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## Role of Company Secretary



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of Directors



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Personnel



Compliance  
Officer



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Governance  
Officer



Corporate  
Planner and  
Strategic  
Manager



Secretarial  
Auditor



Corporate  
Risk  
Manager



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## FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT



*Dear Professional Colleagues,*

As we all know Sustainable Development has altered the business landscape today. To navigate through this transformation, organizations are shifting their business strategies towards achieving operational excellence and enhancing stakeholders' experience.

In fact, the new paradigm is necessitating a focus on building businesses on the basic principles of accountability, transparency, fairness, and risk management. Good Corporate Governance has become more than just Regulatory Compliance.

Leveraging on its inclusive role in the global governance map, the **Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)** has rightly positioned itself to organize its **2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of ICSI Overseas Centre in London, United Kingdom**, on the theme **Strengthening Global Governance for an Equitable, inclusive, and sustainable future**.

The deliberations at the Conference are set to also reflect the theme and vision of India's G20 Presidency while bringing to the fore the country's growing popularity in ease of doing business.

The **2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of ICSI Overseas Centre** is a modest attempt of the Institute to bring its stakeholders closer to the Global Corporate Governance norms.

I sincerely hope and wish that all the participants attending the Conference, have an enriching learning experience over the two insightful days.

Best Wishes

**CS Manish Gupta**  
**President, The ICSI**



## TENTATIVE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

### DAY 1: THURSDAY, 11 MAY 2023

<b>REGISTRATION  NETWORKING TEA/ COFFEE</b>		<b>0830 -0930 hrs</b>
<b>Opening Plenary</b>	<b>Chief Guest</b> <b>The Baroness Verma</b> , Member of the House of Lords, UK  <b>Guest of Honour</b> <b>Mr. Sujit Ghosh</b> , Deputy High Commissioner of India to UK	<b>0930 -1030 hrs</b>
<b>Plenary II Special Session</b>	<b>The Intersection of Competition Law, Corporate Governance, Sustainability and Inclusiveness</b>  <b>Speaker:</b> <b>Ms. Jyoti Jindgar Bhanot</b> Adviser (Eco) & Secretary (I/c), Competition Commission of India	<b>1030 -1100 hrs</b>
<b>Plenary III Special Session</b>	<b>Building Effective Boards for Sustainable Governance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role of Governance Professionals</li> <li>• Boardroom Challenges</li> <li>• Enhancing Board Independence</li> </ul> <b>Speaker:</b> <b>Mr. Nicholas Peacock</b> , Partner & Head of International Arbitration, Bird & Bird, UK	<b>1100 -1130 hrs</b>
<b>TEA /COFFEE BREAK</b>		<b>1130 -1200 hrs</b>
<b>Plenary IV Panel Discussion</b>	<b>Integrating the ESG Theory into Action</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESG investing and analysis</li> <li>• Integrating Strategy, Governance, and Sustainability</li> <li>• Non-Financial or Sustainability Reporting</li> </ul> <b>Speakers:</b> <b>Mr. Alexander Aronsohn</b> , Technical Director, International Valuation Standards Council (IVSC) <b>Mr. Ross Archer</b> Director, Public Policy, Association of International Certified Professional Accountants <b>Prof (Dr) Colin Coulson-Thomas</b> President of the Institute of Management Services; Director-General, IOD India, UK and Europe  <b>Chair/ Moderator:</b> <b>Mr. George Littlejohn</b> Senior Advisor, Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI)	<b>1200 -1330 hrs</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>		<b>1330-1430 hrs</b>
<b>Plenary V Special Session</b>	<b>Ease of Doing Business in India – From Challenges to Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role of Governance Professionals</li> <li>• Easing compliance and enhancing investment opportunities</li> <li>• Exploring the best sectors to invest in India</li> </ul> <b>Speaker:</b> <b>Mr. Vijay Goel</b> , Partner, Singhanian & Co. (UK)	<b>1430-1500 hrs</b>
<b>TEA /COFFEE BREAK</b>		<b>1500 -1530 hrs</b>
<b>Plenary VI Panel Discussion</b>	<b>Fostering the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Imperative</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building an inclusive culture for Sustainable Development</li> <li>• Driving innovation through DE&amp;I</li> <li>• The Fallacies and Barriers to achieving global SDGs</li> </ul> <b>Speakers:</b> <b>Mr. Kevin Moore</b> , Director, Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI) <b>Ms. Pavani Reddy</b> , Legal Director, Clyde & Co. <b>CS (Dr.) Sudheendhra Putty</b> , Associate Vice-President & Company Secretary, Cyient Limited  <b>Chair/ Moderator:</b> <b>Mr. Vishwas Khanna</b> , Partner, Advantage Reply	<b>1530 -1700 hrs</b>
<b>NETWORKING</b>		<b>1700 hrs onwards</b>





