

THIRTY – SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT 2022 – 2023

THE FIRST CUSTODIAN FUND (INDIA) LIMITED

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Surendrakumar Banthia

Mr. Manish Banthia

Mr. Giriraj Kumar Dammani

Ms. Sudha Jodhani

Chairman

Whole - Time Director and Chief Financial Officer

Managing Director

Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

AUDITORS

Statutory Auditors:

M/s Paresh D. Shah & Co., Chartered Accountants

Secretarial Auditors:

M/s. P. P. Shah & Co. Practicing Company Secretaries

BANKERS

Punjab National Bank HDFC Bank

REGISTERED OFFICE

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CORPORATE OFFICE

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REGISTRAR & SHARE TRANSFER AGENTS

Link Intime India Private Limited C-101, 247 Park, L. B. S. Marg,

Vikhroli (West), Mumbai – 400 083

Tel: 810 811 6767

Email: rnt.helpdesk@linkintime.co.in Website: www.linkintime.co.in



NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty – Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Members of **THE FIRST CUSTODIAN FUND (INDIA) LIMITED** will be held on Tuesday, 26th September, 2023 at 4.00 p.m. through Video Conferencing (VC) or Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) to transact the following business:

ORDINARY BUSINESS:

- 1. To consider and adopt the Audited Annual Financial Statements of the Company for the financial year ended 31st March, 2023 and the Reports of the Board of Directors and the Auditors thereon.
- 2. To declare dividend on Equity Shares @ 10% i.e. Re. 1 per Equity Share for the financial year ended 31st March, 2023
- 3. To appoint a Director in place of Mr. Manish Banthia (DIN No.: 00117002), who retires by rotation and being eligible, offer himself for re-appointment.

NOTES:

General Instructions for Accessing and participating in the 37th AGM through VC / OAVM Facility and Voting through Electronic means including Remote E- Voting.

- 1. The Explanatory Statement pursuant to Section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013 is not required to be annexed.
- 2. The record date for the payment of dividend shall be 19th September, 2023.
- 3. Pursuant to the General Circulars 10/2022, other circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and Circular SEBI/HO/CFD/PoD-2/P/CIR/2023/4 dated January 5, 2023 issued by SEBI (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Circulars"), companies are allowed to hold AGM through VC, without the physical presence of members at a common venue. Hence, in compliance with the Circulars, the AGM of the Company is being held through VC.
- 4. ONLY A MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO ATTEND AND VOTE AT THE AGM THROUGH VC / OAVM. In terms of provisions of Section 105 of the Companies Act, 2013, a Member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of himself / herself and such proxy need not be a Member of the Company. Since, this AGM is being held pursuant to the MCA Circulars through VC / OAVM, physical attendance of Members has been dispensed with. Accordingly, the facility for appointment of proxies by the Members will not be available for the AGM and hence the Proxy Form and Attendance Slip are not annexed to this Notice. However, in pursuance of Section 112 and Section 113 of the Companies Act, 2013, representatives of the members such as the President of India or the Governor of a State or body corporate can attend the AGM/EGM through VC/OAVM and cast their votes through evoting.
- 5. The Company has appointed M/s. Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) to provide Video Conferencing facility for the Annual General Meeting and the attendant enablers for conducting of the AGM. The proceedings of the AGM will be web-casted live for all the shareholders who hold shares as on cut-off date i.e. Tuesday, 19th September, 2023. The shareholders can visit https://www.evotingindia.com and login through user id and password to watch the live proceedings of the AGM on Tuesday, 26th September, 2023 from 4.00 p.m.



onwards. Further, the Company has also appointed CDSL as an authorized e-voting agency for facilitating members to vote on all the resolutions proposed in the Notice of AGM through electronic means. Members will have the option to cast their votes either 3 days prior to the date of AGM (Remote E-Voting) or during the AGM (E-Voting). The instructions to vote by remote e-voting and e-voting has been provided below.

