

Report on Corporate Governance

Corporate governance is about promoting fairness, transparency, accountability, commitment to values, ethical business conduct and considering all stakeholders' interest while conducting business.

In accordance with the provisions of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and amendments thereto (the 'SEBI Listing Regulations'), given below are the corporate governance policies and practices of Bajaj Finserv Ltd. (the 'Company', 'Bajaj Finserv' or 'BFS') for FY2023.

This report outlines compliance with requirements of the Companies Act, 2013, as amended, (the 'Act') and the SEBI Listing Regulations, as applicable to the Company. As will be seen, the Company's corporate governance practices and disclosures go well beyond complying with the statutory and regulatory requirements stipulated in the applicable laws.

Philosophy

For us, corporate governance is a reflection of principles rooted in our values and policies and also embedded in our day-to-day business practices. The commitment of Bajaj group to the highest standards of corporate governance predates the provisions of the SEBI Listing Regulations and clause 49 of erstwhile Listing Agreement. Ethical dealings, transparency, fairness, disclosure and accountability are the main thrusts of the working of the Bajaj group. The Company maintains the same tradition and commitment.

Bajaj Finserv is a conglomerate of different financial services businesses – lending, general and life insurance, digital distribution, digital healthcare platform, stock broking, asset management, investment and so on – operated through its subsidiaries and joint ventures. Through its representation on the Boards of the subsidiaries, Bajaj Finserv seeks adoption of key group principles of corporate governance across its subsidiaries.

Key elements of Bajaj Finserv's Corporate Governance

- Compliance with applicable laws.
- Proactive adherence to the regulations.
- Number of Board and Committee meetings more than the statutory requirement, including meetings dedicated for discussing strategy, operating plans and risks.
- The Company's Board comprises of directors from diverse background and substantial experience, who are able to provide appropriate guidance to the executive management as required.
- Panel of independent directors with outstanding track record and reputation.
- Effective 1 April 2023, Audit Committee comprising of independent Board members.
- Pre-Audit Committee meetings of the Committee's Chair with statutory auditors, internal auditor and members of executive management who are the process owners.
- Separate meeting of independent directors without the presence of non-independent directors or executive management.
- Confidential Board evaluation process where each Board member evaluates the performance of every director, Committees of the Board, the Chairman of the Board and the Board itself.
- Presentations by key senior management team members of the Company and its subsidiaries to familiarise the directors with key elements of each of the businesses.
- Complete and detailed information provided to Board members in advance to enable them to evaluate matters carefully for meaningful discussions.
- Representation of the Company via non-executive and independent directors on the Board of its material subsidiaries which ensures an institutionalised structure of control over subsidiaries.
- Half-yearly communication from the Chairman to all shareholders of the Company giving an update on the Company's performance.
- Adoption of key governance policies and codes by the Board in line with best practices, which are made available to stakeholders for downloading/viewing from the Company's website. These *inter-alia* include:

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- Whistle-Blower Policy/vigil mechanism;
- Policy on Materiality of and dealing with Related Party Transactions;
- Code of Conduct for directors and senior management;
- Dividend Distribution Policy;
- A gender neutral policy on Prevention of Sexual Harassment at workplace;
- Charter of fair & responsible workplace guidelines for contract labour;
- Corporate Social Responsibility Policy;
- Remuneration Policy;
- Policy for determining Material Subsidiaries;
- Code of ethics and personal conduct;
- Responsible and Sustainable Business Conduct Policy;
- Employee Charter and Human Rights Statement; and
- CII Code of Conduct.
- The weblinks of key policies are given as an annexure to this Report.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors ('Board') and its Committees play significant role in upholding and furthering the principles of good governance which translates into ethical business practices, transparency and accountability in creating long-term stakeholder value.

Keeping with the commitment to the principles of integrity and transparency in business operations and good corporate governance, the Company's policy is to have an appropriate blend of independent and non-independent directors to maintain the independence of the Board and to separate the Board functions of governance and management.

The responsibilities of the Board, *inter alia*, include formulation of overall strategy for the Company, reviewing major plan of actions, setting performance objectives, laying down the Code of Conduct for all members of the Board and the senior management team, formulating policies, performance review, monitoring due compliance with applicable laws, reviewing and approving the financial results, enhancing corporate governance practices and ensuring the best interest of the shareholders, the community, environment and its various stakeholders.

Composition

In compliance with the SEBI Listing Regulations, the Company has an optimum combination of executive and non-executive directors with a woman independent director.

As on 31 March 2023, the Board of the Company consisted of nine directors, of whom one was executive (Chairman & Managing Director), five were non-executive independent (including one-woman independent director) and three were non-executive non-independent. The Board does not have any institutional nominee director.

The Company is in compliance with the SEBI Listing Regulations.

Number of meetings of the Board

The calendar for the Board and Committee meetings, in which the financial results would be considered in the ensuing year, as well as major items of the agenda are fixed in advance for the entire year. Besides the quarterly Board meetings, meetings are also scheduled in the month of March and September every year to facilitate the Board to devote additional time on long range planning and other strategic matters of the Company including that of the key subsidiaries.

During FY2023, the Board of Directors met six times, viz., 28 April 2022, 28 July 2022, 13 September 2022, 21 October 2022, 30 January 2023 and 15 March 2023. The gap between any two consecutive meetings has been less than one hundred and twenty days.

The summary of composition of Board, number of meetings held during FY2023, attendance record, total compensation for the year, and shareholding in the Company is provided below:



| Sr. | Name of director, DIN and capacity/ | Director | No. of Board Meetings Entitled to attend/ | % of meetings attended in last 3 | Salary and other | <u>Remuneratio</u> Sitting | on(₹in Crore) | No. of Shares held in the Company as on 31 March |
|-----|--|-------------------------|---|---|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|---|
| No. | category | since | Attended | years | compensation | Fee | Commission | 2023 |
| 1. | Sanjiv Bajaj (DIN: 00014615) Chairman & Managing Director, Executive, Promoter | 30 April 2007 | 6/6 | 100.00 | 23.32 | _ | - | 4,144,040 |
| 2. | D. J. Balaji Rao [#] (DIN: 00025254) Independent | 1 April 2014 | 6/6 | 100.00 | - | 0.14 | 0.28 | Nil |
| 3. | Dr. Naushad Forbes (DIN: 00630825) Independent | 13 September 2017 | 6/6 | 94.74 | - | 0.18 | 0.36 | 500 |
| 4. | Anami N Roy (DIN: 01361110) Independent | 1 January 2019 | 6/6 | 100.00 | - | 0.09 | 0.18 | Nil |
| 5. | Pramit Jhaveri* (DIN: 00186137) Independent | 1 May 2022 | 5/5 | 100.00 | | 0.12 | 0.24 | Nil |
| 6. | Radhika Haribhakti* (DIN: 02409519) Independent | 1 May 2022 | 5/5 | 100.00 | | 0.08 | 0.16 | 900 |
| 7. | Madhur Bajaj (DIN: 00014593) Non-executive, Promoter | 10 May 2007 | 6/6 | 100.00 | | 0.06 | 0.12 | 500,000 |
| 8. | Rajiv Bajaj (DIN: 00018262) Non-executive, Promoter | 30 April 2007 | 6/6 | 84.21 | | 0.06 | 0.12 | 701,715 |
| 9. | Manish Kejriwal (DIN: 00040055) Non-executive, non- independent | 1 January 2019 | 6/6 | 100.00 | - | 0.13 | 0.26 | Nil |

Notes:

All Directors attended the AGM held on 28 July 2022.

Sanjiv Bajaj and Rajiv Bajaj, are brothers and related to each other.

No other directors are related interse.

#Date of appointment pursuant to Companies Act, 2013 as an independent director is considered.

* Appointed as independent directors of the Company w.e.f. 1 May 2022. Hence, % of meetings attended is calculated based on the number of Board meetings attended by them post their appointment.