## TENTATIVE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

### DAY 2: FRIDAY, 12 MAY 2023

<b>Plenary VII Special Session</b>	<b>Steering Good Governance in Capital &amp; Financial Markets</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role of Governance Professionals</li> <li>• Compliance – Trade-Based Money Laundering</li> <li>• Non-Payment Insurance and Consequential Effect on Regulatory Capital Relief</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Mr. Kishor Parulekar</b>  Corporate Banker  <b>CS Sridhar Sathiyamurthy</b>  Vice President, Capital Risk Solutions CkRe Limited &amp; Member, ICSI Overseas Centre, UK</p>	<b>0900 -1000 hrs</b>
<b>Plenary VIII Panel Discussion</b>	<b>Creating the Digital Governance Roadmap</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harmonizing Digital Revolution with Human Capital</li> <li>• Challenges &amp; Opportunities in e-Governance</li> <li>• Understanding Data Security, Data Protection and Data Privacy</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Mr. Ross James</b>  Founder &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Accloud PLC  <b>Ms. Ritianne Abela</b>  Financial Services Professional, Advantage Reply  <b>Mr. Rahul Shukla</b>  Senior Account Director, LTI Mindtree, UK</p> <p><b>Chair / Moderator:</b>  <b>Mr. Udayan Guha</b>  Former Sr. Vice-President, HCL Technologies, London</p>	<b>1000 -1130 hrs</b>
<b>TEA /COFFEE BREAK</b>		<b>1130 -1200 hrs</b>
<b>Plenary IX Special Session</b>	<b>Ethical Leadership Beyond Compliance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role of Governance Professionals</li> <li>• Leadership for Value Creation &amp; Innovation</li> <li>• Promoting integrity, transparency, and accountability</li> </ul> <p><b>Speaker:</b>  <b>CS Abhijit Mukhopadhyay</b>  President (Legal) and General Counsel, Hinduja Group and Chairman, ICSI Overseas Centre, UK</p>	<b>1200 -1300 hrs</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>		<b>1300-1400 hrs</b>
<b>Plenary X Panel Discussion</b>	<b>Decoding the Greenwashing and Greenblushing Buzz</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding ecological consciousness in emerging economies</li> <li>• Investigating the reasons for Greenwashing and Greenblushing across geographies</li> <li>• Integrating the regulatory framework with technology to address the challenges of greenwashing</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b>  <b>Mr. Ian Burger</b>  Chairman, International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN)  <b>Mr. Bill Carr</b>  Partner, Head of India Desk, CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP</p> <p><b>Chair / Moderator:</b>  <b>CS Manoj Sonawala</b>  Chairman, Manoyog GRC Advisors</p>	<b>1400 -1530 hrs</b>
<b>Plenary XI Special Session</b>	<b>Interactive Session for ICSI Members</b>	<b>1530 -1630 hrs</b>
<b>TEA /COFFEE BREAK</b>		<b>1630 -1700 hrs</b>



## Day 1: Thursday, 11 May 2023

### *Opening Plenary*

#### *Chief Guest*



**The Baroness Verma**  
Member of the House of Lords, UK

Baroness Verma has been a Conservative member of the House of Lords since 2006 and has served as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for International Development from May 2015 until July 2016. She has previously served as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for DECC.

In 2006 she was raised to the peerage as Baroness Verma of

Leicester in the County of Leicestershire. She was Opposition Whip from 2006 to 2010 and then Government Whip following the 2010 general election.

