



## **Rushabh Maniar**

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*With over 16 years of experience, Rushabh Maniar leads the Firm's Regulatory & Securities practice and supports the Mergers & Acquisitions, Joint Ventures, and General Corporate practices. He was an invitee to the SEBI Working Group on redrafting the SEBI (FPI) Regulations, 2014, under the Chairmanship of Shri. Harun R. Khan and regularly advises various global firms on foreign portfolio investor related aspects. He has assisted onshore and offshore entities with their entry and exit from the mutual fund sector in India and was an invitee to the SEBI Working Group to reconcile the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 with the Companies Act, 2013 and the Insolvency and the Bankruptcy Code, 2016. Rushabh also regularly advises portfolio managers, investment advisers, research analysts, proxy advisers, stockbrokers, merchant bankers, foreign venture capital investors on various aspects relating to the Securities and Exchange Board of India. He also advises clients on their foreign investment strategies in India, obtaining regulatory approvals and compounding contraventions under Indian foreign exchange laws with the Reserve Bank of India.*

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### **Experience**

- Partner, AZB & Partners (2015 – Present)

### **Key Practice Areas**

- Financial Services
- Regulatory & Securities
- Corporate / Mergers & Acquisitions

### **Recent Work Highlights**

- Manulife Financial Group on its strategic acquisition of 49% in Mahindra Asset Management Company Private Limited and Mahindra Trustee Company Private Limited
- BNP Paribas on a JV with Bank of Baroda, involving the merger of their asset management and trustee entities, and transfer of schemes from BNP Paribas Mutual Fund to Baroda Mutual Fund
- Goldman Sachs on the transfer of management, administration, and trusteeship of the schemes of Goldman Sachs Mutual Fund from Goldman Sachs Asset Management (India) Private Limited and Goldman Sachs Trustee Company (India) Private Limited, trustee company of GSMF, to Reliance Capital Asset Management Limited and Reliance Capital Trustee Co. Limited
- LGT Group on its wealth management platform in India through LGT Wealth India Private Limited
- World Economic Forum, HongKong Land Limited, John Lewis Plc on their liaison offices in India
- Investec Bank Plc on its joint venture with SBI Capital Markets Limited for the provision of capital markets and investment banking advisory services

### **Directorships, Memberships & Affiliations**

- Member of the SEBI FPI Advisory Committee to suggest measures required to encourage FPI participation in the bond market under the Chairmanship of Hasmukh Adhia, former Finance Secretary to the Government of India (2022 – 2023)

- Member of SEBI Standing Committee for facilitation of FPI Investments (2022)
- Member of the SEBI Working Group to reconcile the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 with the Companies Act, 2013 and the Insolvency and the Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (2018 – 2019)
- Member of the SEBI Working Group on redrafting the SEBI (Foreign Portfolio Investors) Regulations, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Shri. Harun R. Khan (2018 – 2019)

#### **Professional Qualifications**

- Bachelor of Law, University of Bombay (2005)

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*Recommended for Fintech & Financial Services Regulatory by Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2022 – 2023)*

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