The Company has not issued any convertible instruments and none of the Directors hold any convertible instrument.

Changes in composition of Board during FY2023

Details of change in composition of the Board during FY2023 are as below:

| Sr. | | | | |
|-----|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| No. | Name of director | Capacity | Nature of change | Effective date |
| 1. | Dr. Gita Piramal | Independent director | Resignation | 30 April 2022* |
| 2. | Pramit Jhaveri | Independent director | Appointment | 1 May 2022 |
| 3. | Radhika Haribhakti | Independent director | Appointment | 1 May 2022 |

*Close of business hours.

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Resignation of Independent Director during FY2023

Dr. Gita Piramal, who was holding office for a second term till 15 July 2024, resigned due to health reason with effect from close of business hours on 30 April 2022.

She has confirmed that there was no other material reason for resignation other than that mentioned above.

A copy of her resignation letter dated 25 April 2022 which has been submitted to stock exchanges and can be accessed at https://www.bseindia.com/xml-data/corpfiling/AttachHis/236c9bad-cb33-499e-a90b-9bbba07bd5c9.pdf

Board diversity

In compliance with the provisions of the SEBI Listing Regulations, the Board through Nomination and Remuneration Committee ('NRC') has devised a policy on Board Diversity. The Board comprises adequate number of members with diverse experience and skills, such that it best serves the governance and strategic needs of the Company. The directors are persons of eminence in areas of management and governance, financial services, technology and innovation, business transformation and strategy, risk, assurance and internal controls, finance, law, etc. and bring with them experience/skills which add value to the performance of the Board. The directors are selected purely on the basis of merit with no discrimination on race, colour, religion, gender or nationality.

A brief profile of directors is available on the website of the Company and can be accessed at https://www. bajajfinserv.in/about-us-board-of-directors

Core skills/ expertise/ competencies

As stipulated under schedule V to the SEBI Listing Regulations, core skills/expertise/competencies as required in the context of the business and sector for it to function effectively and those actually available with the Board have been identified by the Board of Directors.

The chart/ matrix of such core skills/ expertise/ competencies, along with the names of directors who possess such skills is given below:

| Sr. No. | Core skills/ expertise/ cor | npetencies | | | | |
|------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1. | Management & Governance | Management & Governance | | | | |
| 2. | Financial Services | | | | | |
| 3. | Consumer behaviour, sales | , marketing and customer experience | | | | |
| 4. | Technology and Innovation | Technology and Innovation | | | | |
| 5. | Understanding of accounting and financial statements | | | | | |
| 6. | Risk, Assurance and Internal Controls | | | | | |
| 7. | Regulatory, Public policy ar | nd economics | | | | |
| 8. | Human Resource | | | | | |
| 9. | Business Transformation & Strategy | | | | | |
| Sr. No. | Name of the director | Core skills/ expertise/ competencies | | | | |
| 1 | Saniiy Bajaj | Management & Governance | | | | |

| 1. Sanjiv Bajaj | | Management & Governance; Financial Services; Consumer behaviour, sales, marketing and customer experience; Technology and Innovation; Understanding of accounting and financial statements; Risk, Assurance and Internal Controls; Regulatory, Public policy and economics; Human Resources; and Business Transformation & Strategy | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|---|--|--|--|
| 2. | D J Balaji Rao | Management & Governance; Financial Services; Consumer behaviour, sales, marketing and customer experience; Understanding of accounting and financial statements; Risk, Assurance and Internal Controls; and Business Transformation & Strategy | | | |



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| No. | Name of the director | Core skills/ expertise/ competencies | | |
|-----|----------------------|--|--|--|
| 3. | Dr. Naushad Forbes | Management & Governance; Consumer behaviour, sales, marketing and customer experience; Technology and Innovation; Understanding of accounting and financial statements; Risk, Assurance and Internal Controls; Regulatory, Public policy and economics; Human Resource; and Business Transformation & Strategy | | |
| 4. | Anami N Roy | Management & Governance; Financial Services; Understanding of accounting and financial statements; Risk, Assurance and Internal Controls; Regulatory, Public policy and economics; and Human Resource | | |
| 5. | Pramit Jhaveri | Management & Governance; Financial Services; Consumer behaviour, sales, marketing and customer experience; Technology and Innovation; Understanding of accounting and financial statements; Risk, Assurance and Internal Controls; Regulatory, Public policy and economics; Human Resource; and Business Transformation & Strategy | | |
| 6. | Radhika Haribhakti | Management & Governance; Financial Services; Understanding of accounting and financial statements; Risk, Assurance and Internal Controls; Human Resource; and Business Transformation & Strategy | | |
| 7. | Madhur Bajaj | Management & Governance; Financial Services; Consumer behaviour, sales, marketing and customer experience; Regulatory, Public policy and economics; Human Resource; and Business Transformation & Strategy | | |
| 8. | Rajiv Bajaj | Management & Governance; Consumer behaviour, sales, marketing and customer experience; Technology and Innovation; Understanding of accounting and financial statements; Risk, Assurance and Internal Controls; Human Resource; and Business Transformation & Strategy | | |
| 9. | Manish Kejriwal | Management & Governance; Financial Services; Consumer behaviour, sales, marketing and customer experience; Technology and Innovation; Understanding of accounting and financial statements; Regulatory, Public policy and economics; and Business Transformation & Strategy | | |

Opinion of the Board

The Board hereby confirms that, in their opinion, the independent directors fulfil the conditions specified under the SEBI Listing Regulations and the Act and that they are independent of the management of the Company.

Non-executive directors' compensation

The Company believes that non-executive directors' ('NEDs') (including independent directors) compensation must reflect the time, effort, attendance and participation in Board and Committee meetings. The payment is proportionate to the attendance and ensures directors' remuneration is commensurate with their time, effort, attendance and participation.

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The members of the Company vide special resolution dated 22 June 2022, have approved the payment of commission up to a sum not exceeding one percent of the net profit of the Company, calculated in accordance with the provisions of section 198 of the Act, to be paid and distributed among the directors of the Company or some or any of them (other than the Managing Director and Whole-time Director, if any) in such amounts, subject to such ceiling/s and in such manner and in such respects, as may be decided by the Board of Directors from time to time during the period of five years commencing from 1 April 2022.

During FY2023, the NEDs of the Company are being paid commission at the rate of ₹ 200,000 per meeting of the Board and/or its Committees attended by them.

An independent benchmarking exercise was done on the compensation payable to NEDs vis-a-vis peers and other well governed companies. The Board, after taking into account the same and keeping in view the responsibilities that the NEDs are expected to bear in the interest of higher level of excellence in corporate governance on account of statutory and regulatory changes, enhanced the commission from ₹ 200,000 to ₹ 300,000 per meeting of the Board and/or Committee (except Duplicate Share Certificate Issuance Committee and Corporate Social Responsibility Committee) w.e.f. 1 April 2023. The total commission payable to all Directors, will be within the maximum permissible ceiling prescribed under the Act.

The Commission is paid to the directors post adoption of financial statements by the members at the annual general meeting.

The directors are also entitled to sitting fee at ₹ 100,000 per meeting for every meeting of the Board and/or Committee (except Duplicate Share Certificate Issuance Committee and Corporate Social Responsibility Committee) attended by them.

The Company does not have a stock option programme for any of its directors.

Information placed before the Board

The Board is presented with relevant information on various matters related to the working of the Company and its subsidiaries, especially those which require deliberation at the highest level. Presentations are also made to the Board by key members of senior management team on important matters from time to time. Directors have separate and independent access to the officers of the Company. In addition to items required to be placed before the Board for its noting and/or approval, information is provided on various significant items.

Since the Company operates through its subsidiaries in diverse businesses, special presentations are made on specific businesses and/or topics as part of governance oversight over subsidiaries.