- 6. The members can join the AGM 15 minutes before and after the scheduled time of the commencement of the AGM by following the procedure mentioned in this Notice. The facility to join the AGM will be made available for 1,000 members on first come first served basis. This will not include Large Shareholders (holding 2% or more shareholding), Promoters, Institutional Investors, Directors, Key Managerial Personnel, the Chairpersons of the Audit Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee and Stakeholders' Relationship Committee, Auditors etc. who are allowed to attend the AGM without restriction on account of first come first served basis.
- 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 at the AGM.
- Pursuant to the provisions of Section 91 of the Act, the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company shall remain closed on all days from Wednesday, 20th September, 2023 to Tuesday, 26th September, 2023 (both days inclusive).
- 9. The attendance of the Members attending the AGM will be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- 10. The scanned copies of Register of Directors' and Key Managerial Personnel and their Shareholding maintained under Section 170 and Register of Contracts or Arrangements in which Directors are interested under Section 189 of the Companies Act, 2013 will be available electronically for inspection by the members during the AGM.
- 11. Relevant documents referred to in the accompanying Notice are open for inspection by the Members through electronic mode, based on the request being sent at the email address of Company Secretary and Compliance Officer i.e. Ms. Sudha Jodhani at sudha_jodhani@yahoo.in or Managing Director, Mr. Giriraj Dammani at g_damani@rediffmail.com.
- 12. Members desiring any relevant information about the financial statements and/or operations of the Company are requested to write to the Company at least seven days in advance, so as to enable the Company to keep the information ready. Members can also email their queries at the email address of Company Secretary and Compliance Officer i.e. Ms. Sudha Jodhani at sudha_jodhani@yahoo.in or Managing Director, Mr. Giriraj Dammani at g_damani@rediffmail.com.
- 13. In compliance with the aforesaid MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular dated May 12, 2020, Notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report 2022-23 is being sent only through electronic mode to those Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company / RTA / Depositories. In line with the MCA Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, the Notice calling the AGM has



been uploaded on the website of the Company at https://www.bseindia.com/stock-share-price/first-custodian-fund-(india)-ltd/1stcus/511122/corp-announcements/. The Notice can also be accessed from the website of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com or will be made available if a request is sent to the Company queries at the email address of Company Secretary and Compliance Officer i.e. Ms. Sudha Jodhani at sudha_jodhani@yahoo.in or Managing Director, Mr. Giriraj Dammani at g_damani@rediffmail.com. The Notice of AGM is also disseminated on the website of CDSL (agency for providing the Remote e-Voting facility and e-voting system during the AGM) i.e. www.evotingindia.com.

14. We urge members to support our commitment to environmental protection by choosing to receive the Company's communication through email. Members holding shares in demat mode, who have not registered their email addresses are requested to register their email addresses with their respective Depository Participant, and members holding shares in physical mode are requested to update their email addresses with the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent i.e. Link Intime India Private Limited to receive copies of Annual Report 2022-23 and also communication by the Company from time to time in electronic mode. Members may follow the process detailed below for registration of email ID to obtain the report, obtain other communication from time to time as well as updating bank account details.

Physical Shareholders:

For availing the following investor services, send a written request in the prescribed forms to the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent i.e. Link Intime India Private Limited either by email at rnt.helpdesk@linkintime.co.in or by post to C – 101, 247 Park, L. B. S. Marg, Vikhroli (West), Mumbai – 400 083.

Form for availing investor services to register PAN, email address, bank details and other KYC details or changes / update thereof for securities held in physical mode	Form ISR – 1
Update of signature of securities holder	Form ISR – 2
For nomination as provided in the Rules 19 (1) of Companies (Share capital	
and debenture) Rules, 2014	Form SH – 13
Declaration to opt out	Form ISR – 3
Cancellation of nomination by the holder(s) (along with ISR-3) / Change of	
Nominee	Form SH – 14
Form for requesting issue of Duplicate Certificate and other service	
requests for shares / debentures / bonds, etc., held in physical form	Form ISR – 4

❖ Demat Shareholders:

Please contact your DP and register your email address and bank account details in your demat account, as per the process advised by your DP.

This will enable them to receive communication by the Company from time to time in electronic form. Members of the Company, who have registered their e-mail ID, are entitled to receive such communications in physical form upon request.



15. SEBI has mandated the submission of PAN, KYC details and nomination by holders of physical securities by 1st October, 2023, and linking PAN with Aadhaar by 30th June, 2023 vide its circular dated 3rd November, 2021, 15th December, 2021 and 16th March, 2023. Shareholders are requested to submit their PAN, KYC and nomination details to the Company's registrars and share transfer agent i.e. M/s. Link Intime India Private Limited at rnt.helpdesk@linkintime.co.in.

Members holding shares in electronic form are, therefore, requested to submit their PAN to their depository participant(s).

In case a holder of physical securities fails to furnish these details or link their PAN with Aadhaar before the due date, our registrars and share transfer agents are obligated to freeze such folios. The securities in the frozen folios shall be eligible to receive payments (including dividend) and lodge grievances only after furnishing the complete documents. if the securities continue to remain frozen as on 31st December, 2025, the registrar and share transfer agent / the Company shall refer such securities to the administering authority under the Benami Transactions (Prohibitions) Act, 1988, and / or the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.

- 16. As per Regulation 40 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, as amended, securities of listed companies can only be transferred in demat form. In view of this and to eliminate all risks associated with physical shares and for ease of portfolio management, Members holding shares in physical form are requested to consider converting their holding to demat form. Members can contact the Company or its Registrar and Share Transfer Agent.
- 17. The Securities and Exchange Board of India ('SEBI') has made it mandatory for all companies to use the bank account details furnished by the Depositories and the bank account details maintained by the RTA for payment of dividend to Members electronically. The Company has extended the facility of electronic credit of dividend directly to the respective bank accounts of the Members(s) through Electronic Clearing Service (ECS)/National Electronic Clearing Service (NECS)/Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS)/ Direct Credit etc.

In order to receive the dividend without loss of time, the Members holding shares in physical form are requested to submit particulars of their bank accounts along with the original cancelled cheque bearing the name of the Member to RTA / Company to update their bank account details and all the eligible shareholders holding shares in demat mode are requested to update with their respective DPs before Tuesday, 26th September, 2023 (Date of AGM), their correct Bank Account Number, including 9 Digit MICR Code and 11 digit IFSC Code, E- Mail ID and Mobile No(s). Shareholders holding shares in physical form may communicate these details to the RTA viz. M/s. Link Intime India Private Limited, C 101, 247 Park, L. B. S. Marg, Vikhroli (West), Mumbai: 400 083, before Tuesday, 26th September, 2023 (Date of AGM), by quoting the reference folio number and attaching photocopy of the cheque leaf of their active bank account and a self-attested copy of their Permanent Account Number ('PAN') card. This will facilitate the remittance of the dividend amount as directed by SEBI in the bank account electronically.

The Company or RTA cannot act on any request received directly from the Members holding shares in demat form for any change of bank particulars. Such changes are to be intimated only to the DPs of the Members. Further, instructions, if any, already given by them in respect of shares held in physical form will not be automatically applicable to shares held in electronic mode.



18. Members may note that the Income Tax Act, 1961, ("the IT Act") as amended by the Finance Act, 2020, mandates that dividends paid or distributed by a company after 1st April, 2020 shall be taxable in the hands of members. The Company shall therefore be required to deduct tax at source (TDS) at the time of making the payment of final dividend. In order to enable us to determine the appropriate TDS rate as applicable, members are requested to submit the following documents in accordance with the provisions of the IT Act.

For resident shareholders, taxes shall be deducted at source under Section 194 of the IT Act as follows-

Members having valid PAN	7.5% or as notified by the Government of India
Members not having PAN / Invalid PAN	20% or as notified by the Government of India

However, no tax shall be deducted on the dividend payable to a resident individual if the total dividend to be received by them during Financial Year 2023-24 does not exceed Rs. 5,000 and also in cases where members provide Form 15G / Form 15H (applicable to individuals aged 60 years or more) subject to conditions specified in the IT Act. Resident shareholders may also submit any other document as prescribed under the IT Act to claim a lower / Nil withholding tax. Registered members may also submit any other document as prescribed under the IT Act to claim a lower / Nil withholding tax. PAN is mandatory for members providing Form 15G / 15H or any other document as mentioned above.

For non-resident shareholders, taxes are required to be withheld in accordance with the provisions of Section 195 and other applicable sections of the IT Act, at the rates in force. The withholding tax shall be at the rate of 20% (plus applicable surcharge and cess) or as notified by the Government of India on the amount of dividend payable. However, as per Section 90 of the IT Act, non-resident shareholders have the option to be governed by the provisions of the Double Tax Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) between India and the country of tax residence of the member, if they are more beneficial to them. For this purpose, i.e. to avail the benefits under the DTAA, non-resident shareholders will have to provide the following:

- Copy of the PAN card allotted by the Indian Income Tax authorities duly attested by the member
- Copy of Tax Residency Certificate (TRC) for the FY 2023-24 obtained from the revenue authorities of the country of tax residence, duly attested by member
- Self-declaration in Form 10F
- Self-declaration by the shareholder of having no permanent establishment in India in accordance with the applicable tax treaty
- Self-declaration of beneficial ownership by the non-resident shareholder
- Any other documents as prescribed under the IT Act for lower withholding of taxes if applicable, duly attested by member

In case of Foreign Institutional Investors / Foreign Portfolio Investors, tax will be deducted under Section 196D of the IT Act (plus applicable surcharge and cess).

The aforementioned documents are required to be submitted by sending email at g damani@rediffmail.com upto Tuesday, 26th September, 2023.



19. Information about additional details of the Directors along with their brief profile who are seeking appointment/ re-appointment as set out at Item Nos. 2 of the Notice dated 30th May, 2023 as required under Regulation 36 of the Listing Regulations, as amended and the Secretarial Standards on General Meetings issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India ('ICSI') is given below:

Particulars	Mr. Manish Banthia
Director Identification Number (DIN)	00117002
Date of Birth	27/08/1974
Nationality	Indian
Date of Appointment on Board	27/08/2015
Qualifications	MBA
Shareholding in The First Custodian Fund (India) Limited	37,395 equity shares
In case of Non Executive Director the shareholding including shareholding as Beneficial Owner.	N.A.
Expertise in specific functional areas	Wide experience in Share Trading since last 25 years
Terms and Conditions of reappointment	Seeking re-appointment after retiring by rotation; On re-appointment, he will assume office on same terms as previously approved by members in 34th AGM held on 10th December, 2020.
Remuneration last drawn (including sitting fees, c ommission if any)	Nil
Remuneration proposed to be paid	Nil
Relationships with other Director / Key Managerial Personnel	Manish Banthia is nephew of Mr. Surendrakumar Banthia, Director and Promoter
Number of meetings of the board attended during the financial year (2022-23)	4
Directorships in other Public Limited Companies along with listed entities from which the person has resigned in the past three years.	2
Memberships of Committees in other Public Limited Companies (includes only Audit & Shareholders / Investors Grievances Committee)	Nil
In case of Independent Directors, the skills and capabilities required for the role and the manner in which the proposed person meets such requirements.	N.A.



20. As the 37th AGM is being held through VC, Route Map is not annexed to the notice.

INTRUCTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR REMOTE E-VOTING AND E-VOTING DURING AGM/EGM AND JOINING MEETING THROUGH VC/OAVM ARE AS UNDER:

- **Step 1**: Access through Depositories CDSL/NSDL e-Voting system in case of individual shareholders holding shares in demat mode.
- **Step 2**: Access through CDSL e-Voting system in case of shareholders holding shares in physical mode and non-individual shareholders in demat mode.
- i) The voting period begins on Saturday, 23rd September, 2023 and ends on Monday, 25th September, 2023. During this period shareholders' of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date (record date) of Saturday, 19th September, 2023 may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter.
- ii) Shareholders who have already voted prior to the meeting date would not be entitled to vote at the meeting venue.
- iii) Pursuant to SEBI Circular No. **SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 dated 9th December, 2020,** under Regulation 44 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, listed entities are required to provide remote e-voting facility to its shareholders, in respect of all shareholders' resolutions. However, it has been observed that the participation by the public non-institutional shareholders/retail shareholders is at a negligible level.

Currently, there are multiple e-voting service providers (ESPs) providing e-voting facility to listed entities in India. This necessitates registration on various ESPs and maintenance of multiple user IDs and passwords by the shareholders.

In order to increase the efficiency of the voting process, pursuant to a public consultation, it has been decided to enable e-voting to all the demat account holders, by way of a single login credential, through their demat accounts/ websites of Depositories/ Depository Participants. Demat account holders would be able to cast their vote without having to register again with the ESPs, thereby, not only facilitating seamless authentication but also enhancing ease and convenience of participating in e-voting process.

- **Step 1**: Access through Depositories CDSL/NSDL e-Voting system in case of individual shareholders holding shares in demat mode.
- iv) In terms of SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/CIR/P/2020/242 dated 9th December, 2020 on e-Voting facility provided by Listed Companies, Individual shareholders holding securities in demat mode are allowed to vote through their demat account maintained with Depositories and Depository Participants. Shareholders are advised to update their mobile number and email Id in their demat accounts in order to access e-Voting facility.

Pursuant to abovesaid SEBI Circular, Login method for e-Voting and joining virtual meetings for Individual shareholders holding securities in Demat mode is given below:



Type of shareholders	Login Method
Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat mode with CDSL	 Users who have opted for CDSL Easi / Easiest facility, can login through their existing user id and password. Option will be made available to reach e-Voting page without any further authentication. The URL for users to login to Easi / Easiest are https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/home/login or visit www.cdslindia.com and click on Login icon and select New System Myeasi. After successful login the Easi / Easiest user will be able to see the e-Voting option for eligible companieswhere the evoting is in progress as per the information provided by company. On clicking the evoting option, the user will be able to see e-Voting page of the e-Voting service provider for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting. Additionally, there is also links provided to access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers i.e. CDSL/NSDL/KARVY/LINKINTIME, so that the user can visit the e-Voting service providers' website directly. If the user is not registered for Easi/Easiest, option to register is available at https://web.cdslindia.com/myeasi/Registration/EasiRegistration Alternatively, the user can directly access e-Voting page by providing Demat Account Number and PAN No. from a e-Voting link available on www.cdslindia.com home page. The system will authenticate the user by sending OTP on registered Mobile & Email as recorded in the Demat Account. After successful authentication, user will be able to see the e-Voting option where the evoting is in progress and also able to directly access the system of all e-Voting Service Providers.
Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode with NSDL	 If you are already registered for NSDL IDeAS facility, please visit the e-Services website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: https://eservices.nsdl.com either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. Once the home page of e-Services is launched, click on the "Beneficial Owner" icon under "Login" which is available under 'IDeAS' section. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID and Password. After successful authentication, you will be able to see e-Voting services. Click on "Access to e-Voting" under e-Voting services and you will be able to see e-Voting page. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider name and you will be re-directed to e-Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting. If the user is not registered for IDeAS e-Services, option to register is available at https://eservices.nsdl.com. Select "Register Online for IDeAS "Portal or click at https://eservices.nsdl.com/SecureWeb/IdeasDirectReg.jsp Visit the e-Voting website of NSDL. Open web browser by typing the following URL: https://www.evoting.nsdl.com/either on a Personal Computer or on a mobile. Once the home page of e-Voting system is launched, click on the icon "Login" which is available under 'Shareholder/ Member' section. A new screen will open. You will have to enter your User ID (i.e. your sixteen digit demat account number hold with NSDL), Password/OTP and a Verification Code as shown on the screen. After successful authentication, you will be redirected to NSDL Depository site wherein you can see e-Voting page. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider name and you will be redirected to e-Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting.



Individual
Shareholders
(holding
securities in
demat mode)
login through
their
Depository

Participants

You can also login using the login credentials of your demat account through your Depository Participant registered with NSDL/CDSL for e-Voting facility. After Successful login, you will be able to see e-Voting option. Once you click on e-Voting option, you will be redirected to NSDL/CDSL Depository site after successful authentication, wherein you can see e-Voting feature. Click on company name or e-Voting service provider name and you will be redirected to e-Voting service provider website for casting your vote during the remote e-Voting period or joining virtual meeting & voting during the meeting.

Important note: Members who are unable to retrieve User ID/ Password are advised to use Forget User ID and Forget Password option available at abovementioned website.

Helpdesk for Individual Shareholders holding securities in demat mode for any technical issues related to login through Depository i.e. CDSL and NSDL

Login type	Helpdesk details
Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat mode with CDSL	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact CDSL helpdesk by sending a request at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.comor contact at toll free no. 1800 22 55 33.
Individual Shareholders holding securities in Demat mode with NSDL	Members facing any technical issue in login can contact NSDL helpdesk by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or call at toll free no.: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30

Step 2: Access through CDSL e-Voting system in case of shareholders holding shares in physical mode and non-individual shareholders in demat mode.

- v) Login method for e-Voting and joining virtual meeting for shareholders other than individual shareholders holding in Demat form & physical shareholders.
- 1) The shareholders should log on to the e-voting website www.evotingindia.com.
- 2) Click on "Shareholders" module.
- 3) Now enter your User ID
- For CDSL: 16 digits beneficiary ID,
- b. For NSDL: 8 Character DP ID followed by 8 Digits Client ID,
- c. Shareholders holding shares in Physical Form should enter Folio Number registered with the Company.
- 4) Next enter the Image Verification as displayed and Click on Login.
- 5) If you are holding shares in demat form and had logged on to www.evotingindia.com and voted on an earlier e-voting of any company, then your existing password is to be used.
- 6) If you are a first-time user follow the steps given below: