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New Challenges in Foreign Direct Investments in India and the Role of Lawyers

Seminar presented by the UIA & UIA-India Chapter in collaboration with
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**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 24
& SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 25, 2024**



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Introduction

India Ahead: Exploring legal, regulatory and geopolitical updates impacting FDI in the world's fastest growing economy

While the world is going through a slow-down, India continues to remain a beacon of hope. Foreign investment into India continues to remain on the rise, with e-commerce, manufacturing, fintech having a more prominent focus. After redefining the "Global South" with a successful G20 Conference, the nation continues to stay ahead of the curve with landmark developments in data, climate action, ADR mechanisms and numerous regulatory reforms.

On the geopolitical front, India has solidified its position as a stable alternative to many jurisdictions in South-East Asia, making it, as The Economist put it, "America's (and the West's) New Best Friend".

The Seminar promises the best of the nation's financial capital, with the best in the nation and the world, underscoring the new era of *Doing Business in India*.

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Saturday, February 24

08:30 – 09:30 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

09:30 – 10:15 WELCOME & INAUGURATION

Mr. A K GANGULI, *Senior Advocate and President, UIA India Chapter, New Delhi, India*

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Inauguration

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, *Judge, Supreme Court of India*

10:15 – 10:45 PLENARY SESSION

Chair: Cyril SHROFF, *Conference Chairperson, UIA Mumbai and Managing Partner – Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas*

Keynote Speakers

Pramod RAO, *Executive Director – Securities Exchange Board of India*

Birendra SARAF, *Advocate General of Maharashtra & Goa*

10:45 – 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 12:00 FDI IN INDIA: OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS

An overview of India's FDI policy and policy development within G20.

Chair: Matthieu POUCHEPADASS, *Bredin Prat, Paris, France*

Speakers

Avimukt DAR, *IndusLaw, New Delhi, India*

Nivedita RAO, *Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Bengaluru, India*

Jyotsna CHATURVEDI, *Maheshwari & Co, New Delhi, India*

Neeti SACHDEVA, *MCIA, Mumbai*

12:00 – 13:00 INVESTING IN INDIA: A PERSPECTIVE FROM ASIA AND EUROPE

Discussion on key investor considerations and global perception of 'Ease of Doing Business' in India; Impact of global slowdown and financial institution failures on market outlook.

Chair: Mr. Brajesh SINGH, *Arthur D Little, New Delhi, India*

Speakers

Dev BAJPAI, *GC, HUL, Mumbai, India*

Christopher ECK, *Gide Loyrette Nouel, Paris, France*

Imran KHAN, *Uryu & Itoga Law Office, Singapore City, Singapore*

Ashu THAKUR, *Ashu Thakur & Associates, Mumbai, India*

13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH

14:00 – 15:00 M&A, PRIVATE EQUITY AND VENTURE CAPITAL UPDATES

Overview of regulatory updates focusing on emerging sectors and recent market trends; Discussion on management of regulatory, merger control, and money laundering risks in FDI.

Chair: Aarthi SIVANANDH, *AZB & Partners, Chennai, India*

Speakers

Raj BALAKRISHNAN, *Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Mumbai, India*

Himanshu DODEJA, *Blackstone Inc., Mumbai, India*

Alice GEORGE, *Reliance Industries, Mumbai, India*

Harman WALIA, *IndusLaw, New Delhi, India*

15:00 – 16:00 FROM 'OFFSHORING' TO 'FRIEND-SHORING': POLICY INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS

Discussion on geopolitical implications, macro-economic advantages offered by India, and government initiatives promoting 'Ease of Doing Business'; Tax structuring and incentives for 'Friend-Shoring' in India.

Chair: Dinesh KANABAR, *Dhruva Advisors*

Speakers

Hiten KOTAK, *Khaitan & Co, Mumbai, India*

Clayton CARTWRIGHT, *Vice President of the UIA*

Immigration and Nationality Law Commission, The Cartwright Law Firm LLC, Columbus, GA, USA

Amit SINGHANIA, *Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., New Delhi, India*

16:00 – 16:15 COFFEE BREAK

16:15 – 17:15 BIG-TECH: ANTI-TRUST, DATA PROTECTION AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT

India's growth as the favoured Big-Tech 'back office' and rise of domestic tech and 'super apps'; Impact of the global anti-trust crackdowns, proposals for a domestic digital competition act, and implications of the new Indian data privacy laws on business.

Chair: Arun PRABHU, *Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Bengaluru, India*

Speakers

Nikhil NARENDRAN, *Trilegal, Bengaluru, India*

Shreya SURI, *Partner, IndusLaw, India*

Avantika BAJAJ, *GC, Swiggy, India*

Shalini SAXENA, *GC, CoinDCX, India*

Sunday, February 25

09:15 – 09:30 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

09:30 – 10:30 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
AND ESG INDICES: FACILITATING RESPONSIBLE
INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

Overview of mandatory BRSR / ESG standards and recent regulatory initiatives and proactiveness; Investor perception of compliance and its impact on FDI in India.

Chair: Bose VARGHESE, *Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Mumbai*

Speakers

Aditi MATHUR, *Shook Lin & Bok, Singapore City, Singapore*
Purti MINAWALA, *Khaitan & Co, Mumbai India*
JN GUPTA, *Stakeholders Empowerment Services (SES), Mumbai, India*

10:30 – 11:30 SMOOTHER DISPUTE RESOLUTION:
MECHANISMS AND STRATEGIES (I)

Global consensus on the rise and rise of ADR – with Arbitration and Mediation as a focus.

Chair: Avinash PRADHAN, *Rajah & Tann, Singapore City, Singapore*

Speakers

Rosario ZACCA, *Gianni & Origoni, Milan, Italy*
Shweta BIDURI, *Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), Mumbai, India*
Neelima TRIPATHI, *Senior Advocate, New Delhi India*
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Sharmistha CHAKRABARTI, *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, New York, USA*

11:30 – 11:45 COFFEE BREAK

11:45 – 12:45 SMOOTHER DISPUTE
RESOLUTION: MECHANISMS AND STRATEGIES (II)

ADR Innovation in resolution of Foreign Investment Disputes – use of experts, funding strategies and digitalisation tools and evolving dispute resolution landscape in India with a focus on speedier litigation mechanism.

Chair: Mr. Janak D Dwarkadas, *Senior Advocate, Bombay High Court, Mumbai, India*

Speakers

Steven FINIZIO, *Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP London, United Kingdom*
Shreyas JAYASIMHA, *Aarna Law, Bengaluru India*
Pavan DUGGAL, *Pavan Duggal Associates, New Delhi, India*
Jim ROBINSON, *Pointon Partners Australia*
Rebecca JAMES, *Linklaters, Singapore*

12:45 – 13:15 VALEDICTORY SESSION

CLOSING REMARKS

Krishnan VENUGOPAL, *Vice President, UIA India Chapter and National Representative of India*

VOTE OF THANKS

Mamta TIWARI, *Secretary General UIA India Chapter*

13:15 – 15:00 LUNCH

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LANGUAGE

The working language will be **English**.

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- Lunches on February 24 & 25
- Dinner on February 24

IMPORTANT NOTE

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In order for your name to appear in the **list of participants**, which will be distributed during the seminar, your registration form must be received by **February 16** at the latest. An updated electronic list will be sent by email to all the participants after the seminar.

HOTEL

A limited number of rooms have been pre-booked at a preferential rate at St. Regis and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reservations should be made directly through the hotel. Credit card details must be given in order to secure your reservation. Please note that the number of rooms is limited. We recommend that you proceed with your reservations as soon as possible.

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