In terms of quality and importance, the information supplied by Management to the Board is far ahead of the mandate under the Act and SEBI Listing Regulations. The independent directors of the Company met on 15 March 2023 and expressed their satisfaction on the quality, quantity and timeliness of flow of information between the Company's Management and the Board.

Pursuant to the various regulatory requirements and considering business needs, the Board is apprised on various strategic, business, compliance and regulatory matters. During FY2023, it *inter alia*, covered the following:

- · Business plans, forecast and strategic initiatives of the Group
- Internal financial controls
- · Succession planning, organisational structure, and talent management framework
- · Annual operating plans/ financial budget of subsidiaries
- · Status of compliance with Act, SEBI Regulations and shareholder related matters
- Review of various policies framed by Company from time to time covering, amongst others, Code of Conduct for Directors and Senior Management, Whistle-Blower policy, Code of practice and procedure for fair disclosure and Risk Management policy, etc.
- Risk management system, risk management policy and strategy followed
- Minutes of meetings of various Committees of the Board
- Review of critical legal matters involving the Company and/or its subsidiaries
- Performance of subsidiaries



Directors and Officers liability insurance ('D&O policy')

The Company has in place a D&O policy which is renewed every year. It covers directors (including independent directors) of the Company and its subsidiaries. The Board is of the opinion that quantum and risk presently covered is adequate.

Orderly succession to Board and Senior Management

One of the key functions of the Board of directors is selecting, compensating, monitoring, and when necessary, replacing key managerial personnel and overseeing succession planning.

Pursuant to regulation 17(4) of the SEBI Listing Regulations, the framework of succession planning for appointment of Board/senior management is placed before the Board for its review from time to time.

During the year under review, the Board was updated, inter alia, on the following:

- Framework to address anticipated, as well as unscheduled changes in leadership;
- Process of revising the succession plan;
- · Several programmes through which high performing talents are identified;
- Series of interventions and experiential environments to develop their leadership qualities and skills;
- Keeping in line with the principles of governance, how the changes are planned from time to time in the Board of Directors, Board committees and the top management as part of succession planning.

Directorships and memberships of Board committees

Table 1: Number of directorship/committee positions of directors as on 31 March 2023(including the Company):

| | | | Directorships | | listed and ur | positions in hlisted public panies | |
|------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Sr. No. | Name of director | No. of directorships | In equity listed companies | In unlisted public companies | In private limited companies | As member (including as chairperson) | As chairperson |
| 1. | Sanjiv Bajaj | 18 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| 2. | D J Balaji Rao | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| 3. | Dr. Naushad Forbes | 14 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 2 |
| 4. | Anami N Roy | 10 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 4 |
| 5. | Pramit Jhaveri | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 6. | Radhika Haribhakti | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 2 |
| 7. | Madhur Bajaj | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 8. | Rajiv Bajaj | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 9. | Manish Kejriwal | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3* | 1 |

* Resigned as member of Audit Committee of Bajaj Finserv Ltd. & Bajaj Holdings & Investment Ltd. w.e.f. close of business hours on 31 March 2023.

Note: For the purpose of considering the limit of committees in which a director can serve, all public limited companies, whether listed or not, have been included; whereas all other companies including private limited companies, foreign companies, high value debt listed entities and companies under section 8 of the Act/section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 have been excluded. Only the audit committee and the stakeholders' relationship committee are considered for the purpose of reckoning committee positions. Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd., being a public limited company as well as high value debt listed entity is considered under the category of public limited company.

None of the directors hold office as a director, including as an alternate director, in more than twenty companies at the same time. Further, none of them have directorships in more than ten public companies. For reckoning the limit of public companies, directorships of private companies that are either holding or subsidiary companies of a public company are included; while directorships in dormant companies and section 8 of the Act/section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 are excluded. For the purpose of reckoning the directorships in listed companies, only equity listed companies have been considered.

As per declarations received, no director serves as an independent director in more than seven equity listed companies or in more than three equity listed companies if he/ she is a whole-time director/ managing director in any listed company.

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None of the director was a member in more than ten committees, nor a chairperson in more than five committees across all public companies in which he/she was a director.

Notwithstanding the number of directorships, as highlighted herein, the outstanding attendance record and participation of the directors in Board/Committee meetings indicates their commitment and ability to devote adequate time and efforts to their responsibilities as Board/Committee members.

Directorship in listed companies (including debt listed companies)

Table 2: Name of listed entities where directors of the Company held directorships as on31 March 2023 (including the Company)

| Sr. No. | Name of director | Name of listed entity | Category | |
|------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| | | Bajaj Auto Ltd. | Non-executive, non-independent | |
| | | Bajaj Finance Ltd. | Chairman, non-executive non-independent | |
| 1 | Capity Data | Bajaj Finserv Ltd. | Chairman and Managing Director, executive | |
| 1. | Sanjiv Bajaj | Bajaj Holdings & Investment Ltd. | Managing Director and CEO, executive | |
| | | Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd. | Chairman, non-executive non-independent | |
| | | Maharashtra Scooters Ltd. | Chairman, non-executive non-independent | |
| | | Bajaj Auto Ltd. | | |
| 0 | | Bajaj Finance Ltd. | - Neg overview independent | |
| 2. | D J Balaji Rao | Bajaj Finserv Ltd. | Non-executive, independent | |
| | | Bajaj Holdings & Investment Ltd. | _ | |
| | | Bajaj Auto Ltd. | | |
| | | Bajaj Finance Ltd. | | |
| 3. | Dr. Naushad Forbes | Bajaj Finserv Ltd. | Non-executive, independent | |
| | | Bajaj Holdings & Investment Ltd. | _ ' | |
| | | Zodiac Clothing Company Ltd. | - | |
| | Anami N Roy | Bajaj Auto Ltd. | | |
| | | Bajaj Finance Ltd. | - | |
| | | Bajaj Finserv Ltd. | _ | |
| 4. | | Bajaj Holdings & Investment Ltd. | Non-executive, independent | |
| | | Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd. | _ | |
| | | Finolex Industries Ltd. | _ | |
| | | Glaxosmithkline Pharmaceuticals Ltd. | _ | |
| | | Bajaj Finance Ltd. | | |
| 5. | Pramit Jhaveri | Bajaj Finserv Ltd. | Non-executive, independent | |
| 0. | | Larsen and Toubro Ltd. | | |
| | | Bajaj Finance Ltd. | | |
| | | Bajaj Finserv Ltd. | _ | |
| | | EIH Associated Hotels Ltd. | _ | |
| 5. | Radhika Haribhakti | ICRA Ltd. | Non executive independent | |
|). | | Navin Fluorine International Ltd. | _ Non-executive, independent | |
| | | | _ | |
| | | Rain Industries Ltd. | _ | |
| | | Torrent Power Ltd. | | |
| | | Bajaj Auto Ltd. | Vice-Chairman, non-executive non-independent | |
| 7. | Madhur Bajaj | Bajaj Electricals Ltd. | _ | |
| | Maanar Dajaj | Bajaj Finserv Ltd. | Non-executive non-independent | |
| | | Bajaj Holdings & Investment Ltd. | | |
| | | Bajaj Auto Ltd. | Managing Director and CEO, executive | |
| | | Bajaj Electricals Ltd. | | |
| Β. | Rajiv Bajaj | Bajaj Finance Ltd. | - Neg everytive per independent | |
| | · | Bajaj Finserv Ltd. | Non-executive non-independent | |
| | | Bajaj Holdings & Investment Ltd. | _ | |
| | | Bajaj Finserv Ltd. | | |
| 7. | Manish Kejriwal | Bajaj Holdings & Investment Ltd. | Non-executive, non-independent | |



Certificate on qualification of Directors

The Company has received a certificate from Shyamprasad D. Limaye, practising company secretary, to the effect that none of the directors on the Board of the Company have been debarred or disqualified from being appointed or continuing as director of the Company by SEBI/Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) or any other statutory authority. The certificate forms part of this Annual Report.

