 24%, may apply unless the holder is an exempt recipient or provides such holder's correct U.S. taxpayer identification number, certifies that such holder is not subject to backup withholding and otherwise complies with any applicable backup withholding requirements. Any amount withheld under the backup withholding rules may be allowed as a refund or credit against the holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

**Estate taxes:** An individual U.S. holder will have the value of the equity shares or ADSs held by such holder included in his or her gross estate for U.S. federal estate tax purposes. An individual holder who actually pays Indian estate tax with respect to the equity shares may, however, be entitled to credit the amount of such tax against his or her U.S. federal estate tax liability, subject to a number of conditions and limitations.

**Additional Tax on Net Investment Income:** U.S. holders that are individuals, estates or trusts and whose income exceeds certain thresholds are subject to a 3.8% tax on certain net investment income, including, among other things, dividends on, and capital gains from the sale or other taxable disposition of, equity shares or ADSs, subject to certain limitations and exceptions.

**Impact of OECD Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 recommendation:** Notably, in July and October 2021, the OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework set out the general rules for redefined jurisdictional taxation rights and a global minimum tax. In December 2022, the EU member states voted unanimously to adopt a directive implementing the Pillar 2 (global minimum tax) rules, giving member states until December 31, 2023 to implement the directive into national legislation. The OECD expects that the implementation of these new principles will begin globally in 2024. India is one of the 137 jurisdictions that has agreed, in principle, to the adoption of the global minimum tax rate. As the Two Pillar solution is subject to implementation by each member country, the timing and ultimate impact of any such changes on our tax obligations and increase in our effective tax rate is uncertain.

**Impact of the Inflation Reduction Act in the US:** The Inflation Reduction Act (the "IRA") was recently enacted into federal law in the US, and includes a provision to implement a 15% corporate alternative minimum tax on "adjusted financial statement income" for "applicable corporations" and a 1% excise tax on repurchases of stock. The Company continues to evaluate the provisions of the IRA, but does not currently expect the IRA to have a material impact on our financial position.

**Passive Foreign Investment Company:** A non-U.S. corporation will be classified as a passive foreign investment company for any taxable year for U.S. federal income tax purposes if either:

- 75% or more of its gross income for the taxable year is passive income; or
- on average for the taxable year by value, or, if it is not a publicly traded corporation and so elects or is a controlled foreign corporation, by adjusted basis, if 50% or more of its assets produce or are held for the production of passive income.



We do not believe that we satisfy either of the tests for passive foreign investment company status for the taxable year ended March 31, 2023. However, because this determination is made on an annual basis and depends on a variety of factors (including the value of our ADSs), no assurance can be given that we were not considered a passive foreign investment company in a prior taxable year, or that we will not be considered a passive foreign investment company for the current taxable year and/or future taxable years. If we were to be a passive foreign investment company for any taxable year, U.S. holders would be required to either:

- pay an interest charge together with tax calculated at ordinary income rates on “excess distributions,” as the term is defined in relevant provisions of U.S. tax laws, and on any gain on a sale or other disposition of ADSs or equity shares;
- if an election is made for us to be a “qualified electing fund” (as the term is defined in relevant provisions of the U.S. tax laws), include in their taxable income their pro rata share of undistributed amounts of our income; or
- if the equity shares are “marketable” and a mark-to-market election is made, mark-to-market the equity shares each taxable year and recognize ordinary gain and, to the extent of prior ordinary gain, ordinary loss for the increase or decrease in market value for such taxable year.

If we are treated as a passive foreign investment company, we do not plan to provide information necessary for the qualified electing fund election.

If we are treated as a passive foreign investment company for any taxable year during which a U.S. holder holds the ADSs or equity shares, we will continue to be treated as a passive foreign investment company with respect to such U.S. holder for all succeeding years during which the U.S. holder holds the ADSs or equity shares, unless we were to cease to be a passive foreign investment company and the U.S. holder makes a “deemed sale” election with respect to the ADSs or equity shares.

In addition, certain information reporting obligations may apply to U.S. holders if we are determined to be a passive foreign investment company.

THE ABOVE SUMMARY IS NOT INTENDED TO BE A COMPLETE ANALYSIS OF ALL TAX CONSEQUENCES RELATING TO OWNERSHIP OF EQUITY SHARES OR ADSs. YOU SHOULD CONSULT WITH YOUR OWN TAX ADVISORS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAWS TO YOUR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES, AS WELL AS ANY ADDITIONAL TAX CONSEQUENCES RESULTING FROM AN INVESTMENT IN THE ADSs OR EQUITY SHARES, INCLUDING THE APPLICABILITY AND EFFECT OF THE TAX LAWS OF ANY STATE, LOCAL OR NON-U.S. JURISDICTION, AND ANY ESTATE, GIFT AND INHERITANCE LAWS.

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The SEC maintains a website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding registrants that make electronic filings with the SEC using its EDGAR system.

Additionally, documents referred to in this Form 20-F may be inspected at our corporate offices which are located at Doddakannelli, Sarjapur Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka, 560035, India.

#### **Subsidiary Information.**

For details of our subsidiaries, please refer to Note 32 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.