



## SEBI-OECD International Conference on Investor Education

**“Investor education: towards a more inclusive and secure financial world”**

**3-4 February 2012, Goa, India**

### INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

The *SEBI-OECD International Conference on Investor Education*, with the theme **“Investor education: Towards a more inclusive and secure financial world”** which will take place on 3 and 4 February 2012 in Goa, India at the Goa Marriott Resort. The conference is co-hosted by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ([SEBI](#)) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ([OECD](#))\*.

#### **Venue**

The conference will be held at the **Goa Marriott Resort & Spa**, Miramar Beach, PO Box No 64, Panaji – Goa.

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<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/goimc-go-marriott-resort-and-spa/>

#### **Registration**

Please note that participation is by invitation only. You are invited to register **by the OECD**, please do so by filling out [the online registration link](#) at your earliest convenience. The Secretariat will confirm registrations received after the 16 January on a case by case basis.

You may contact, for further registration enquiries:

- For OECD and SEBI participants:

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#### **Documentation and website**

Documentation will be updated regularly on the OECD web site: [SEBI-OECD International Conference on Investor Education](#) (see also Permanent URLs: [www.financial-education.org](http://www.financial-education.org); [www.oecd.org/daf/financialeducation](http://www.oecd.org/daf/financialeducation)).

*\*The OECD contribution to this event is sponsored by the Government of Japan*

## **Passports and visas for India**

Valid passports are required for all participants entering India. Please also note that a visa is required for most nationalities to enter India and it is strongly recommended that participants verify requirements with the embassy/consulate in his/her country.

In order to get updated information on how to get your visa, please contact your local Indian Consulate which you will find at the following link: <http://www.immigrationindia.nic.in> or the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) at [www.meaindia.nic.in](http://www.meaindia.nic.in).

**Invitation letter:** Registered participants who require an official invitation letter for visa purposes should contact SEBI by sending an email to **Mr. N. Hariharan, General Manager, SEBI, ([icon2012@sebi.gov.in](mailto:icon2012@sebi.gov.in))**.

**Visa on arrival:** For any updated information on visa on arrival please visit the following link: [http://www.immigrationindia.nic.in/visa\\_on\\_arrival2.htm](http://www.immigrationindia.nic.in/visa_on_arrival2.htm).

## **Accommodation and hotel booking**

The conference will be held at the **Goa Marriott Resort & Spa**, Miramar Beach, PO Box No 64, Panaji – Goa.

We have obtained a negotiated rate with the **Goa Marriott Resort & Spa** for registered participants of this conference. Kindly note the deadline for booking and book your accommodation well in advance. Reservations at the hotel venue must be made latest by **January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012**. After this date, negotiated rate for hotel reservations will not be available at the Goa Marriott Resort & Spa.

For the reservations at the **Vivanta by Taj, Goa**, the second hotel choice, it must be made latest by **January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012**. After this date, negotiated rate for hotel reservations will not be available at the Vivanta by Taj.

**Neither OECD nor SEBI can be responsible for any costs associated with participants' hotel rooms. Each participant is responsible for the reservation and payment of his/her hotel room and all incidental charges by his/her personal credit card.**

### **I. Goa Marriott Resort & Spa**

Miramar Beach, PO Box No 64, Panaji – Goa

Timing and distance from the airport: 30 Km/ 35-40 min

For hotel booking, please visit: <http://cwp.marriott.com/goimc/sebiconference/>

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Website: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/goimc-go-marriott-resort-and-spa/>

- Prices /Rates and Cancellation policy:

For rooms booked-per room per night inclusive of Buffet Breakfast	Occupancy	Rate in INR
From January 3 <sup>rd</sup> - January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	Garden view single / double occupancy	INR 11,000/- +20.3% luxury Tax*

The above rate will not be available for bookings done on **January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012** and afterwards.

\*For your convenience the above price is converted in EUR, as an estimate: from January 3-25<sup>th</sup>, 2012: 202.90 EUR (incl. tax), with the exchange rate of 13.01.2012 (Xe.com), but exchange rates may vary according to the date of payment.

*Cancellation policy:*

Full charges will be refunded for cancellations of room bookings done till **January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012**. No refund of charges for cancellations done from **January 26<sup>th</sup>** onwards.