Review of legal compliance reports

The Board periodically reviews compliance report with respect to the various laws applicable to the Company, as prepared and placed before it by the Management.

Code of Conduct

The SEBI Listing Regulations requires listed companies to lay down a Code of Conduct for its directors and senior management, incorporating duties of directors prescribed in the Act.

The Company has a Board approved Code of Conduct for Board members and senior management of the Company. Based on the review, the Code of Conduct was revised in line with applicable regulations and approved by the Board at its meeting held on 15 March 2023. The updated Code has been placed on the Company's website and can be accessed at https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/code-of-conduct-for-directors-and-senior-management-v1?scl=1&fmt=pdf

All the Board members and senior management personnel have affirmed compliance with the Code for the year ended 31 March 2023. A declaration to this effect signed by the Chairman & Managing Director forms a part of this Annual Report.

Maximum tenure of independent directors

In terms of the Act, independent directors shall hold office for a term of up to five consecutive years on the board of a company but shall be eligible for re-appointment on passing of a special resolution by the Company and disclosure of such appointment in the board's report. The tenure of the independent directors is in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Formal letter of appointment to independent directors

The Company has issued a formal letter of appointment/re-appointment to independent directors in the manner provided in the Act. As per regulation 46(2) of the SEBI Listing Regulations, the terms and conditions of appointment/re-appointment of independent directors are placed on the Company's website and can be accessed at https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/bfs-terms-of-id-appointment-2018-v1pdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf

Familiarisation programme

On an ongoing basis, the Company endeavours to keep the Board including independent directors abreast with matters relating to the industry in which Company and its subsidiaries operates, their business model, risk metrics, mitigation and management, governing regulations, information technology including cyber security, Environment Social and Governance (ESG) initiatives of the Company and the Group, their roles, rights and responsibilities and major developments and updates on the Company, its subsidiaries and group, etc.

The independent directors of the Company are made aware of their roles and responsibilities at the time of their appointment through a formal letter of appointment, which also stipulates various terms and conditions of their engagement.

As a part of on boarding of independent directors during the year, they were familiarised about, *inter alia*, covering the following:

- Group and organisational structure
- Key highlights about the business and financials of subsidiaries
- Risk management process
- ESG approach, ESG journey so far and key outcomes
- CSR overview and process
- Assurance framework

Details of familiarisation programmes for FY2023 are placed on the Company's website and can be accessed at <u>https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/familiarisation-programme-for-independent-directors-v4?scl=1&fmt=pdf</u>

Whistle-blower policy/vigil mechanism

The Company has a whistle-blower policy encompassing vigil mechanism pursuant to the requirements of the section 177(9) of the Act and regulation 22 of the SEBI Listing Regulations. This mechanism enables directors and employees to report confidentially to the management, without fear of victimisation, any unacceptable and/or unethical behaviour, suspected or actual fraud, violation of the Company's Code of Conduct or ethics policy and instances of leak or suspected leak of unpublished price sensitive information which are detrimental to the organisation's interest. It provides safeguards against victimisation of directors/ employees who avail of the mechanism and allows direct access to the Chairman of the Audit Committee in exceptional cases.

The said policy has been appropriately communicated to the employees within the organisation and has also been hosted on the Company's website, which can be accessed at <u>https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/whistle-blower-policy-website-v1pdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf</u>.

During FY2023, no employee was denied access to the Chairman of Audit Committee under this policy. During FY2023, 1 complaint was received by Company and the same has been resolved as on 31 March 2023.

Details of subsidiaries

a) Material subsidiaries

The Company has four material subsidiaries viz. Bajaj Finance Ltd. (BFL), Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company Ltd. (BALIC), Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Ltd. (BAGIC) and Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd. (BHFL).

The details of the same are as under:

| Sr. No. | Particulars | BFL | BHFL |
|------------|------------------------|---|---|
| 1. | Date of incorporation | 25 March 1987 | 13 June 2008 |
| 2. | Place of incorporation | Pune | Pune |
| 3. | Registered office | Akurdi, Pune - 411035 | Bajaj Auto Ltd., Complex, Mumbai-Pune Road, Akurdi Pune - 411 035 |
| 4. | Name of the Auditor | Deloitte Haskins & Sells, Chartered Accountants and G. M. Kapadia & Co., Chartered Accountants, as Joint Statutory Auditors | Khandelwal Jain & Co., Chartered Accountants and G.D. Apte & Co., Chartered Accountants as Joint Statutory Auditors |
| 5. | Date of appointment | 17 November 2021 | 16 November 2021 |
| 6. | Period of appointment | 3 years to hold office till the AGM scheduled in 2024 for audit of Financial Statements for FY 2022, 2023 and 2024 as per RBI Guidelines. | 3 years to hold office till the AGM scheduled in 2024 for audit of Financial Statements for FY2022, 2023 and 2024 as per RBI Guidelines. |
| 7. | Other details | BFL is registered as a Non-Banking Finance Company with Reserve Bank of India ('RBI') (Registration No. A-13.00243). It is also classified in the Upper Layer pursuant to RBI Scale Based Regulations. The equity shares of the company are listed on BSE Ltd. and National stock Exchange of India Ltd. Debentures issued by the company are listed on the whole sale debt market (WDM) segment of BSE Ltd. It is classified as a high value debt listed entity in terms of SEBI Listing Regulations. | BHFL is registered as a Housing Finance Company with National Housing Bank (Registration No. 09.0127.15). It is also classified in the Upper Layer pursuant to RBI Scale Based Regulations. Debentures issued by the company are listed on the whole sale debt market (WDM) segment of BSE Ltd. It is classified as a high value debt listed entity in terms of SEBI Listing Regulations. |



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| No. | Particulars | BAGIC | | BALIC | | |
|-----|------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. | Date of incorporation | 19 September 2000 | | 12 March 2001 | | |
| 2. | Place of incorporation | Pune | | Pune | | |
| 3. | Registered office | Bajaj Allianz House Ai Pune – 411 006 | rport Road, Yerawada | Bajaj Allianz House Airport Road, Yerawad Pune – 411 006 | | |
| 4. | Name of the Auditor | S R Batliboi & Co. LLP, Chartered Accountants | KKC & Associates LLP, Chartered Accountants (formerly Khimji Kunverji & Co. LLP) | S R Batliboi & Co. LLP, Chartered Accountants | Kalyaniwalla & Mistry LLP, Chartered Accountants | |
| 5. | Date of appointment | 18 July 2018 | 5 May 2022 | 18 July 2018 | 5 May 2022 | |
| 6. | Period of appointment | From the conclusion of 18th AGM till conclusion of 23rd AGM | From the conclusion of 22nd AGM till conclusion of 27th AGM | From the conclusion of 17th AGM till conclusion of 22nd AGM | From the conclusion of 21st AGM till conclusion of 26th AGM | |
| 7. | Other details | BAGIC is also a joint venture between Bajaj Finserv Ltd. and Allianz SE. The Company is registered as a General Insurer with IRDAI (Registration No. 113) | | BALIC is also a joint venture between Baja Finserv Ltd. and Allianz SE. The Company is registered as Life Insurer with IRDAI (Registration No. 116) | | |

These material subsidiaries have eminent and professional Board of Directors comprising of highly qualified persons and the brief profile of those directors are uploaded on respective company's website.

The Company's policy for determination of material subsidiary has been placed on the Company's website and can be accessed at https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/policy-for-material-subsidiaries-13marchpdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf

b) Wholly-owned subsidiaries:

| | | | | Particulars | | |
|------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------|---|---|--|
| Sr. No. | Name of the Company | Date of incorporation | Place of incorporation | Registered office | Other details | |
| 1. | Bajaj Finserv Health Ltd. ('BFS- Health') | 5 July 2019 | Pune | Bajaj Auto Ltd., Mumbai-Pune Road, Akurdi, Pune – 411 035. | BFS-Health provides a healthcare management platform that integrates various parts of the healthcare ecosystem and uses technology to improve the health outcomes of its customers. | |
| 2. | Bajaj Finserv Ventures Ltd. ('BFS- Ventures') | 27 September 2021 | Pune | Bajaj Finserv Ltd., S.No.208/1B, Lohagaon, Viman Nagar, Pune – 411 014. | BFS-Ventures is engaged in the business of alternative investments in properties and start-ups. In addition it also undertakes the business of debt management services, business process outsourcing, and all allied services related to the management of human resources. | |
| 3. | Bajaj Finserv Mutual Fund Trustee Ltd.('BFS- Trustee') | 11 October 2021 | Pune | S. No. 208/1B, Lohegaon, Viman Nagar, Pune – 411 014. | BFS-Trustee is the Trustee for the Bajaj Finserv Mutual Fund. They are entrusted with the responsibility of supervising the activities of asset management company and mutual fund and discharging other obligations under the SEBI (Mutual Fund) Regulations, 1996 | |
| 4. | Bajaj Finserv Asset Management Ltd.('BFS- AMC') | 18 October 2021 | Pune | S. No. 208/1B, Lohegaon, Viman Nagar, Pune – 411 014. | BFS-AMC has received the license from SEBI to act as an asset management company for Bajaj Finserv Mutual Fund. | |

Other subsidiaries of the Company include Bajaj Finserv Direct Limited and Bajaj Financial Securities Limited (wholly owned subsidiary of BFL).

Details of material subsidiaries, including their performance, business, etc. is given in the Management Discussion and Analysis.

Provisions under regulation 24 and 24A of SEBI Listing Regulations, with reference to the subsidiary companies were duly complied, to the extent applicable.

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During FY2023, no company became or ceased to be our subsidiary or joint venture company. The Company does not have any associate company.

As on 31 March 2023, the combined market capitalisation of BFS and BFL, listed material subsidiary is approximately ₹ 541,785 crore.

Loans and advances

During FY2023, the Company and its subsidiaries have not provided any loans and advances in the nature of loans to firms/companies in which the directors are interested.

Share Capital

Keeping with the spirit of inclusion and to reward the members, the Board of Directors, at its meeting held on 28 July 2022, recommended sub-division of one equity share of face value of ₹5 into five equity shares of the face value of ₹1 and issue of bonus shares of face value of ₹1 for every 1 (one) fully paid-up equity share of face value of ₹1. The members vide their resolution dated 2 September 2022 approved the aforesaid proposals.

On 15 September 2022, the Company allotted 796,407,730 bonus equity shares of face value of ₹ 1 (after giving effect of stock split) in the ratio of 1:1 to all eligible shareholders holding shares on record date i.e. 14 September 2022.

As of 31 March 2023, the paid-up capital of the Company post sub-division of equity shares and bonus issue was ₹159.28 crore consisting of 1,592,815,460 equity shares of face value of ₹1 fully paid up.

The Company has not issued any convertible securities and there are no outstanding convertible securities as on 31 March 2023.

Utilisation of funds raised through Preferential Allotment/Qualified Institutions Placement

The Company has not raised funds by issue of equity shares either on preferential basis or through qualified institutions placement. Therefore, there are no details to be disclosed as per regulation 32(7A) of the SEBI Listing Regulations.

Related party transactions

All related party transactions entered during FY2023 were in the ordinary course of business, at arm's length and not material under the Act and SEBI Listing Regulations. Prior approval of the Audit Committee was obtained for all related party transactions entered during FY2023. Details of such transactions were placed before the Audit Committee for its noting and review on a quarterly basis.

A statement containing disclosure of transactions with related parties as required under Indian Accounting Standard 24 (Ind AS 24) including transaction with promoter/promoter group holding 10% or more shareholding in the Company is set out separately in this Annual Report. Disclosures relating to RPTs are filed with the stock exchanges on a half-yearly basis.

During FY2023, there were no materially significant RPTs that may have had any potential conflict with the interest of the Company at large. The policy on materiality of RPTs stipulating the threshold limits and also on dealing with RPTs which has been approved by the Board has been placed on the Company's website and can be accessed at https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/policy-on-materiality-of-and-dealing-with-related-party-transactions?scl=1&fmt=pdf

Audit Committee

Pursuant to the Act and SEBI Listing Regulations, the Company has an Audit Committee, which meets the composition prescribed with a minimum of two-third of its members (including Chairman) being independent directors. All members are non-executive directors, are financially literate and have accounting or related financial management expertise.

The Board reviews the working of the Committee from time to time to bring about greater effectiveness and to ensure compliance with the various requirements under the Act and SEBI Listing Regulations.

The terms of reference of the Committee are in accordance with the Act and SEBI Listing Regulations. These broadly include oversight of the Company's financial reporting process and disclosure of its financial information, review of financial statements, review of compliances and review of systems and controls, approval or any subsequent modification of transactions with related parties, review management letters/



letters of internal control weaknesses issued by the statutory auditors, if any, and review compliance with SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015, as amended. The detailed terms of reference of the Committee can be accessed at https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/terms-of-reference-for-audit-committeepdf

Meetings and attendance

During FY2023, the Audit Committee met five times, viz. 28 April 2022, 28 July 2022, 21 October 2022, 30 January 2023 and 15 March 2023. These meetings were scheduled well in advance and not more than one hundred and twenty days elapsed between any two consecutive meetings.

In addition to the members of the Audit Committee, these meetings were attended by Chief Financial Officer, internal auditor, representative of statutory auditors, cost auditor and other senior executives who were considered necessary for providing inputs to the Committee.

The Company Secretary acted as the secretary to the Audit Committee.

Manish Kejriwal, stepped down as member of Committee with effect from close of business hours on 31 March 2023.

Further, the Board of Directors inducted Anami N Roy as member of the Committee effective 1 April 2023.

Dr. Naushad Forbes, Chairman of the Committee, was present at the AGM which was held through video conferencing (VC) on 28 July 2022 to answer members' queries.

Changes in composition of Audit Committee during FY2023

Details of change in composition of the Audit Committee during FY2023 is as given below:

| Sr. No. | Name of director | Capacity | Nature of change | Effective date |
|------------|------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Dr. Gita Piramal | Member | Cessation as a member on account of | 30 April 2022* |
| | | | resignation from the Board | |
| 2. | Pramit Jhaveri | Member | Appointment as a member | 1 May 2022 |
| 3. | Manish Kejriwal | Member | Cessation as a member | 31 March 2023* |
| 4. | Anami N Roy | Member | Appointment as a member | 1 April 2023 |

*Close of business hours.

Effective 1 April 2023, all members of the Committee comprise of only independent directors.

Table 3: Composition of the Audit Committee and attendance record of the members for FY2023:

| | | | | No. of meetings held during FY2023 (5) | |
|-----|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|---|----------|
| Sr. | | Member of | | Entitled to | |
| No. | Name of director | Committee since | Category | attend | Attended |
| 1. | Dr. Naushad Forbes | 13 September | Chairman, non-executive, | 5 | 5 |
| | | 2017 | independent | | |
| 2. | D J Balaji Rao | 30 January 2008 | Non-executive, independent | 5 | 5 |
| 3. | Pramit Jhaveri | 1 May 2022 | Non-executive, independent | 4 | 4 |
| 4. | Manish Kejriwal | 17 March 2020 | Non-executive, non-independent | 5 | 4 |

During FY2023, the Board had accepted all recommendations of the Committee.

Nomination and Remuneration Committee

Pursuant to the Act and SEBI Listing Regulations, the Company has constituted a Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC).

The terms of reference of the Committee are in accordance with the Act and SEBI Listing Regulations. These broadly include formulation of criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a director, recommendation of persons to be appointed to the Board and senior management and specifying the manner for effective evaluation of performance of Board, its Committees, Chairperson and individual directors, recommendation of remuneration policy for directors, key managerial personnel and other employees, formulation of criteria for evaluation of performance of independent directors and the Board, devising a policy on Board diversity and such other matters as may be prescribed under the Act and SEBI Listing Regulations.

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The Committee acts as the Compensation Committee for administration of the Company's Employee Stock Option Scheme, 2018.

Meetings and attendance

During FY2023, the Committee met three times, viz. 28 April 2022, 13 September 2022 and 15 March 2023.

Consequent to resignation of Dr. Gita Piramal with effect from close of business hours on 30 April 2022 the Board of Directors inducted Radhika Haribhakti as the member of the Committee with effect from 1 May 2022.

D J Balaji Rao, Chairman of the Committee, was present at the AGM of the Company held through VC on 28 July 2022, to answer shareholders' queries.

Table 4: Composition of the NRC and attendance record of the members for FY2023:

| | | Member of | 1ember of | | No. of meetings held during FY2023 (3) | |
|------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| Sr. No. | Name of director | Committee since | Category | Entitled to attend | Attended | |
| 1. | D J Balaji Rao | 30 January 2008 | Chairman, non-executive, independent | 3 | 3 | |
| 2. | Dr. Naushad Forbes | 1 October 2021 | Non-executive, independent | 3 | 3 | |
| 3. | Anami N Roy | 1 October 2021 | Non-executive, independent | 3 | 3 | |
| 4. | Radhika Haribhakti | 1 May 2022 | Non-executive, independent | 2 | 2 | |
| 5. | Sanjiv Bajaj | 28 April 2021 | Executive, non-independent | 3 | 3 | |
| 6. | Manish Kejriwal | 17 May 2019 | Non-executive, non-independent | 3 | 3 | |

During FY2023, the Board had accepted all recommendations of the Committee.

The Company has in place performance evaluation criteria for Board, Committees, Chairperson and directors. The criteria for evaluation of independent directors, *inter alia*, includes attendance and participation, acting in good faith, openness to ideas, pro-active and positive approach with regard to Board and senior management particularly the arrangements for management of risk and the steps needed to meet challenges from the competition, independence and independent views and judgement, etc.

The criteria is hosted on the website of the Company and can be accessed at <u>https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.</u> in/is/content/bajajfinance/evaluation-criteriapdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf

Risk Management Committee

Pursuant to the SEBI Listing Regulations, the Company has constituted a Risk Management Committee (RMC).

The terms and reference of RMC, *inter alia*, include formulation of a detailed risk management policy, reviewing and guiding the management on reputational and market (investment) risk, ensuring that appropriate methodology, processes and systems are in place to monitor and evaluate risks associated with the business of the Company and its subsidiaries, monitoring and overseeing implementation of the risk management policy, including evaluating the adequacy of risk management systems. To the Company risk mainly emanates from the subsidiaries. At the RMC meetings, these risk are discussed and reviewed in detail. The Chief Risk Officers (CROs)/Risk officers from the respective subsidiaries also participate at such meetings.

The detailed terms of reference of the Committee can be accessed at <u>https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/</u> <u>content/bajajfinance/terms-of-reference-for-risk-management-committeepdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf.</u>

The Company has a risk management framework duly approved by its Board. The details of risk management and various mitigants are covered in detail in Management and Discussion Analysis and in the Directors' Report.

Meetings and attendance

During FY2023, the Committee met three times, viz. 13 September 2022, 30 January 2023 and 15 March 2023.

The Board of Directors inducted Pramit Jhaveri as member of the Committee effective 1 May 2022.

| | | | | No. of me held during F | |
|------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|----------------------------|----------|
| Sr. No. | Name of director/ senior executive | Member of Committee since | Category | Entitled to attend | Attended |
| 1. | Dr. Naushad Forbes | 17 March 2020 | Chairman, non-executive, independent | 3 | 3 |
| 2. | Pramit Jhaveri | 1 May 2022 | Non-executive, independent | 3 | 3 |
| 3. | Sanjiv Bajaj | 14 October 2014 | Executive, non-independent | 3 | 3 |
| 4. | Anish Amin | 17 May 2019 | Senior executive, President (Group Risk, Assurance & Human Resources) | 3 | 3 |

Table 5: Composition of the RMC and attendance record of the members for FY2023:

During FY2023, the Board accepted all recommendations of the Committee.

Stakeholders Relationship Committee

Pursuant to the Act and SEBI Listing Regulations, the Company has constituted a Stakeholders Relationship Committee (SRC). This Committee specifically looks into the grievances of the equity shareholders of the Company.

The terms of reference of the Committee, *inter alia*, include review of measures taken for effective exercise of voting rights by shareholders and review of adherence to the service standards in respect of various services rendered by the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent ('RTA'). The terms of reference of the Committee can be accessed at https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/terms-of-reference-for-stakeholders-relationship-committeepdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf

More details on this subject and on shareholders' related matters including unclaimed suspense account have been furnished in General Shareholder Information.

Meetings and attendance

During FY2023, the Committee met once on 30 January 2023, to review the status of investors' services rendered. The Secretarial Auditor as well as the Company Secretary were present at the said meeting.

The Committee was apprised of the major developments on matters relating to investors. In addition, the Committee also considered matters that can facilitate better investor services and relations. The Committee offered few suggestions for improvement in the shareholder services, which has been duly noted by the Company secretarial team.

Consequent to resignation of Dr. Gita Piramal, she ceased to be Chairperson and member of SRC with effect from close of business hours on 30 April 2022. The Board of Directors inducted Dr. Naushad Forbes as the Chairman and appointed Radhika Haribhakti as the member of the Committee effective from 1 May 2022.

Dr. Naushad Forbes, Chairman of the Committee, was present at the AGM of the Company held through VC on 28 July 2022, to answer shareholders' queries.

Table 6: Composition of the SRC and attendance record of the members for FY2023:

| | | | | No. of meetings FY2023 | |
|------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---|---------------------------|----------|
| Sr. No. | Name of director | Member of Committee since | Category | Entitled to attend | Attended |
| 1. | Dr. Naushad Forbes | 17 March 2020 | Chairman, non-executive, independent | 1 | 1 |
| 2. | Radhika Haribhakti | 1 May 2022 | Non-executive, independent | 1 | 1 |
| 3. | Sanjiv Bajaj | 30 January 2008 | Executive, non-independent | 1 | 1 |

Uma Shende, Company Secretary, acts as the Compliance Officer.

Table 7: Details of the investor complaints received during FY2023:

| No. of complaints | No. of complaints received | No. of complaints not | No. of | No. of complaints |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| outstanding at the | | solved to the satisfaction | complaints | pending at the end of |
| beginning of the year | | of the shareholders | solved | the year |
| 0 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 |

Duplicate Share Certificate Issuance Committee

To meet the requirements of the Act and SEBI Listing Regulations, the Company has constituted a Duplicate Share Certificate Issuance Committee of the Board to approve the issuance of duplicate share certificate in lieu of original share certificate that were lost or misplaced.

As a measure to enhance ease of dealing in securities market by the investors, SEBI through its circular dated 25 January 2022, has mandated listed entities to issue of securities in dematerialised form only while processing any service request including issue of duplicate share certificate.

Meeting and Attendance

During FY2023, the Committee met once on 15 March 2023.

Table 8: Composition of the Duplicate Share Certificate Issuance Committee and attendance record of the members for FY2023:

| | | | No. of mee held during FY | |
|-----|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| Sr. | | | Entitled to | |
| No. | Name of director | Category | attend | Attended |
| 1. | Sanjiv Bajaj | Chairman, executive, non-independent | 1 | 1 |
| 2. | Rajiv Bajaj | Non-executive, non-independent | 1 | 0 |
| 3. | Manish Kejriwal | Non-executive, non-independent | 1 | 1 |

Remuneration of Directors

Pecuniary relationship/transaction with non-executive directors

During FY2023, there were no pecuniary relationship/transactions of any non–executive directors with the Company, other than receiving remuneration as directors.

