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To,  
Mr. Harsh Vardhan  
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**Sub: Submission of Annual Audit Report of Research Analyst Business**

Dear Sir,

We have conducted the annual audit of Research Analyst activities of **HARSH VARDHAN PROPRIETOR OF STOCK OCEAN** (herein referred as "RA"), **SEBI Registration no-INH000011006** and a member of the BSE Ltd. bearing **BSE enlistment No.: 5695**, as required by SEBI Research Analyst Regulations, 2014.

We are enclosing herewith copy of audit report for the period April, 2024 to March, 2025.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of the same.

**For Megha Kyal & Associates,**

**CS Megha Kyal**  
Proprietor  
**CP No: 22896**

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## **SEGREGATION CERTIFICATE**

**Annual certificate confirming compliance with the client level segregation requirements as specified in Regulation 26C of the SEBI (Research Analyst) Regulations, 2014**

The annual audit of **HARSH VARDHAN PROPRIETOR OF STOCK OCEAN** (herein referred as "RA"), **SEBI Registration no- INH000011006** and a member of the BSE Ltd. bearing **BSE enlistment No.: 5695** has been conducted for Research Analyst activities as required by SEBI Regulations.

This is to certify that we have verified the relevant records and declarations of RA, and based on the information provided to us, we confirm the following in accordance with Regulation 26C of the SEBI (Research Analyst) Regulations, 2014:

- RA is registered with AMFI as Mutual Fund distributor and has neither onboarded any client after 8th January, 2025 nor executed any MF schemes to its existing clients.
- RA is registered with HDFC ERGO as Insurance Agent and has neither onboarded any client after 8th January, 2025 nor executed any insurance policies to its existing clients.
- RA has not provided any distribution services to clients receiving research services.
- No family member of RA is engaged in distribution services to clients availing research services from him/her.
- RA has not rendered research services to any client who is receiving distribution services from a family member.
- Appropriate processes are in place to ensure client-level segregation between research and distribution activities within the family.

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**CS Megha Kyal**  
**Megha Kyal & Associates**  
Practicing Company Secretary  
CP. No.: 22896  
UDIN No.: A055430G000397145  
Date: 20-05-2025  
Place: Navi Mumbai

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HARSH VARDHAN PROPRIETOR OF STOCK OCEAN  
RESEARCH ANALYST BEARING SEBI REGISTRATION No. INH000011006  
SEBI ANNUAL AUDIT (FY 2024-2025)

# COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORT

**Prepared by**  
**CS Megha Kyal**

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## **BACKGROUND**

Harsh Vardhan Proprietor of Stock Ocean is a SEBI Registered Research Analyst.

As part of the ongoing compliance requirements of Securities Exchange Board of India (Research Analyst) Regulations, 2014, Research Analyst shall conduct yearly audit in respect of compliance with these regulations from a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India or Institute of Company Secretaries of India.

CS Megha Kyal has been assigned the internal audit of internal control systems of RA for ensuring secure and continuous business operations and identifying possible lapses / inadequacies / deficiencies, if any, based on compliance requirements / guidance / circular issued by SEBI.

### ***Audit Period:***

The audit period for the current annual audit is April, 2024 to March, 2025.

## SCOPE OF OUR ASSIGNMENT

*THE SCOPE OF AUDIT FOR THE AUDIT PERIOD APRIL, 2024 TO MARCH, 2025 INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:*

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Areas/ Scope of work covered</b>
1.	<i>Review of Internal Policies &amp; procedures</i>
2.	<i>Certificate of Registration</i>
3.	<i>Deposit</i>
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SI No	Requirements as per regulation	Compliance Status	Auditor's Comments	Auditee Comments
A.	Regulation 3: Registration of Research Analyst			
1	Application for grant of certificate:			
a	On and from the commencement of these regulations, no person shall act as a research analyst or research entity or hold itself out as a research analyst unless he has obtained a certificate of registration from the Board under these regulations: Provided that any person acting as research analyst or research entity before the commencement of these regulations may continue to do so for a period of six months from such commencement or, if it has made an application for a certificate of registration under sub-regulation (2) within the said period of six months, till the disposal of such application	Complied	RA has made an application for registration to SEBI in prescribed Form A and has obtained a certificate of registration from the Board	
2	Exemption from registration			
a	The following persons shall not be required to seek registration under regulation 3 subject to the fulfilment of the conditions stipulated therefore: - Provided further that an investment adviser, credit rating agency, asset management company or fund manager, who issues research report or circulates/ distributes research report to public or its director or employee who makes public appearance, shall not be required to seek registration under regulation 3: - Provided that such intermediaries shall comply with the general obligation(s) and responsibilities as specified in Chapter III of these regulations;	Complied	Refer Point A-1 above	
3	Issuance of research report by a person located outside India			
a	Any person located outside India engaged in issuance of research report or research analysis in respect of securities listed or proposed to be listed on a stock exchange shall enter into an agreement with a research analyst or research entity registered under these regulations.	Complied	RA does not have association with any person located outside India for issuance of research report or analysis for securities listed or proposed to be listed on stock exchanges in India.	
B.	Regulation 7: Qualification and certification requirement			
1	Minimum Qualifications			
a	An individual research analyst or a principal officer of a non-individual research analyst registered under these regulations. individuals employed as research	Complied	RA had fulfilled requisite qualifications criteria	

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	analyst and partners of a research analyst, if any, engaged in research services shall have the following minimum qualifications, at all times: (i) A professional qualification or graduate degree or post-graduate degree or post graduate diploma in finance, accountancy, business management, commerce, economics, capital market, banking, insurance, actuarial science or other financial services from a university or institution recognized by the Central Government or any State Government or a recognised foreign university or institution or association; or A professional qualification by completing a Post Graduate Program in the Securities Market (Research Analysis) from NISM of a duration not less than one year or a professional qualification by obtaining a CFA Charter from the CFA Institute;			
b	Persons associated with research services shall, at all times, have minimum qualification of a graduate degree in any discipline from a university or institution recognized by the Central Government or any State Government or a recognized foreign university or institution.	Complied	RA is an Individual and no PAIA is employed with RA	
<b>2</b>	<b>NISM Certification</b>			
	An individual registered as research analyst under these regulations, individuals employed as research analyst and partners of a research analyst, if any, shall have, at all times, a NISM certification for research analysts as specified by the Board or other certification recognized by the Board from time to time: - Provided that research analyst or research entity already engaged in issuance of research report or research analysis seeking registration under these regulations shall ensure that it or the individuals employed by it as research analyst and/or its partners obtain such certification within two years from the date of commencement of these regulations. - Provided further that fresh certification must be obtained before expiry of the validity of the existing certification to ensure continuity in compliance with certification requirements	Complied	RA had fulfilled requisite certification criteria.	
<b>C.</b>	<b>Regulation 8: Deposit</b>			



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a	A research analyst shall maintain a deposit of such sum as specified by the Board from time to time	Complied	RA has made a fixed deposit of ₹1,00,000/- with HDFC Bank lien marked to BSE Ltd.	
b	The deposit shall be maintained with a scheduled bank, marked as lien in favour of a body or body corporate recognised by the Board for the purpose of administration and supervision of research analysts in accordance with regulation 14 of these regulations: - Provided that such deposit shall be available for utilization in case the research analyst fails to pay dues emanating out of arbitration and conciliation proceedings, if any, under the Online Dispute Resolution Mechanism or such other mechanism as may be specified by the Board.	Complied	RA has made a fixed deposit of ₹1,00,000/- with HDFC Bank lien marked to BSE Ltd.	
<b>D.</b>	<b>Regulation 13: Adherence to Conditions of certificate</b>			
	The certificate granted under regulation 9 shall, inter alia, be subject to the following conditions:			
a	the research analyst shall forthwith inform the Board in writing, if any information or particulars previously submitted to the Board are found to be false or misleading in any material particular or if there is any material change in the information already submitted;	Complied	RA has changed its office address which was approved by the board.	
b	Research analyst registered under these regulations shall use the term "research analyst" in all correspondences with its clients	Complied	On review of sample emails, it was observed that the term 'Research Analyst' was used in all correspondences with its clients	
c	The number of clients of a part-time research analyst shall not exceed seventy-five in total at any point of time	Not Applicable	The RA is not registered as Part-time research analyst with SEBI. Hence, it's Not Applicable.	
<b>E.</b>	<b>Regulation 14: Recognition of body or body corporate for administration and supervision of research analysts.</b>			
	The Board may specify that no person shall act as a research analyst unless such a person is enlisted with the recognized body or body corporate and in such an event, the provisions of these regulations and the specified provisions of the bye-laws or articles of such a body or body corporate shall apply to the research analyst.	Complied	Research Analyst is enlisted with BSE bearing enlistment No.: 5695	
<b>F.</b>	<b>Regulation 15: Establishing Internal policies and procedures</b>			

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a	Research analyst or research entity shall have written internal policies and control procedures governing the dealing and trading by any research analyst for: i. addressing actual or potential conflict of interest arising from such dealings or trading of securities of subject company; ii. Promoting objective and reliable research that reflects the unbiased view of research analyst; and iii. Preventing the use of research report or research analysis to manipulate the securities market	Complied		RA has internal policies and procedures on Dealing Procedures Manual, Personal account dealing procedure, Research Procedures manual which fulfill the regulatory requirement.
<b>G.</b>	<b>Regulation 15A: Fees</b>			
a	Research Analyst shall be entitled to charge fees for providing research services from a client including an accredited investor in the manner as specified by the Board	Complied		Research Analyst has charged fees under the fee limit prescribed by the board.
b	Research analyst or research entity shall have in place appropriate mechanisms to ensure independence of its research activities from its other business activities	Complied		RA was been involved in other activities as MF distributor and Insurance agent during audit period and has maintained client level segregation.
<b>H.</b>	<b>Regulation 16: Limitations on trading by research analysts</b>			
a	Personal trading activities of the individuals employed as research analyst by research entity shall be monitored, recorded and wherever necessary, shall be subject to a formal approval process	Complied		RA is an individual Research Analyst and had not employed any other individual as a research analyst during the audit period
b	Independent research analysts, individuals employed as research analyst by research entity or their associates shall not deal or trade in securities that the research analyst recommends or follows within thirty days before and five days after the publication of a research report	Complied		Basis confirmation provided to us, it was observed that RA had not dealt or traded in securities that the research analyst recommends or follows within thirty days before and five days after the publication of a research report.
c	Independent research analysts, individuals employed as research analysts by research entity or their associates shall not deal or trade directly or indirectly in securities that he reviews in a manner contrary to his given recommendation	Complied		Basis confirmation provided to us, it was observed that RA had not dealt or traded in securities that the research analyst recommends or follows within thirty days

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				before and five days after the publication of a research report.
d	Independent research analysts, individuals employed as research analysts by research entity or their associate shall not purchase or receive securities of the issuer before the issuer's initial public offering, if the issuer is principally engaged in the same types of business as companies that the research analyst follows or recommends	Complied		Basis confirmation provided to us, it was observed that RA had not dealt or traded in securities that the research analyst recommends or follows within thirty days before and five days after the publication of a research report.
I.	Regulation 17: Compensation of research analysts			
a	Research entity shall not pay any bonus, salary or other form of compensation to any individual employed as research analyst that is determined or based on any specific merchant banking or investment banking or brokerage services transaction	Complied		RA is an individual Research Analyst, having no individual employed as research analyst
b	The compensation of all individuals employed as research analyst shall be reviewed, documented and approved annually by board of directors/ committee appointed by board of directors of the research entity, which does not consist of representation from its merchant banking or investment banking or brokerage services divisions			
c	The board of directors/ committee appointed by board of directors of the research entity approving or reviewing the compensation of individual employed as research analyst shall not take into account such individual's contribution to the research entity's investment banking or merchant banking or brokerage services business			
d	An individual employed as research analyst by research entity shall not be subject to the supervision or control of any employee of the merchant banking or investment banking or brokerage services divisions of that research entity			
J.	Regulation 18: Limitations on publication of research report, public appearance and conduct of business, etc.			
a	Research analyst or research entity shall not publish or distribute research report or research analysis or make public appearance regarding a subject company for which he has acted as a manager or co-manager at any time falling within a period of: (i) Forty days immediately following the day on which the securities are priced	Complied		Based on review it was observed that RA has not acted as a manager, co- manager for any initial public offerings or further public offering

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	<p>if the offering is an initial public offering; or (ii) Ten days immediately following the day on which the securities are priced if the offering is a further public offering:</p> <p>Provided that research analyst or research entity may publish or distribute research report or research analysis or make public appearance within such forty day and ten-day periods, subject to prior written approval of legal or compliance personnel as specified in the internal policies and procedures</p>			
b	A research entity who has agreed to participate or is participating as an underwriter of an issuer's initial public offering shall not publish or distribute a research report or make public appearance regarding that issuer before expiry of twenty-five days from the date of the offering	Complied		Based on review it was observed that RA has not acted as an underwriter for any initial public offerings
c	Research analyst or research entity who has acted as a manager or co-manager of public offering of securities of a company shall not publish or distribute a research report or make a public appearance concerning that company within fifteen days prior to date of entering into and fifteen days after the expiration/ waiver/ termination of a lock-up agreement or any other agreement that the research analyst or research entity has entered into with a subject company that restricts or prohibits the sale of securities held by the subject company after the completion of public offering of securities: Provided that research analyst or research entity may publish or distribute research report or research analysis or make public appearance regarding that company within such fifteen days subject to prior written approval of legal or compliance personnel as specified in the internal policies and procedures	Complied		Based on review it was observed that RA has not acted as manager or co-manager for public offering of securities
d	<p>Research analyst or individuals employed as research analyst by research entity shall not participate in business activities designed to solicit investment banking or merchant banking or brokerage services business, such as sales pitches and deal road shows.</p> <p>Research analyst or individuals employed as research analyst by research entity shall not engage in any communication with a current or prospective client in the presence of personnel from investment banking or merchant</p>	Complied		RA was been involved in other activities as MF distributor and Insurance agent during audit period and has maintained client level segregation.

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	banking or brokerage services divisions or company management about an investment banking services transaction. Investment banking or merchant banking or brokerage services division's personnel of research entity shall not direct the individuals employed as research analyst to engage in sales or marketing related to an investment banking or merchant banking or brokerage services and shall not direct the research analyst to engage in any communication with a current or prospective client about such division's transaction: Provided that sub-regulations (4) to (6) of Regulation 18 of RA Regulation, 2014 shall not prohibit research analyst or research entity from engaging in investor education activities including publication of pre-deal research and briefing the views of the research analyst on the transaction to the sales or marketing personnel			
e	Research analyst or research entity shall have adequate documentary basis, supported by research, for preparing a research report	Complied	Basis confirmation provided to us, it was observed that RA has adequate documentary basis, supported by research, for preparing a research report	
f	Research analyst or research entity shall not provide any promise or assurance of favourable review in its research report to a company or industry or sector or group of companies or business group as consideration to commence or influence a business relationship or for the receipt of compensation or other benefits	Complied	Basis confirmation provided to us, it was observed that RA had issued research report where he has not provided any promise or assurance of favourable review in its research report to a company or industry or sector or group of companies or business group as consideration to commence or influence a business relationship or for the receipt of compensation or other benefits.	
g	Research analyst or research entity shall not issue a research report that is not consistent with the views of the individuals employed as research analyst regarding a subject company	Complied	RA is an individual Research Analyst, having no individual employed as research analyst	
h	Research entity shall ensure that the individuals employed as research analyst are separate from other employees who are performing sales trading, dealing,	Complied	RA is an individual Research Analyst, having no individual employed as research analyst	

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	corporate finance advisory or any other activity that may affect the independence of its research report: Provided that the individual employed as research analyst by research entity can receive feedback from sales or trading personnel of brokerage division to ascertain the impact of research report			
<b>K.</b>	<b>Regulation 19: Disclosures in research reports</b>			
a	A research analyst or research entity shall disclose all material information about itself including its business activity, disciplinary history, the terms and conditions on which it offers research report, details of associates and such other information as is necessary to take an investment decision	Complied		Basis confirmation provided to us, it was observed that RA has disclosed all material information about itself in research report
b	Research analyst or research entity shall disclose the following in research report and in public appearance with regard to ownership and material conflicts of interest: i. whether the research analyst or research entity or his associate or his relative has any financial interest in the subject company and the nature of such financial interest; ii. Whether the research analyst or research entity or its associates or relatives, have actual/ beneficial ownership of one per cent or more securities of the subject company, at the end of the month immediately preceding the date of publication of the research report or date of the public appearance; iii. whether the research analyst or research entity or his associate or his relative, has any other material conflict of interest at the time	Complied		Basis confirmation provided to us; it was observed that RA has made disclosures regarding ownership and material conflicts of interest.
c	Research analyst or research entity shall disclose the following in research report with regard to receipt of compensation: I. whether it or its associates have received any compensation from the subject company in the past twelve months; II. whether it or its associates have managed or co-managed public offering of securities for the subject company in the past twelve months; III. whether it or its associates have received any compensation for investment banking or merchant banking or brokerage services from the subject company in the past twelve months; IV. whether it or its associates have received any compensation for products or	Complied		Basis confirmation provided to us; it was observed that RA has not received any compensation.

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	services other than investment banking or merchant banking or brokerage services from the subject company in the past twelve months; V. Whether it or its associates have received any compensation or other benefits from the Subject Company or third party in connection with the research report			
d	Research analyst or research entity shall disclose the following in public appearance with regard to receipt of compensation: i. whether it or its associates have received any compensation from the subject company in the past twelve months; ii. whether the subject company is or was a client during twelve months preceding the date of distribution of the research report and the types of services provided	Complied	On the basis of submissions, it was observed that RA had not made any public appearances during the audit period	
e	whether the research analyst has served as an officer, director or employee of the subject company;	Complied	RA has not served as an officer, director or employee of the subject company on which recommendation were given	
f	whether the research analyst or research entity has been engaged in market making activity for the subject company;	Complied	RA has not been engaged in market making activity for the subject company on which recommendation were given	
g	Research analyst or research entity shall provide all other disclosures in research report and public appearance as specified by the Board under any other regulations.	Complied	On the basis of submissions, it was observed that RA had not made any public appearances during the audit period.	
h	A research analyst or research entity shall disclose to the client the extent of use of Artificial Intelligence tools in providing research services	Complied	RA is not using any AI tools in providing research services.	
<b>L.</b>	<b>Regulation 19A: Disclosures in research reports</b>			
a	A Research analyst or research entity shall maintain a functional website containing such details as may be specified by the Board	Complied	RA is having a functional website <a href="https://stockocean.co.in/">https://stockocean.co.in/</a>	
<b>M.</b>	<b>Regulation 20: Contents of research report</b>			
a	Research analyst or research entity shall take steps to ensure that facts in its research reports are based on reliable information and shall define the terms used in making recommendations, and these terms shall be consistently used	Complied	Based on review it was observed that Reports issued by RA are based on facts. The reports, issued by RA, consist only the opinion of RA based on facts and events concerning subject, it doesn't consist any recommendations.	

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ANNEXURE D - COMPLIANCE				
SI No	Requirements as per regulation	Compliance Status	Auditor's Comments	Auditee Comments
b	Research analyst or research entity that employs a rating system must clearly define the meaning of each such rating including the time horizon and benchmarks on which a rating is based	Complied		Based on review it was observed that rating system is not used in the Reports issued by RA.
c	If a research report contains either a rating or price target for subject company's securities and the research analyst or research entity has assigned a rating or price target to the securities for at least one year, such research report shall also provide the graph of daily closing price of such securities for the period assigned or for a three-year period, whichever is shorter	Complied		Based on review it was observed that if price targets are included in the reports, the graph of daily closing price is included in the research report.
d	Research analyst or research entity shall ensure that the recommendations in the research report are corroborated by relevant data and analysis forming the basis for such research service.	Complied		On basis of submissions, it was observed that recommendations in the research report are corroborated by relevant data and analysis by the RA
N.	Regulation 21: Recommendations in public media			
a	Research analyst or research entity including its director or employee shall disclose the registration status and details of financial interest in the subject company, if he makes public appearance	Complied		On the basis of submissions, it was observed that RA had not made any public appearances during the audit period.
b	If any person including a director or employee of an investment adviser or credit rating agency or asset management company or fund manager, makes public appearance or makes a recommendation or offers an opinion concerning securities or public offers through public media, all the provisions of regulations 16 and 17 shall apply mutatis mutandis to him and he shall disclose his name, registration status and details of financial interest in the subject company at the time of :  i. making such recommendation or offering such opinion in personal capacity; ii. Responding to queries from audiences or journalists in personal capacity; iii. Communicating the research report or substance of the research report through the public media	Not applicable		RA is an independent Research Analyst
O.	Regulation 22: Distribution of research reports			
a	A research report shall not be made available selectively to internal trading personnel or a particular client or class of clients in advance of other clients who are entitled to receive the research report	complied		Basis confirmation provided to us; it was observed that RA had not issued research report which are selectively available.



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b	Research analyst or research entity who distributes any third-party research report shall review the third-party research report for any untrue statement of material fact or any false or misleading information		Not applicable	Based on submissions, RA is not involved in distribution of third-party research reports.
c	Research analyst or research entity who distributes any third-party research report shall disclose any material conflict of interest of such third-party research provider or he shall provide a web address that directs a recipient to the relevant disclosures			
d	Provisions of sub-regulations (2) and (3) shall not apply to a research analyst or research entity if he has no direct or indirect business or contractual relationship with such third- party research provider			
P.	Regulation 24: General Responsibility			
a	Research analyst or research entity shall maintain an arms-length relationship between its research activity and other activities	Complied	Refer J (d) above	
b	Research analyst or research entity shall abide by Code of Conduct as specified in Third Schedule	Complied	RA had abided by Code of Conduct as specified in Third Schedule	
c	In case of change in control of the research analyst or research entity, prior approval from the Board shall be taken	Not Applicable	RA is registered in Individual capacity with SEBI, hence it's not applicable.	
d	Research analyst or research entity shall furnish to the Board information and reports as may be specified by the Board from time to time	Complied	Basis confirmation provided to us, it was observed that there were information or reports sought by the Board.	
e	It shall be the responsibility of the research analyst or research entity to ensure that its employees or partners, as may be applicable, comply with the certification and qualification requirements under regulation 7 at all times	Complied	Refer B1 & B2 above.	
f	A research analyst or research entity shall disclose to the client the terms and conditions as may be specified by the Board and take consent of the client on such terms and conditions in such manner as may be specified by the Board.	Complied	Deadline of compliance to the provision is 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	
g	A research analyst or research entity who uses Artificial Intelligence tools, irrespective of the scale and scenario of adoption of such tools, for servicing its clients shall be solely responsible for the security, confidentiality and integrity of the client data, use of any other information or data for research services, research services based on output of Artificial Intelligence tools and compliance with any law for the time being in force.	Complied	There was no new onboarding during FY 2024-25 of client post applicability of this clause.	

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h	Research analyst or research entity engaged in providing model portfolio shall abide by the guidelines issued by the Board from time to time		Not Applicable	Research Analyst is not engaged in providing model portfolio.
Q.	Regulation 25: Maintenance of records			
a	<p>Research analyst or research entity shall maintain the following records:</p> <p>i. Research report duly signed and dated;</p> <p>ii. Research recommendation provided;</p> <p>iii. Rationale for arriving at research recommendation;</p> <p>iv. Record of public appearance.</p> <p>V. Know Your Client records of the fee-paying client;</p> <p>vi. a register or record containing list of the clients along with client's PAN, he date and nature of the research service, details of the products/securities for which research service was provided and fee/consideration, if any charged/received for such research service;</p> <p>vii. records of communication including emails, call recordings etc. with all clients including prospective clients in such manner as may be specified.</p> <p>viii. the terms and conditions of research services disclosed to the clients and the consent of the client thereon.</p> <p>All records shall be maintained either in physical or electronic form and preserved for a minimum period of five years: Provided that where records are required to be duly signed and are maintained in electronic form, such records shall be digitally signed</p>	Complied	Based on verification of sample records provided by RA, it is observed that all the requisite records are maintained by RA.	
b	Research analyst or research entity shall conduct annual audit in respect of compliance with these regulations from a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India or Institute of Company Secretaries of India or Institute of Cost Accountants of India and submit the report of the same in such manner as may be specified by the Board.	Complied	RA had conducted the Annual compliance Audit for the past years.	
R.	Regulation 26: Appointment of compliance officer			
a	<p>A non-individual research analyst or research entity shall appoint either:</p> <p>i. A compliance officer; or</p>		Not Applicable	RA is an individual Research Analyst

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	ii. An independent professional who is a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India or Institute of Company Secretaries of India or Institute of Cost Accountants of India or member of any other professional body as may be specified by the Board, provided that such a professional holds a relevant certification from NISM, as specified by the Board who shall be responsible for monitoring the compliance			
b	Where independent professional referred in sub-regulation (1) of this regulation is appointed for monitoring compliance, the principal officer shall submit an undertaking to the Board or the body or body corporate recognised under regulation 14 of these regulations to the effect that principal officer shall be responsible for monitoring the compliance in respect of the requirements of the Act, regulations, notifications, guidelines, instructions issued by the Board	Not Applicable	RA is an individual Research Analyst	
<b>S.</b>	<b>Regulation 26A: Dispute Resolution.</b>			
a	All claims, differences or disputes between a research analyst or research entity and its client arising out of or in relation to the activities of the research analyst or research entity in the securities market shall be submitted to a dispute resolution mechanism that includes mediation and/or conciliation and/or arbitration, in accordance with the procedure specified by the Board	Complied	There are no claims, differences, disputes during the financial year under review.	
<b>T.</b>	<b>Regulation 26B: Redressal of investor grievances</b>			
b	(1) The Research Analyst shall redress investor grievances promptly but not later than twenty-one calendar days from the date of receipt of the grievance and in such manner as may be specified by the Board. (2) The Board may also recognize a body corporate for handling and monitoring the process of grievance redressal within such time and in such manner as may be specified.	Complied	RA has received 1 complaint during the financial year under review which was closed within the timeline provided by SEBI	
<b>U.</b>	<b>Regulation 26C: Client level segregation of research services and distribution activities.</b>			
a	<b>a.</b> An individual research analyst shall not provide distribution services. <b>b.</b> The family of an individual research analyst shall not provide distribution services to the client to whom research services are being rendered by the individual research analyst and no individual research analyst shall render research services to a client who is receiving distribution services from other family members.	Complied	RA was been involved in other activities as MF distributor and Insurance agent during audit period and has maintained client level segregation.	

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	<p><b>c.</b> A non-individual research analyst or research entity shall have client level segregation at group level for research services and distribution services.</p> <p>Explanation. —</p> <p>(i) The same client cannot be offered both research and distribution services within the group of the non-individual entity.</p> <p>(ii) A client can either be receiving research services where no distributor consideration is received at the group level or distribution services where no research services fee is collected from the client at the group level.</p> <p>(iii) 'Group' for this purpose shall mean an entity which is a holding, subsidiary, associate, subsidiary of a holding company to which it is also a subsidiary, an investing company or the venturer of the company as per the provisions of Companies Act, 2013 for non-individual research analyst or research entity which is a company under the said Act and in any other case, an entity which has a controlling interest or is subject to the controlling interest of a non-individual research analyst.</p> <p><b>d.</b> Non-individual research analyst or research entity shall maintain an arm's length relationship between its activities as research analyst and distributor by providing research services through a separately identifiable department or division.</p> <p><b>e.</b> Compliance and monitoring process for client segregation at group or family level shall be in accordance with the guidelines specified by the Board.</p>			
<b>V.</b>	<b>SEBI/HO/IMD/IMD-II CIS/P/CIR/2021/0685 (Dated December 13, 2021)</b>			
<b>a</b>	<p><b>Publishing Investor Charter and disclosure of Investor Complaints</b></p> <p>i. All registered Research Analyst are required to publish investor charter on their websites and mobile applications. If registered Research Analyst does not have websites/mobile applications, then as a one-time measure, send investor charter to the investors on their registered e-mail address.</p>	Complied	RA has ensured the compliance with respect to the said circular.	

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	ii. All registered Research Analyst are required to disclose the details of investor complaints by seventh of the succeeding month on a monthly basis on their websites and mobile applications. If Research Analyst does not have websites/mobile applications, then send status of investor complaints to the investors on their registered email on a monthly basis.			
W.	<b>SEBI/HO/MIRSD/ MIRSD-PoD-2/P/CIR/2023/51 (dated 5<sup>th</sup> April,2023) Advertisement code for Investment Advisers (IA) and Research Analysts (RA)</b>			
a	Securities and Exchange Board of India (Investment Advisers) Regulations, 2013 and Securities and Exchange Board of India (Research Analysts) Regulations, 2014 provide for code of conduct to be followed by IAs and RAs respectively. In order to further strengthen the conduct of IAs and RAs, while issuing any advertisement, it is directed that IAs/RAs shall ensure compliance with the advertisement code.	Complied	RA has not made any advertisement during the year under review.	
X.	<b>Circular SEBI/HO/MIRSD/ MIRSD-PoD-2/P/CIR/2023/52 (dated 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2023) Usage of brand name/trade name by Investment Advisers (IA) and Research Analysts (RA)</b>			
a	While investment advisers and research analysts may use the brand name/trade name/logo, in order to ensure the transparency in such a usage of brand name/trade name/logo, they shall ensure that:  i. The information such as name of the IA/RA as registered with SEBI, its logo, its registration number and its complete address with telephone numbers shall be prominently displayed on portal/web site, if any, notice board, display boards, advertisements, publications, know your client forms and client agreements.  ii. The information such as name of the IA/RA as registered with SEBI, its logo, its registration number, its complete address with telephone numbers, the name of the compliance officer, his telephone number and e-mail address, the name, telephone number and e-mail address of the grievance officer or the grievance redressal cell shall be displayed prominently in statements or reports or any other form of correspondence with the client.	Complied	RA has ensured the compliance with respect to the said circular.	

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	iii. Disclaimer that "Registration granted by SEBI, membership of BASL (in case of IAs) and certification from NISM in no way guarantee performance of the intermediary or provide any assurance of returns to investors" shall be mentioned on portal/web site, if any, notice board, display boards, advertisements, publications, know your client forms, client agreements, statements or reports or any other form of correspondence with the client.			
<b>Y.</b>	<b>SEBI/HO/OIAE/_IAD-1/P/CIR/2023/1 (dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023): Online resolution of disputes in the Indian Securities Market</b>			
a	<p>Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanism has been introduced by SEBI pursuant to SEBI (Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanism) (Amendment) Regulations, 2023 to stream line the existing dispute resolution mechanism in the Indian securities market.</p> <p>By introducing mediation, conciliation, and arbitration methods, SEBI aims to provide a fair and efficient mechanism for resolving conflicts and protecting the interests of market participants and investors. These amendments will contribute to enhancing investor confidence and maintaining a robust regulatory environment. Market participants should familiarize themselves with the new regulations to ensure compliance and benefit from the streamlined dispute resolution process.</p>	Complied	RA has ensured the compliance with respect to the said circular.	
<b>Z.</b>	<b>SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD-PoD1/P/CIR/2024/148 (dated October 25, 2024): Periodic reporting</b>			
a	<p>1) RAs shall submit their periodic report to RAASB and RAs/PAs shall submit their periodic reports to SEBI. The periodic reports shall be submitted by RAs/PAs within 30 days from the last date of the reporting period.</p> <p>2) RAs/PAs shall submit periodic report for half-yearly periods ending on September 30 and March 31 of every financial year. The first reporting period shall be half-yearly period ending on March 31, 2025 and reports thereof shall be required to be submitted by April 30, 2025</p>	Complied	RA has submitted the periodic reporting for half year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2025	
<b>AA.</b>	<b>SEBI Circular Ref. No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD-PoD1/P/CIR/2025/004 (Dated January 08, 2025): Guidelines for Research Analyst</b>			
a	The Research Analyst shall ensure compliance with the amendments to RA Regulations and the guidelines specified under the amended SEBI (Research Analyst) Regulations, 2014	Complied	RA has ensured the compliance with respect to the said circular.	

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BB.	SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD-PoD/P/CIR/2025/20 (dated February 17, 2025): Most Important Terms and Conditions (MITC) for Research Analysts			
a	1) For existing clients, the MITC shall be informed by the RAs to the clients via email or any other suitable mode of communication (which can be preserved) by June 30, 2025. 2) RAs shall incorporate the MITC into the 'Terms and Conditions' of providing research services and shall disclose the 'Terms and Conditions' to the clients and take consent thereon, in terms of Clause 2 (xii) of the SEBI Circular no. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/ MIRSD-PoD-1/P/CIR/2025/004 dated January 08, 2025.	Complied	RA has ensured the compliance with respect to the said circular.	

*\* Research Analyst has submitted list of standard disclosures to SEBI as a part of application for registration. We have validated the list from perspective of adequacy of coverage in line with regulation.*

**For Megha Kyal & Associates,**

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