Prior to becoming Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for DECC, Baroness Verma was Spokesperson for Cabinet Office, International Development, Women and Equalities, and Business Innovation and Skills.

#### *Guest of Honour*



**Mr. Sujit Ghosh**  
Deputy High Commissioner of India to UK

Mr. Sujit Ghosh is a career diplomat and belongs to the 2001 batch of the Indian Foreign Service. Prior to joining the High Commission of India in London as Deputy High Commissioner, he was the Consul General of India to Guangzhou from 2018-21. He has also served at India's Missions in Beijing, Tel Aviv, and Dhaka. At the Ministry of External Affairs in Delhi, he has served in various capacities including as Under Secretary in

the Gulf Division and Americas Division and as Director, East Asia/China in the East Asia Division.

Mr. Ghosh holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Patna University and an M. Phil degree in International Relations from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi.



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**Ms. Jyoti Jindgar Bhanot**  
Adviser (Eco) & Secretary (I/c),  
Competition Commission of India

Ms. Jyoti Jindgar Bhanot, Adviser (Eco), Competition Commission of India, holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics as well as a Masters's Degree in Business Economics from Delhi University, India. She possesses vast Regulatory and Enforcement experience and has been part of various domestic and international Committees & think tanks and is actively involved in Policymaking. She is presently heading one of the Antitrust Enforcement Divisions at CCI and is also holding the additional charge of Secretary, CCI. Prior to this,

she worked in the office of the Director General, CCI, as an Additional Director General, heading an investigation unit for about 6 years. As In charge, she conducted investigations into various alleged anti-competitive activities such as cartels, bid rigging, vertical restraints, and abuse of dominance including those in new technology markets. Earlier she worked for around 15 years in SEBI, the Regulator for the Securities Markets in India, in various capacities in different areas.

### Plenary II: Special Session

**The Intersection of Competition Law,  
Corporate Governance, Sustainability  
and Inclusiveness**



**Mr. Nicholas Peacock**  
Partner & Head of International  
Arbitration, Bird & Bird, UK

Mr. Peacock is an experienced dispute resolution advocate based in London. He heads the International Arbitration Team in London and he co-heads the firm's India group and is a member of the Africa group.

With an extensive experience in international arbitration, complex commercial litigation, and ADR for over 20 years, he has handled cross-border commercial and investment treaty arbitration from around the world besides appearing before the English High Court in arbitration-related proceedings.

He has previously worked in Singapore and has sectoral experience in Technology, Energy/Power, Mining, Financial Services, Hotels & Leisure, Transport/Aviation, Automotive, Manufacturing & industrial, and Chemicals.

He sits as an arbitrator under various institutional rules and ad hoc both as a sole arbitrator and as part of a panel. He is presently serving as a Director of the International Dispute Resolution Centre (IDRC) in London, a User's Council Member of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), and a Council member for the Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration (MCIA).

He has been recognized by various Directories and Journals, including Chambers, Legal 500, Global Arbitration Review, Benchmark Litigation, and others. He has been admitted to England & Wales in 1999.

### Plenary III: Special Session

**Building Effective Boards for  
Sustainable Governance**

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**Mr. Alexander Aronsohn**  
Technical Director, IVSC

Mr. Alexander Aronsohn FRICS is a Chartered Surveyor with long and wide-ranging experience encompassing residential asset management, commercial and residential development, rating, national and international valuation, and investment.

Mr. Alexander is the IVSC Director of Technical Standards for Tangible Assets and assists the IVSC Standards Review Board and its Asset Boards in drafting IVS perspectives papers, presentations, training, and articles.

In addition, Mr. Alexander has a leading role in various International Standards Coalitions and is the Executive Secretary of the International Property Measurement

Standards Coalition (IPMSC) Standard Setting Committee (SSC), the International Ethical Standards Coalition (IESC) Standard Setting Committee (SSC), and International Land Measurement Standards (ILMS) Standard Setting Committee (SSC).

Prior to joining the IVSC, he was the RICS Director of Technical Standards and was also the Executive Secretary of the International Fire Safety Standards Coalition (IFSSC) Standard Setting Committee (SSC) and a member of the International Construction Measurement Standards Coalition (ICMSC) Standard Setting Committee (SSC).

Plenary IV: Panel Discussion

Integrating the ESG Theory into Action



**Mr. Ross Archer**  
Director, Public Policy,  
Association of International Certified  
Professional Accountants

Mr. Ross Archer is the Director – Public Policy, at the AICPA & CIMA. In his present role, he represents the association with policymakers in the UK and globally and has been responsible for research. He has produced a number of thought leadership reports. Some of the recent ones are Tackling the UK Productivity Puzzle, Cost of Business – Inflation's Impacts, and the Role of Finance.

Mr. Archer has over ten years of experience in advocacy and public policy roles and has worked for five years at AICPA & CIMA. Prior to AICPA & CIMA, Mr. Archer worked in public affairs and government relations for a number of different sectors including financial services, housing, and infrastructure. He started his career as a political advisor for the Conservative MPs based in Westminster as well as in the local government.

Plenary IV: Panel Discussion

Integrating the ESG Theory into Action



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**Prof (Dr.) Colin Coulson-Thomas**  
President of the Institute of Management  
Services, Director-General, IOD India,  
UK and Europe

### Plenary IV: Panel Discussion

#### Integrating the ESG Theory into Action

Prof (Dr) Colin Coulson-Thomas, is the President of the Institute of Management Services, Director-General, IOD India, the UK, and Europe. He is the leader of the International Governance Initiative of the Order of St Lazarus and is an experienced Chairman of award-winning companies. A vision holder of successful transformation programmes, Prof. Coulson-Thomas has helped Directors in over 40 countries to improve director, board, and corporate performance, and has authored over 60 books and reports and over 1,000 articles.

He has served as Chairman and/or President of enterprises, and voluntary and public bodies and has held public appointments at local, regional, and national levels. He has also held professorial roles in Europe, North and South America, Africa, the Middle East, India, and China.

He is currently inter alia Honorary Professor at the Aston India Centre for Applied Research, a Distinguished Professor and President of the Council of International Advisors at the Sri Sharada Institute of Indian Management-Research, and a Visiting Professor of Direction and Leadership at Lincoln International Business School. He received first-place prizes in the final examination of three professions and is a Fellow of the World Academy of Productivity Science and an Honoured Fellow of the Institute for Responsible Leadership.

For details of his recent books you may log on to:  
<http://www.policypublications.com>



**Mr. George Littlejohn**  
Senior Advisor,  
Chartered Institute for Securities  
& Investment (CISI)

### Plenary IV: Panel Discussion

#### Integrating the ESG Theory into Action

Mr. George Littlejohn is the Senior Adviser at the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI), a global professional body. He has conducted advisory work in financial centres across Europe, the Middle East, and Asia over the past two decades. He is also a qualified Chartered Accountant and had been with Price Waterhouse Cooper, London prior to becoming a journalist with The Economist, specializing in financial and economic matters.

He is a graduate of Development Economics from the University of Edinburgh. In the past decade, his main focus has been on sustainability and resilience, particularly in relation to the climate challenge and the other UN Sustainable Development Goals, notably biodiversity. He is Editor of the

CISI's Review of Financial Markets magazine, and The International Banker, the journal of the Worshipful Company of International Bankers.

He is Vice Chair of Rose Bruford College of Theatre & Performance in London; and Deputy Chair and Head of the Development Board of Black Mountains College near Hay-on-Wye, a new institution that is dedicated to sustainability. He was a long-time Trustee and Chair of the risk committee of Merlin, a humanitarian charity that became the medical wing of Save the Children UK; and he was the Finance Coordinator of the Festival of Muslim Cultures 2006-7, a nationwide series of events headed by the Prince of Wales.

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**Mr. Vijay Goel**  
Partner, Singhanian & Co. (UK)

Mr. Vijay Goel is a Senior Partner at Singhanian and Co, a highly reputed law firm founded in 1969, that has established itself as one of the premier law firms in India. Mr. Goel heads the London Office and advises clients on matters relating to joint ventures, private equity funds, major real estate transactions, and investments in the UK.

He is the Founder of the Indo-European Business Forum, Past Chairman of the London Chamber of Commerce - Asian Business Association, and Chairman of ASSOCHAM UK, one of the largest Chambers of Commerce in India.

Plenary V: Special Session

Ease of Doing Business in India –  
From Challenges to Opportunities

His contributions to the field have been recognized through various prominent awards. He is the recipient of the NRI Foundation Excellence Award, the Iconic Leader Award given by the Women's Economic Forum, and the National Law Day Award in India. He was also the recipient of the Pride of India Award granted at the House of Lords by the NRI Institute, and the Asian Leadership in Europe Award, granted by the Asian Who's Who International in London.



**Mr. Kevin Moore**  
Director, Chartered Institute for  
Securities & Investment

Mr. Kevin Moore is the Global Business Development Director at the CISI and is responsible for business development and strategy development globally. He works closely with major CISI clients, members, and stakeholders including regulators, training partners, and other professional organizations. Mr. Moore is a regular Speaker at international conferences on subjects including integrity, capacity building, the changing world of wealth management, and continuing professional

Plenary VI: Panel Discussion

Fostering the Diversity, Equity, and  
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development. After a 21 year career in banking with the Lloyds Banking Group, Mr. Moore joined the CISI in 2007. This covered a wide variety of Senior Management roles in branch banking, corporate and business banking, and private banking, including heading up the Lloyds Ultra High Net Worth business. He is a Chartered Fellow of the CISI, a qualified banker with what is now the IFS, and a graduate from the University of Liverpool.

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**Ms. Pavani Reddy**  
Legal Director, Clyde & Co.

Ms. Pavani Reddy is an international dispute lawyer. Legal 500 refers to her as 'efficient and client friendly' and 'brings a tremendous commercial acumen to all her cases, in addition to her formidable legal skills'. Ms. Reddy has a wide range of experience in all key aspects of international arbitration and litigation across a broad range of industries including, energy, construction banking, oil and gas, commodities, directors and shareholders disputes, and financial sanctions. She has

handled several reported high-value and cross-border disputes for clients from India, Singapore, the Middle East, and CIS countries before the English Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal and High Court, and the EU Court of Justice. She has also handled cases under various sets of arbitration rules including ICC, LCIA, DIFC, GAFTA, and AAA, and has a depth of experience in making applications, arising from Arbitration, to the English Commercial Court and the Court of Appeal.

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**CS (Dr.) Sudheendhra Putty**  
Associate Vice-President &  
Company Secretary, Cyient Limited

CS (Dr.) Sudheendhra Putty is the Associate Vice President & Company Secretary of Cyient Limited and he drives the global corporate governance, corporate secretarial and ESG functions of the group. He has won the prestigious ICSI National Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance in the year 2014.

Earlier, he led the company in winning the Golden Peacock Award for Corporate Governance (2012) and in Risk Management (2017). On ESG front he been instrumental in getting Cyient a maiden top Dow Jones Sustainability Index score with a best-in-class score for governance.

With over 10 years' experience as a journalist in the print media (The Hindu and Deccan Chronicle) he had written on varied topics ranging from films and fashion to spirituality and features.

He is an avid writer on professional matters in the Chartered Secretary Journal published by the ICSI, ICSI National Convention Publications and Taxmann Group of Publications

Dr. Putty has been a Prolific Speaker at national and international forums (including the Global Governance Summit organized by Diligent).

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Mr. Vishwas Khanna  
Partner, Advantage Reply

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#### Fostering the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Imperative

Mr. Vishwas Khanna is the UK Partner for Advantage Reply's Financial Services Risk Advisory business, working with banks, building societies, asset managers, and wealth managers to solve complex problems in the risk, finance, governance, compliance, and transformation spaces.

He worked at Deloitte and Morgan Stanley, previously, and has deep international FS consulting and risk management experience across UK, EU, US, Middle East and SE Asia. He is a trusted Advisor to the C-Suite and Senior Management at banks and other financial firms and offers objective, independent advice to clients to influence strategic decision-making and enable them to make informed business choices.

He has led and successfully delivered complex risk transformations, prudential regulation, quantitative risk modelling, and regulatory reporting projects with significant banks (PRA and SSM). Mr. Khanna has also led a number of regulatory applications (including IRB), banking authorizations, fintech and Brexit applications, and ESG transformations and has experience in helping clients deliver to regulatory expectations and their internal performance targets.

He has strong working relationships with FS firms, industry associations as well as academia. He regularly speaks at industry forums and was the Chair of the UK Finance CRO Forum for 2 years (2021-2022).

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Day 2: Friday, 12 May 2023



Mr. Kishor Parulekar  
Corporate Banker

Mr. Kishor Parulekar is an experienced Banker with over 20 years of experience, with core expertise in International trade and Treasury dealing room covering India and European markets. Currently he works as Head Trade finance operations in London for a major bank in the Middle east and Africa. His earlier assignment with ICICI Bank Ltd was as Assistant General Manager. He was instrumental in setting up commercial banking business for ICICI Bank UK PLC based out of London.

He has been Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Finance and Risk Committee of a Multi Academy Trust based in London. In his role attended the first cohort of 'Development of Chairs programme' sponsored by the Department of Education UK. He has been an associate members of the Cost & Management Accountants of India, Institute Corporate Treasurers UK, Institute of Risk Management UK and London Institute of Banking and Finance UK.

Plenary VII: Special Session

Steering Good Governance in Capital & Financial Markets



CS Sridhar Sathiyamurthy  
Vice President,  
Capital Risk Solutions CkRe Limited  
& Member, ICSI Overseas Centre, UK

Mr. Sathiyamurthy is a Senior Executive with more than 25 years of experience in corporate credit, structured trade finance, project finance, and credit and political risk insurance (CPRI). Having in-depth working experience within the International CPRI marketplace, he has a vast knowledge of emerging and frontier market, economic, political, and credit issues. He has an extensive understanding of the needs of clients and knows how to get the best possible terms for their coverage from specialist underwriters. His experience

includes working overseas in Australia, Hong Kong, Middle East in addition to India.

An experienced, multi-faceted Business Leader with superior interpersonal, analytical, and problem-solving skills, Mr. Sathiyamurthy is an excellent communicator, with the ability to integrate into various cultures. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and the Institute of Company Secretaries of India.

Plenary VII: Special Session

Steering Good Governance in Capital & Financial Markets

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**Mr. Ross James**  
Founder & Chief Executive Officer,  
Accloud PLC

Mr. Ross James is a Serial Entrepreneur and Innovator, who is now working relentlessly to help change the opportunities for family businesses in India, which are largely disenfranchised.

By changing thinking and providing a platform to digitize small business, he aims at sustainably transforming opportunities by providing all the tools to scale small businesses and provide more jobs and more income.

He provides business management tools, B2B trading and capital, digitally matched and available through one easy platform, Accloud, that empowers SMEs in high growth markets with innovative cloud-based business management tools.

### Plenary VIII: Panel Discussion

#### Creating the Digital Governance Roadmap

He founded Accloud in 2015, as an innovative and unique solution to the specific challenges faced by entrepreneurs in growth economies. The platform that could help in bringing the SME business into the formal economy, creating jobs and social wellbeing.

Accloud rolled out a full suite of mobile-first business management and accounting tools, four years later. The platform offers SMEs' access to affordable capital and entry to new markets.

In India, Accloud complements the government's initiative of bringing millions of rural citizens online.



**Ms. Ritianne Abela**  
Financial Services Professional  
Advantage Reply

Ms. Ritianne Abela has more than 15 years' experience in financial services and has worked with two significant European Central Bank (ECB) Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM) Banks.

She is a specialist in governance, regulatory affairs and risk management with experience in credit risk, enterprise risk management, outsourcing risk, ESG, supervisory dialogue, and corporate governance. During her tenure with one of the SSM banks, Ritianne held the pen to a number of documents including the Risk Management Framework, the Corporate Governance Framework, Board Committee Terms of Reference, the Board Suitability Assessment Policy and the Outsourcing Framework. She led an internal board effectiveness review and was a member of various Committees including the Group's Strategy Steering Committee and Management Risk Committee.