Criteria of making payments to non-executive directors

Non-executive directors of the Company play a crucial role in the independent functioning of the Board. They bring in an external perspective to decision-making and provide leadership and strategic guidance while maintaining objective judgement. They also oversee the corporate governance framework of the Company.

The criteria of making payments to non-executive directors is placed on the Company's website and can be accessed at https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/remuneration-policy-v2pdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf

Details of Remuneration of directors

The details of remuneration payable to all non-executive directors are provided in the Form MGT-7 ('Annual Return') which is hosted on the website of the Company and can be accessed at <u>https://www.bajajfinserv.in/</u><u>finserv-investor-relations-annual-reports</u>

Chairman & Managing Director

The tenure of Sanjiv Bajaj, Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of the Company is of five years up to 31 March 2027 with a notice period of ninety days and is governed by a service contract. The same is in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Act. Salary and perquisites include all elements of remuneration and is entitled for performance incentives.

The remuneration of CMD is determined after taking into account various factors including:

- The profile of CMD including his standing amongst external stakeholders;
- The overall performance of the Company at consolidated level as well as those of its subsidiaries and the leadership, vision and execution rigour shown by him;
- · His leadership in steering the group;
- New initiatives which help the Company to move towards becoming a comprehensive provider of financial services;
- His significant contribution as Chairman to the performance of the finance and insurance businesses;
- Salary of other senior executives across the Company and its subsidiaries;
- Initiatives taken at the group level strengthening Risk management, Human Resources, ESG initiatives/ reporting and Corporate Social responsibility;



- The remuneration drawn by him as Managing Director & CEO from Bajaj Holdings & Investment Ltd., which has close linkage with the business of the Company; and
- The remuneration paid by other companies of comparable size and profile as the Company and benchmarked with the help of an independent consultant.

The Company has not issued any stock options to him. He is entitled to superannuation benefits payable in the form of an annuity from an approved life insurance company, which forms part of the perquisites allowed to him.

Further details pursuant to section 197(14) of the Act, are furnished in Directors' Report.

Management

Management discussion and analysis

This is given as a separate section in the Annual Report.

Disclosure of material transactions

Pursuant to the SEBI Listing Regulations, senior management is required to make disclosures to the Board relating to all material, financial and commercial transactions, where they had or were deemed to have had personal interest that might have been in potential conflict with the interest of the Company at large. As per the disclosures submitted by the senior management, there were no such transactions during FY2023.

Compliances regarding insider trading

Pursuant to SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations 2015, as amended (the 'SEBI PIT Regulations'), the Company has a Board approved Code of Conduct to regulate, monitor and report trading by designated persons ('Code of Conduct') and a Code of practices and procedures for fair disclosure of unpublished price sensitive information ('Code of Fair Disclosure').

Wherever non-compliance by a designated person concerned was observed, penalty was levied, and the amount was remitted to the SEBI stipulated fund.

By frequent communications, the Company also makes the designated persons aware of their obligations under the SEBI PIT Regulations.

The Audit Committee and the Board at its meeting held on 15 March 2023 had reviewed the compliance in terms of regulation 9A(4) of SEBI PIT Regulations and confirmed that the systems for internal control with respect to the SEBI PIT Regulations are adequate and are operating effectively.

Means of Communication

Quarterly, and annual financial results are published in Business Standard and Lokmat. An abridged version of the financial results is also published in all editions of Mint, Hindustan Times, Hindu Business Line, Economic Times, Financial Express and Ananda Bazar Patrika.

The Company's website <u>https://www.bajajfinserv.in/corporate-bajaj-finserv</u>, under the section of 'investor relations', contains all important public domain information including press release, various policies and codes framed/approved by the Board, presentations made to the media, analysts and institutional investors, schedule/transcripts and audio recordings of earnings call with investors, matters concerning the shareholders, etc. The Company also displays official press releases on its website.

All financial and other vital official news releases and documents under the SEBI Listing Regulations are also communicated to the concerned stock exchanges, besides being placed on the Company's website.

Green Initiatives

Sections 20 and 136 of the Act, read with relevant rules, permit companies to service delivery of documents electronically to the registered email ID of the members.

In compliance with the said provisions and as a continuing endeavour towards the 'Go Green' initiative, the Company proposes to send all correspondence/communications through email to those shareholders who have registered their email ID with their depository participant's/Company's RTA.

During FY2023, the Company sent documents, such as notice convening the annual general meeting, postal ballot notice, audited financial statements, Directors' Report, Auditors' Report, credit of dividend intimation letters, half yearly communications, etc. in electronic form to the email addresses provided by the members and made available by them to the Company through the Depositories.

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Information on general body meetings and details of special resolution(s) passed

A. Details of the AGMs held during last three years:

| Sr. No. | Details of AGM | Date and time of AGM | Details of special resolution(s) passed at the AGM | Voting perce participated | ntage of shareho | Iders |
|------------|--|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1. | 13th AGM – Through VC Deemed Venue: Registered office | 21 July 2020 at 4.15 p.m. | NIL | Particulars | % Favour | % Against |
| 2. | 14th AGM – Through VC Deemed Venue: Registered office | 21 July 2021 at 12.15 p.m. | NIL | - | Not Applicable | |
| 3. | 15th AGM – Through VC Deemed Venue: Registered office | 28 July 2022 at 12:15 p.m. | NIL | - | | |

The recording of last AGM is hosted on the website of the Company at <u>https://www.bajajfinserv.in/</u> <u>corporate-bajaj-finserv</u> and written transcript of the same can be accessed at <u>https://cms-assets.</u> <u>bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/bfs-15th-e-agm-transcript-fy-2022pdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf.</u>

B. Details of resolutions passed through Postal Ballot during last year:

I. Postal ballot notice dated 28 April 2022:

a) Details of special resolutions and voting pattern:

| Sr. No. | Particulars | ••• | entage of share participated | eholders |
|------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Re-appointment of Sanjivnayan Rahulkumar Bajaj | Particulars | % Favour | % Against |
| | (DIN: 00014615) as Managing Director of the | All shareholders | 93.32 | 6.68 |
| | Company for a period of five years w.e.f. 1 April 2022 | Non-promoter category | 70.38 | 29.62 |
| 2 | Re-appointment of Dr. Naushad Darius Forbes (DIN: | Particulars | % Favour | % Against |
| | 00630825) as an Independent Director of the Company for a second term of five consecutive years w.e.f. 13 September 2022 | All shareholders | 97.71 | 2.29 |
| | | Non-promoter category | 90.51 | 9.49 |
| 3 | Appointment of Pramit Shashikant Jhaveri (DIN: 00186137) as an Independent Director for a term of five consecutive years w.e.f. 1 May 2022 | Particulars | % Favour | % Against |
| | | All shareholders | 99.82 | 0.18 |
| | | Non-promoter category | 99.25 | 0.75 |
| 4 | Appointment of Radhika Vijay Haribhakti (DIN: | Particulars | % Favour | % Against |
| | 02409519) as an Independent Director for a term of | All shareholders | 95.14 | 4.86 |
| | five consecutive years w.e.f. 1 May 2022 | Non-promoter category | 78.47 | 21.53 |
| 5 | Approval for payment of commission to Non- | Particulars | % Favour | % Against |
| | Executive Directors for a period of five years | All shareholders | 99.10 | 0.90 |
| | commencing from 1 April 2022 | Non-promoter category | 96.02 | 3.98 |

b) Details of scrutiniser: Shyamprasad D. Limaye (FCS No. 1587, CP No. 572)

c) Date of scrutiniser's report: 24 June 2022

d) Date of passing the resolutions (last date of for voting): 22 June 2022



II. Postal ballot notice dated 28 July 2022:

a) Details of ordinary resolutions and voting pattern:

| Sr. No. | Particulars | ••• | entage of share participated | eholders |
|------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Sub-division of equity shares of the Company | Particulars | % Favour | % Against |
| | | All shareholders | 100 | 0 |
| | | Non-promoter category | 100 | 0 |
| 2 | Alteration of Capital Clause of the Memorandum of Association of the Company | Particulars | % Favour | % Against |
| | | All shareholders | 100 | 0 |
| | | Non-promoter category | 100 | 0 |
| 3 | Issue of Bonus Shares | Particulars | % Favour | % Against |
| | | All shareholders | 98.73 | 1.27 |
| | | Non-promoter category | 93.06 | 6.94 |

- b) Details of scrutiniser: Shyamprasad D. Limaye (FCS No. 1587, CP No. 572)
- c) Date of scrutiniser's report: 3 September 2022
- d) Date of passing the resolutions (last date of for voting): 2 September 2022

The scrutiniser's report for the above postal ballot has been placed on the Company's website and can be accessed at https://www.bajajfinserv.in/finserv-stock-exchange-filings

As on date of this report, no special resolution is proposed to be conducted through postal ballot.

Procedure for Postal Ballot

Pursuant to the provisions of the Act and SEBI Listing Regulations, the Company provides facility to the members to exercise votes through electronic voting system ('remote e-voting'), in addition to physical ballot.

Postal ballot notices and forms are dispatched along with the postage pre-paid business reply envelope to members/beneficial owners through email at their registered email addresses and through physical copy to the members who have not registered their email addresses.

The Company also publishes notice in the newspapers for the information of the members. Voting rights are reckoned on the equity shares held by the members as on the cut-off date.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Act, the Company appoints a scrutiniser for conducting the postal ballot process in a fair and transparent manner. The scrutiniser submits his consolidated report to the Chairman & Managing Director and the voting results are announced by the Chairman & Managing Director by placing the same along with the scrutiniser's report on the Company's website, besides being communicated to the stock exchanges. The resolution, if passed by requisite majority, is deemed to have been passed on the last date specified by the Company for receipt of duly completed postal ballot forms or remote e-voting.

In view of the relaxation granted by MCA, postal ballot notice for aforesaid matters are being sent only through email, to all those members who had registered their email addresses with the Company/depositories. Arrangements are also made for other members to register their email address to receive the postal ballot notice and cast their vote online.

Details of capital market non-compliance, if any

The Company has complied with all applicable legal requirements. No penalty or stricture has been imposed on the Company by any of the stock exchanges, SEBI or any other statutory authority, in any matter related to capital markets, during the last three years.

Compliance Certificate

The Chairman & Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer have certified to the Board with regard to the financial statements and other matters as required under the SEBI Listing Regulations.

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Report on Corporate Governance

This chapter read together with the information given in the Directors' Report, the section on Management Discussion and Analysis and General Shareholder Information, constitute the compliance report on Corporate Governance during FY2023. The Company has been submitting the quarterly corporate governance compliance report to the stock exchanges as required under regulation 27(2) of the SEBI Listing Regulations.

Disclosure under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013

During FY2023, the Company has not received any complaint under this Act.

The Internal Complaint Committee was reconstituted on account of organisational changes during the year under review.

Fees paid to Statutory Auditors

KKC & Associates LLP (erstwhile Khimji Kunverji & Co. LLP) are the statutory auditors of the Company. Fees paid to KKC & Associates LLP, on a consolidated basis, to the statutory auditors including all entities in their network firm/entity of which they are a part, is given below:

| Sr. No. | Particulars | Amount (in₹) |
|------------|--|-----------------|
| 1 | Audit Fees including Limited review fees | 7,900,000 |
| 2 | Fees for other services | 2,659,293 |
| | Total | 10,559,293 |

Auditors' certificate on corporate governance

The Company has obtained a certificate from its statutory auditors regarding compliance with the provisions relating to corporate governance laid down under the SEBI Listing Regulations.

This certificate is annexed to the Directors' Report.

Compliance of mandatory and discretionary requirements

Mandatory

The Board of Directors periodically reviews the compliance of all applicable laws. The Company has complied with all the mandatory requirements of the SEBI Listing Regulations including but not limited to the provisions of regulations 17 to 27 and 46(2)(b) to (i) of the said Regulations.

Discretionary

The Company has also complied with the discretionary requirements as under:

1. Shareholder rights

A half-yearly declaration of financial performance including summary of significant events in the preceding six months is sent to each household of members.

2. Modified opinion(s) in audit report

The Company confirms that its financial statements are with unmodified audit opinion.

General shareholder information containing requisite disclosures under Schedule V of SEBI Listing Regulations is annexed to this Report.



Declaration by Chief Executive Officer (CMD)

[Regulation 34(3) read with schedule V (Part D) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015]

To, The Board of Directors Bajaj Finserv Ltd.

I, Sanjiv Bajaj, Chairman & Managing Director of Bajaj Finserv Limited hereby declare that all the board members and senior managerial personnel have affirmed compliance with the code of conduct of the Company laid down for them for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Sanjiv Bajaj

Chairman & Managing Director

Pune: 24 April 2023

List of key policies of Bajaj Finserv Limited

| Sr. No. | Name of Policy | Website link |
|------------|--|--|
| 1. | Dividend Distribution Policy | https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/miscellaneous- divident-policypdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf |
| 2. | Disciplinary Actions and Grievance Redressal Policy | https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/dac- policypdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf |
| 3. | Policy for determining material subsidiaries | https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/policy-for- material-subsidiaries-13marchpdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf |
| 4. | Archival Policy | https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/archival- policypdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf |
| 5. | Performance Evaluation Criteria for Board, Committees of Board, Chairperson and Directors | https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/evaluation- criteriapdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf |
| 6. | Code of Practices and Procedures for Fair Disclosure of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information (UPSI) | https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/bfs-signed-fair- disclosure-code-12-march-2019pdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf |
| 7. | Code of Conduct | https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/code-of- conduct-for-directors-and-senior-management-v1?scl=1&fmt=pdf |
| 8. | Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Policy | https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/miscellaneous- csr-policy-21pdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf |
| 9. | Policy on Determination of Materiality for Disclosure of Events | https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinancestage/ miscellaneous-policy-on-determination-of-materiality-for-disclosure-of- eventspdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf |
| 10. | Prevention of sexual harassment at workplace | https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/bfs-posh- version-1.3-gender-neutral-april-22-2023pdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf |
| 11. | Whistle-Blower Policy | https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/whistle-blower- policy-website-v1pdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf |
| 12. | Remuneration Policy | https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/remuneration- policy-v2pdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf |
| 13. | Policy on Materiality of and dealing with Related Party Transactions | https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/ policy-on-materiality-of-and-dealing-with-related-party- transactions?scl=1&fmt=pdf |
| 14. | Familiarisation Programme for Independent Directors | https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/familiarisation- programme-for-independent-directors-v4?scl=1&fmt=pdf |
| 15. | CII Code of Conduct | https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/cii-code-of- conduct-signedpdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf |
| 16. | CII Charters of Fair and Responsible workplace Guidelines contract labour | https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/cii- charter-on-fair-and-responsible-workplace-guidelines-contract- labourpdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf |
| 17. | Responsible and Sustainable Business Conduct Policy | https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/responsible- and-sustainable-business-conduct-policypdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf |
| 18. | Employee Charter and Human Rights Statement | https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/employee- charter-and-human-rights-statementpdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf |
| 19. | Code of Ethics and personal conduct | https://cms-assets.bajajfinserv.in/is/content/bajajfinance/bfs-code-of- ethics-and-personal-conduct-brochure-31-maypdf?scl=1&fmt=pdf |