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April 4, 2022

**BSE Limited** 

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The Listing Department Exchange Plaza Bandra- Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400 051 Symbol – HDFCBANK India International Exchange (IFSC) Limited 1st Floor, Unit No. 101, The Signature, Building no. 13B, Road 1C, Zone 1, GIFT SEZ, GIFT City, Gandhinagar, Gujarat – 382355

Dear Sir / Ma'am,

Sub: Disclosure under Regulation 30 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations") – Outcome of Board Meeting

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of the Listing Regulations, we wish to inform you that after considering the recommendation and report of the Audit Committee and the Committee of Independent Directors, the Board of Directors of HDFC Bank Limited ("HDFC Bank"), at its meeting hold today, on April 04, 2022, has *Inter alla*, approved a composite scheme of amalgamation ("Scheme") for the amalgamation of: (i) HDFC Investments Limited and HDFC Holdings Limited, into and with Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited ("HDFC Limited"); and (ii) HDFC Limited into HDFC Bank, and their respective shareholders and creditors, under Sections 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other applicable laws including the rules and regulations ("Proposed Transaction").

The Scheme is subject to the receipt of requisite approvals from the Reserve Bank of India ("RBI"), Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"), the Competition Commission of India, the National Housing Bank ("NHB"), the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India, the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority, the National Company Law Tribunal, BSE Limited and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (collectively, the "Stock Exchanges") and other statutory and regulatory authorities, and the respective shareholders and creditors, under applicable law.

The share exchange ratio for the amalgamation of HDFC Limited with and into HDFC Bank shall be 42 equity shares (credited as fully paid up) of face value of ₹ 1 (Rupee One) each of HDFC Bank for every 25 fully paid-up equity shares of face value of ₹ 2 (Rupee Two) of HDFC Limited.

The Board of Directors of HDFC Bank has also accorded approval for the execution of an implementation agreement between HDFC Limited and HDFC Bank ("Implementation Agreement"), which inter alia sets out the manner of implementing the Proposed Transaction contemplated under the Scheme, the representations and warranties being given by each party and the rights and obligations of the respective parties in relation to the Proposed Transaction.

As per the Scheme, the appointed date for the amalgamation of HDFC Limited with and into HDFC Bank shall be the effective date of the Scheme. Further, the appointed date for amalgamation of HDFC Investments Limited and HDFC Holdings Limited with and into HDFC Limited shall be the end of the day immediately preceding the effective date of the Scheme.

The information in connection with the Proposed Transaction and the Implementation Agreement pursuant to Regulation 30 of the Listing Regulations read with SEBI circular dated September 09, 2015, bearing reference no. CIR/CFD/ CMD/4/2015, is given in Annexure I and Annexure II, respectively.



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A press release being issued by HDFC Bank, is enclosed and marked as Annexure IIITel.: 022-39760001 / 0012

The above-referred meeting of the Board of Directors of HDFC Bank commenced at 7:30 a.m. IST and concluded at 8:30 a.m. IST.

This shall also be treated as a disclosure under the relevant regulations applicable to the listing of debt securities on the India International Exchange (IFSC) Limited.

**Disclaimer:** The Proposed Transaction relates to securities of an Indian company and is proposed to be effected by means of a scheme of arrangement under Indian law. A transaction effected by means of a scheme of arrangement is not subject to the proxy solicitation or tender offer rules under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). The Proposed Transaction is subject to the disclosure requirements, rules and practices applicable in India to schemes of arrangement, which differ from the requirements of the U.S. proxy solicitation and tender offer rules.

The HDFC Bank securities to be issued in the Proposed Transaction have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an available exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Accordingly, the HDFC Bank securities to be issued in the Proposed Transaction are expected to be issued in reliance upon the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Section 3(a)(10) of the Securities Act or another available exemption under the Securities Act.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For HDFC Bank Limited

Santosh Haldankar

Sr. Vice President - Legal & Company Secretary



Amalgamation/ Merger:

Sr. No.	Details of event that needs to be provided	Information of such event
(a)	Name of the entity(ies) forming part of the amalgamation/merger, details in brief such as, size,	HDFC Limited has total assets of ₹6,23,420.03 crore, turnover ₹35,681.74 and net worth of ₹1,15,400.48 crore as on December 31, 2021.
	turnover etc.;	HDFC Bank has total assets of ₹19,38,285.95 crore as on December 31, 2021, turnover (includes other income) of ₹1,16,177.23 crore for the nine months ended December 31, 2021, and net worth of ₹2,23,394.00 crore, as on December 31, 2021.
		HDFC Investments Limited has total assets of ₹341.37 crore, turnover ₹200.11 crore and net worth of ₹292.41 crore as on December 31, 2021.
		HDFC Holdings Limited has total assets of ₹244.43 crore turnover ₹20.88 crore and net worth of ₹241.80 crore as on December 31, 2021.
(b)	Whether the transaction would fall within related party transactions? If yes, whether	The Proposed Transaction is between HDFC Bank and its promoter and promoter group entities.
	the same is done at "arms length";	The Proposed Transaction is at arm's length basis. The share exchange ratio has been determined based on joint valuation report issued by the independent valuers, supported by a fairness opinion by a SEBI registered merchant banker.
(c)	Area of business of the entity(ies);	HDFC Bank is a banking company licensed by the RBI under the provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. Its shares and American Depository Receipts are listed on BSE Limited, National Stock Exchange of India Limited and New York Stock Exchange respectively.
		HDFC Limited is a deposit taking housing finance company registered with NHB and its shares are listed on BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited.
		HDFC Holdings Limited and HDFC Investments Limited are non-deposit accepting non-banking finance companies, registered with RBI, engaged in the business of investments in stocks, shares, debentures and other securities. Both are unlisted companies.
(d)	Rationale for amalgamation/ merger	(a) the Proposed Transaction, shall enable HDFC Bank to build its housing loan portfolio and enhance its existing customer base;
		(b) the Proposed Transaction is based on leveraging the significant complementarities that exist amongst the Parties. The Proposed Transaction would create meaningful value for various stakeholders including respective shareholders, customers, employees, as the combined business would benefit from increased scale, comprehensive product offering, balance sheet resiliency and the ability to drive synergies across revenue opportunities, operating efficiencies and underwriting efficiencies, amongst others;

- (c) HDFC Bank is a private sector bank and has a large base of over 6.8 Crore customers. The bank platform will provide a welldiversified low cost funding base for growing the long tenor loan book acquired by HDFC Bank pursuant to the Proposed Transaction;
- (d) HDFC Bank is a banking company with a large distribution network that offers product offerings in the retail and wholesale segments. HDFC Limited is a premier housing finance company in India and provides housing loans to individuals as well as loans to corporates, undertakes lease rental discounting and construction finance apart from being a financial conglomerate. A combination of HDFC Limited and HDFC Bank is entirely complementary to, and enhances the value proposition of, HDFC Bank;
- (e) HDFC Bank would benefit from a larger balance sheet and networth which would allow underwriting of larger ticket loans and also enable a greater flow of credit into the Indian economy.
- (f) HDFC Limited has invested capital and developed skills and has set up 445 offices across the country. These offices can be used to sell the entire product suite of both HDFC Limited and HDFC Bank;
- (g) the loan book of HDFC Limited is diversified having cumulatively financed over 90 lakh dwelling units. With HDFC Limited's leadership in the home loan arena, developed over the past 45 years, HDFC Bank would be able to provide to customers flexible mortgage offerings in a cost-effective and efficient manner.
- (h) HDFC Bank has access to funds at lower costs due to its high level of current and savings accounts deposits (CASA). With the amalgamation of HDFC Limited with HDFC Bank, HDFC Bank will be able to offer more competitive housing products;
- (i) HDFC Limited's rural housing network and affordable housing lending is likely to qualify for HDFC Bank as priority sector lending and will also enable a higher flow of credit into priority sector lending, including agriculture.
- the Proposed Transaction will result in reducing HDFC Bank's proportion of exposure to unsecured loans;
- (k) HDFC Limited has built technological capabilities to evaluate the credit worthiness of customers using analytical models, and has developed unique skills in financing various customer segments. The models have been tested and refined over the years at scale and HDFC Bank will benefit from such expertise in underwriting and financing of mortgage offerings;

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		HDFC Bank can leverage on the loan management system, comprising rule engines, IT tools and rules, agents connected through a central system;
		<ul> <li>(m) the Proposed Transaction is expected to result in bolstering the capital base and bringing in resiliency in the balance sheet of HDFC Bank;</li> </ul>
		(n) HDFC Investments Limited and HDFC Holdings Limited are Systemically Important Non - Deposit Accepting Non - Banking Finance Companies and are also wholly owned subsidiaries of HDFC Limited. The Proposed Transaction shall result in simplified corporate structure.
(e)	In case of cash consideration  – amount or otherwise share exchange ratlo	In case of the amalgamation of HDFC Limited into and with HDFC Bank, the share exchange ratio shall be 42 equity shares (credited as fully paid up) of face value of ₹ 1 (Rupee One) each of HDFC Bank for every 25 fully pald up equity shares of face value of ₹ 2 (Rupees Two) of HDFC Limited.
(f)	Brief details of change in shareholding pattern (if any) of listed entity	Upon the Scheme becoming effective, HDFC Bank will issue equity shares (in the share exchange ratio as mentioned above) to the shareholders of HDFC Limited as on the record date. The equity share(s) held by HDFC Limited in HDFC Bank will be extinguished as per the Scheme.



Agreements (viz. shareholder agreement(s), joint venture agreement(s), family settlement agreement(s) (to the extent that it impacts management and control of the listed entity), agreement(s)/treaty(ies)/contract(s) with media companies) which are binding and not in normal course of business, revision(s) or amendment(s) and termination(s) thereof:

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Sr No.		Information of such event		
1.	Name(s) of parties with whom the agreement is entered	Implementation Agreement between HDFC Limited and HDFC Bank.		
2.	Purpose of entering into the agreement	The Implementation Agreement <i>inter alia</i> sets out the manner of effecting the Proposed Transaction contemplated under the Scheme, the representations and warranties being given by each party and the rights and obligations of the respective parties.		
3.	Shareholding, if any, in the entity with whom the agreement is executed	As on date, HDFC Limited, along with two of its wholly-owned subsidiaries, holds 21.00% of paid-up equity share capital of HDFC Bank.		
4.	Significant terms of the agreement (in brief) special rights like right to appoint directors, first right to share subscription in case of issuance of shares, right to restrict any change in capital structure etc.	The Implementation Agreement inter alia sets out the manner of effecting the Proposed Transaction contemplated under the Scheme, the representations and warranties being given by each party and the rights and obligations of the respective parties.		
5.	Whether, the said parties are related to promoter/promoter group/ group companies in any manner. If yes, nature of relationship	HDFC Limited is the promoter of HDFC Bank.		
6.	Whether the transaction would fall within related party transactions? If yes, whether the same is done at "arms length";	The agreement is between HDFC Bank and its promoter, as mentioned above.  The Implementation Agreement is for the purpose of implementing the Proposed Transaction, which is on arm's length basis.		
7.	In case of issuance of shares to the parties, details of issue price, class of shares issued;	Not Applicable		
8.	Any other disclosures related to such agreements, viz., details of nominee on the board of directors of the listed entity, potential conflict of interest arising out of such agreements, etc.;	None		



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# HDFC Bank Limited ("HDFC Bank") and Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited ("HDFC Limited") Announce a Transformational Merger

#### **Key Highlights:**

- Merger of India's largest Housing Finance Company, HDFC Limited, with the largest private sector bank in India, HDFC Bank, will enable seamless delivery of home loans and leverage on the large base of over 68 million customers of HDFC Bank and inter alia improve the pace of credit growth in the economy. HDFC Limited, over the last 45 years has developed one of the best product offerings, delivered in a cost effective manner and in an efficient turn-around time, making it a leader in the housing finance business.
- The proposed transaction is to create a large balance sheet and net-worth that would allow greater flow of credit into the economy. It will also enable underwriting of larger ticket loans, including infrastructure loans, an urgent need of the country.
- HDFC Limited is a significant provider of home loans to the Low Income Group (LIG) and Middle Income Group (MIG) segments under the affordable housing initiatives of the Government of India. Access to housing finance for this category would be improved further on account of low cost funds available with HDFC Bank.
- The Bank has a presence in more than 3,000 cities/town through its 6,342 branches, with about 50% of these branches in semi-urban/rural geographies in the country. Leveraging this distribution might, the proposed transaction would broad base the home loan offering, synonymous with the national objective of *Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana* that intends to provide housing for all.

Mumbai, April 4, 2022: The Board of Directors of HDFC Bank and HDFC Limited, at their respective meetings held today, inter alia, approved a composite scheme of amalgamation ("Scheme") of: (i) HDFC Investments Limited and HDFC Holdings Limited, into and with HDFC Limited; and (ii) HDFC Limited into HDFC Bank, and their respective shareholders and creditors, under Sections 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other applicable laws including the rules and regulations ("Proposed Transaction"). The Scheme and the Proposed Transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, The Scheme is subject to the receipt of requisite approvals from the Reserve Bank of India ("RBI"), Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"), the Competition Commission of India, the National Housing Bank ("NHB"), the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India, the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority, the National Company Law Tribunal, BSE Limited, the National Stock Exchange of India Limited and other statutory and regulatory authorities, and the respective shareholders and creditors, under applicable law..





Upon the Scheme becoming effective, the subsidiaries/associates of HDFC Limited will become subsidiaries/associates of HDFC Bank. Shareholders of HDFC Limited as on the record date will receive 42 shares of HDFC Bank (each of face value of Re.1/), for 25 shares held in HDFC Limited (each of face value of Rs.2/-), and the equity share(s) held by HDFC Limited in HDFC Bank will be extinguished as per the Scheme. As a result of this, upon the Scheme becoming effective, HDFC Bank will be 100% owned by public shareholders and existing shareholders of HDFC Limited will own 41% of HDFC Bank.

#### **Strategic Rationale and Benefits**

HDFC Bank, with more than 68 million customers, 6,342 branches and a full suite of credit, liability and distribution offerings is the leading private sector bank with deep relationships, insights and understanding of its customers built over multiple decades.

HDFC Limited is India's premier housing finance company and has unrivalled relationships, scale and deep underwriting expertise in the housing sector, built over multiple decades and across economic cycles.

The combined entity will bring together complementary strengths of the two organizations, enabling a rewarding customer relationship. Post the combination, HDFC Bank's customers will be offered mortgages as a core product in a seamless manner. HDFC Bank will also leverage the long tenor mortgage relationship to offer varied credit and deposit products enabled through better insights through-out the customer life-cycle. This will result in an enhanced value proposition and customer experience for all customers of the combined entity.

The housing loan market is at the cusp of a strong up-cycle, with all-time high favorable industry dynamics and provides a steady secured asset class with very attractive risk adjusted returns. Over the last few years, the regulatory developments and reforms including (i) higher regulatory standards for the Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) narrowing the gap with the Banking regulatory framework (ii) reduction in SLR rates (iii) deepening of affordable housing bond market and (iv) creation and deepening of Priority Sector Lending (PSL) Certificates market, have created a conducive environment for amalgamation of the two entities, leading to a "win-win" situation for all stakeholders.

The Boards of HDFC Limited and HDFC Bank believe that the merger will create long-term value for all stakeholders, including customers, employees and shareholders of both entities. The amalgamation of the two entities will provide further impetus to the Government's vision of "Housing for All".

Speaking about the merger, Shri. Atanu Chakraborty, Chairman HDFC Bank, said, "The product and market leadership of HDFC Limited in the housing finance business and the distribution and customer leadership of HDFC Bank enables the combined entity to offer full suite of financial products to Indians at large and the





proposed transaction is a big step in realizing the vision of housing for all as envisioned by our government."

Speaking about the merger, Shri. Deepak Parekh, Chairman HDFC Limited, said, "This is a merger of equals. We believe that the housing finance business is poised to grow in leaps and bounds due to the implementation of RERA, infrastructure status to the housing sector, government initiatives like affordable housing for all, amongst others. Over the last few years, various regulations for banks and NBFCs have been harmonised, thereby enabling the potential merger. Further, the resulting larger balance sheet would allow underwriting of large ticket infrastructure loans, accelerate the pace of credit growth in the economy, boost affordable housing and increase the quantum of credit to the priority sector, including credit to the agriculture sector."

Speaking about the merger, Sashi Jagdishan, CEO & MD, HDFC Bank said "The proposed transaction ticks all the right boxes in terms of completion of product offerings, product leadership in home loans as with other retail assets products, distribution strength across the country and a customer base that can be leveraged to cross-sell a complete suite of financial products. It is value accretive for all the stakeholders of both the organisations, including shareholders, employees and customers."

**Speaking about the merger, Keki M. Mistry, Vice-Chairman and CEO of HDFC Limited,** said "With the leadership that we have built in housing finance and the deep understanding of the housing market across various economic cycles, this transaction helps in realizing the potential of what HDFC's housing finance business can achieve by leveraging the distribution and customer base of HDFC Bank. It is a step in the right direction, taken at the right time, for value creation for all the stakeholders."

#### **Advisors**

Morgan Stanley India Company Private Ltd. were financial advisors to HDFC Bank solely for the purpose of providing a fairness opinion on the valuation done by the valuer for the Proposed Transaction.

Bank of America Merrill Lynch (BofA) Securities were financial advisors to HDFC Limited solely for the purpose of providing a fairness opinion on the valuation done by the valuer for the Proposed Transaction.

J.P. Morgan, Goldman Sachs, Citi, Nomura, CLSA, BNP, HSBC, ICICI Securities and Edelweiss acted as financial advisors to HDFC Bank.

Credit Suisse, Kotak Securities, Jefferies, Arpwood, Motilal, Axis, JM Financial, IIFL and Ambit acted as financial advisors to HDFC Limited.

Wadia Ghandy & Co., Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP acted as legal advisors to HDFC Bank and AZB & Partners, Argus Partners and Singhi & Co. acted as the legal advisors to HDFC Limited

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP and Mr. Harsh Chandrakant Ruparelia (Registered Valuer) were appointed as valuers by HDFC Bank. Bansi S. Mehta & Co.





and Ms. Drushti Desai (Registered Valuer) were appointed as valuers by HDFC Limited respectively.

Dhruva Advisors LLP were the tax advisors to HDFC Limited and HDFC Bank.

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The securities proposed to be issued pursuant to this transaction (the "Transaction Securities") will not be registered with the U.S. Securities and exchange commission (the "SEC") under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, including the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder (the "Securities Act") or the securities law of any state or other jurisdiction, and are being offered and sold in reliance on certain exemptions from registration under the Securities Act. Neither these securities nor any interest or participation therein may be offered, sold assigned, transferred, pledged, encumbered or otherwise disposed of in the United States or to U.S. Persons (within the meaning of Regulation S under the Securities Act) unless an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act is available.

The Transaction Securities are anticipated to be issued in reliance upon the exemption from registration requirement of the Securities Act provided by Section 3(a)(10) thereof and applicable exemptions under state securities laws. The approval of a court of competent jurisdiction in India provides the basis for the Transaction Securities to be issued without registration under the Securities Act, in reliance on the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Section 3(a)(10).

Investor Deck is attached.