### Plenary VIII: Panel Discussion

#### Creating the Digital Governance Roadmap

Ms. Abela has worked very closely with the Regulator, acting as the main liaison between the Bank and the ECB, and has led four ECB on-site inspections on credit risk, internal governance & risk management, and IT & Cyber security management.

Ms. Abela has worked very closely with senior management, members of the Board, and the CoSec function, leading complex remedial action plans and being actively involved in a strategic transformation programme. She was the right hand of the Group CEO for regulatory matters and the Group Chairman for governance matters.

Ms. Abela has a keen interest to drive efficiency in the Board Room by exploiting digitalisation and embracing technology.

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**Mr. Rahul Shukla**  
Senior Account Director,  
LTI Mindtree, UK

Mr. Rahul Shukla is an accomplished Account Director with one of India's leading IT firms, currently based in London. He has over two decades of experience in the IT industry and is a well-traveled professional, having worked in diverse regions such as Singapore, India, USA, UK, and Mexico. With a primary focus on guiding organizations on their digital journey, Mr. Shukla advises on how to efficiently adapt to the digital revolution to reap its benefits. An expert in building roadmaps for ESG, Data Governance, Risk, Climate Risk, and Financial

Crime, he has been a keen observer of India's growth story and stays abreast of the latest developments in the digital world, be it in the public or private sectors in India.

He reads into India's growth story, loves traveling, and likes to mentor the next generation of entrepreneurs and leaders in IT or otherwise. Mr. Shukla has completed 15 half marathons across the world in different cities and his next goal is to run a full marathon very soon.

Plenary VIII: Panel Discussion

Creating the Digital Governance Roadmap



**Mr. Udayan Guha**  
Former Sr. Vice-President  
HCL Technologies, London

Mr. Udayan Guha is an Industry leader with functional and hands-on experience in Technology Services, Technology and Process Transformation, Consulting, and Platform led Integrated IT and Operations Solutions

His expertise lies in Revenue / P&L growth through driving sales teams, Business Strategy, Operations and Technology Leadership, Transformational Change, Customer Experience, and Digitisation. He has led the revenue growth from \$10m to ~\$200m, delivering \$40m of EBITDA, over a period of 8 years (organically).

Mr. Guha has driven large full-stack deals covering infrastructure, applications, and operations (primarily carve-outs) on a proactive basis. He also has an experience in driving engagements for large transformations in excess of 1500 FTEs and \$250m - \$750m contract values across technology,

people, and process on a global scale. He has led platform-based engagements in KYC, and remediation with large banks. He has also led M&A in the region and collaborated with FinTechs to bring in agile and fit-for-purpose solutions. He has held significant positions including Senior Vice President and Head of EMEA and Asia for Business Services at HCL Technologies, Vice President at Sutherland Global Services, CEO of Radiocom Systems Limited (formerly part of Group4Securicor), Director at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Group Corporate Development Manager at ICI, and Consultant at McKinsey and Co.

Throughout his career, Mr. Guha has brought a focused and energetic approach to help clients deliver on their growth agenda. As a leader, he creates an environment to get the best from his teams, and that enables them to craft and implement a shared vision that drives clients as well as organizations.

Plenary VIII: Panel Discussion

Creating the Digital Governance Roadmap

Day 2: Friday, 12 May 2023



**CS Abhijit Mukhopadhyay**  
President (Legal) & General Counsel  
Hinduja Group and Chairman,  
ICSI Overseas Centre, UK

Mr. Abhijit Mukhopadhyay is the President (Legal) and General Counsel of the Hinduja Group. He is based in London, in the Group's Headquarters, and is involved in the Group's worldwide legal matters. He is on the Board of Several Group Companies of the Hinduja Group across seven countries.

Prior to this, he had worked in several major publicly listed companies in India as Company Secretary and General Counsel.

Mr. Mukhopadhyay graduated in Commerce (Honours), Law from the UK and India and Company Secretaryship and Chartered Secretaryship from India and the UK respectively.

Plenary IX: Special Session

Ethical Leadership Beyond Compliance

He has been listed in the top 50 legal professionals, top 25 GCs, and Legal 500 most powerful lists, and is also in the list of top 99 General Counsels from 31 countries.

He was the Vice Chairman of the ICC's Arbitration Commission and a member of its Steering Committee in Paris. He is on the Advisory Council of CCLS, Queen Mary, University of London, an Executive Committee Member of the IBF, Confederation of Indian Industry, UK, and the Liaison Officer of the International Bar Association's Global Corporate Counsel Forum. He has spoken on global platforms and has published articles in many countries.



**CS Manoj Sonawala**  
Chairman, Manoyog GRC Advisors

Mr. Manoj Sonawala is the Chairman of Manoyog GRC Advisors Private Limited. Prior to this, he served the Tata group for more than 18 years where he held several senior positions, including the Chief Ethics Officer of Tata Services and Vice Chair of the Bombay House IT Steering Committee. He acted as a Trustee on the Board of various retirement funds of Tata Services Ltd. besides being designated as GM-Corporate & Company Secretary.

In a decade-long association with Forbes Group (erstwhile part of the Tata Group), Mr. Sonawala served on the boards of various Forbes Group companies and also served on the Boards of Potential Group Companies. He was a Designated Partner of GBIC Management LLP.

Plenary X: Panel Discussion

Decoding the Greenwashing and  
Greenblushing Buzz

Presently, Mr. Sonawala serves as the Co-Chairperson of the Legal Affairs & IPR Committee of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) from 2020-21 and is also a member of the Governance Committee from 2018-19 onwards.

He is a Member of various committees of ASSOCHAM, Delhi, and has also served as Co-Chairman of the Law Committee of Indian Merchant Chambers for three consecutive years 17-18 to 19-20.

CASI Global, a New York-based Institute conferred him "Honorary Regional Director for 2016-17" to promote and create awareness among Members of various Business Organizations and Corporates.



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Mr. Ian Burger  
Chairman, ICGN

Mr. Ian Burger joined Newton Investment Management in 1998 and was appointed as its first Head of Corporate Governance and, latterly, was the Head of Responsible Investment.

During his 24 years tenure with the firm, Mr. Burger developed and expanded, Newton's approach to responsible investment, globally, which included determining the house views and approaches in relation to environmental, social and governance (ESG) matters. As Head of Responsible Investment, he was responsible for ESG considerations throughout Newton's investment process. This included establishing, implementing and communicating all ESG policies, principles, engagement, voting and research.

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Aided by Mr. Burger's team of Responsible Investment Analysts, Stewardship Analysts, and ESG Data Analysts, together with the wider investment staff; Newton conducted investment research on ESG matters, engaged with companies, reported on stewardship activities, and made active voting decisions, globally. In addition, he played a key role in determining Newton's approach to sustainable investment and the evolution of fund strategies. He is also involved in shaping the debate on matters relating to ESG and stewardship through his membership in a variety of formal and informal groups.

Mr. Burger is a member of an Investment Committee and is a Director and Trustee of a UK-based charity.



Mr. Bill Carr  
Partner, Head of India Desk,  
CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP

Mr. Bill Carr is a highly experienced partner in the London-based corporate team of CMS UK. His main focus is on international M&A corporate transactions. Mr. Carr is an active member of the CMS Corporate group and regularly advises on cross-border transactions with colleagues throughout CMS and elsewhere. He co-heads the CMS India group and is responsible for managing and developing the firm's relationships with Indian clients and India-based law firms.

Mr. Carr advises both private and public sector organizations

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on a range of corporate work, including mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, joint ventures and shareholder agreements, corporate governance, and restructurings. His main focus is on transactions in the energy and infrastructure sector.

He is part of the CMS Energy and Climate Change practice, which has more than 450 energy and climate change lawyers, including over 100 partners. The practice works across 75 offices and builds on 40 years of experience advising on power, oil & gas, and renewables.



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	Ranking	Size (Rs. in cr)	Ranking	Size (Rs. in cr)
Delisting Offers	2	350.43	1	220.43
Buyback Offers	12	197.75	-	-
NCD Public Issues	10	172.22	12	154.44

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