



EQUITAS HOLDINGS LIMITED

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the 12th Annual General Meeting of Equitas Holdings Limited will be held on Friday, August 02, 2019 at 4.30 p.m. at Sri Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha, Vani Mahal, 103, G N Chetty Road, T.Nagar, Chennai - 600 017 to transact the following business:

ORDINARY BUSINESS

Item No. 1 Adoption of Financial Statements

To consider and if thought fit, to pass, with or without modification(s), the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

"RESOLVED that the Board's Report, the Statement of Profit and Loss and the Cash Flow Statement for the Financial Year ended March 31, 2019 and the Balance Sheet as at that date, including the Consolidated Financial Statements, together with the Independent Auditors' Report thereon be and are hereby considered, approved and adopted".

Item No. 2 To appoint a Director in place of Mr Bhaskar S (DIN 00010000), who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment

To consider and if thought fit, to pass, with or without modification(s), the following resolution as an **Ordinary Resolution**:

"RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 152 of the Companies Act 2013 and other applicable provisions, if any, Mr Bhaskar S (DIN 00010000), who retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment, be and is hereby re-appointed as a Director of the Company liable to retire by rotation."

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Item No. 3 Re-appointment of Ms Jayshree Ashwinkumar Vyas (DIN 00584392) as Independent Director

To consider and if thought fit, to pass with or without modification(s), the following resolution as a **Special Resolution**:

"RESOLVED that, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 149, 152 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act"), Rules made thereunder read with Schedule IV to the Act and applicable provisions of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations") and Articles of Association of the Company, Ms Jayshree Ashwinkumar Vyas (DIN 00584392), who was appointed as an Independent Director at the eighth Annual General Meeting of the Company and who holds office upto November 11, 2019 and who is eligible for re-appointment and meets the criteria for independence as provided under Section 149 of the Act along with the rules framed thereunder and Regulation 16(1)(b) of SEBI Listing Regulations, be and is hereby re-appointed as an Independent Director of the Company, not liable to retire by rotation, for a period of five years with effect from November 12, 2019 at such remuneration (including commission) as may be determined by the Company from time to time."

By Order of the Board of Directors
For Equitas Holdings Limited

Deepti R

Company Secretary
Membership No. A35488

Place: Chennai
Date: May 10, 2019

NOTES:

1. Explanatory Statement pursuant to Section 102 (1) of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") relating to Special Business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM" or "Meeting") is annexed hereto.
2. **A MEMBER ENTITLED TO ATTEND AND VOTE AT THE AGM OF THE COMPANY IS ENTITLED TO APPOINT A PROXY TO ATTEND AND VOTE ON A POLL INSTEAD OF HIMSELF AND THE PROXY NEED NOT BE A MEMBER.** Pursuant to the provisions of Section 105 of the Act, a person can act as a proxy on behalf of not more than fifty Members and holding in aggregate not more than ten percent of the total Share Capital of the Company. Any Member holding more than ten percent of the total Share Capital of the Company may appoint a single person as proxy, who shall not act as a proxy for any other Member. The instrument appointing Proxy shall be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company at least FORTY-EIGHT HOURS before the scheduled time of the Meeting. Proxy Form for the AGM is enclosed. Proxies submitted on behalf of limited companies, societies, etc., must be supported by appropriate resolutions / authorisation, as applicable.
3. The businesses set out in the Notice will be transacted through electronic voting system and the Company is providing facility for voting by electronic means. Instructions and other information relating to e-voting are given at the end of this Notice.
4. Members / Proxies attending the meeting are requested to bring their duly filled-in attendance slips enclosed herewith mentioning therein details of their DP ID and Client ID/Folio No.
5. Corporate Members intending to send their authorised representatives to attend the Meeting are requested to send to the Company, a certified copy of the Board Resolution authorising their representatives to attend and vote on their behalf at the Meeting.
6. In case of joint holders attending the Meeting, only such joint holder who is higher in the order of names will be entitled to vote.
7. All documents referred to in this Notice and the Explanatory Statement setting out material facts in respect of Item No. 3 of the Notice and other Statutory Registers are open for inspection by the Members at the Registered Office of the Company on all working days between 11.00 A.M. and 01.00 P.M. till the date of the Meeting.
8. Information as required under SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended ("SEBI Listing Regulations") and Secretarial Standards in respect of Directors seeking appointment / re-appointment at the AGM is furnished in the Explanatory Statement & annexure thereto and forms part of the Notice.
9. All correspondence relating to change of address, change in e-mail ID already registered with the Company, transfer / transmission of shares, issue of duplicate share certificates, bank mandates and all other matters relating to the shareholding in the Company may be made to M/s. Karvy Fintech Private Ltd., the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent ("Karvy"). The Members holding shares in electronic form may send such communication to their respective Depository Participant/s (DPs).
10. Members can avail the facility of nomination in respect of shares held by them pursuant to the provisions of Section 72 of the Act. Members desiring to avail this facility may send their nomination in the prescribed Form No. SH13, duly filled in to the Company / RTA / DP. The prescribed form can be obtained from the RTA / DPs as well as downloaded from the Company's website www.equitas.in

