

C. APPLICATION SEEKING APPROVAL OF MERGERS / CONSOLIDATION OF MF SCHEMES

Name of the AMC:

Proposal:

Rationale for merger/ consolidation:

Date of Application:

Part A- Basic Information of Merger/s / Consolidation of MF scheme/s				
Sl. No.	Particulars	Merging/ Consolidating Scheme 1	Merging/ Consolidating Scheme/s..... n	Surviving/ Consolidated Scheme
1.	Name of the Scheme			
2.	Category of the Scheme/s			
3.	ISIN details of Scheme/s			
4.	Date of launch of Scheme/s			
5.	Unclaimed Dividend (IDCW) Amount with no. of Investors			
6.	Unclaimed redemption amount with no. of Investors			
7.	Date of latest reminder			

8.	Number of KYC non-compliant folios and corresponding AUM (RS.)			
Part B- Consolidated list of Standard Observations				Remarks (Yes/No) and Annexure No.
9.	The application for merger/ consolidation is accompanied with the following documents: Requisite documents are placed as under: 1.1 The certified true copies of the resolutions passed by Board of Directors of AMC, granting approval for the captioned merger/ consolidation at its meeting on DD/MM/YYYY; 1.2 The certified true copies of the resolutions passed by Board of Directors of Trustee Company, granting approval for the captioned merger/ consolidation at its meeting on DD /MM/YYYY; 1.3 Draft of letter to be issued to the unitholders of the both merging/ consolidating scheme/ s and surviving scheme and draft notice cum addendum; 1.4 The list of the undertakings mentioned at Part D duly signed by CEO/ CO.			
10.	Whether a new scheme emerges after such consolidation/ merger.			

	If yes, whether draft SID along with requisite fees and draft of the letter to be issued to the unit holders of all the concerned schemes is filed with SEBI.	
11.	Whether the letter to unitholders is as per AMFI prescribed format communicated to the AMCs vide email dated April 24, 2023 and the contents of the letter to unitholders is in line with SEBI (Mutual Fund) Regulations, 2026 and circulars and guidelines issued thereunder.	
12.	Whether the confirmation regarding the interest of the unitholders of surviving/ consolidated scheme is not adversely affected is provided.	
13.	Whether in case of merger of closed ended debt/equity schemes into open ended scheme or close ended scheme, positive consent is required to be obtained from unit holders of merging scheme and unit holders of surviving scheme shall be given exit option without any exit load. OR Whether in all other cases the unit holders of merging scheme and surviving scheme are provided with the exit option to redeem their investments at prevailing NAV, without exit load.	
14.	Whether the basis of allocation of new units by way of a numerical illustration is provided in the draft letter to be issued to the unitholders of the both merging/consolidating scheme/s and surviving scheme.	
15.	Whether the percentage of total exposure to securities classified as below investment grade or default and percentage of total illiquid assets to net assets of each individual scheme(s) as well the consolidated schemes are provided in the draft letter to be issued to the unitholders of the both merging/ consolidating scheme/ s and surviving scheme.	
16.	Any other disclosure as specified by the Trustees.	

17.	Any other disclosure as directed by the Board.	
	INSTRUCTIONS:	
18.	Ensure that the soft copy of application along with the annexures will be mailed on the same day of filing of physical copy with SEBI.	
19.	Ensure that the Statement of changes, if any, is filed along with all the communication subsequent to filing of the application.	

-Signed-

CO / CEO

Part C: Disclosure of any deviations from applicable SEBI circulars and guidelines and best practices:

Sl. No	SEBI Regulations, Circulars and Guidelines	Deviation	Rationale for the deviation.	Point no. in letter to the unitholders

-Signed-

CO / CEO

Part D: The requisite undertaking/s confirming the following requirements, duly signed by CEO/CO, are submitted along with the application.

- i. Post-merger/ consolidation, the interest of all the concerned unitholders under the merging scheme/s/ consolidating and Surviving Scheme will be protected;
- ii. Post- merger/ consolidation, the Surviving/ consolidated Scheme will not be similar to other existing schemes of the Mutual Fund;
- iii. There shall be no changes to the features of the Scheme apart from the provisions stated in the draft Notice-cum-Addendum and letter to Unitholders;
- iv. Compliance with (relevant paras) of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Funds on consolidation and merger of schemes, SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 2026, any other directives/ provisions in this regard;
- v. The name and Asset allocation of the Transferee Scheme is in accordance with the categorization Circular;
- vi. The details of the proposed changes will be updated at the relevant pages of Scheme Information Document ("SID") and Key Information Memorandum ("KIM") of the Surviving Scheme;
- vii. The expenses related to the proposed changes and other consequential changes will not be charged to the unitholders of the schemes;
- viii. The details of unclaimed IDCW and unclaimed Redemption in Merging/ consolidating Scheme and/ or in Surviving Scheme will be shared with the unitholders of the concerned schemes;
- ix. Letter to the unit holders will be updated with latest portfolio disclosures of the concerned schemes before issuance of the same;
- x. Merger/ consolidation of the Scheme is considered as a change in Fundamental attributes of both the schemes i.e. Merging/ consolidating Schemes and surviving scheme. Accordingly, notice and Letter to Unit holders will be sent to the investors of both these Schemes.

OR

Merger/ consolidation is not seen as change in fundamental attribute of the surviving as Fundamental attributes of the surviving scheme do not change and mutual funds are able to **demonstrate** that the circumstances merit merger/ consolidation of schemes and the interest of the unit holders of surviving scheme is not adversely affected.

- xi. Written communication (including digital modes such as emails/sms etc.) about the proposed change is sent to each unitholder.

- xii. The unit holders of merging/ consolidating scheme/ s and surviving scheme shall be given an option to exit at the prevailing Net Asset Value without any exit load;
- xiii. Records as required under (relevant clause) of SEBI Master Circular for Mutual Funds, including Records of dispatch of the letters/ communication to the unitholders giving them the option to exit at prevailing NAVs without exit loads and the responses received from them will be maintained.
- xiv. A report giving information on total number of unit holders in the schemes and their net assets, number of unit holders who opted to exit and net assets held by them and number of unit holders and net assets in the surviving/ consolidated scheme shall be filed with the Board within 21 calendar days from the date of closure of the exit option.
- xv. The letter to unit holders shall be issued only after the final observations communicated by SEBI have been incorporated and final copies of the same have been filed with SEBI.