*Early check-in and late check-out policy:*

Please note that the check in time would be 1600 hrs. and check out time would be 1200 hrs. In case you would like to guarantee an early check in, kindly reserve the room for the night before.

## II. Vivanta by Taj, Goa

Reservations at the hotel must be made latest by **January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012**. After this date, negotiated rate for hotel reservations will not be available at the Vivanta by Taj.

Off D.B. Bandothkar Road, Panaji – 403001, Goa

Timing and distance from the airport: 30 Km/ 35-40 min

Contact person: Ms. Agneta Fernandes, Tel: +91 832 6633636 Fax: 91 832 6633600

Email: [bookvivanta.panaji@tajhotels.com](mailto:bookvivanta.panaji@tajhotels.com)

Website: <http://www.vivantabytaj.com/>

To book rooms at Vivanta by Taj – [Reservation form](#) may be filled and send by email to [bookvivanta.panaji@tajhotels.com](mailto:bookvivanta.panaji@tajhotels.com).

- Prices /Rates and Cancellation policy:

**Room rates per room, per night inclusive of Buffet Breakfast:**

Room Category	Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy
Superior Charm Rooms	INR 8000 + 15.15% taxes*	INR 9000 + 15.15% taxes*
Deluxe Delight Rooms	INR 9000 + 15.15% taxes*	INR 10000 + 15.15% taxes*

The above rates will be available for bookings **done on or before January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012** and afterwards.

\*For your convenience the above price is converted in EUR, as an estimate: Superior Charm Rooms: single occupancy is 141.30 EUR (incl. taxes), double occupancy is 158.95 EUR (incl. tax), for the Deluxe Delight Rooms: single occupancy is 158.95 EUR (incl. taxes) and double occupancy is 176.61 EUR (incl. taxes) with the exchange rate of 13.01.2012 (Xe.com), but exchange rates may vary according to the date of payment.

*Cancellation policy:*

1. Cancelled 14 days or less from the date of check in: One night charge as cancellation;
2. Cancelled 7 days or less from the date of check in: 50% of the total charge for the stay will be levied as cancellation;
3. Cancelled 2 days or less from the date of check in: 100% of the total charge for stay will be levied as cancellation.

*Early check-in and late check-out policy:*

Hotel check-in time is 1400 hrs and check-out time is 1200 hrs.

For early arrivals before 12 noon or a late departure beyond 2 pm will be charged additionally @ 50% of the above mentioned rates.

Early arrival before 10 am or late departure after 5 pm will be charged additionally @100% of the above mentioned rates.

**Airport transfers**

The hotels may be contacted directly for Airport transfers. Email ids of the hotels are given below:

For Goa Marriott Resort & Spa	<a href="mailto:reservations.goa@marriotthotels.com">reservations.goa@marriotthotels.com</a>
For Vivanta by Taj	<a href="mailto:bookvivanta.panaji@tajhotels.com">bookvivanta.panaji@tajhotels.com</a>

**Meals and Social Events**

**Lunch**

Lunch for all participants will be provided on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

**Dinner**

There will be a Welcome Dinner on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 and Gala Dinner on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 for all the delegates, hosted by the SEBI.

Location and time will be confirmed in due course.

**Spouses/partners**

The organisers regret that there is no program arranged for spouses/partners.

**Dress Code**

Dress code during the conference will be business attire (ties are optional).

### **Working language**

The working language of the conference will be English. The conference documentation will be in English.

### **Further Enquiries**

For further **logistical information** or enquiries about this conference, please contact:

Mr. Ramakrishna Dudi, SEBI, email: [icon2012@sebi.gov.in](mailto:icon2012@sebi.gov.in) Tel: +91 22 2644 9147, and  
Fax: +91 22 2644 9027.

Miss Angelique Servin, OECD, e-mail: [angelique.servin@oecd.org](mailto:angelique.servin@oecd.org), Tel: +33 1 45 24 79 80, and  
Fax: +33 1 44 30 63 08 and/or +33 1 45 24 18 33.

If you have any question about the **agenda or the event**, please contact:

Mr. N.Hariharan, SEBI, e-mail: [icon2012@sebi.gov.in](mailto:icon2012@sebi.gov.in), Tel.:+91 22 2644 9880, Fax: +91 22 2644 9028.

