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#### **RBI's FinTech SRO Framework**



- Overview: RBI's Jan 15 framework recognizes Self-Regulatory Organizations (SROs) for fintech, balancing innovation and regulation for consumer protection.
- FinTech Impact: Draft SRO framework highlights fintech's role in transforming financial services, focusing on processes and accessibility.
- > **Balancing Act**: RBI stresses balancing innovation and regulatory priorities, favoring self-regulation for optimal FinTech sector contributions.
- Application Process: Draft outlines application criteria for SRO-FTs, emphasizing objectivity, credibility, and non-profit representation.
- Functions and Responsibilities: SRO-FTs guide members in adhering to standards, laws, and ethical practices, emphasizing consumer protection, data security, and responsible innovation, fostering compliance and transparent communication with the Reserve Bank

#### **RBI's Green Deposit Framework**

- > Institutions urged to prioritize green deposits before financing projects.
- Proceeds can be in liquid instruments with up to one-year maturity.

#### > Key Guidelines

- Green deposits tied to ongoing projects, with maturity up to one year.
- Framework effective for deposits raised by banks post-June 1, 2023.
- Premature withdrawal allowed; no penalties for non-allocation to projects.

#### > Additional Insights

- Sovereign green bond investments align with the framework.
- Banks can offer overdrafts against green deposits per RBI instructions.
- Green deposits cannot be in foreign currency.
- Covered by Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation.

Source: RBI

#### SEBI's Revolutionary Proposal: T+0 Settlement Proposal



- Introduces T+0 and instant settlement cycles in addition to T+1. Phased implementation for faster, efficient equity cash transactions.
- > **T+0 Settlement Impact:** Mitigates settlement shortages & enhances investor protection. Facilitates instant funds & securities receipt, aligning with UPI trends. Increases operational efficiency, appealing to investors with swift transactions.
- > Implementation Strategy:
- Phase 1: Optional T+0 settlement until 1:30 PM, completing by 4:30 PM.
- Phase 2: Trade-by-trade instant settlement until 3:30 PM.
- Initial rollout for top 500 listed equity shares, coordinated migration by exchanges.

## RBI Proposes Stricter Guidelines for Deposit-Taking Housing Finance Companies (HFCs)



- ➤ Increased Liquid Asset Requirement: HFCs must now maintain 15% liquid assets against public deposits, up from 13%, as proposed by RBI.
- Regulatory Alignment: RBI aims to harmonize regulations for HFCs and NBFCs, outlining a deadline of March 2025 for deposit-taking HFCs to comply.
- ➤ Leverage Ratio Adjustment: RBI reduces the ceiling on public deposits held by HFCs from 3x to 1.5x of netowned funds, effective immediately.
- Deposit Maturity Restructuring: HFCs restricted to accepting or renewing deposits repayable within one to five years, with existing excess deposits allowed to run off till maturity.

Source: RBI; SEBI

### Public market performance and recent fundraises



Sector	Market Capitalization #	% Change*
Finance		
<ul> <li>Housing</li> </ul>	130,306	9.5%
• NBFC's	1,083,980	0.3%
• Lending^	275,936	-1.68%
Agriculture	294,377	5.1%
Climate		
• Power	1,327,115	2.8%
• Oil and Gas	2,650,057	10.8%
• Plastics	172,524	-4.1%

<sup>#</sup>Market capitalization based on top 5 companies listed in BSE within the sector \*% Change from 18/11/2023-19/01/2023

Company	Funding raised/ Stage
Alt Mobility	\$6.0 Mn: Series A
TrusTrace	\$24.0 Mn: Series B
FinAGG	\$11.0 Mn: Series A
INDRA	\$4.0 Mn: Series A
Upswing	\$4.2 Mn: Seed
Amplus Solar	\$5.9 Mn: Series A
InPrime Finserv	\$3.0 Mn: Series A
CureBay	\$7.5 Mn: Series A
Amaha	\$6.0 Mn: Series A

<sup>^</sup>Does not include private banks

### Thank You