11. The Members whose names appear on the Company's Register of Members as on July 26, 2019 ("cut-off date") will be eligible to attend and vote at the Meeting. The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company would remain closed from Saturday, July 27, 2019 to Friday, August 02, 2019 (both days inclusive) for this purpose.
12. **As an eco-friendly measure intending to benefit the society at large, we request you to be part of e-initiatives of the Company and register your e-mail ID to receive all communications and documents including Annual Reports from time to time in electronic form to the e-mail ID provided by you. Members holding shares in electronic form, may send such communication to their respective DPs and those holding shares in physical form, may send such communication to Karvy.**
13. **Members holding shares in physical form are requested to avail dematerialisation facility.**
14. Pursuant to Sections 101 and 136 of the Act read with relevant Rules framed thereunder, the Annual Report for Financial Year (FY) 2018-19 and the Notice of the AGM, inter-alia indicating the process and manner of Remote e-voting along with the attendance slip and proxy form are being sent by e-mail to those Members who have registered their e-mail ID either with the Company or with the DP unless the Member has requested for physical copy of the same. For Members who have not registered their e-mail ID, physical copies of the Annual Report for FY 2018-19 and the Notice of the AGM, inter-alia, indicating the process and manner of Remote e-voting along with the attendance slip and proxy form, will be sent as per the permitted mode.
15. Notice of the AGM and Annual Report of the Company, is made available on the Company's website, www.equitas.in for download.
16. As an austerity measure, copies of the Annual Report will not be distributed at the Annual General Meeting. Members are requested to bring their copy of the Annual Report to the Meeting.
17. **The Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") has mandated the submission of Permanent Account Number ("PAN") by every participant in securities market. Members holding shares in physical form shall submit their PAN details to the Company/Karvy.**
18. Shareholders can register their complaints, if any, on the designated e-mail ID, secretarial@equitas.in.
19. Shareholders are requested to send their queries, if any, on the Annual Report, to the Company Secretary, at least 7 days before the date of Meeting, so that the requisite information / explanations can be provided in time at the Meeting.
20. The Company has engaged the services of Karvy as the Agency to provide e-voting facility.
21. Dr B Ravi, Practising Company Secretary (FCS No. 1810; CP No. 3318) has been appointed as the Scrutiniser for conducting the Remote e-voting and voting process at the AGM, in a secure, fair and transparent manner.
22. The Scrutiniser's decision on the validity of the vote shall be final.
23. Once the vote on a resolution stated in this Notice is cast by shareholder through Remote e-voting, the shareholder shall not be allowed to change it subsequently and such e-vote shall be treated as final. The Members who have cast their vote by Remote e-voting may also attend the Meeting. However, such Member shall not be allowed to vote again.
24. The Scrutiniser will submit his report to the Company after completion of the scrutiny and the Results will be declared by the Company on its website www.equitas.in, within 48 hours of the conclusion of the AGM.
25. Route map for the venue of the Meeting is attached herewith, for your ready reference.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 102 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013

Item No 3: Re-appointment of Ms Jayshree Ashwinkumar Vyas (DIN 00584392) as Independent Director

Ms Jayshree Ashwinkumar Vyas was appointed as an Independent Director of the Company with effect from November 12, 2014 for a period of five years i.e. upto November 11, 2019. As per the provisions of Section 149 of the Companies Act, 2013 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and other applicable provisions, if any, an Independent Director shall hold office for a term of five consecutive years on the Board of the Company and is eligible for re-appointment for a term of another five consecutive years on passing of special resolution by the Company.

The Board, based on the performance evaluation and recommendation of Nomination, Remuneration & Governance Committee, considers that given her background, experience and contribution, the continued association of Ms Jayshree Ashwinkumar Vyas as an Independent Director of the Company and as a Member of various Committees would be of immense benefit to the Company.

The Company has received a declaration from Ms Jayshree Ashwinkumar Vyas to the effect that she continues to meet the criteria of independence as provided in Section 149(6) of the Act and Rules framed thereunder and Regulation 16(1)(b) of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended ("SEBI Listing Regulations"). She has also confirmed that she is not aware of any circumstance or situation which exists or may be reasonably anticipated that could impair or impact her ability to discharge her duties as stipulated under Regulation 25(8) of SEBI Listing Regulations.

In the opinion of the Board, Ms Jayshree Ashwinkumar Vyas satisfies all the criteria applicable for re-appointment including fit and proper criteria as mentioned in the Policy for ascertaining "fit and proper" status of Directors. Accordingly, the Board recommends for approval of Members, the re-appointment of Ms Jayshree Ashwinkumar Vyas as an Independent Director of the Company for a period of five years with effect from November 12, 2019, in terms of Section 149 read with Schedule IV of the Act or any amendment thereto or modification thereof. Her brief profile along with the information as required to be furnished under Regulation 36 of SEBI Listing Regulations and Secretarial Standards is annexed.

Interest of Directors and KMP:

Ms Jayshree Ashwinkumar Vyas and her relatives may be deemed to be concerned or interested in the Resolution set out at Item No.3.

None of the other Directors and Key Managerial Personnel of the Company and their relatives are concerned or interested, financially or otherwise, in the passing of the resolution.

The Board recommends the Special Resolution set forth in Item No. 3 above for approval of the shareholders.

By Order of the **Board of Directors**
For **Equitas Holdings Limited**

Deepti R

Company Secretary
Membership No. A35488

Place: Chennai

Date: May 10, 2019

**Details of Directors seeking appointment/ re-appointment at the Annual General Meeting
(Information under Regulation 36 of SEBI Listing Regulations read with Secretarial Standards)**

Name of the Director	Ms Jayshree Ashwinkumar Vyas	Mr Bhaskar S
Age	66	61
Qualification	ACA	B.Sc., ACA
Brief Profile	<p>Ms. Jayshree Ashwinkumar Vyas is the Managing Director of Shree Mahila Sewa Sahakari Bank, Ahmedabad since 1986.</p> <p>During her tenure she has taken active steps to introduce and operate an Integrated Micro Insurance Scheme for women working in the informal sector. This scheme was introduced for the first time in the country and in a short period of three years covered more than 1,50,000 women.</p> <p>In 2001, financial literacy programme was introduced in Sewa Bank, first of its kind in India - at the initiative of Ms. Jayshree Vyas. In 2006, Micro Pension Scheme was introduced for Sewa Bank Members (Unorganized sector workers) under her leadership. She received "Outstanding Woman Entrepreneur" Award by FICCI Ladies Organization India for the year 1993-94.</p>	<p>Mr. Bhaskar joined the Equitas Group on October 15, 2007. He was appointed as the Chief Financial Officer of the Company on November 1, 2014 and continued so till his appointment as Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer on October 21, 2016.</p> <p>He started his career with Pricewaterhouse & Co., where he worked for one and a half years and later moved to Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited where he worked for two decades. Prior to joining Equitas Group, he was the Group Treasurer and Senior Vice President – Audit for the Murugappa Group, Chennai.</p>
Expertise in specific functional area	Banking / Insurance / Corporate Strategy / General Management	Finance / Corporate Strategy / General Management
Date of first appointment on the Board	November 12, 2014	October 21, 2016
Number of shares held in the Company	Nil	14,05,000
Board Membership in other companies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sewa Nirman Construction Workers Company Limited, 2. Sewa Trade Facilitation Centre, 3. Invest India Micro Pension Services Private Limited, 4. Rajasthan Shram Sarathi Association, 5. Ananya Finance for Inclusive Growth Private Limited 6. Village Financial Services Limited 7. BSE Limited 	Equitas Technologies Private Limited
Chairmanship / Membership of the Committees of other Boards	Nil	Nil

For other details such as the number of meetings of the Board attended during the year, remuneration drawn and relationship with other Directors and Key Managerial Personnel in respect of above directors, please refer to the Corporate Governance Report forming part of the Annual Report for FY 2018-19.