Mr. Andrea Grifoni, OECD, e-mail: [andrea.grifoni@oecd.org](mailto:andrea.grifoni@oecd.org), Tel: + 33 1 4524 8353.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

**LANGUAGE:** English, Hindi, Konkani & Marathi.

### **INSURANCE and MEDICAL COVER/ASSISTANCE**

The International conference organisers do not take the responsibility for medical, travel or life insurance, and participants are advised to hold valid international personal insurance policies.

**WATER:** Bottled water is recommended.

### **MALARIA/YELLOW FEVER/DENGUE**

For the list of countries requiring yellow fever vaccination to get into India, kindly check:

[http://immigrationindia.nic.in/Health\\_regulation2.htm](http://immigrationindia.nic.in/Health_regulation2.htm)

### **CLIMATE**

The Indian state of Goa enjoys a tropical climate, with its warm sunny weather playing a huge part in the regions' successful tourist industry. Thanks to its location next to the Arabian Sea, Goa sees warm and temperate coastal weather year-round, ideal for enjoying the beaches and seas, with little variation in temperatures. The monsoon season brings a dramatic change in conditions, however, and runs for four months of the year. An ideal time to visit, for plenty of tropical sunshine is the period between November to March, with temperatures averaging between 21-31C and the days filled with blue skies and plenty of sunshine.

### **CURRENCY and EXCHANGE RATE**

The unit of currency is - Rupees (Rs.) (INR), which is divided into 100 paisa. For exchange rates please see: <http://www.xe.com>

Currency can be exchanged at the airport, banks, hotels and bureau de change. Banks are open from Monday to Saturday. ATMs are available in most cities and tourist resorts. Most large hotels and shops accept traveller's cheques. Most major credit cards are accepted at hotels and larger businesses.

### **TAX & CUSTOMS**

Every passenger entering or leaving Indian border has to pass through Customs check. He / She must fill up the Disembarkation Card clearly mentioning the quantity and value of goods he /she has brought. On his / her arrival the passenger is first cleared by Immigration Officer, who retains the Immigration portion of the Disembarkation Card. Thereafter the passenger takes the delivery of his baggage from the conveyer belts & passes through Customs. Like all other International Airports, the passenger has the option of seeking clearance through the Green Channel or through the Red Channel subject to the nature of goods being carried. For any other information regarding customs duty etc you can visit the following links:

<http://www.cbec.gov.in/customs/cs-act/formatted-htmls/cs-rulef.htm>,

<http://www.cbec.gov.in/travellers.htm>

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The international country dialling code for India is +91. To make an international call, dial: 00 + country code + area code + telephone number. To dial into India: 00-91-832-local number (Goa). International direct dial facilities are available throughout most of the country. Mobile phone networks cover most towns, cities and holiday resorts. Internet cafes are available in the main towns and resorts.

## **TIME DIFFERENCE**

The difference between GMT/UTC and IST is +5:30 hours. For country specific details please visit: <http://www.timeanddate.com/time/>

## **ELECTRICITY**

Frequency 50 Hz. Voltage 220 V

## **TIPPING**

No specific Rule.

## **SMOKING**

Due to legislation, the policy is no smoking in any area of the Conference. It is permissible only at designated smoking room/space.

## **TOURISM**

Variously known as "Pearl of the Orient" and a "Tourist Paradise", the state of Goa is located on the western coast of India in the coastal belt known as Konkan.

The magnificent scenic beauty and the architectural splendours of its temples, churches and old houses have made Goa a firm favourite with travellers around the world.

Goa is much more than just beaches and sea. It has a soul which goes deep into unique history, rich culture and some of the prettiest natural scenery that India has to offer.

For more information on Goa please visit the following links:

<http://www.goatourism.gov.in>

<http://www.goa.gov.in>

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT INDIA

**India**, officially the **Republic of India** is the seventh-largest country in terms of geographical area, the second-most populous country, and the largest democracy in the world. Bounded by the Indian Ocean in the south, the Arabian Sea in the west, the Bay of Bengal in the east and the Himalayas in the north, India is a subcontinent with a 5000-year old history, a civilization representing unity in diversity. India is a republic consisting of 28 states and 7 union territories and one of the fastest growing economies. A pluralistic, multilingual, and multiethnic society, India is also home to a diversity of wildlife in a variety of protected habitats.

For further information please visit:

<http://tourism.gov.in>

<http://incredibleindia.org/>