VOTING THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEANS – INSTRUCTIONS

I. Remote e-voting:

Remote e-voting period : From 9:00 A.M. IST on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 To 5:00 P.M. IST on Thursday, August 1, 2019
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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and SEBI Listing Regulations as amended from time to time, the Company is pleased to offer e-voting facility to Members to exercise their votes electronically on all resolutions set forth in the Notice convening the 12th Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled to be held on Friday, August 2, 2019 at 4.30 P.M. The Company has engaged the services of M/s Karvy Fintech Private Limited ("Karvy / RTA") to provide Remote e-voting facility to enable Members to provide their votes in a secure manner. Dr B Ravi, Practising Company Secretary has been appointed as the scrutiniser for conducting the Remote e-voting and the voting process at the AGM in a fair and transparent manner. In terms of the requirements of the Act and the rules made thereunder, the Company has fixed Friday, July 26, 2019 as the cut-off date. The Remote e-voting / voting rights of the Members / beneficial owners shall be reckoned on the equity shares held by them as on cut-off date, i.e. July 26, 2019. During the Remote e-voting period, the Members of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in electronic form, as on the cut-off date, are entitled to avail the facility to cast their vote through Remote e-voting. The Remote e-voting will not be allowed beyond the aforesaid date and time and the e-voting module shall be disabled by Karvy upon expiry of the aforesaid period. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the Member, he shall not be allowed to change it subsequently or cast the vote again.

The instructions for Members voting electronically are as mentioned below:

(A) For Members receiving email from Karvy (for Members whose email IDs are registered with the Company / Depository Participants which includes details of E-Voting Event Number (EVEN), User ID and Password):

- i. Launch internet browser and type the URL: <https://evoting.karvy.com>.
- ii. Enter the login credentials (i.e. User ID and password). In case of physical folio, User ID will be EVEN (E-Voting Event Number) 4632 followed by folio number. In case of Demat account, User ID will be your DP ID and Client ID. However, if you are already registered with Karvy for e-voting, you can use your existing User ID and password for casting your vote.
- iii. After entering the appropriate details, click on "LOGIN".
- iv. You will now reach Password Change menu wherein you are required to mandatorily change your password. The new password shall comprise minimum of 8 characters with at least one upper case (A- Z), one lower case (a-z), one numeric value (0-9) and a special character (@, #, \$, etc.,). The system will prompt you to change your password and update your contact details like mobile number, email ID, etc. on first login. You may also enter a secret question and answer of your choice to retrieve your password in case you forget it. It is strongly recommended that you do not share your password with any other person and that you take utmost care to keep your password confidential.
- v. You need to login again with the new credentials.
- vi. On successful login, the system will prompt you to select the "EVENT" i.e., "Equitas Holdings Limited".
- vii. On the voting page, enter the number of shares (which represents the number of votes) as on the Cut-off Date under "FOR/AGAINST" alternatively, you may partially enter any number in "FOR" and partially "AGAINST" but the total number in "FOR/AGAINST" taken together shall not exceed your total shareholding as mentioned hereinabove. You may also choose the option "ABSTAIN". If the Member does not indicate either "FOR" or "AGAINST" it will be treated as "ABSTAIN" and the shares held will not be counted under either option.
- viii. Members holding multiple folios/demat accounts shall choose the voting process separately for each folio / demat account.
- ix. Voting has to be done for each item of the Notice separately. In case you do not desire to cast your vote on any specific item, it will be treated as abstained.
- x. You may then cast your vote by selecting an appropriate option and click on "Submit".

- xi. A confirmation box will be displayed. Click "OK" to confirm; else, "CANCEL" to modify. Once you have voted on the resolution(s), you will not be allowed to modify your vote. During the voting period, Members can login any number of times till they have voted on the Resolution(s).
- xii. Corporate / Institutional Members (i.e. other than Individuals, HUFs, NRIs etc.,) are also required to send certified true scanned copies of the Board Resolution / Authority Letter etc., in 'pdf' format together with attested specimen signature(s) of the duly authorised representative(s) to the Scrutiniser at email id, csbravi@gmail.com with a copy marked to evoting@karvy.com. The scanned image of the above mentioned documents should be in the naming format:

"EQUITAS HOLDINGS LIMITED_4632"

(B) Members holding shares in electronic form whose e-mail IDs are not registered with the Company / DPs [i.e., Members holding shares in physical form as well as those Members who have received physical copy of the Notice of the AGM]:

- i. E-Voting Event Number – 4632(EVEN), User ID and Password are provided in the Attendance Slip.
- ii. Please follow all steps from Sl. No. (i) to (xii) above to cast your vote by electronic means.

II. Voting at AGM:

The Members, who have not cast their vote through Remote e-voting can exercise their voting rights at the AGM. The Company will make necessary arrangements in this regard at the AGM Venue. Members who have already cast their votes by Remote e-voting are eligible to attend the Meeting; however, these Members are not entitled to cast their vote again in the Meeting. If a Member casts votes by both modes, then voting done through Remote e-voting shall prevail and vote at the AGM shall be treated as invalid.

III. Other Instructions:

- a. In case of queries and / or grievances, if any, in respect of voting by electronic means, Members may refer to the Help & Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and e-voting user manual available at the "download" section of Karvy's website <https://evoting.karvy.com> or send email to Karvy at evoting@karvy.com or call Mr Prem Kumar, Manager, Karvy at +91 40 - 6716 1509 or Toll free No. 1-800-34-54-001.
- b. You can also update your mobile number and e-mail ID in the user profile details of the folio which can be used by the Company / RTA for sending communications in future.
- c. A person who is not a Member as on the cut-off date should treat this Notice for information purposes only.
- d. The voting rights of Members shall be in proportion to their share of the paid up equity share capital of the Company as on the cut-off date i.e., Friday, July 26, 2019.
- e. In case a person has become a Member of the Company after dispatch of AGM Notice but on or before the cut-off date for e-voting i.e., Friday, July 26, 2019, he/she may obtain the User ID and Password in the manner as mentioned below:

- i. If the mobile number of the member is registered against Folio No./ DP ID Client ID, the member may send SMS:

MYEPWD <space> E-Voting Event Number (4632) + Folio No. or DP ID Client ID to +91 92129 93399

Example for NSDL:

MYEPWD <SPACE> IN12345612345678

Example for CDSL:

MYEPWD <SPACE> 1402345612345678

Example for Physical:

MYEPWD <SPACE> 46321234567890

- ii. If e-mail ID or mobile number of the member is registered against Folio No./DP ID Client ID, then on the home page of <https://evoting.karvy.com>, the Member may click "Forgot Password" and enter Folio No. or DP ID Client ID and PAN to generate a password.
- iii. Member may call Karvy's toll free number 1800-3454-001.

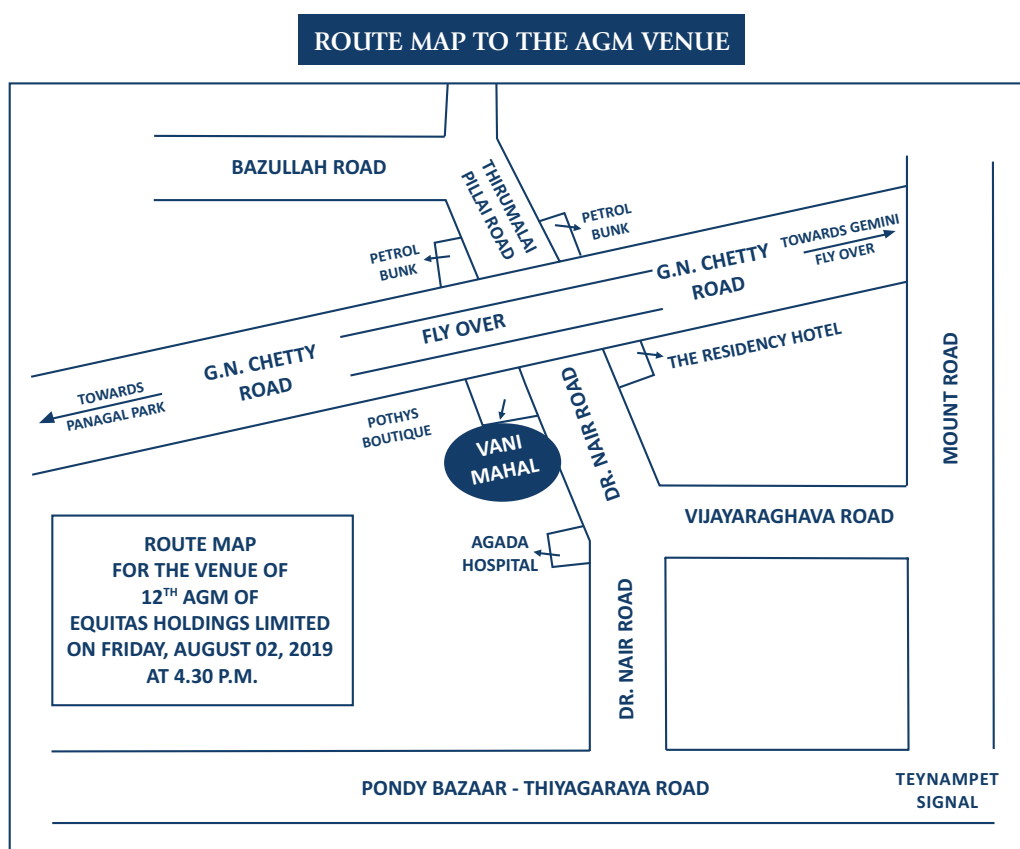
- iv. Member may send an e-mail request to evoting@karvy.com. Karvy shall endeavour to send User ID and Password to those new Members whose e-mail IDs are available.

PROCEDURE AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEB CHECK-IN / ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION

Web Check-in / Attendance Registration: Members are requested to tender their attendance slips at the registration counters at the venue of the AGM and seek registration before entering the Meeting hall. Alternatively, to facilitate hassle free and quick registration / entry at the venue of the AGM, the Company has provided a Web-Check in facility through Karvy's website. Web Check-in on the Karvy's website enables the Members to register attendance online in advance and generate Attendance Slip without going through the registration formalities at the registration counters set-up at the venue.

Procedure of Web Check-in is as under:

- Log on to <https://karisma.karvy.com> and click on "Web Check-in for General Meetings (AGM / EGM / CCM)"
- Select the name of the Company: Equitas Holdings Limited
- Pass through the security credentials viz., DP ID /Client ID / Folio no., PAN & "CAPTCHA" as directed by the system and click on the "Submit" button.
- The system will validate the credentials. Then click on the "Generate my attendance slip" button that appears on the screen.
- The attendance slip in PDF format will appear on the screen. Select "Print" option for direct printing or download and save for printing.
- A separate counter will be available at the AGM Venue for Members who have registered online for faster, hassle free entry as also to avoid standing in the queue.
- The Web Check-in (Online Registration facility) is available during e-voting Period only i.e., from Tuesday, July 30, 2019 (09.00 A.M. IST) to Thursday, August 1, 2019 (05.00 P.M. IST).
- The Members are requested to carry their valid photo identity along with the above attendance slip for verification purposes.





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Equitas Holdings Ltd
ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

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Equitas Holdings Limited

Equitas Holdings Limited (EHL) is a non-deposit taking, systemically important core investment company (CIC-ND-SI) registered with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). EHL's operations and activities are limited to investing in and providing loans to subsidiary companies. The Company operates two wholly owned subsidiaries: Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited (ESFB), licensed under Section 22 of the Banking Regulations Act, 1949 to carry on the business of small finance bank; and Equitas Technologies Private Limited [ETPL], engaged in the business of freight aggregation



Mission

To create the most valuable bank for all stakeholders through happy employees



Values

- Customer First
- Pride of Performance
- Fair and Transparent
- Respect for People
- Ownership

Equitas Holdings Limited [EHL] has adopted Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) for the year FY19 with Ind AS compliant comparatives for FY18.

Given the first time adoption of Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS), EHL has also provided consolidated financials as per iGAAP on page no's 1 to 5. iGAAP financials are based on management reports and have not been subject to review/audit by Auditors. The purpose of iGAAP financials is merely to provide an update on business performance.

Sections forming part of Strategic reports and financial statements are based on Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS).