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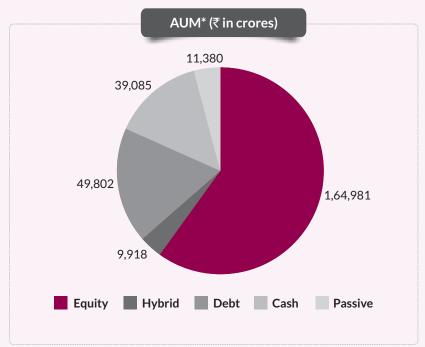
## Axis AMC: Key Highlights FY 2023-24











<sup>\*</sup>Quarterly Average AUM for March 2024

### **Corporate Information**

#### **Board of Directors**

#### Mr. Amitabh Chaudhry

Associate Director

#### Mr. Christopher Durack

Associate Director

#### Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran (w.e.f. 1st May 2023)

Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer

#### Mr. Ravindra Babu Garikipati

Independent Director

#### Ms. Sonia Singh

Independent Director

#### Mr. V. Anantharaman

Independent Director

#### Ms. Priya Subbaraman (w.e.f. 20th October 2023)

Independent Director

#### Mr. Neeraj Gambhir (w.e.f. 6th February 2024)

Associate Director

#### Committees of the board

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

Mr. V. Anantharaman (Chairman)

Mr. Ravindra Babu Garikipati

Ms. Priva Subbaraman

Mr. Christopher Durack

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

Ms. Priya Subbaraman (Chairperson)

Mr. Ravindra Babu Garikipati

Mr. V. Anantharaman

Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran

Mr. Christopher Durack

## NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Ravindra Babu Garikipati (Chairman)

Ms. Priya Subbaraman

Mr. V. Anantharaman

Ms. Sonia Singh

Mr. Christopher Durack

#### SHARE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE:

Mr. Neeraj Gambhir

Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran

Mr. Christopher Durack

#### **CSR COMMITTEE:**

Ms. Sonia Singh

Mr. V. Anantharaman

Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran

#### UNIT HOLDER PROTECTION COMMITTEE:

Ms. Sonia Singh (Chairperson)

Mr. V Anantharaman

Mr. Ravindra Garikipati

Ms. Priya Subbaraman Mr. Neeraj Gambhir

Mr. Christopher Durack

#### Key Managerial Personnel

#### Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran

Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer

#### Mr. Fagun Pancholi

Chief Financial Officer

#### Mr. Lalit Taparia

VP, Legal & Compliance and Company Secretary

#### **Statutory Auditors**

#### S.R. Batliboi & Co. LLP

Chartered Accountants

#### **Secretarial Auditors**

#### MC & Associates

Company Secretaries

## Internal Auditors

#### Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP

Chartered Accountants

#### **Registered Office**

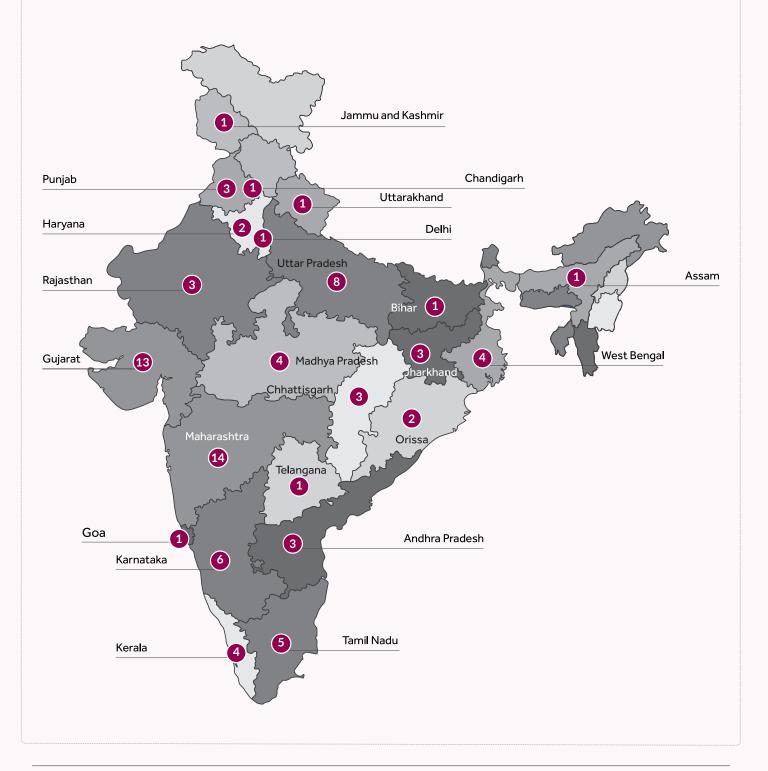
One Lodha Place, 22nd & 23rd Floor, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai - 400013.

#### Registrar & Share Transfer Agent

Selenium, Tower B, Plot No. 31 & 32, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Serilingampally, Hyderabad, Telangana – 500032

#### **Nationwide Presence**

With over 85 branches spread across multiple states in the country, we have established a robust network that reaches every corner. Our local branches provide personalized service to millions of customers, making us a truly nationwide company. From urban professionals to rural population, we serve diverse communities across the nation. Our commitment to meeting their needs has helped us grow and thrive. In addition to physical branches, our digital presence & distribution network is equally strong. Our user-friendly website, mobile app, and customer service channels connect us with customers nationwide. We've invested in cutting-edge technology to ensure seamless interactions.



#### **List of Schemes**

#### Active Funds (41)

#### Equity (14)

Axis Bluechip Fund

Axis Business Cycles Fund

Axis ELSS Tax Saver Fund

Axis ESG Integration Strategy Fund

Axis Flexi Cap Fund

Axis Focused Fund

Axis Growth Opportunities Fund

Axis India Manufacturing Fund

Axis Midcap Fund

Axis Multicap Fund

Axis Quant Fund

Axis Small Cap Fund

Axis Special Situations Fund

Axis Value Fund

#### **Debt (17)**

Axis Banking & PSU Debt Fund

Axis Corporate Debt Fund

Axis Credit Risk Fund

Axis Dynamic Bond Fund

Axis Fixed Term Plan - Series 112 (1143 DAYS)

Axis Fixed Term Plan - Series 113 (1228 DAYS)

Axis Fixed Term Plan - Series 120 (91 Days)

Axis Floater Fund

Axis Gilt Fund

Axis Liquid Fund

Axis Long Duration Fund

Axis Money Market Fund

Axis Overnight Fund

Axis Short Term Fund

Axis Strategic Bond Fund

Axis Treasury Advantage Fund

Axis Ultra Short Term Fund

#### Hybrid (6)

Axis Arbitrage Fund

Axis Balanced Advantage Fund

Axis Equity Hybrid Fund

Axis Equity Saver Fund

Axis Multi Asset Allocation Fund

Axis Regular Saver Fund

#### Solution Oriented (4)

Axis Children's Gift Fund

Axis Retirement Savings Fund -Aggressive Plan

Axis Retirement Savings Fund -Conservative Plan

Axis Retirement Savings Fund -Dynamic Plan

#### Passive Funds (32)

#### Index Funds (13)

Axis CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL June 2028 Index Fund

Axis CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL September 2027 Index Fund Axis CRISIL IBX 70:30 CPSE Plus SDL April 2025 Index Fund

Axis CRISIL IBX SDL June 2034 Debt Index Fund

Axis CRISIL IBX SDL May 2027 Index Fund

Axis NIFTY 50 Index Fund

AXIS NIFTY IT INDEX FUND

Axis Nifty Midcap 50 Index Fund

Axis NIFTY Next 50 Index Fund

Axis Nifty SDL September 2026 Debt Index Fund

Axis Nifty Smallcap 50 Index Fund Axis S&P BSE Sensex Index Fund

Axis NIFTY 100 Index Fund

**ETFs (9)** Axis Gold ETF

Axis NIFTY 50 ETF

Axis Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 ETF

Axis NIFTY Bank ETF

Axis NIFTY Healthcare ETF

Axis NIFTY India Consumption ETF

Axis NIFTY IT ETF

AXIS S&P BSE SENSEX ETF

AXIS SILVER ETF

#### Fund of Funds (FoF) (10)

Axis All Seasons Debt Fund of Funds

Axis Equity ETFs FoF

Axis Global Equity Alpha Fund of Fund

Axis Global Innovation Fund of Fund

Axis Gold Fund

Axis Greater China Equity Fund of Fund

Axis NASDAQ 100 Fund of Fund

Axis Nifty AAA Bond Plus SDL Apr 2026 50:50 **ETF FOF** 

Axis Silver Fund of Fund

Axis US Treasury Dynamic Bond ETF Fund of Fund

#### Alternates (12)

#### Alternate Investment Funds (AIFs) (9)

Axis Prime Factors AIF- Series I

Axis Commercial Real Estate Fund

Axis Growth Avenues AIF- I

Axis Newgen India Fund I

Axis RERA Opportunities Fund II

Axis Structured Credit AIF-I

Axis Structured Credit AIF - II

Axis Active Equity AIF - I Axis RERA I

#### PMS (3)

Axis Core & Satellite Portfolio

Axis Brand Equity Portfolio

Axis Liquid Portfolio

### **KEY LEXICON**



#### Assets Under Management (AUM)

Assets Under Management (AUM) is a widely used metric in the financial industry, particularly in the context of asset management companies (AMCs). It represents the total market value of the assets an AMC manages on behalf of its investors. AUM is one of the significant indicators because it provides insights into the scale and growth of an AMC's operations.



## Systematic Investment Plan (SIP)

The Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) is a popular term in the world of mutual funds. SIP is a method of investing in mutual fund schemes where individuals can make investments of fixed amount at regular intervals. Benefits of SIP include disciplined investing at regular intervals and rupee-cost averaging.



#### Net Asset Value (NAV)

NAV, an abbreviation for Net Asset Value, is a term you will see and hear commonly if you are viewing the performance of your mutual fund investments. NAV determines the value of a single unit of a mutual fund scheme. Just as each share has a market price, each unit of a mutual fund scheme also has a price at which the mutual fund unit is brought and sold.



## Systematic Transfer Plan (STP)

STPs allow you to transfer a pre-determined amount of money from one scheme to another in a disciplined manner, such as switching part of your investments from equity to debt funds.



#### **Actively Managed Funds**

The portfolios of actively managed funds are designed by the judgement of a Fund Manager about how to invest a fund's money and which all securities to buy & sell.

It provides the fund manager the flexibility to choose the investment portfolio within the broad parameters of the investment objective of the scheme.



## Systematic Withdrawal Plan (SWP)

SWP, or Systematic Withdrawal Plan, allows individuals to gradually withdraw their accumulated funds. Investors who need regular cash flows, like retirees, often go for this option by withdrawing a fixed amount of accumulated funds at regular intervals.



#### **Passive Funds**

Invest on the basis of a specified index; whose performance it seeks to track.



#### Switch

A mutual fund switch refers to transferring your investments from one mutual fund to another within the same fund house. This move is typically made to align your investment strategy with changing financial goals, market conditions, or risk tolerance.



#### New Fund Offer (NFO)

NFO refers to the launch of a new Mutual Fund scheme. NFO provide investors with a unique opportunity to invest in a freshly launched fund that has just entered the market.

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Dear Members.

Your Directors are pleased to present the **Fifteenth Annual Report** of your Company together with the financial statements, including, Audited Statement of Accounts for the financial year, April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024. During the year, your Company registered a net profit of ₹ **557.05** crores.

#### FINANCIAL RESULTS

A summary of the financial performance of the Company (Standalone Financial) for the financial year ended on March 31, 2024 is given below:

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Financial Year Ended 31.03.2024	Financial Year Ended 31.03.2023
Gross Income	1274.75	1,024.56
Expenses	560.79	446.26
Profit/(Loss) before Tax	713.96	578.30
Provision for Taxation	156.08	148.80
Profit/(Loss) after Tax	557.88	429.50
Other comprehensive Income	0.83	0.47
Total comprehensive income	557.05	429.97
Balance Profit /(Loss) Carried Forward	557.05	429.97

In accordance with the provisions of Section 129(3) of the Act, read with Rule 8 of the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014, as amended, the Company has prepared consolidated financial statements, which forms part of this annual report.

#### DISCLOSURES ABOUT CAPITAL INFUSION DURING THE YEAR (IF ANY), SHAREHOLDING PATTERN, DIVIDEND AND TRANSFER TO RESERVES

As on March 31, 2024, the issued share capital of the Company was ₹2,101,111,120/- divided into 210,111,112 equity shares of ₹10/- each.

Your Directors are pleased to inform that Axis Bank Limited continues to be the sponsor of Axis Mutual Fund, holding 75% (less one share) of the total issued and paid up equity shares of the Company. Schroder Singapore Holdings Private Limited (SSHPL) continues to hold 25% (plus one share) of the total issued and paid up equity share of the Company.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

 $Your \, Directors \, have \, not \, recommended \, payment \, of \, any \, dividend \, on \, equity \, shares, for \, the \, year \, ended \, March \, 31, 2024.$ 

#### **AMOUNT CARRIED TO RESERVES**

No amount is proposed to be transferred to reserves.

#### SUBSIDIARIES, JOINT VENTURES AND ASSOCIATES

As on March 31, 2024, the Company has one Subsidiary Company and no associates or joint venture companies within the meaning of Section 2(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act"):

1. Axis Pension Fund Management Limited was incorporated on May 17, 2022 for undertaking Pension Fund Management business.

The financial position and performance of Axis Pension Fund Management Limited is mentioned in Annexure AOC 1.

MATERIAL CHANGES AND COMMITMENTS, IF ANY, AFFECTING THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY WHICH HAVE OCCURRED BETWEEN THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR OF THE COMPANY TO WHICH THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS RELATE AND THE DATE OF THE REPORT

There were no such changes / commitments.

#### **ISSUANCE OF DEBENTURES**

The Company did not issue any debenture(s) during the year.

#### STATE OF COMPANY'S AFFAIRS

#### MUTUAL FUND ACTIVITY

In the fiscal year 2023-24, Axis Asset Management Company Limited (Axis AMC) experienced steady growth, witnessing a robust recovery in Assets Under Management (AUM) across asset classes. Notably, the AMC significantly built up its fixed income AUM, with strong participation from institutional investors—a testament to the confidence they place in Axis AMC. However, the year also posed challenges due to the underperformance of equity funds, resulting in significant redemptions from core equity funds and a subsequent decline in market share. The organization has undergone a period of growth and transformation marked by key management changes and a redesigned organizational structure to enhance capabilities and prepare for further growth. Throughout the year, Axis AMC forged new partnerships and attracted investors across diverse distribution channels. In terms of product offerings, Axis AMC launched several new funds in both mutual funds and alternative investments, including one of the industry's largest thematic fund launches in the industry.

Industry-wide, the fiscal year was characterized by a buoyant equity market, resulting in substantial inflows into equities. However, the fixed income segment experienced more muted growth. Markedly, this has been a year of strong retail participation with Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) flows reaching all-time highs, providing robust structural support to the domestic equity market. The small-cap and arbitrage categories witnessed significant inflows during the year, contributing to AUM scale-up for category leaders. Mutual funds have seen a slew of new product offerings, especially in the thematic and passives space, where there is still regulatory headroom for new product introductions.

Axis AMC further expanded its Alternates business by launching a new fund in the private credit segment and building on fund raising for its real estate funds. During the year the AMC has focused on broad basing its alternates distribution and has also seen robust engagement with institutional investors. Furthermore, the strong performance of Axis AMC's PMS portfolios facilitated engagement with new partners. Looking ahead, the AMC plans to scale up its diverse alternates platform by launching additional products in the upcoming year.

Following is a summary of the major product highlights/initiatives:

- 1. **Digital offerings** Axis AMC has focused on scaling up and expanding its digital assets ecosystem across B2C, B2B and B2B2C domains in order to cater to an ever-evolving, competitive customer and distributor landscape in the asset management space. AMC's Intelligence Ecosystem (IEC) platform, Goal Planning Platform and Nudge Engine, capable of hyper-personalisation, are all functional and delivering. The AMC has achieved remarkable success with its customer app, which boasts a 4.6 rating on the App Store and a 4.5 rating on the Play Store; the highest rated customer app in the mutual fund industry.
- 2. **Equity New Fund Offer (NFO)** In an endeavour to harness the potential of India's growing manufacturing prowess, Axis AMC launched Axis India Manufacturing Fund in December 2023. It garnered over INR 3,400 crores, one of the highest funds raises in a thematic fund this year. The NFO received robust participation from diverse investor segments from over 500 locations in India and received close to one lakh fifty thousand applications. Further, fresh inflows accounted for nearly 70% of the applications, making the NFO a resounding success.
- 3. Passive funds During FY24, Axis AMC expanded its Passives offerings with new fund offerings for NIFTY IT Index Fund, BSE SENSEX Fund and US Treasury Dynamic Bond ETF FoF. Passives will continue to be a focus area for the AMC and the organization will look to further build up this business in the coming year.

#### Details of products/schemes launched and allotted during the year 2023-2024:

(₹in Crores)

Sr. No.	Fund Name	Type of Scheme	Allotment Month	First Month AUM
1	Axis NIFTY IT Index Fund	Index Fund	Jul-23	59.76
2	Axis Fixed Term Plan - Series 118 (100 Days)	FMP	Dec-23	609.66
3	Axis India Manufacturing Fund	Thematic	Dec-23	3,431.00
4	Axis US Treasury Dynamic Bond ETF Fund of Fund	FoF - Overseas	Dec-23	55.52
5	Axis Fixed Term Plan - Series 120 (91 Days)	FMP	Jan-24	50.57
6	Axis S&P BSE Sensex Index Fund	Index Fund	Feb-24	56.42

(₹ in Crores)

Sr. No. Name of Product/ Scheme		Type of Scheme/ category	Commitments received		
Alte	Alternative Investment Fund - Category II & III				
1	Axis Structured Credit AIF - II	CAT II	400		

#### SIGNIFICANT AND MATERIAL ORDERS PASSED BY REGULATORS OR COURTS

 $There \, are \, no \, orders \, passed \, by \, Regulators/\, Courts \, which \, would \, impact the \, going \, concern \, status \, of \, the \, Company \, and \, its \, future \, operations.$ 

#### **OTHER MATERIAL EVENTS**

Axis AMC continues to maintain high governance standards, including compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements and has a zero-tolerance
policy towards any instance of non-compliance.

It is with this ideology that the management of the AMC had proactively conducted a suo moto internal investigation through independent external advisors with respect to certain allegations of potential irregularities relating to the conduct of certain personnel of the Company. The findings of the investigation involve inter alia potential securities law violations by two (former) employees of the AMC during the course of their employment, and certain other instances of non-compliances with policies of the Company.

The AMC has taken appropriate action against concerned employees, including that the employment of the above-referred two employees has been terminated. The management of the AMC has also submitted details of its findings and disciplinary action taken, to regulatory authorities and is cooperating with them as required from time to time.

Pursuant to the findings of the investigation, the AMC has also implemented certain additional enhancements to its systems, controls and processes.

One of these above-referred employees (whose employment was terminated) has challenged his termination and filed a financial claim(s) against AMC in the Bombay High Court and the matter are yet to be heard.

Further, pursuant to its independent investigation, on February 28, 2023, SEBI passed an ad interim ex parte order-cum-show-cause notice ("Interim Order") inter alia against one of these former employees. Neither the Company nor any of its existing officers/ employees have been named as noticees in the Interim Order, nor have any directions been passed against them in the Interim Order.

2. SEBI has issued notice dated March 22, 2024 (received by AMC on March 26, 2024) under Rule 4(1) of the SEBI (Procedure for Holding Inquiry and Imposing Penalties) Rules, 1995 to Axis AMC & Axis Mutual Fund Trustee ('Axis Trustee').

SEBI had conducted thematic examination of AMC on practice of charging of scheme expenses to AMC books for period FY 2021 and FY 2022. The matter was updated to the Board of AMC and Trustee Company in its previous meetings.

SEBI has alleged that Axis AMC has borne excess expenses of 5 ETF scheme(s) which is not in compliance with SEBI circular dated October 22, 2018 which requires that all scheme related expenses shall necessarily be paid from the respective scheme only within the regulatory limits and not from the books of the AMC, its associate, sponsor, trustee or any other entity through any route. Further, Axis Trustee by not ensuring compliance of SEBI circular has allegedly not complied Regulation 18(9) of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996.

#### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

All related party transactions that were entered into during the financial year were on an arm's length basis and were in the ordinary course of business. There were no materially significant related party transactions made by the Company with Promoters, Directors, Key Managerial Personnel or other designated persons which may have a potential conflict with the interest of the Company at large. All Related Party Transactions are approved/ratified by the Audit Committee as well as the Board of the Company.

#### **DIRECTORS**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 152 of the Companies Act, 2013, other applicable laws, rules and regulations and the Articles of Association of the Company, Mr. Amitabh Chaudhry (DIN: 00531120), Director, is liable to retire by rotation at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting and being eligible has offered himself for re-appointment.

Necessary proposal for his re-appointment has been placed for your approval at the ensuing AGM. The brief profile has been detailed in the Notice convening the AGM of your Company. Your Directors recommend his re-appointment as a Non-Executive Director of your Company.

During the year following changes in the composition of board took place:

Mr. Chandresh Nigam (DIN: 00498968), pursuant to the end of his term, ceased to be the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Company w.e.f. close of business hours of April 30, 2023. The Board placed on record its acknowledgement for the contributions made by Mr. Nigam.

Mr. Shailendra Bhandari (DIN: 00317334), Independent Director, pursuant to end of his term, ceased to be an Independent Director of the Company w.e.f. July 25, 2023. The Board places on record its appreciation for the contribution made by Mr. Bhandari during his association with the Company.

Mr. Ravi Narayanan (DIN: 08528459), Non - Executive Director / Associate Director of the Company, has resigned as Director w.e.f. from the close of business hours of February 5, 2024, pursuant to other commitments and professional interests. The Board placed on record its appreciation for the contribution made by Mr. Narayanan during his association with the Company.

 $Mr. Gop\ Kumar\ Bhaskaran\ (DIN-07223999)\ is\ appointed\ as\ the\ Managing\ Director\ \&\ CEO\ of\ the\ Company\ for\ a\ period\ effective\ from\ May\ 1,2023\ up\ to\ April\ 30,2026.$  The\ Member\ at\ the\ 14th\ Annual\ General\ Meeting\ held\ on\ April\ 26,2023\ had\ approved\ appointment\ of\ Mr.\ Gop\ Kumar\ for\ a\ period\ of\ 3\ years\ effective\ from\ May\ 1,2023.

The Board of Directors vide resolution dated October 18, 2023 passed through circulation, based on recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, approved appointment of Ms. Priya Subbaraman (DIN: 01620890), as an Additional (Independent) Director of the Company for a period of 5 (five) years with effect from October 20, 2023 upto October 19, 2028 (both days inclusive).

The Board of Directors of the Company vide resolution dated February 5, 2024 passed through circulation, based on the recommendation of NRC, approved appointment of Mr. Neeraj Gambhir (DIN - 00257375) as Additional (Non - Executive / Associate) Director of the Company w.e.f. February 6, 2024, liable to retire by rotation.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 161 of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Articles of Association of the Company, Ms. Priya Subbaraman and Mr. Neeraj Gambhir shall hold office as Additional Directors up to the date of the ensuing Annual General Meeting and are eligible for appointment as Directors. The resolutions for appointment along with the brief profiles of Ms. Subbaraman and Mr. Gambhir form part of the Notice convening the AGM of your Company. Your Directors recommend appointment of Ms. Priya Subbaraman as Non-Executive Independent Director and Mr. Neeraj Gambhir as Non-Executive Director of your Company.

Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, has not received any commission during the year.

Resolutions in respect of appointment/re-appointment of Directors of the Company whose term of appointment re-appointment is due to end during the FY 2024-25 are also included in the Notice convening the 15th AGM of the Company, which are as follows:

The Members of the Company at Extra-Ordinary General Meeting held on December 14, 2020, had appointed Mr. Ravindra Garikipati directors as an Independent Directors of the Company for a term of four (4) consecutive years with effect from October 16. 2020, pursuant to the provisions of Section 149 and other applicable provisions of the Act and the Rules framed thereunder. Thus, the current term of Mr. Garikipati completes on October 15, 2024.

Considering his skills, background, experience, integrity, knowledge, expertise and contributions made over last four years as an Independent Director of the Company and on the basis of his performance evaluation, the Board believes that his continued association as an Independent Director would be of immense benefit to the Company. Accordingly, the Board of Directors of the Company based on the recommendation of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee, re-appointed Mr. Ravindra Garikipati (DIN: 00984163) as an Independent Directors of the Company for a second term of five (5) consecutive years commencing from October 16, 2024, subject to the approval of members through special resolutions at the ensuing AGM.

Mr. Garikipati have confirmed that he is not disqualified for being appointed as directors pursuant to Section 164 of the Companies Act, 2013.

#### KEYMANAGERIAL PERSONNEL AS ON 31ST MARCH, 2024

In terms of Companies Act 2013, during the year there were few changes in Key Managerial Personnel of the Company, which are as follows:

Mr. Chandresh Nigam (DIN: 00498968), pursuant to the end of his term, ceased to be Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of the Company w.e.f. close of business hours of April 30, 2023 and in his place Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran (DIN - 07223999) was appointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of the Company w.e.f. May 1, 2023.

Mr. Gopal Menon ceased to be Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company from close of business hours of October 17, 2023 and in his place Mr. Fagun Pancholi was appointed as Chief Financial Officer of the Company w.e.f. October 18, 2023.

 $Key \, Managerial \, Personnel \, of \, the \, Company \, as \, on \, March \, 31,2024 \, are \, as \, follows: \, 2000 \, and \, 2000 \, are \, 2000$ 

Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran - Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Fagun Pancholi - Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Lalit Taparia - Vice President - Legal & Compliance and Company Secretary

#### **PUBLIC DEPOSITS**

 $During the financial year ended \,March\,31,2024, the \,Company \,has \,not \,accepted \,any \,deposit \,from \,the \,members \,or \,public \,under \,the \,provisions \,of \,sec.\,73 \,to \,76 \,of \,the \,Companies \,Act,2013. \,The \,Company \,has \,not \,accepted \,any \,funds \,from \,the \,Directors \,of \,the \,Company \,during \,the \,financial \,year \,under \,review.$ 

#### CONSERVATION OF ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY ABSORPTION

Since the Company does not own any manufacturing facility, the disclosure under this head is not applicable. Further, other requirements of the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014, are also not applicable.

#### FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS AND OUTGO

- a) Income from Foreign Currency -₹36.20 crores (Previous year:₹32.96 crores)
- b) Payments in Foreign Currency -₹11.86 crores (Previous year:₹10.81 crores)

#### (₹in Crores)

Particulars	31-Mar-24	31-Mar-23
Operational expenses	9.52	9.47
Employee Benefit expenses	0.38	0.35
Marketing Expense	-	-
Computer & Software related cost	-	0.44
IT-Related Cost	1.95	0.35
Legal & Professional expenses	0.01	0.19
Total	11.86	10.81

#### **BOARD MEETINGS**

During the financial year 2023 - 2024, 8 (eight) meetings of the Board of Directors were held on April 17, 2023, April 21, 2023, May 19, 2023, July 14, 2023, October 13, 2023, November 8, 2023, January 12, 2024, and February 15, 2024. One meeting of the Independent Directors was conducted on March 27, 2024. The status of attendance of Directors at the Board Meetings is as follows:

Name	Designation/category	Director's Identification Number (DIN)	Meetings Attended
Mr. Amitabh Chaudhry	Associate Director	00531120	8
Mr. Ravi Narayanan¹	Associate Director	08528459	7
Mr. Chandresh Kumar Nigam²	Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer	00498968	1
Mr. Christopher Durack	Associate Director	10092760	6
Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran²	Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer	07223999	6
Mr. Ravindra Babu Garikipati	Independent Director	00984163	8
Mr. Shailendra Bhandari³	Independent Director	00317334	2
Ms. Sonia Singh	Independent Director	07108778	8
Mr. V. Anantharaman	Independent Director	01223191	8
Ms. Priya Subbaraman <sup>4</sup>	Independent Director	01620890	3
Mr. Neeraj Gambhir¹	Associate Director	00257375	1
Total Meetings held during the year	8		

#### Note:

- <sup>1</sup> Mr. Ravi Narayanan ceased to be Non- Executive Director / Associate Director of the Company, w.e.f from the close of business hours of February 5, 2024, and in his place Mr. Neeraj Gambhir was appointed as the Non-Executive Director/Associate Director (Additional Director) of the Company w.e.f. February 6, 2024.
- <sup>2</sup> Mr. Chandresh Nigam, pursuant to the end of his term, ceased to be Managing Director & CEO of the Company w.e.f. April 30, 2023 and in his place Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran was appointed as the Managing Director & CEO of the Company w.e.f. May 1, 2023.
- 3. Mr. Shailendra Bhandari, pursuant to end of his term, ceased to be a Director of the Company w.e.f. July 25, 2023.
- <sup>4</sup> Ms. Priya Subbaraman was appointed as an Independent Director (Additional Director) of the Company w.e.f. October 20, 2023.

#### COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MANAGEMENT

To enable better and more focused attention on the affairs of the Company, the Board has constituted Committees of the Board, namely, Audit Committee, Risk Management Committee, Nomination and Remuneration Committee, Corporate Social Responsibility Committee, Share Allotment Committee and Unit Holder Protection Committee. The Board has also constituted some committees of the management of the Company including Executive Risk Management Committee, Investment Review Committee, Valuation Committee etc., to which specific matters have been delegated by the Board of Directors.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE OF DIRECTORS**

In line with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/IMD/IMD-I DOF2/P/CIR/2022/17 dated February 09, 2022, Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company, was constituted by the Board of Directors of your Company. There was no such case where recommendation of Audit Committee was not accepted.

As on March 31, 2024, the Audit Committee consists of the following Directors:

Mr. V. Anantharaman (Chairman)

Mr. Ravindra Babu Garikipati

Ms. Priya Subbaraman\*\*

Mr. Christopher Durack

During the Financial Year, 5 (five) Audit Committee Meetings were held on April 17, 2023, May 19, 2023, July 14, 2023, October 13, 2023 and January 12, 2024. The status of attendance of the committee members at these committee meetings is as follows:

Name of Members	Designation	No. of Audit and Risk Committee Meetings attended
Mr. V. Anantharaman	Independent Director	5
Mr. Shailendra Bhandari*	Independent Director	2
Mr. Ravindra Babu Garikipati	Independent Director	5
Mr. Christopher Durack	Associate Director	3
Ms. Priya Subbaraman**	Independent Director	1
Total Meetings held during the year	5	

#### Note:

SEBI vide circular no. SEBI/HO/IMD/IMD-I DOF2/P/CIR/2022/17 dated February 09, 2022, had mandated that the Audit Committee of the AMC should interact with the Audit Committee of the Trustees at least once annually. Accordingly, combined meeting of the Members of Audit Committees of the AMC and Trustee was held on March 12, 2024.

#### RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with the SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/IMD/IMD-1 DOF2/P/CIR/2021/630 dated September 27, 2021, Risk Management Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company, was constituted by the Board of Directors of your Company at its meeting held on April 19, 2022.

As on March 31, 2024, the Risk Management Committee consists of the following Directors:

Ms. Priya Subbaraman (Chairperson)<sup>1</sup>

Mr. Ravindra Babu Garikipati

Mr. V. Anantharaman

Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran<sup>3</sup>

Mr. Christopher Durack

<sup>\*</sup>Mr. Bhandari ceased to be a member of Audit Committee w.e.f July 25, 2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Ms. Subbaraman appointed as a member of Audit Committee w.e.f. October 20, 2023.

During the Financial Year, 4 (four) Risk Committee Meetings were held on April 13, 2023, July 13, 2023, October 12, 2023 and January 11, 2024. The status of attendance of the committee members at these committee meetings is as follows:

Name of Members	Designation	No. of Risk Committee Meetings attended
Ms. Priya Subbaraman <sup>1</sup>	Independent Director	1
Mr. Ravindra Babu Garikipati <sup>2</sup>	Independent Director	4
Mr. V. Anantharaman	Independent Director	4
Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran <sup>3</sup>	Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer	3
Mr. Christopher Durack	Associate Director	3
Mr. Chandresh Kumar Nigam³	Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer	1
Total Meetings held during the year	4	

#### Note:

- <sup>1</sup> Ms. Priya Subbaraman was appointed as an independent director of the Company and as a member and Chairperson of the Committee w.e.f. October 20, 2023.
- <sup>2</sup> Mr. Ravindra Garikipati ceased to be Chairperson of the Committee on October 20, 2023.
- <sup>3</sup> Mr. Chandresh Nigam, pursuant to the end of his term, ceased to be Managing Director & CEO w.e.f. April 30, 2023 and in his place Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran was appointed as the Managing Director & CEO of the Company w.e.f. May 1, 2023. Accordingly, Mr. Gop Kumar was appointed as a member of the Committee w.e.f. May 1, 2023.

#### NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

A Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Board of Directors has been constituted, to comply with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and ensure better standards of Corporate Governance.

As on March 31, 2024, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee consisted of the following directors:

Mr. Ravindra Babu Garikipati (Chairman)<sup>1</sup>

Ms. Priya Subbaraman<sup>2</sup>

Mr. V. Anantharaman

Ms. Sonia Singh

Mr. Christopher Durack

During the Financial Year, 4 (Four) meetings of Nomination and Remuneration committee were held on April 14, 2023, July 14, 2023, October 12, 2023 and February 15, 2024. The status of attendance of the Committee Members at these Committee Meetings is as follows:

Name of Members	Designation	No. of Nomination and Remuneration Committee attended Meetings
Mr. Ravindra Babu Garikipati (Chairman)¹	Independent Director	4
Ms. Priya Subbaraman²	Independent Director	1
Mr. V. Anantharaman	Independent Director	4
Ms. Sonia Singh	Independent Director	4
Mr. Christopher Durack	Associate Director	4
Mr. Shailendra Bhandari	Independent Director	2
Total Meetings held during the year	4	

#### Note:

- Mr. Shailendra Bhandari, pursuant to end of his term, ceased to be a member and Chairman of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee w.e.f. July 25, 2023. Accordingly, Mr. Ravindra Garikipati was appointed as Chairperson of the Committee on October 20, 2023.
- <sup>2</sup> Ms. Priya Subbaraman was appointed as an independent director of the Company and as a member of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee w.e.f. October 20, 2023.

#### SHARE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE

Share Allotment Committee of the Board of Directors has been constituted to comply with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

The Committee approves the allotment of shares, upon receiving the money in respect of any application for shares/ issue of shares, which is approved by the Board of Directors of the Company.

As on March 31, 2024, the Share Allotment Committee consisted of the following directors:

Mr. Neeraj Gambhir<sup>1</sup>

Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran<sup>2</sup>

Mr. Christopher Durack

#### Note:

- <sup>1</sup> Mr. Ravi Narayanan ceased to be Non- Executive Director / Associate Director of the Company, w.e.f from the close of business hours of February 5, 2024, and in his place Mr. Neeraj Gambhir was appointed as the Non-Executive Director/Associate Director (Additional Director) of the Company w.e.f. February 6, 2024.
- <sup>2</sup> Mr. Chandresh Nigam, pursuant to the end of his term, ceased to be Managing Director & CEO of the Company w.e.f. April 30, 2023 and in his place Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran was appointed as the Managing Director & CEO of the Company w.e.f. May 1, 2023.

During the Financial Year, no meeting of Share Allotment Committee was held.

#### **CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE**

Axis AMC has constituted a Corporate Social Responsibility Committee (CSR) of the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility) Rules, 2014. The composition of the CSR Committee, average net profits of the Company for the past three financial years, prescribed CSR expenditure and details of amount spent on CSR activities during the year have been disclosed in "Annexure I" to this Report, as mandated under the said Rules.

The Company has also formulated a CSR policy which is available on the website of the Company https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures

CSR Committee consists of following Directors as on March 31,2024:

- 1. Ms. Sonia Singh
- 2. Mr. V. Anantharaman
- 3. Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran\*

The CSR Committee meeting was held on July 10, 2023. The status of attendance of the Committee Members at the Committee Meetings is as follows:

Name of Members	Designation	No. of attended Meeting CSR
Ms. Sonia Singh	Independent Director	1
Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran*	Associate Director	1
Mr. V. Anantharaman	Independent Director	1
Total Meetings held during the year		1

#### Note:

\*Mr. Chandresh Nigam, pursuant to the end of his term, ceased to be Managing Director & CEO of the Company w.e.f. April 30, 2023 and in his place Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran was appointed as the Managing Director & CEO of the Company w.e.f. May 1, 2023. Accordingly, Mr. Bhaskaran is appointed as a member of the CSR Committee w.e.f. May 1, 2023.

#### CONSTITUTION OF UNIT HOLDER PROTECTION COMMITEE

In accordance with SEBI vide circular no. SEBI/HO/IMD/IMD-PoD-1/P/CIR/2023/117 dated July 7, 2023 (SEBI Circular), Unit Holder Protection Committee (UHPC) was constituted by the Board of Directors of your Company vide circular resolution dated December 28, 2023.

As on March 31, 2024, the Unit Holder Protection Committee consisted of the following directors:

Ms. Sonia Singh (Chairperson)

Mr. V Anantharaman

Mr. Ravindra Garikipati

Ms. Priya Subbaraman

Mr. Neeraj Gambhir<sup>1</sup>

Mr. Christopher Durack

The Unit Holder Protection Committee meeting was held on March 11, 2024. The status of attendance of the Committee Members at the Committee Meetings is as follows:

Name of Members	Designation	No. of attended Meeting CSR
Ms. Sonia Singh	Independent Director	1
Mr. V Anantharaman	Independent Director	1

Mr. Ravindra Garikipati	Independent Director	1
Ms. Priya Subbaraman	Independent Director	1
Mr. Neeraj Gambhir	Associate Director	1
Mr. Christopher Durack	Associate Director	1
Total Meetings held during the year		1

#### INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS

The Board is of the opinion that the Independent Directors of the Company hold high standards of integrity and possess requisite expertise and experienced required to fulfill their duties as Independent Director.

All the Independent Directors have declared that they meet the criteria of independence as laid down under Section 149(6) of the Companies Act, 2013. All the Independent Directors have also confirmed that in terms of Rule 6(3) of the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Rules, 2014, they have registered themselves with the Independent Director's database as prescribed under the Act.

In the opinion of the Board, the Independent Directors fulfil the conditions specified under the Act, the Rules made thereunder and are independent of the management.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Risk Committee of Axis AMC interalia discusses various risk management related issues, at its periodic meetings. This is a committee of the Board of Directors of Axis AMC and is chaired by an Independent Director. The Risk Committee of the Board updates the Board on various important risk issues discussed at their meetings. The Company has in place a Risk Management Policy duly approved by the Risk Management Committee of the Board and the Board of Directors.

Axis AMC also has a Executive Risk Management Committee (ERMC) of the management of the Company. The meetings of this committee are held on a monthly basis. The meeting of this committee is chaired by the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of the AMC. Various function heads of the AMC are the members of this committee. Various risk issues are raised and discussed at the monthly meetings of the committee. The minutes of the RMC are submitted to the Risk Committee of the Board. Comprehensive Risk Management requirements have been laid down by SEBI in the SEBI Regulations. The AMC adheres to these requirements. In accordance with the SEBI requirements, Independent Auditors, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP (one of the leading global auditors), the internal auditors of the Mutual Fund and the AMC, review the adequacy and compliance of risk management practices established at the AMC, as a part of their periodic audits. The internal auditors report directly to the Risk committee of Axis AMC and Audit Committee of Axis Mutual Fund Trustee Limited.

Various risk related issues pertaining to investment management are also discussed and deliberated at the monthly meetings of the Investment Management Committee chaired by the MD & CEO. Various equity and debt fund managers including the Head Debt and Head Equity form a part of this committee. Important issues discussed in the meeting are also deliberated upon at the meetings of the Board of Directors of the company and Axis Mutual Fund Trustee Company.

#### **BOARD EVALUATION**

The performance evaluation of Board, its Committees, Chairperson and Individual Directors was done in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

The performance evaluation of the Board was conducted on various aspects of the Board's functioning such as strategic planning, succession planning etc. The performance evaluation of the Committees was based on criteria such as appropriate composition, clarity in terms of reference, regularity of meetings, quality of discussion/deliberation at its meetings, participation of members etc. The performance evaluation of Directors was carried out on various criteria such as participation at the meetings, interpersonal relationship with other Directors, providing guidance, knowledge and understanding of areas relevant to the operations of the AMC etc. Performance evaluation of Directors including the Board Chairman was also undertaken.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Board carried out an evaluation of the entire board, various committees and the individual directors of the Company excluding the director being evaluated. The Independent Directors too carried out the evaluation of the board as whole, of the Chairman and the Non-Independent Directors of the Company.

 $The \, Directors \, were \, satisfied \, with \, the \, evaluation \, results, \, which \, reflected \, the \, overall \, engagement \, of \, the \, Board \, and \, its \, Committees \, with \, the \, Company.$ 

#### Nomination and Remuneration policy

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Board has been formed to assist the Board in its oversight of nomination and remuneration, interalia of the Board members and the staff of the Company. The Nomination and Remuneration policy has been framed to interalia achieve the following objectives:

- that the level and composition of remuneration is reasonable and sufficient to attract, retain and motivate directors and staff of the quality required to run the company successfully;
- relationship of remuneration to performance is clear and meets appropriate performance benchmarks; and
- Remuneration to directors, key managerial personnel and senior management involves a balance between fixed and incentive pay reflecting short and long-term performance objectives appropriate to the working of the company and its goals.

#### INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROLS WITH REFERENCE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Company has in place proper and adequate internal control systems commensurate with the nature of its business, size and complexity of its operations. Internal control systems comprising of policies and procedures are designed to ensure reliability of financial reporting, compliance with

policies, procedure, applicable laws and regulations, and that all assets and resources are acquired economically, used efficiently and adequately protected.

The Company has engaged an external auditing firm, which carries out periodic audits based on the annual audit plan. The Audit Plan is designed, keeping in mind, various key risks and critical operations of the company. The Audit Plan also considered audit areas suggested by the statutory auditors and was approved by the Audit Committee.

 $During the year, the Audit Committee \ met \ regularly \ to \ review \ various \ observations \ and \ recommendation for improvement \ of \ business \ processes \ made \ by \ the \ external \ auditing \ firm \ and \ monitor \ the \ progress \ in \ implementation \ of \ the \ various \ audit \ recommendations.$ 

#### SECRETARIAL AUDIT REPORT

Secretarial Audit for the year 2023-24 was undertaken by MC & Associates, Company Secretaries. The audit interalia covers review of compliance with the requirements specified under Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules made under the Act. The Secretarial Audit Report is given as an "Annexure II" to this report.

#### STATUTORY AUDITORS

The Statutory Auditors, M/s. S.R. Batliboi & Co. LLP, (SRB) Chartered Accountants (firm registration number 301003E/E300005), were appointed for a period of 5 years in the tenth Annual General Meeting held on June 14, 2019 to hold office for a period of 5 years until the conclusion of fifteenth Annual General Meeting, subject to ratification by members of the Company at every annual general meeting. Accordingly, SRB would be completing their first term of 5 (five) years at the conclusion of this AGM.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 139, 142 and other applicable provisions of the Act read with the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, the Board of the Directors based on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, has recommended appointment of M/s. B. K. Khare & Co., Chartered Accountants having Firm Registration No. 105102W as the Statutory Auditor of the Company, in place of SRB, for the first term of 5 (five) years for conducting audit of the Company and to hold office from the conclusion of the 15th AGM till the conclusion of the 20th AGM, subject to approval of the members of the Company.

M/s. B. K. Khare & Co. has confirmed and consented to act as the Statutory Auditor of the Company and submitted declaration that they are eligible for appointment as per the provision of the Act. Your Directors recommend appointment of M/s. B. K. Khare & Co. as the Statutory Auditor of the Company, in place of SRB, for the first term of 5 (five) years for conducting audit of the Company and to hold office from the conclusion of the 15th AGM till the conclusion of the 20th AGM.

#### QUALIFICATIONS IN THE AUDITOR'S REPORT(S)

The report of the Statutory Auditor and the Secretarial Auditor do not have any qualification, reservation, any adverse observations or any disclaimer.

Further, no frauds have been reported by the Auditors under section 143(12) of the Companies Act, 2013.

AS PER SUB SECTION 1 OF SECTION 178 POLICIES ON APPOINTMENT AND REMUNERATION INCLUDING CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING QUALIFICATIONS, POSITIVE ATTRIBUTES, INDEPENDENCE OF A DIRECTOR AND OTHER MATTERS PROVIDED UNDER SUB-SECTION (3) OF SECTION 178

The Company has framed a policy on appointment and remuneration including criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes, independence of director and other matters provided under sub-section (3) of section 178 is available on the website of the Company at https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures. Some of the key features of the Policy are as under:

- While selecting Independent Directors, the company shall ensure that there is appropriate balance of skills, experience and knowledge in the Board, so as to enable the Board to discharge its functions and duties effectively
- The independent directors shall be independent of the management of the company
- Their appointment shall be approved at the meeting of the shareholders
- Persons of eminence, standing and knowledge with significant achievements in business, professions and/or public service.
- Their financial or business literacy/skills.
- $\bullet \qquad \text{Appropriate other qualification/experience to meet the objectives of the Company}.$
- Directors are to demonstrate integrity, credibility, trustworthiness, ability to handle conflict constructively, and the willingness to address issues proactively.
- Actively update their knowledge and skills with the latest developments in the relevant industry, market conditions and applicable legal provisions
- To assist in bringing independent judgment to bear on the Board's deliberations, especially on issues of strategy, performance, risk management, resources, key appointments and standards of conduct.
- Ability to develop a good working relationship with other Board members and contribute to the Board's working relationship with the senior management of the Company.
- $\bullet \qquad \text{To act within their authority, assist in protecting the legitimate interests of the Company, its shareholders and employees.}$
- Independent Directors to meet the requirements of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Rules made thereunder, as amended from time to time.

#### **EMPLOYEES**

The statement containing particulars of employees as required under Rule 5 of Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014, forms part of this report. Any member interested in obtaining a copy of this Annexure may write to the Company Secretary at the Registered Office of the Company.

#### PARTICULARS OF INVESTMENTS, LOANS AND GUARANTEE GIVEN OR SECURITY PROVIDED U/S 186

Followings are the details of loans and guarantee given, security provided and Investments made during the year:

- 1. Loans and guarantee given Bank Guarantee ₹5 Lakhs.
- 2. Security provided Nil
- 3. Investment Made: As per attached "Annexure III"

SR. No	Name and Description of main products/ services	NIC Code of the Product/ service	% to total turnover Of the company
1	Investment Management- The Company manages Investment Portfolios of the scheme(s) launched by Axis Mutual Fund, Axis Alternative Investment Fund-Category II & III and Portfolios under Portfolio Management Services	804.9	84.38%

#### **ANNUAL RETURN**

 $The Annual \,Return \, is \, also \, available \, on \, the \, website \, of \, the \, Company \, at \, \underline{https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures.}$ 

#### $Disclosures under Sexual \, Harassment \, of \, Women \, at \, Workplace \, (Prevention, Prohibition \, \& \, Redressal) \, Act \, 2013 \, and \, Act \, 2013$

Your Company has adequate safeguards to protect women at workplace and is fully committed to uphold and maintain the dignity of every women executive working in the Company. The Company has complied with provisions relating to the constitution of Internal Complaints Committee under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. The Status of complaints filed and pending as on date of the report is as under.

Number of complaints pending as on the beginning of the period: Nil
Number complaints filed during the financial period: 1
Number of complaints pending as on the end of the period: Nil

#### DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Directors confirm that:

- (a) in the preparation of the annual accounts, the applicable accounting standards had been followed, along with proper explanation relating to material departures:
- (b) the directors had selected such accounting policies and applied them consistently and made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent, so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company, at the end of the financial year and of the profit and loss of the company, for that period;
- (c) the directors had taken proper and sufficient care for the maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of this Act, for safeguarding the assets of the company and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities;
- (d) the directors had prepared the annual accounts on a going concern basis; and
- (e) the directors had devised proper systems to ensure compliance with the provisions of all applicable laws and that such systems were adequate and operating effectively.

#### **COMPLIANCES OF APPLICABLE SECRETARIAL STANDARDS**

During the year under review, the Company has complied with all the applicable secretarial standards.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Board of Directors places on record its gratitude to the Securities and Exchange Board of India, Reserve Bank of India, other government and regulatory authorities, financial institutions and correspondent banks, distributor partners for their strong support and guidance. The Board acknowledges the support of the shareholders and also places on record its sincere thanks to its valued clients and customers for their continued patronage.

The Board also expresses its deep sense of appreciation to all employees of the Company for their strong work ethic, excellent performance, professionalism, team work, commitment and initiative which has led to the Company making commendable progress in today's challenging environment.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Sd/-Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran Director DIN: 07223999

Place: Mumbai
Date: April 15, 2024

#### **ANNEXURE I**

#### ANNUAL REPORT ON CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) ACTIVITIES

(As prescribed under Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2021)

1. A brief outline of the Company's CSR Policy:

The Board of Directors (Board) adopted the CSR Policy (Policy) on January 27, 2016. The primary purpose of the Company's CSR philosophy is to make a meaningful and measurable impact on the lives of economically, physically and socially challenged communities of the country by supporting initiatives aimed at creating conditions suitable for sustainable livelihood in these communities. The company aims to make a meaningful and measurable impact in the lives of economically, physically and socially challenged communities of the country at large by supporting initiatives aimed at creating conditions suitable for sustainable livelihood in these communities. It undertakes to promote initiatives that preserve, restore and enhance environment, ecological balance, and natural resources, and improve sanitation and hygiene. These activities may be carried out by the Company on its own or through agencies/NGOs etc.

The CSR amount was paid to Axis Foundation. Contribution from Axis AMC shall be utilised for payment to Axis AMC for CSR activities for FY 2023-24 to Axis Bank Foundation towards implementation of the Sustainable Livelihoods Program.

Axis Bank Foundation (ABF) was set up as a Public Trust in 2006 to carry out the Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives of Axis Bank and its group entities. The Foundation has committed itself to participate in various socially relevant endeavours on creating sustainable livelihoods by focusing on interventions related to Agricultural Practices and Farm Income, Vocational Training leading to Income and Employment and Women Empowerment.

The projects undertaken are within the broad framework of Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013.

#### 2. Composition of the CSR Committee:

Sr. No.	Name of Director	Designation / Nature of Directorship	Number of meetings of CSR Committee held during the year	Number of meetings of CSR Committee attended during the year
1	Ms. Sonia Singh	Chairperson, Independent Director	1	1
2	Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran*	Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer	1	1
3	Mr. V. Anantharaman	Independent Director	1	1

<sup>\*</sup>Mr. Chandresh Nigam, pursuant to the end of his term, ceased to be Managing Director & CEO of the Company w.e.f. April 30, 2023 and in his place Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran was appointed as the Managing Director & CEO of the Company w.e.f. May 1, 2023. Accordingly, Mr. Gop Kumar is appointed as a member of the CSR Committee w.e.f. May 1, 2023.

3. Provide the web-link where Composition of CSR Committee, CSR Policy and CSR Projects approved by the Board are disclosed on the website of the Company:

Composition of the CSR committee shared above and is available on the Company's website on https://www.axismf.com. A company's website of https://www.axismf.com. A

CSR policy - https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures

CSR projects - https://www.axismf.com/statutory-disclosures

4. Provide the executive summary along with web-link(s) of Impact Assessment of CSR Projects carried out in pursuance of sub-rule (3) of rule 8 of the Companies (Corporate Social responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014, if applicable.

Not applicable in FY 2023-24

- 5. (a) Average net profit of the Company as per section 135(5):₹4,54,88,90,731
  - $(b) \quad \text{Two percent of average net profit of the Company as per section 135(5):} \\ \stackrel{?}{<} 9,09,77,815 \text{ (rounded off to } \stackrel{?}{<} 9,10,00,000) \\ \stackrel{?}{<} 9,10,000,000) \\ \stackrel{?}{<} 9,10,000,000 \\ \stackrel{?}{<} 9,10,000,000) \\ \stackrel{?}{<} 9,10,000,000 \\$
  - (c) Surplus arising out of the CSR projects or programmes or activities of the previous financial years:Nil
  - (d) Amount required to be set off for the financial year, if any Nil
  - (e) Total CSR obligation for the financial year (b)+(c)-(d).  $\stackrel{?}{\sim}$  9,10,00,000
- 6. (a) Amount spent on CSR Projects (both Ongoing Project and other than Ongoing Project):₹9,10,00,000
  - (b) Amount spent in Administrative Overheads: Not Applicable
  - (c) Amount spent on Impact Assessment, if applicable: Not Applicable
  - (d) Total amount spent for the Financial Year (a)+(b)+(c): ₹9,10,00,000
  - (e) CSR amount spent or unspent for the financial year:

		Amount Ur	nspent (in₹)		
Total Amount Spent for the Financial Year (in ₹)		o Unspent CSR Account as on 135(6)		erred to any fund s per second proviso	
	Amount	Date of transfer	Name of the Fund	Amount	Date of transfer
₹ 9,10,00,000	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

(f) Excess amount for set off, if any

SI. No.	Particular	Amount (in ₹)
(i)	Two percent of average net profit of the Company as per section 135(5)	₹ 9,10,00,000
(ii)	Total amount spent for the Financial Year	₹ 9,10,00,000
(iii)	Excess amount spent for the financial year [(ii)- (I)]	Not Applicable
(iv)	Surplus arising out of the CSR projects or programmes or activities of the previous financial years, if any	Not Applicable
(v)	Amount available for set off in succeeding financial years [(iii)-(iv)]	Not Applicable

7. Details of Unspent Corporate Social Responsibility amount for the preceding three Financial Years:

1	2	3	4	5	(	6	7	8
Sr. No.	Preceding Financial Year(s)	Amount transferred to Unspent CSR Account under section 135 (6) (in ₹)	Balance amount in unspent CSR Account under sub – section (6) of Section 135 (in ₹)	Amount spent in the reporting Financial Year (in ₹)	any fund spe Schedule second prov section (5) of	ensferred to ecified under VII as per vision to sub f Section 135, any	Amount remaining to be spent in succeeding financial years. (in ₹)	Deficiencies, if any
					Amount (in₹)	Date of Transfer		
				Not applic	able			

8. Whether any capital assets have been created or acquired through Corporate Social Responsibility amount spent in the Financial Year: No If yes, enter the number of capital assets created, acquired -

Furnish the details relating to such asset(s) so created or acquired through Corporate Social Responsibility amount spent in the Financial Year:

1	2	3	4	5		6	
Sr. No.	Short particulars of the property or asset(s)	Pin code of the property or asset(s)	Date of creation	Amount of CSR amount spent	Details o	of entity/authority/beneficia Registered owner.	ry of the
	(including complete address and location of property)						
1	2	3	4	5		6	
					CSR registration number, if applicable	Name	Registered address
			Not	applicable			

(All the fields should be captured as appearing in the revenue record, flat no, house no, Municipal Office/Municipal Corporation/ Gram panchayat are to be specified and also the area of the immovable property as well as boundaries)

9. Specify the reason(s), if the company has failed to spend two per cent of the average net profit as per section 135(5) - Not Applicable

Sd/-Gop Kumar Bhaskaran Managing Director & CEO DIN: 07223999 Sd/-Sonia Singh Chairperson - CSR Committee DIN: 07108778

Place: Mumbai Date: April 15, 2024

#### **ANNEXURE**

#### FORM NO. AOC.1

Statement containing salient features of the financial statement of Subsidiaries/associate companies/joint ventures (Pursuant to first proviso to sub-section (3) of section 129 read with rule 5 of Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014)

#### Part "A" - Subsidiary (Axis Pension Fund Management Limited)

Sr. No.	Particulars	(₹ in Lacs)
1.	Share capital	8,000.00
2.	Reserves & surplus	-1,754.37
3.	Total assets	6,548.71
4.	Total Liabilities	303.07
5.	Investments	6,038.65
6.	Turnover	72.80
7.	Profit before taxation	-795.87
8.	Provision for taxation	Nil
9.	Profit after taxation	-795.87
10.	Proposed Dividend	Nil
11.	% of shareholding	51%

- 1. Names of subsidiaries which are yet to commence operations Not applicable
- 2. Names of subsidiaries which have been liquidated or sold during the year Not applicable

#### Part "B": Associates and Joint Ventures

Statement pursuant to Section 129 (3) of the Companies Act, 2013 related to Associate Companies and Joint Ventures - Not Applicable

Nar	ne of Associates/Joint Ventures	
1.	Latest audited Balance Sheet Date	
2.	Shares of Associate/Joint Ventures held by the company on the year end	
	No.	
	Amount of Investment in Associates/Joint Venture	
	Extend of Holding %	
3.	Description of how there is significant influence	NOT APPLICABLE
4.	Reason why the associate/joint venture is not consolidated	
5.	Net worth attributable to shareholding as per latest audited Balance Sheet	
6.	Profit or Loss for the year	
	i. Considered in Consolidation	
	ii. Not Considered in Consolidation	

- 1. Names of associates or joint ventures which are yet to commence operations.
- 2. Names of associates or joint ventures which have been liquidated or sold during the year.

Sd/Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran
Director
DIN: 07223999

Sd/Sd/Sd/Sd/Sd/Sd/Fagun Pancholi
Lalit Taparia
Chief Financial Officer
Mumbai

Place: Mumbai Date: April 15, 2024

# (₹ in Crores)

## Details of Investment for the year ended 31 March 2024

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	2	Opening	ing	Purchase	lase	Reden	Redemption	Clos	Closing
Particulars	Proper	Cost as at March 31 2023	No. of Units	Cost	No. of Units	Cost	No. of Units	Cost as at March 31 2024	No. of Units
MF Utilities India Private Limited	Statutory Requirement	5,00,000	5,00,000.00	•	•	•		2,00,000	5,00,000.00
AMC Repo Clearing Ltd	Statutory Requirement	9,03,06,960	90,30,696.00	1	•	1	1	9,03,06,960	90,30,696.00
Axis Pension Fund Management Ltd.	Investment in Subsidiary	40,80,00,000	4,08,00,000.00	•	1	•		40,80,00,000	4,08,00,000.00
Corporate Debt Market Development Fund	Statutory Requirement	1	ı	13,94,19,000	13,941.20			13,94,19,000.00	13,941.20
Axis Credit Risk Fund-Direct - Growth	Seed Capital basis SEBI Regulations	50,00,000	5,00,000.00	ı	1	1	1	50,00,000	5,00,000.00
Axis Arbitrage Fund - Direct - Growth		1,47,67,000	10,99,134.74	-	1	1	1	1,47,67,000	10,99,134.74
Axis Focused 25 Fund - Direct - Growth		26,10,25,000	57,33,062.73	1	1	1	1	26,10,25,000	57,33,062.73
Axis Banking & PSU Debt Fund - Direct - Growth		8,67,85,000	41,031.46	75,34,000	3,239.09	1	1	9,43,19,000	44,270.55
Axis Liquid Fund - Direct Growth		13,69,22,000	58,847.94	13,62,000	542.57	1	1	13,82,84,000	59,390.50
Axis Gilt Fund - Direct Plan - Growth		35,00,000	2,77,705.05	1	1	1	1	35,00,000	2,77,705.05
Axis Dynamic Bond Fund - Direct Plan - Growth		1,43,60,000	7,02,559.86	-	1	•	1	1,43,60,000	7,02,559.86
Axis Bluechip Fund - Direct Plan - Growth		47,53,86,000	1,00,35,411.97	-	1	•	1	47,53,86,000	1,00,35,411.97
Axis Gold Fund - Direct Plan - Growth		50,00,000	5,17,512.63	1	1	1	1	50,00,000	5,17,512.63
Axis Strategic Bond Fund - Direct Plan - Growth		1,21,87,000	6,67,333.87	51,000	1,944.15	1	1	1,22,38,000	6,69,278.01
Axis Regular Saver Fund - Direct Plan - Growth		50,00,000	3,21,320.24	-	-	•	1	50,00,000	3,21,320.24
Axis Mid Cap Fund - Direct Growth		24,08,90,000	33,84,551.12	1	1	1	ı	24,08,90,000	33,84,551.12
Axis Short Term Fund - Direct Plan - Growth		8,40,10,000	32,85,179.18	-	1	•	-	8,40,10,000	32,85,179.18
Axis Treasury Advantage Fund - Direct Growth		3,53,60,000	14,864.93	1	1	'	1	3,53,60,000	14,864.93
Axis Triple Advantage Fund - Direct Growth (Multi Asset Allocation Fund)		1,78,43,000	7,16,019.76	-	1	-		1,78,43,000	7,16,019.76
Axis Long Term Equity Fund - Direct Growth (ELSS Tax Saver Fund)		43,90,65,000	60,00,734.02	1	1	,	ı	43,90,65,000	60,00,734.02
Axis Equity Saver Fund- Direct Growth		73,52,000	6,31,910.58	ı	ı	ı	ı	73,52,000	6,31,910.58
Axis Children Gift Fund- Direct Growth		50,00,000	5,00,000.00	1	1	1	1	50,00,000	5,00,000.00
Axis Corporate Debt Opportunities Fund - Direct Growth		2,96,80,000	22,32,317.34	1	1	1	1	2,96,80,000	22,32,317.34
Axis Dynamic Equity Fund - Direct Plan - Growth (Balance advantage fund)		2,78,47,000	20,15,787.11	1	1	•	•	2,78,47,000	20,15,787.11
Axis Flexi Cap Fund - Direct Growth		14,16,12,000	76,90,767.00	1	1	1	1	14,16,12,000	76,90,767.00
Axis Equity Hybrid Fund -Direct Growth		2,25,36,000	16,10,399.56	1	1	1	ı	2,25,36,000	16,10,399.56
Axis Ultra Short Term Fund - Direct Growth		4,28,80,000	35,23,305.25	1	1	1	1	4,28,80,000	35,23,305.25
Axis Growth Opportunity Fund -Direct Growth		10,43,13,000	52,36,382.59	1	1	1	1	10,43,13,000	52,36,382.59
Axis Small Cap Fund Direct Growth		13,04,89,000	20,26,571.92	2,42,31,000	2,91,646.68	1	ı	15,47,20,000	23,18,218.60
Axis Overnight Fund Direct Growth		50,00,000	5,000.00	1	1	1	1	50,00,000	5,000.00

# (₹ in Crores)

## Details of Investment for the year ended 31 March 2024 (Contd.)

:	ć	Opening	ing	Purchase	ase	Reden	Redemption	Closing	sing
Particulars	Purpose	Cost as at March 31 2023	No. of Units	Cost	No. of Units	Cost	No. of Units	Cost as at March 31 2024	No. of Units
Axis Money Market Fund Direct Growth	Seed Capital basis	3,31,74,000	29,331.02	1,82,27,000	14,375.90	•	1	5,14,01,000	43,706.92
Axis Nifty 100 Index Fund Direct Growth	SEBI Regulations	50,00,000	5,00,000.00	1	ı	•	-	50,00,000	5,00,000.00
Axis Retirement Saving Fund-Aggresive Direct Growth		71,78,000	6,64,962.61	1	•	•	1	71,78,000	6,64,962.61
Axis Retirement Saving Fund-Conservative Direct Growth		50,00,000	5,00,000.00	•	•	•	1	20,00,000	5,00,000.00
Axis Retirement Saving Fund-Dynamic Direct Growth		50,00,000	5,00,000.00	1	1	1	1	50,00,000	5,00,000.00
Axis ESG Integration Strategy Fund		2,26,32,000	16,43,502.70	1	1	•	-	2,26,32,000	16,43,502.70
Axis All Seasons Bond Fund Direct Growth		50,00,000	5,00,000.00	1	ı	•	1	50,00,000	5,00,000.00
Axis Global Equity Alpha Fund Of Fund		1,24,85,000	10,68,417.52	1	ı		ı	1,24,85,000	10,68,417.52
Axis Special Situations Fund		2,76,10,000	23,27,692.83	1	ı	•	1	2,76,10,000	23,27,692.83
Axis Greater China Fund		32,00,000	3,19,984.00	1	1	1	-	32,00,000	3,19,984.00
Axis Global Innovation FoF		1,57,31,000	16,27,119.48	•	ı	1	1	1,57,31,000	16,27,119.48
AXIS QUANT FUND		1,99,43,000	18,88,093.33	1	1	1	•	1,99,43,000	18,88,093.33
AXIS FLOATER FUND		1,09,91,000	10,811.70	1	1	1	-	1,09,91,000	10,811.70
Axis Value Fund Direct Growth		50,01,000	5,00,075.00	1	1	•	1	50,01,000	5,00,075.00
AXIS AAA BOND PLUS SDL ETF – 2026 MATURITY FOF		26,00,000	2,59,987.00	ı	•	•		26,00,000	2,59,987.00
AXIS NIFTY 50 INDEX FUND		50,01,000	5,00,075.00	1	1	,	1	50,01,000	5,00,075.00
AXIS MULTICAP FUND	•	7,12,91,000	74,65,331.51	1	1	1	1	7,12,91,000	74,65,331.51
Axis CRISIL IBX 70:30 CPSE Plus SDL April 2025 Index Fund		50,01,000	5,00,075.00	1	1	1	ı	50,01,000	5,00,075.00
AXIS NIFTY NEXT 50 INDEX FUND		50,01,000	5,00,075.00	1	1	1	1	50,01,000	5,00,075.00
AXIS EQUITY ETF FOF		27,00,000	2,69,986.50	1	1	•	1	27,00,000	2,69,986.50
Axis CRISIL IBX SDL May 2027 Index Fund - Direct Growth		50,01,000	5,00,075.00		•	•	1	50,01,000	5,00,075.00
AXIS NIFTY SMALL CAP 50 INDEX FUND		27,00,000	2,69,986.50	1	1	1	1	27,00,000	2,69,986.50
AXIS NIFTY MIDCAP 50 INDEX FUND	,	23,00,000	2,29,988.50	-	1	•	1	23,00,000	2,29,988.50
Axis NASDAQ 100 Fund of Fund Direct Growth	•	3,91,000	39,098.05	9,58,000	71,661.80	1	ı	13,49,000	1,10,759.84
AXIS LONG DURATION FUND	'	2,82,000	281.99	9,83,000	930.83	•	1	12,65,000	1,212.82
Axis US Treasury Dynamic Bond ETF Fund of Fund Direct Growth		1	1	9,10,000	90,995.45	•	,	9,10,000	90,995.45
Axis Business Cycles Fund Direct Growth		2,72,13,600	27,21,223.94	1	1	•	1	2,72,13,600	27,21,223.94
Axis India Manufacturing Fund Direct Growth	- 1	ı	1	4,46,31,024	44,62,879.26	•	1	4,46,31,024	44,62,879.26
Gold Exchange Traded Fund		51,56,794	2,00,000.00	1	ı	1	1	51,56,794	2,00,000.00
Axis Nifty ETF - Direct Growth	•	22,02,047	23,150.00	1	1		1	22,02,047	23,150.00
Axis Banking ETF Fund	'	82,57,452	30,001.00	1	1	1	1	82,57,452	30,001.00
Axis Technology ETF Fund		50,00,765	19,419.00	•	•	•		50,00,765	19,419.00

## Details of Investment for the year ended 31 March 2024 (Contd.)

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Closing	No. of Units	4,97,003.00	35,817.00	31,821.00	13,049.74	8,41,348	37,71,77,513.49	1	2,28,77,788.43	4,71,062.51	20,00,899.96	23,29,883.51	28,67,722.48	9,61,99,122.87	9,53,20,265.12		142.63	1	1,000.00	77.977	121.85	525.94	195.05	1,687.68	1,484.20	1,922	74,03,90,464.42
OD CIO	Cost as at March 31 2024	50,10,000	30,00,000	22,99,949	3,20,44,221	2,06,36,48,949	5,41,05,33,333	'	30,00,00,000	47,87,42,797	2,00,10,000	2,33,00,000	8,37,50,000	2,52,19,83,334	2,77,32,33,334	•	1,01,24,885.00	ı	10,00,00,000	8,97,00,000	1,16,12,923	5,00,00,000	2,21,52,000	17,73,30,000	14,87,00,000	19,91,36,000	17,94,52,77,368
nption	No. of Units	1	1	-	14,28,991.78	1	1	1	ı	1,45,068.05	-	ı	1	1	1	148.41	68.01	994.84	-	1	178.22	-	_	-	-	1	15,75,449.30
Redemption	Cost	1	1	1	3,62,83,00,000	1	1	1	ı	17,00,00,000	•	1	1	1	1	68,24,461	91,02,149	10,00,00,000	-	1	1,88,89,651	1	1	-	-	1	3,93,31,16,260
lase	No. of Units	1	1	1	1,19,007.39	1	12,63,26,319.63	1	ı	1	ı	23,29,883.51	28,67,722.48	9,61,99,122.87	9,53,20,265.12	•	1	ı	-	ı	1	202.17	138.55	1,178.96	612.97	1,922	32,81,18,532.81
Purchase	Cost	1	1	1	30,02,00,000	1	1,94,05,33,333	1	ı	1	-	2,33,00,000	8,37,50,000	2,52,19,83,334	2,77,32,33,334	•	1	ı	1	ı	1	1,75,00,000	1,64,80,000	12,44,90,000	6,13,00,000	19,90,86,000	8,30,01,62,025
ing	No. of Units	4,97,003.00	35,817.00	31,821.00	13,23,034.13	8,41,348.02	25,08,51,193.86	1	2,28,77,788.43	6,16,130.57	20,00,899.96	ı	1	1	1	148.41	210.64	994.84	1,000.00	77.677	300.00	323.78	56.51	508.71	871.23	1	41,38,47,380.91
Opening	Cost as at March 31 2023	50,10,000	30,00,000	22,99,949	3,23,39,48,052	2,06,36,48,947	3,47,00,00,000	ı	30,00,00,000	62,61,76,064	2,00,10,000	ı	1	1	1	68,24,461	1,92,27,034	10,00,00,000	10,00,00,000	8,97,00,000	3,05,02,574	3,25,00,000	56,72,000	5,28,40,000	8,74,00,000	1	13,42,94,18,699
	Purpose	Seed Capital basis SEBI Regulations			Treasury Investment											Seed Capital basis SEBI Regulations											Total
	Particulars	AXIS AAA BOND PLUS SDL ETF – 2026 MATURITY FOF	Axis Healthcare ETF	AXIS CONSUMPTION ETF	Axis Liquid Fund - Direct Plan - Growth option	Axis Treasury Advantage Fund - Direct Growth	Axis Corporate Debt Fund - Direct Growth	Axis Money Market Fund Direct Growth	Axis Ultra Short Term Fund -Direct Growth	Axis Floater fund	Axis CRISIL IBX 50:50 Gilt Plus SDL September 2027 Index Fund	Axis CRISIL IBX SDL June 2034 Debt Index Fund	Axis Dynamic Bond Fund - Direct Plan	Axis Strategic Bond Fund - Direct Growth	Axis Short Term Fund - Direct Plan	Axis New Opportunities Alternative Investment Fund Series 1	Axis RERA opportunities Fund Series 1	Axis Equity Opportunities AIF-1	Axis Active Equity Growth Fund-Series 1	AXIS PRIME FACTOR AIF -SERIES I	AXIS STRUCTURED CREDIT AIF-I	AXIS GROWTH AVENUES AIF - I	AXIS NEWGEN INDIA FUND - I	AIF SERIES-RERA SER-II	COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE FUND	AXIS STRUCTURED CREDIT AIF-II	

#### SECRETARIAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24

[Pursuant to section 204(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule No.9 of the Companies (Appointment and Remuneration Personnel) Rules, 2014]

To, The Members,

#### AXIS ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED

We have conducted the secretarial audit of the compliance of applicable statutory provisions and the adherence to good corporate practices by AXIS ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED hereinafter called "The Company". Secretarial Audit was conducted in a manner that provided us a reasonable basis for evaluating the corporate conducts/statutory compliances and expressing my opinion thereon.

Based on our verification of the AXIS ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED books, papers, minute books, forms and returns filed and other records maintained by the company and also the information provided by the Company, its officers, agents and authorized representatives during the conduct of secretarial audit, we hereby report that in our opinion, the Company has, during the audit period covering the financial year ended on March 31, 2024 complied with the statutory provisions listed hereunder and also that the Company has proper Board-processes and compliance-mechanism in place to the extent, in the manner and subject to the reporting made hereinafter:

We have examined on test check basis the books, papers, minute books, forms and returns filed and other records maintained by the Company for the financial year ended on March 31, 2024 according to the provisions of:

- i. The Companies Act, 2013 (the Act) and the rules made thereunder;
- ii. The Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 ('SCRA') and the rules made thereunder;
- iii. The Depositories Act, 1996 and the Regulations and Bye-laws framed thereunder;
- iv. Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and the rules and regulations made thereunder to the extent of Foreign Direct Investment;
- v. The following Regulations and Guidelines prescribed under the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 ('SEBI Act'):
  - a. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011; -
  - b. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015;
  - c. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2009; Not Applicable
  - d. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Employee Stock Option Scheme and Employee Stock Purchase Scheme) Guidelines, 1999; Not Applicable
  - e. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue and Listing of Debt Securities) Regulations, 2008; Not Applicable
  - f. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents) Regulations, 1993 regarding the Companies Act and dealing with client; -Not Applicable
  - g. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Delisting of Equity Shares) Regulations, 2009; and -Not Applicable
  - h. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Buyback of Securities) Regulations, 1998; -Not Applicable
- vi. Other laws as may be applicable specifically to the company are annexed as **Annexure I**

We have also examined compliance with the applicable clauses of the following:

- i. Secretarial Standard 1 and Secretarial Standard 2 issued by The Institute of Company Secretaries of India vide its notification no. 1 (SS) dated April 23, 2015, effective from July 1, 2015 and revised from time to time.
- ii. The Listing Agreements entered into by the Company with Bombay Stock Exchange and National Stock Exchange with respect to units of Axis Mutual Fund listed with exchange, if applicable; -

During the period under review, the Company has complied with the provisions of the Act, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Standards, etc. mentioned above.

#### We further report that

The Board of Directors of the Company is duly constituted with proper balance of Executive Directors, Non-Executive Directors and Independent Directors. The changes in the composition of the Board of Directors that took place during the period under review were in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Act.

Adequate notice is given to all directors to schedule the Board Meetings, agenda and detailed notes on agenda were sent at least seven days in advance, and a system exists for seeking and obtaining further information and clarifications on the agenda items before the meeting and for meaningful participation at the meeting.

 $Majority \, decision \, is \, carried \, through \, while \, the \, dissenting \, members' \, views \, are \, captured \, and \, recorded \, as \, part \, of \, the \, minutes.$ 

There were no instances where any Board Member dissented to the agenda matters that were presented. All matters were approved unanimously.

We further report that the following disclosure in the Report of the Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2023 - 24:

#### "Emphasis of Matter

We draw attention to Note 41 of the standalone Ind AS financial statements which describes investigation conducted by the Company on matters pertaining to the Schemes of Mutual Fund managed by the Company. Based on the investigation completed, management has identified certain non-compliances with policies of the Company and potential securities law violation by two former employees during the course of their employment. The Company has terminated their employment in the previous financial year, pending final outcome of the regulatory investigation by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (the SEBI), the amounts are not ascertainable, accordingly, no adjustments are considered in the standalone financial statements by the management.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter."

We further report that during the audit period the company has specific events/actions which is attached to the report as Annexure II.

For MC & Associates

**Practicing Company Secretaries** 

Sd/-Miten Chawda FCS No: 6949 C P No: 11625

UDIN: F006949F000124651

Note: Parawise details of the Audit finding, if necessary, may be placed as annexure to the report.

Place: Mumbai

Date: April 15, 2024

## ANNEXURE I List of other laws applicable to the Company

- 1. Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996
- 2. Securities and Exchange Board of India (Portfolio Managers) Regulations, 1993 & 2020
- 3. Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations and other applicable SEBI regulations,
- 4. Securities & Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015
- 5. Securities and Exchange Board of India (Research Analysts) Regulation 2014
- 6. Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992
- 7. Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 ('SCRA')
- 8. SEBI (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2012
- 9. Companies Act, Rules and XBRL regulations
- 10. Association of Mutual Funds in India's guidelines, circulars & directives
- 11. The Bombay Stamp Act, 1958
- 12. Indian Stamp Act, 1899
- 13. Indian Registration Act, 1908
- 14. Prevention of Money-Laundering Act, 2002
- 15. The Depositories Act, 1996 and relevant Stock Exchange Regulations
- 16. Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 and other rules, regulations and guidelines prescribed by RBI
- 17. Securities Transaction Tax Act
- 18. Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA)
- 19. Income Tax Act, 1961
- 20. The Maharashtra Value Added Tax Act, 2002
- 21. Profession Tax Act (corporate and as applicable to branches)
- 22. Central Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017
- 23. Patents Act, 1970,
- 24. Trade Marks Act, 1999
- 25. Indian Copyright Act, 1957
- 26. Indian Contract Act 1872
- 27. Employee's Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952
- 28. Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013
- 29. Shops and Establishment Act (corporate and as applicable)
- 30. Other laws as applicable to branches
- 31. Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972
- 32. Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923
- 33. Maternity Benefit Act, 1961
- 34. The Employees State Insurance Act, 1948
- 35. Competition Act, 2002
- 36. Information Technology Act, 2000
- 37. Limitation Act, 1963

## Anexure II List of Specific Events

Sr. No.	Remarks	Board of Directors Approval/ Noting date	Members Approval date
1.	Regularization of appointment of Mr. Christopher Durack as Director of the Company.	March 29, 2023	April 26, 2023
2.	To approve re-appointment of Mr. Amitabh Chaudhry as director on the Board of the Company	April 17, 2023	April 26, 2023
3.	To approve re-appointment of Mr. V. Anantharaman as an independent director for a second term on the Board of the Company	April 17, 2023	April 26, 2023
4.	To note completion of term of Mr. Shailendra Bhandari as an independent director of the company	April 17, 2023	-
5.	End of term of Mr. Chandresh Kumar Nigam with effect from May 01, 2023.	March 09, 2023	
	Approval for payment of remuneration to Mr. Nigam for the month of April 2023.	April 17, 2023	April 26, 2023
6.	To approve appointment of Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran as MD & CEO wef May 01, 2023 and payment of remuneration to Mr. Bhaskaran	March 09, 2023 April 17, 2023	April 26, 2023
7.	Filing of Annual Return and Financial Statements of the Company in form MGT – 7 and AOC – 4 (XBRL) respectively for the year ended March 31, 2023 and annual general meeting held of April 26, 2023. The details of general meeting held on March 15, 2023 which was to be included in the MGT - 7 is being filed by the Company separately.	April 17, 2023	April 26, 2023
8.	To seek necessary approvals to commence asset management/advisory business in GIFT City.	July 14, 2023	-
9.	Approval for seeking SEBI approval to initiate Point of Presence activity by Axis Pension Fund Management Limited.	July 14, 2023	-
10.	Resignation of Mr. Gopal Menon and appointment of Mr. Fagun Pancholi as Chief Financial Officer of the Company.	October 13, 2023	-
11.	Appointment of Ms. Priya Subbaraman as an additional (independent) director on the Board of the Company.	October 18, 2023	-
12.	Noting of regulatory approval received to commence PMS business in GIFT city.	January 12, 2024	-
13.	Appointment of Mr. Neeraj Gambhir as additional (non executive) Director.	February 05, 2024	-
14.	Resignation of Mr. Ravi Narayanan as non executive Director on the Board of the Company.	February 05, 2024	-

This report is to be read with our letter of even date which is annexed as Annexure-III and forms an integral part of this report.

#### **Annexure III**

Date: April 15, 2024

To,

The Board of Directors,

#### AXIS ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED

"Axis House", 1st Floor, C-2, Wadia International Centre, Pandurang BudhkarMarg, Worli, Mumbai 400025.

Dear Sirs, Madam,

The Secretarial Audit report for the financial year ended March 31, 2024, of even date is to be read along with this letter.

- 1. Maintenance of secretarial record is the responsibility of the management of the Company. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on theses secretarial records based on our audit.
- 2. We have followed the audit practices and processes as were appropriate to obtain reasonable assurance about the correctness of the contents of the secretarial records. The verification was done on test basis to ensure that correct facts are reflected in secretarial records. We believe that the processes and practices that we followed provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.
- 3. We have not verified the correctness and appropriateness of financial records and Books of Accounts of the Company.
- 4. Wherever required, we have obtained the Management representation about the compliance of laws, rules and regulations and happening of events,
- 5. The compliance of the provisions of corporate and other applicable laws, rules, regulations, standards is the responsibility of management. Our examination was limited to the monitoring of adequate systems, procedures, Board processes and compliance mechanism.
- 6. The Secretarial Audit Report is neither an assurance as to the future viability of the Company nor of the efficacy or effectiveness with which the management has conducted the affairs of the Company.

Thanking you.
Yours faithfully,
For MC & Associates
Practicing Company Secretaries

Sd/-

Miten Chawda FCS No: 6949 C P No: 11625

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### S. R. Batliboi & Co. LLP

**Chartered Accountants** 

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Axis Asset Management Company Limited

 $Report on the \, Audit \, of \, the \, Standal one \, Ind \, AS \, Financial \, Statements$ 

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying standalone Ind AS financial statements of Axis Asset Management Company Limited ("the Company"), which comprise the Balance sheet as at March 31 2024, the Statement of Profit and Loss, including the statement of Other Comprehensive Income, the Cash Flow Statement and the Statement of Changes in Equity for the year then ended, and notes to the standalone Ind AS financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid standalone Ind AS financial statements give the information required by the Companies Act, 2013, as amended ("the Act") in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the state of affairs of the Company as at March 31, 2024, its profit including other comprehensive income, its cash flows and the changes in equity for the year ended on that date.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit of the standalone Ind AS financial statements in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (Sas), as specified under section 143(10) of the Act. Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the 'Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the standalone Ind AS Financial Statements' section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the 'Code of Ethics' issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the standalone Ind AS financial statements under the provisions of the Act and the Rules thereunder, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the standalone Ind AS financial statements.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

We draw attention to 41 of the standalone Ind AS financial statements which describes investigation conducted by the Company on matters pertaining to the Schemes of Mutual Fund managed by the Company. Based on the investigation completed, management has identified certain non-compliances with policies of the Company and potential securities law violation by two former employees during the course of their employment. The Company has terminated their employment in the previous financial year, pending final outcome of the regulatory investigation by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (the SEBI), the amounts are not ascertainable, accordingly, no adjustments are considered in the standalone financial statements by the management.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Information Other than the standal one Ind AS Financial Statements and Auditor's Report Thereon and Auditor's Report Thereon Information Other than the standal one Ind AS Financial Statements and Auditor's Report Thereon Information Other than the standal one Ind AS Financial Statements and Auditor's Report Thereon Information Other than the standal one Ind AS Financial Statements and Auditor's Report Thereon Ind AS Financial Statements Auditor's Report Thereon Ind AS Financial State

The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Director report, but does not include the standalone Ind AS financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the standalone Ind AS financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the standalone Ind AS financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether such other information is materially inconsistent with the standalone Ind AS financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Responsibility of Management for the standalone Ind AS Financial Statements

The Company's Board of Directors is responsible for the matters stated in section 134(5) of the Act with respect to the preparation of these standalone Ind AS financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance including other comprehensive income, cash flows and changes in equity of the Company in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) specified under section 133 of the Act read with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015, as amended. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding of the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the standalone Ind AS financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the standalone Ind AS financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

 $Those \ Board \ of \ Directors \ are \ also \ responsible \ for \ overseeing \ the \ Company's \ financial \ reporting \ process.$ 

#### $Auditor's\,Responsibilities\,for\,the\,Audit\,of\,the\,standalone\,Ind\,AS\,Financial\,Statements$

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the standalone Ind AS financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these standalone Ind AS financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the standalone Ind AS financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. Under section 143(3)(I) of the Act, we are also responsible for expressing our opinion on whether the Company has adequate internal financial controls with reference to standalone Ind AS financial statements in place and the operating effectiveness of such controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the standalone Ind AS financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the standalone Ind AS financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the standalone Ind AS financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

#### Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

- $1. \quad \text{As required by the Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2020 ("the Order"), issued by the Central Government of India in terms of sub-section (11) of section 143 of the Act, we give in the "Annexure 1" a statement on the matters specified in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Order.}$
- 2. As required by Section 143(3) of the Act, we report that:
  - (a) We have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit;
  - (b) In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Company so far as it appears from our examination of those books, except for the matters stated in the paragraph 2(I) (vi) below on reporting under Rule 11(g);
  - (c) The Balance Sheet, the Statement of Profit and Loss including the Statement of Other Comprehensive Income, the Cash Flow Statement and Statement of Changes in Equity dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the books of account;
  - (d) In our opinion, the aforesaid standalone Ind AS financial statements comply with the Accounting Standards specified under Section 133 of the Act, read with Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015, as amended;
  - (e) On the basis of the written representations received from the directors as on March 31, 2024 taken on record by the Board of Directors, none of the directors is disqualified as on March 31, 2024 from being appointed as a director in terms of Section 164 (2) of the Act;
  - (f) With respect to the adequacy of the internal financial controls with reference to these standalone Ind AS financial statements and the operating effectiveness of such controls, refer to our separate Report in "Annexure 2" to this report;
  - (g) The observation relating to the maintenance of accounts and other matters connected therewith are as stated in the paragraph 2 (b) above on reporting under Section 143(3)(b) and paragraph 2 (i)(vi) below on reporting under Rule 11(g)
  - (h) In our opinion, the managerial remuneration for the year ended March 31, 2024 has been paid / provided by the Company to its directors in accordance with the provisions of section 197 read with Schedule V to the Act;
  - (i) With respect to the other matters to be included in the Auditor's Report in accordance with Rule 11 of the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, as amended in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us:
    - i. The Company has disclosed the impact of pending litigations on its financial position in its standalone financial statements Refer 23 to the standalone financial statements;
    - $ii. \quad The Company did not have any long-term contracts including derivative contracts for which there were any material foreseeable losses;\\$
    - iii. There were no amounts which were required to be transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund by the Company.
    - iv. a) The management has represented that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, no funds have been advanced or loaned or invested (either from borrowed funds or share premium or any other sources or kind of funds) by the company to or in any other person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities ("Intermediaries"), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the Intermediary shall, whether, directly or indirectly lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the company ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries:
      - b) The management has represented that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, no funds have been received by the company from any person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities ("Funding Parties"), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the company shall, whether, directly or indirectly, lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the Funding Party ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries; and
      - c) Based on such audit procedures that were considered reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances, nothing has come to our notice that has caused us to believe that the representations under sub-clause (a) and (b) contain any material misstatement.
    - v. No dividend has been declared or paid during the year by the Company and hence no reporting is required on compliance of section 123 of the Act.
    - vi. Based on our examination which included test checks, the Company has used accounting software for maintaining its books of account which has a feature of recording audit trail (edit log) facility and the same has operated throughout the year for all relevant transactions recorded in the software, except that audit trail feature was not enabled throughout the year for direct changes to data when using certain access rights, as described in note 43 to the standalone Ind AS financial statements. Further, during the course of our audit we did not come across any instance of audit trail feature being tampered with in respect of the accounting software.

For S.R. Batliboi & Co. LLP Chartered Accountants

ICAI Firm Registration Number: 301003E/E300005

Sd/-

per Jayesh Gandhi

Membership Number: 037924 UDIN: 24037924BKELVH4716 Place of Signature: Mumbai Date: April 15, 2024 ANNEXURE - 1 referred to in paragraph under the heading "Report on other legal and regulatory requirements" of our report of even date Re: Axis Asset Management Company Limited ("the company")

In terms of the information and explanations sought by us and given by the company and the books of account and records examined by us in the normal course of audit and to the best of our knowledge and belief, we state that:

- (i) (a) (A) The Company has maintained proper records showing full particulars, including quantitative details and situation of Property, Plant and Equipment.
  - (B) The Company has maintained proper records showing full particulars of intangibles assets.
  - (b) Property, Plant and Equipment have been physically verified by the management during the year and no material discrepancies were identified on such verification.
  - (c) There is no immovable property (other than properties where the Company is the lessee and the lease agreements are duly executed in favour of the lessee), held by the Company and accordingly, the requirement to report on clause 3(i)(c) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
  - (d) The Company has not revalued its Property, Plant and Equipment (including Right of use assets) or intangible assets during the year ended March 31.2024.
  - (e) There are no proceedings initiated or are pending against the Company for holding any benami property under the Prohibition of Benami Property Transactions Act, 1988 and rules made thereunder.
- (ii) (a) The Company's business does not require maintenance of inventories and, accordingly, the requirement to report on clause 3(ii)(a) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
  - (b) The Company has not been sanctioned working capital limits in excess of ₹ five crores in aggregate from banks or financial institutions during any point of time of the year on the basis of security of current assets. Accordingly, the requirement to report on clause 3(ii)(b) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- (iii) (a) During the year the Company has not provided loans, advances in the nature of loans, stood guarantee or provided security to companies, firms, Limited Liability Partnerships or any other parties. Accordingly, the requirement to report on clause 3(iii)(a) of the Order is not applicable to the Company
  - (b) During the year, the company has made investment in a company which is not prejudicial to the Company's interest. The Company has not made any other investments, provided guarantees, provided security and granted loans and advances in the nature of loans to companies, firms, Limited Liability Partnerships or any other parties.
  - (c)(d)(e) The Company has not granted loans and advances in the nature of loans to companies, firms, Limited Liability Partnerships or any other parties. Accordingly, the requirement to report on clause 3(iii)(c), clause 3(iii)(d) and clause 3(iii)(e) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
  - (f) The Company has not granted any loans or advances in the nature of loans, either repayable on demand or without specifying any terms or period of repayment to companies, firms, Limited Liability Partnerships or any other parties. Accordingly, the requirement to report on clause 3(iii)(f) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- (iv) Investment for which provisions of sections 185 and 186 of the Companies Act, 2013 are applicable have been complied with by the Company.
- (v) The Company has neither accepted any deposits from the public nor accepted any amounts which are deemed to be deposits within the meaning of sections 73 to 76 of the Companies Act and the rules made thereunder, to the extent applicable. Accordingly, the requirement to report on clause 3(v) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- (vi) The Company is not in the business of sale of any goods or provision of such services as prescribed. Accordingly, the requirement to report on clause 3(vi) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- (vii) (a) The Company is generally regular in depositing with appropriate authorities undisputed statutory dues including goods and services tax, provident fund, employees' state insurance, income-tax, sales-tax, service tax, duty of customs, duty of excise, value added tax, cess and other statutory dues applicable to it. According to the information and explanations given to us and based on audit procedures performed by us, no undisputed amounts payable in respect of these statutory dues were outstanding, at the year end, for a period of more than six months from the date they became payable.
  - (b) According to the records of the Company, the dues of income-tax, goods and service tax & ESIC have not been deposited on account of any dispute, are as follows: (₹in Crores)

Name of the Statue	Nature of the Dues	Amount	Period to which the amount relates	Forum where dispute is pending
The Income Tax Act, 1961	Income Tax	-	AY 2017-18	Commissioner of Income tax (Appeals)
The Income Tax Act, 1961	Income Tax	0.95	AY 2020-21	Commissioner of Income tax (Appeals)
Goods & Service Tax	Service Tax	0.28	AY 2018-19	Commissioner (Appeals – II)
ESIC	ESIC	0.14	May 2016 – February 2021	ESIC Court
Goods & Service Tax	Service Tax	0.44	FY 2017-18	Deputy Commissioner of State Tax
Goods & Service Tax	Service Tax	51.16	April 2016 to June 2017	Service Tax Appellate Tribunal.

**Note:** During the previous years, the Company has deposited/adjusted from refunds ₹ 5.75 Crores in connection with a dispute with the Commissioner of Income Tax Appeal for the AY 2017-18 & AY 2020-21. Further, the Company has deposited ₹ 0.05 Crores in connection with a dispute with the ESIC Court for the period May 2016 - February 2021.

- (viii) The Company has not surrendered or disclosed any transaction, previously unrecorded in the books of account, in the tax assessments under the Income Tax Act, 1961 as income during the year. Accordingly, the requirement to report on clause 3(viii) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- $(ix) \quad (a) \quad The \, Company \, has \, not \, defaulted \, in \, repayment \, of \, loans \, or \, other \, borrowings \, or \, in \, the \, payment \, of \, interest \, thereon \, to \, any \, lender.$ 
  - $(b) \quad The \ Company \ has \ not \ been \ declared \ wilful \ defaulter \ by \ any \ bank \ or \ financial \ institution \ or \ government \ or \ any \ government \ authority.$
  - (c) The Company did not have any term loans outstanding during the year hence, the requirement to report on clause (ix)(c) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
  - d) The Company did not raise any funds during the year hence, the requirement to report on clause (ix)(d) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.

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- (e) On an overall examination of the financial statements of the Company, the Company has not taken any funds from any entity or person on account of or to meet the obligations of its subsidiary. The Company does not have any associate or joint venture.
- (f) The Company has not raised loans during the year on the pledge of securities held in its subsidiary. The Company does not have any associate or joint venture.
- (x) (a) The Company has not raised any money during the year by way of initial public offer / further public offer (including debt instruments) hence, the requirement to report on clause 3(x)(a) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
  - (b) The Company has not made any preferential allotment or private placement of shares /fully or partially or optionally convertible debentures during the year under audit and hence, the requirement to report on clause 3(x)(b) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- (xi) (a) No fraud on the Company has been noticed or reported during the year.
  - (b) During the year, no report under sub-section (12) of section 143 of the Companies Act, 2013 has been filed by secretarial auditor or by us in Form ADT 4 as prescribed under Rule 13 of Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 with the Central Government.
  - (c) As represented to us by the management, there are no whistle blower complaints received by the Company during the year.
- (xii) (a)(b)(c) The Company is not a nidhi Company as per the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013. Therefore, the requirement to report on clause 3(xii)(a), clause 3(xii)(b) and clause 3(xii)(c) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- (xiii) Transactions with the related parties are in compliance with sections 177 and 188 of Companies Act, 2013 where applicable and the details have been disclosed in the notes to the financial statements, as required by the applicable accounting standards.
- $(xiv) \ (a) \quad The Company has an internal audit system commensurate with the size and nature of its business.$ 
  - (b) The internal audit reports of the Company issued till the date of the audit report, for the period under audit have been considered by us.
- (xv) The Company has not entered into any non-cash transactions with its directors or persons connected with its directors and hence requirement to report on clause 3(xv) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- (xvi) (a) The provisions of section 45-IA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 (2 of 1934) are not applicable to the Company. Accordingly, the requirement to report on clause (xvi)(a) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
  - (b) The Company has not conducted any Non-Banking Financial or Housing Finance activities without obtained a valid Certificate of Registration (CoR) from the Reserve Bank of India as per the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
  - (c) The Company is not a Core Investment Company as defined in the regulations made by Reserve Bank of India. Accordingly, the requirement to report on clause 3(xvi) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
  - (d) The Company does not have any CIC which is part of the Group, hence, the requirement to report on clause 3(xvi) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- (xvii) The Company has not incurred cash losses in the current financial year.
- (xviii) There has been no resignation of the statutory auditors during the year and accordingly requirement to report on Clause 3(xviii) of the Order is not applicable to the Company.
- On the basis of the financial ratios disclosed in note 40 to the standalone financial statements, ageing and expected dates of realization of financial assets and payment of financial liabilities, other information accompanying the financial statements, our knowledge of the Board of Directors and management plans and based on our examination of the evidence supporting the assumptions, nothing has come to our attention, which causes us to believe that any material uncertainty exists as on the date of the audit report that Company is not capable of meeting its liabilities existing at the date of balance sheet as and when they fall due within a period of one year from the balance sheet date. We, however, state that this is not an assurance as to the future viability of the Company. We further state that our reporting is based on the facts up to the date of the audit report and we neither give any guarantee nor any assurance that all liabilities falling due within a period of one year from the balance sheet date, will get discharged by the Company as and when they fall due.
- (xx) (a) In respect of other than ongoing CSR projects, there are no unspent amounts that are required to be transferred to a fund specified in Schedule VII of the Companies Act (the Act), in compliance with second proviso to sub section 5 of section 135 of the Act. This matter has been disclosed in note 29 to the financial statements.
  - (b) There are no unspent amounts in respect of ongoing CSR projects, that are required to be transferred to a special account in compliance of provision of subsection (6) of section 135 of Companies Act. This matter has been disclosed in note 29 to the financial statements.
- (xxi) There are no qualifications or adverse remarks by the respective auditors in the Companies (Auditors Report) Order (CARO) reports of the companies included in the consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, the requirement to report on clause 3(xxi) of the Order is not applicable to the Holding Company.

For S.R. Batliboi & Co. LLP

Chartered Accountants

ICAI Firm Registration Number: 301003E/E300005

Sd/per Jayesh Gandhi Partner

Membership Number: 037924 UDIN: 24037924BKELVH4716 Place of Signature: Mumbai Date: April 15, 2024

## ANNEXURE - 2 TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT OF EVEN DATE ON THE STANDALONE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF AXIS ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED

#### Report on the Internal Financial Controls under Clause (i) of Sub-section 3 of Section 143 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act")

To the Members of Axis Asset Management Company Limited

We have audited the internal financial controls with reference to standalone financial statements of Axis Asset Management Company Limited ("the Company") as of March 31, 2024 in conjunction with our audit of the financial statements of the Company for the year ended on that date.

#### Management's Responsibility for Internal Financial Controls

The Company's Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal financial controls based on the internal control over financial reporting criteria established by the Company considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ("ICAI"). These responsibilities include the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls that were operating effectively for ensuring the orderly and efficient conduct of its business, including adherence to the Company's policies, the safeguarding of its assets, the prevention and detection of frauds and errors, the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, and the timely preparation of reliable financial information, as required under the Companies Act, 2013.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal financial controls with reference to these standalone financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting (the "Guidance Note") and the Standards on Auditing, as specified under section 143(10) of the Act, to the extent applicable to an audit of internal financial controls, both issued by ICAI. Those Standards and the Guidance Note require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether adequate internal financial controls with reference to these financial statements was established and maintained and if such controls operated effectively in all material respects.

Our audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the adequacy of the internal financial controls with reference to these financial statements and their operating effectiveness. Our audit of internal financial controls with reference to financial statements included obtaining an understanding of internal financial controls with reference to these financial statements, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the Company's internal financial controls with reference to these standalone financial statements.

#### Meaning of Internal Financial Controls With Reference to these standalone Financial Statements

A company's internal financial controls with reference to standalone financial statements is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal financial controls with reference to standalone financial statements includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorisations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorised acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

#### Inherent Limitations of Internal Financial Controls with Reference to standalone Financial Statements

Because of the inherent limitations of internal financial controls with reference to standalone financial statements, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projections of any evaluation of the internal financial controls with reference to standalone financial statements to future periods are subject to the risk that the internal financial control with reference to standalone financial statements may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the Company has, in all material respects, adequate internal financial controls with reference to standalone financial statements and such internal financial controls with reference to standalone financial statements were operating effectively as at March 31, 2024, based on the internal control over financial reporting criteria established by the Company considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note issued by the ICAI.

For S.R. Batliboi & CO. LLP
Chartered Accountants

ICAI Firm Registration Number: 301003E/E300005

Sd/per Jayesh Gandhi Partner

Membership Number: 037924 UDIN: 24037924BKELVH4716 Place of Signature: Mumbai Date: April 15, 2024

## Standalone Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2024

(₹ in Crores)

Doutieulore	Note No	As at March 24 2024	Ac at March 24 2022
Particulars	Note No	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Assets			
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	8.27	2.98
Receivables			
(i) Trade receivables	4	40.11	71.66
(ii) Other receivables		-	-
Investments	5	2,046.26	1,423.04
Other financial assets	6	7.78	3.17
Total financial assets		2,102.41	1,500.85
Non financial assets			
Current tax assets (Net)	7	24.46	20.09
Property, plant and equipment	8	16.89	12.53
Right of use asset	8	79.28	17.88
Intangible assets	8	2.98	2.24
Intangible assets under development	34	0.69	2.18
Other non-financial assets	9	133.55	125.22
Total non financial assets		257.85	180.14
Total assets		2,360.26	1,680.99
Liabilities and equity			
Liabilities			
Financial liabilities			
Trade payables			
(i) Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises		_	_
(ii) Total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	10	23.72	33.52
Long term borrowing	11	_	1.02
Lease Liability	12	89.68	19.29
Total financial liability		113.40	53.83
Non financial liabilities			33333
Provisions	13	129.51	78.09
Deferred tax liability (Net)	33	26.31	10.35
Other non-financial liabilities	14	25.07	29.80
Total non financial liabilities		180.89	118.24
Equity		100.07	110.21
Equity share capital	15	210.11	210.11
Other equity	16	210.11	210.11
- Security premium		28.89	28.89
- Share option outstanding		20.07	20.07
- Retained Earning		1,826.97	1,269.92
Total equity		2,065.97	1,508.92
Total liabilities and equity		2,360.26	1,680.99
Total liabilities and equity		2,300.26	1,000.99

The accompanying notes are integral part of these financial statements.

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CFO Company Secretary

Mumbai. April 15, 2024

## Standalone Statement of Profit and Loss for the year ended March 31, 2024

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Note No	Year ended	Year ended
i al ticulai 3	Noterio	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2023
Income			
Asset management services	17	1,075.67	984.09
Net gain on fair value changes	18	186.86	36.93
Revenue from operations		1,262.53	1,021.02
Other income	19	12.22	3.55
Total Income		1,274.75	1,024.56
Expenses			
Finance cost	20	6.81	1.65
Employee benefits expenses	21	277.15	194.89
Depreciation and amortization expense	8	27.95	18.81
Other expenses	22	248.88	230.91
Total expenses		560.79	446.26
Profit before tax		713.96	578.30
Tax expense			
Current tax	33	139.88	142.49
Deferred tax	33	16.20	6.31
Total tax expense		156.08	148.80
Profit after tax		557.88	429.50
Other comprehensive Income			
Items that will not be reclassified to profit and loss			
- Remeasurement gains/ (losses) of the defined benefit plans		(1.07)	0.63
- Income tax relating effect	33	0.24	(0.16)
Total other comprehensive Income		(0.83)	0.47
Total comprehensive income		557.05	429.97
Earnings per equity share ( Face value Rs 10/-) (not annualised)	32		
- Basic		26.55	20.44
- Diluted		26.55	20.44
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## Standalone Cash flow statement for the year ended March 31, 2024

(₹ in Crores)

Par	ticulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
A.	Cash flow from operating activities		
	Profit before tax	713.96	578.30
	Add / (Less): Adjustments for		
	Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	27.95	18.81
	(Profit) / Loss on sale of investments (net)	(14.88)	(16.36)
	Fair value (Gain) / Loss on investments	(171.98)	(20.57)
	(Profit) / Loss on sale of property, plant and equipment (net)	0.06	(0.05)
	Operating profit before working capital changes	555.11	560.14
	Adjustments for:		
	(Increase) / Decrease in trade receivables	31.56	21.76
	(Increase) / Decrease in other financial assets	(4.61)	(0.19)
	(Increase) / Decrease in other non-financial assets	(8.33)	(40.44)
	Increase / (Decrease) in trade payable	(9.80)	11.51
	Increase / (Decrease) in other financial liabilities	(8.77)	(9.93)
	Increase / (Decrease) in provisions	50.36	(7.15)
	Increase / (Decrease) in other non-financial liabilities	(4.73)	1.22
	Cash generated from operations	600.78	536.91
	Income tax paid	(144.25)	(139.10)
A.	Net cash from operating activities	456.53	397.81
B.	Cash flow from investing activities		
	Purchase of property, plant and equipment and other intangible assets	(13.96)	(10.63)
	Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment and other intangible assets	0.10	0.18
	Purchase of investments	(830.04)	(954.77)
	Proceeds from sale of investments	393.68	569.37
B.	Net cash from investing activities	(450.22)	(395.84)
C.	Cash flow from financing activities		
	Increase / (Decrease) in long term borrowing	(1.02)	0.20
C.	Net cash from financing activities	(1.02)	0.20
Net	Increase / (Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents (A + B + C)	5.29	2.17
Cas	h and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	2.98	0.81
Cas	h and cash equivalents at the end of the period (Refer note no. 3)	8.27	2.98

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April 15, 2024

## Statement of changes in equity the year ended March 31, 2024

**Equity share capital** (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Balance at the beginning of the year	share capital		
Equity shares of ₹ 10 each (March 31, 2023 ₹ 10 each), fully paid up				
As at March 31, 2023	210.11	-	210.11	
As at March 31, 2024	210.11	-	210.11	

Other equity (₹ in Crores)

	Security Premium	Retain Earning	Total
Balance as at April 01, 2022	28.89	839.95	868.84
Profit for the year	-	429.50	429.50
Other Comprehensive Income	-	0.47	0.47
Total Comprehensive Income	-	429.97	429.97
Balance as at March 31, 2023	28.89	1,269.92	1,298.81
Balance as at April 01, 2023	28.89	1,269.92	1,298.81
Profit for the year	-	557.88	557.88
Other Comprehensive Income	-	(0.83)	(0.83)
Total Comprehensive Income	-	557.05	557.05
Balance as at March 31, 2024	28.89	1,826.97	1,855.86

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Mumbai. April 15, 2024 Summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory information (Notes) forming part of the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2024,

#### Company overview

Axis Asset Management Company Limited ('the Company') was incorporated on January 13, 2009 under The Companies Act, 1956. Axis Bank Limited holds 75% of the total issued and paid up equity share capital, the balance 25% plus one equity share is held by Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Limited (SIMSL) through its wholly owned subsidiary, Schroder Singapore Holdings Private Limited (SSHPL), both subsidiaries of Schroders plc. The registered office of the company is located at One Lodha Place, 22nd & 23rd Floor, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai, Maharashtra, Pin Code – 400013.

The Company has been approved by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) under SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 to act as an Investment Manager. The Company's principal activity is to act as investment manager to Axis Mutual Fund ('the Fund'). The Company manages Investment Portfolios of the scheme(s) launched by the Fund and provides various administrative services to the Fund as laid down in the Investment Management Agreement dated June 27, 2009.

The Company is also registered under the SEBI (Portfolio Managers) Regulations, 1993 and provides Portfolio Management Services (PMS). The Company is also registered under SEBI (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2012 and is providing an investment management service to scheme's launched under Alternative Investment Funds (AIF).

The financial statements were approved for issue in accordance with a resolution of the directors on 15th April 2024.

#### 1. Basis of preparation

#### a) Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared and presented on going concern basis and in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as per the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 notified under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013, (the 'Act') and other relevant provisions of the Act, as amended from time to time. The Company's financial statements up to and for the year ended March 31, 2019 were prepared in accordance with Rule 7 of the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014, notified under Section 133 of the Act, other relevant provisions of the Act and other accounting principles generally accepted in India, to the extent applicable (Previous GAAP).

Details of the Company's accounting policies are included in Note 2.

#### b) Presentation of financial statements

The Company presents its balance sheet in order of liquidity. An analysis regarding recovery or settlement within 12 months after the reporting date and more than 12 months after the reporting date is presented in Note 36.

#### c) Functional and presentation currency

Indian Rupee ( $\overline{\epsilon}$ ) is the Company's functional currency and the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates. Accordingly, the management has determined that financial statements are presented in Indian Rupee ( $\overline{\epsilon}$ ) and all values are shown in crores, except when otherwise indicated.

#### d) Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the following items.

Items	Measurement basis
Certain financial instruments (as explained in the accounting policies below)	Fair Value
Net defined benefit (asset)/ liability	Fair value of plan assets less present value of defined benefit obligations

#### 2. Material accounting policy

#### 2.1. Cash and Cash Equivalents

 $Cash\ and\ cash\ equivalents\ include\ cash\ on\ hand,\ call\ deposits\ and\ other\ short-term,\ highly\ liquid\ investments\ with\ original\ maturities\ of\ three\ months\ or\ less\ that\ are\ readily\ convertible\ to\ known\ amounts\ of\ cash\ and\ which\ are\ subject\ to\ an\ insignificant\ risk\ of\ change\ in\ value.$ 

#### 2.2. Financial instruments

#### $Recognition\, and\, initial\, measurement$

All financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. All financial assets are recognized initially at fair value. In the case of financial assets not recorded at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), the transaction costs that are attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset is also added to the fair value.

 ${\it Classification} \, and \, subsequent \, measurement \,$ 

#### **Financial assets**

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified and measured at

- Amortised Cost:
- Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI); or
- Fair Value Through Profit and Loss (FVTPL)

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition, except if and in the period the Company changes its business model for managing financial assets.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not recognised as at FVTPL:

- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Company may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in the investment's fair value in Other Comprehensive Income (OCI) (designated as FVOCI – equity investment). This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis. All financial assets not classified and measured at amortised cost or FVOCI as described above are measured at FVTPL. On initial recognition, the Company may irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortised cost or at FVOCI or at FVTPL, if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

#### Financial assets: Subsequent measurement and gains and losses.

Financial assets at FVTPL	These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Net gains and losses, including any interest or dividend income, are recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss.
Financial assets at amortised cost	These assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The amortised cost is reduced by impairment losses. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss. Any gain or loss on de-recognition is recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss.
Equity investments at FVOCI	These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Dividends are recognised as income in the Statement of Profit and Loss unless the dividend clearly represents a recovery of part of the cost of the investment. Other net gains and losses are recognised in OCI and are not reclassified to profit or loss.

#### Impairment of Financial Asset

The Company assesses on a forward looking basis the expected credit losses (ECL) associated with its debt instruments carried at amortized cost and with the exposure arising from loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts. The Company recognizes a loss allowance for such losses at each reporting date. The measurement of ECL reflects:

- An unbiased and probability-weighted amount that is determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes;
- The time value of money: and
- Reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

The company recognizes loss allowance using the expected credit loss (ECL) model for the financial assets which are not fair valued through profit or loss. ECL is measured at an amount equal to the 12 months ECL, unless there has been a significant increase in credit risk from initial recognition in which case those are measured at lifetime ECL. The amount of expected credit losses (or reversal) that is required to adjust the loss allowance at the reporting date to the amount that is required to be recognised, is recognised as an expense in the statement of profit or loss.

For trade receivables, the company applies a simplified approach in calculating ECLs. Therefore, the company does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. The company has established a provision matrix that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

#### Financial liabilities: Classification, subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss. Any gain or loss on de-recognition is also recognised as profit or loss respectively.

#### De-recognition

#### **Financial assets**

The Company derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Company neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and does not retain control of the financial asset. If the Company enters into transactions whereby it transfers assets recognised on its balance sheet, but retains either all or substantially all of the risks and rewards of the transferred assets, the transferred assets are not derecognised.

#### Financial liabilities

The Company derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled, or expire.

#### 2.3. Property, plant and equipment

#### Recognition and measurement

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost, less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any. Cost of an item of property, plant and equipment comprises its purchase price (after deducting trade discounts and rebates) including import duties and non-refundable taxes, any directly attributable cost of bringing the item to its working condition for its intended use and estimated costs of dismantling and removing the item and restoring the site on which it is located. Any gain or loss arising from disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised as profit or loss respectively.

#### **Subsequent expenditure**

Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only if it is probable that the future economic benefits associated with the expenditure will flow to the Company.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation on property, plant and equipment is provided on straight-line basis as per the estimated useful life and in the manner prescribed in Schedule II of the Companies Act, 2013 except for certain assets. Following is the summary of useful lives of the assets as per management's estimate and as required by the Companies Act, 2013.

Class of assets	Estimated Useful life	Useful life as per the limits prescribed in Schedule II of the Companies Act, 2013				
Tangible PPE						
Computers and peripherals	3 years*	3 or 6 years				
Mobile phones	2 years*	5 years				
Office equipment's	5 years	5 years				
Furniture and fixtures	10 years	10 years				
Vehicle	4 years*	8 years				

<sup>\*</sup>Justification for considering useful life different from part C of schedule II to the Companies Act, 2013:

Management has determined estimated useful life of assets for computers and peripherals, mobile phones and vehicles after taking into consideration rapid evolution of technology and tendency of the users to opt for advanced features.

Leasehold Improvements are amortized over the primary period of the lease from the date of capitalization as per the Company's policy. The primary period of lease is defined as the term of lease or 3 years whichever is earlier.

 $Depreciation \, on \, assets \, sold \, during \, the \, year \, is \, recognized \, on \, a \, pro-rata \, basis \, to \, the \, statement \, of \, Profit \, and \, Loss \, till \, the \, date \, of \, sale.$ 

#### 2.4. Other intangible assets

Other intangible assets including computer software are measured at cost. Such other intangible assets are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

#### Subsequent expenditure

Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates. All other expenditure is recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss as incurred.

#### Amortisation

Amortisation is calculated to write off the cost of intangible assets less their estimated residual values over their estimated useful lives using the straight-line method, and is included in depreciation and amortization in the Statement of Profit and Loss. Computer Software is being amortised over a period of 3 years. Amortisation method, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at the end of each financial year and adjusted, if required.

#### 2.5. Impairment of non-financial assets

The Company's non-financial assets, other than deferred tax assets, are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

The recoverable amount of asset is the higher of its value in use and its fair value. Value in use is based on the estimated future cash flows, discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to it.

Impairment loss has been recognised in prior periods, the Company reviews at each reporting date whether there is any indication that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. Such a reversal is made only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

#### 2.6. Revenue recognition

The Company principally generates revenue by providing asset management services to Axis Mutual fund and other clients.

Management fees are recognized on accrual basis. The fees charged are in accordance with the terms of scheme information documents of respective schemes and are in line with the provisions of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 as amended from time to time.

Management fees from PMS, AIF and Investment advisory fees-offshore are recognized on an accrual basis as per the terms of the contract with the customers.

The Company recognises revenue from contracts with customers based on a five step model as set out in Ind AS 115, Revenue from Contracts with Customers to determine when to recognize revenue and at what amount.

Revenue is measured based on the consideration specified in the contract with a customer. Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when services are provided and it is highly probable that a significant reversal of revenue is not expected to occur.

Revenue towards satisfaction of a performance obligation is measured at the amount of transaction price (net of variable consideration) allocated to that performance obligation. The transaction price of services rendered is net of variable consideration on account of various discounts and schemes offered by the Company as part of the contract The promised consideration can also vary if an entitlement to the consideration is contingent on the occurrence or non-occurrence of a future event.

Income from sale of Investments is determined on weighted average basis and recognized on the trade date basis.

In respect of other heads of Income the company accounts the same on accrual basis.

#### 2.7. Operational expenses

#### Mutual fund: New fund offer expenses

Expenses relating to new fund offer of Axis Mutual Fund are charged to statement of Profit and Loss in the year in which they are incurred.

#### PMS and AIF commission

Commission paid on certain PMS products are amortized over the exit load period. Unamortized portion of commission is carried forward as prepaid expenses.

Commission paid on Alternate Investment Fund schemes is amortized over the minimum tenure of the scheme. The unamortized portion of the commission is carried forward as prepaid expense.

#### 2.8. Employee benefits

#### Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefit obligations are measured on an undiscounted basis and are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid, if the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee, and the amount of obligation can be estimated reliably.

#### Defined contribution plans

#### **Provident Fund**

The company contributes to a recognized Provident Fund scheme, which is a defined contribution scheme. The contributions are accounted for on an accrual basis and charged to statement of Profit and Loss Account.

#### National Pension Scheme

National Pension Scheme ('NPS') In respect of employees who opt for contribution to the 'NPS', the Company contributes certain percentage of the total basic salary of employees to the aforesaid scheme, a defined contribution plan, which is managed and administered by pension fund management companies. NPS contributions are recognised in the Profit and Loss Account in the period in which they accrue.

#### Defined benefit plan

#### Gratuity

A defined benefit plan is a post-employment benefit plan other than a defined contribution plan. The Company's net obligation in respect of the defined benefit plan is calculated by estimating the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in the current and prior periods, discounting that amount and deducting the fair value of any plan assets.

The calculation of the defined benefit obligation is performed periodically by an independent qualified actuary using the projected unit credit method. When the calculation results in a potential asset for the Company, the recognised asset is limited to the present value of economic benefits available in the form of any future refunds from the plan or reductions in future contributions to the plan ('the asset ceiling'). In order to calculate the present value of economic benefits, consideration is given to any minimum funding requirements. Re-measurement of the net defined benefit liability, which comprise actuarial gains and losses, the return on plan assets (excluding interest) and the effect of the asset ceiling (if any, excluding interest), are recognised in Other Comprehensive Income. The Company determines the net interest expense / income on the net defined benefit liability / asset for the period by applying the discount rate used to measure the defined benefit obligation at the beginning of the annual period to the then-net defined benefit liability / asset, taking into account any changes in the net defined benefit liability / asset during the period as a result of contributions and benefit payments. Net interest expense and other expenses related to defined benefit plans are recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss. When the benefits of a plan are changed or when a plan is curtailed, the resulting change in benefit that relates to past service ('past service cost' or 'past service gain') or the gain or loss on curtailment is recognised immediately in the Statement of Profit and Loss. The Company recognises gains and losses on the settlement of a defined benefit plan when the settlement occurs.

#### Other Long term Benefit

#### Share based options

Certain eligible employee of the company are entitled for Axis Bank Limited ('Parent Company') share awards. The company recognizes the fair value of the shares and expenses for these plan over the vesting period based on the management's estimate of the vesting and forfeiture conditions.

The above share awards are treated as an equity settled share based payment transaction. Under the equity settled share based payment, the fair value on the grant date of the awards given to employees is recognized as 'employee benefit expenses' with corresponding increase in liability as payable to holding company. The fair value of the options at the grant date is calculated by an independent valuer basis black scholes model.

#### 2.9. Accounting for Leases as lessee

The Company has applied IND AS 116 using the partial retrospective approach.

The Company assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

The Company applies a single recognition and measurement approach for all leases, except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. The Company recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

#### Right of use assets

The Company recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any re-measurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets.

#### Lease Liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the company recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including insubstance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date and is discounted using the Company's incremental borrowing rate. Since the Company does not have any debts, the company uses market borrowing rate at the lease commencement date because the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the lease payments (e.g., changes to future payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine such lease payments) or a change in the assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset.

#### Short term lease

The company applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of Property plant and equipment (i.e., those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option). Lease payments on short-term leases are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### 2.10. Provisions and Contingencies

Provisions are recognized when the Company has a present obligation as a result of past events, it is more likely than not that, an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be reasonably estimated.

Provisions are reviewed at each Balance Sheet date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate. If it is no longer probable that the outflow of resources would be required to settle the obligation, the provision is reversed.

A disclosure of a contingent liability is made when there is a possible obligation or a present obligation that may, but probably will not, require an outflow of resources. When there is a possible obligation or a present obligation in respect of which the likelihood of outflow of resources is remote, no provision or disclosure is made.

Loss contingencies arising from claims, litigation, assessment, fines, penalties, etc. are recorded when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated.

Contingent assets are not recognized in the financial statements. However, contingent assets are assessed continually and if it is virtually certain that an economic benefit will arise, the asset and related income are recognized in the period in which the change occurs.

#### 2.11.Taxes on income

The tax expense comprises current tax and deferred tax.

Current income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted, at the reporting date.

Current income tax relating to items recognised outside profit or loss is recognised outside profit or loss (either in other comprehensive income or in equity). Current tax items are recognised in correlation to the underlying transaction either in OCI or directly in equity. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in the tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulations are subject to interpretation and considers whether it is probable that a taxation authority will accept an uncertain tax treatment. The company shall reflect the effect of uncertainty for each uncertain tax treatment by using either most likely method or expected value method, depending on which method predicts better resolution of the treatment.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the corresponding amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is also recognised in respect of carried forward tax losses and tax credits, if any

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used. The existence of unused tax losses is strong evidence that future taxable profit may not be available. Therefore, in case of losses, the Company recognises a deferred tax asset only to the extent that it has sufficient taxable temporary differences or there is other convincing evidence that sufficient taxable profit will be available against which such deferred tax asset can be realised. Deferred tax assets – unrecognised or recognised, are reviewed at each reporting date and are recognised / reduced to the extent that it is probable / no longer probable respectively that the related tax benefit will be realised.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

The measurement of deferred tax reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Company expects, at the reporting date, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority.

#### 2.12. Operating Segment

The Company is in the business of providing asset management services to the schemes of Axis Mutual Fund portfolio management service to clients Investment management services to AIF and offshore funds. The primary segment is identified as asset management services as all services are in relation to asset management, there is no separate segment identified.

#### 2.13. Earning per share (EPS)

The basic earnings per share is computed by dividing profit after tax attributable to the equity shareholders by the weighted average number of equity shares outstanding during the reporting period. The diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing profit after tax attributable to the equity shareholders by the weighted average number of equity shares outstanding plus the weighted average number of equity shares that would be issued on the conversion of all the dilutive potential ordinary shares into ordinary shares. The number of equity shares used in computing diluted earnings per share comprises the weighted average number of shares considered for deriving basic earnings per share and also weighted average number of equity shares which would have been issued on the conversion of all dilutive potential shares, unless they are anti-dilutive.

#### 2.14. Foreign currency translation

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of the recordings the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies as at the Balance Sheet date are translated at the closing rate on that date.

 $The \, exchange \, differences, if any, either \, on \, settlement \, or \, translation \, are \, recognized \, in \, statement \, of \, Profit \, and \, Loss.$ 

3. Cash and cash equivalents

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Balances with bank in - current account	7.66	2.98
Fixed Deposit with Bank	0.61	-
Cash on hand	-	-
Total	8.27	2.98

4. Trade receivables (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Trade receivable-unsecured	36.22	68.55
Receivable related parties	3.89	3.11
Less: Allowance for impairment loss	-	-
Total	40.11	71.66

#### Trade receivable ageing schedule

As at March 31, 2024

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Oı	utstanding for	following perio	ods from due da	ate of payment	
	Less than 6 months	6 months - 1 year	1 -2 year	2 -3 year	more than 3 year	Total
Undisputed Trade Receivables – considered good	40.10	-	-	0.00	-	40.11
Total	40.10	-	-	0.00	-	40.11

#### As at March 31, 2023

Particulars	C	outstanding for	r following per	iods from due o	date of paymen	t
	Less than 6 months	6 months - 1 year	1 -2 year	2 -3 year	more than 3 year	Total
Undisputed Trade Receivables – considered good	71.66	-	-	0.00	-	71.66
Total	71.66	-	-	0.00	-	71.66

5. Investments (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
At fair value through profit & loss		
Mutual fund	1,886.44	1,311.10
Alternate Investment Fund	109.52	61.88
Equity share	9.50	9.26
Total (a)	2,005.46	1,382.24
At amortised cost		
Investment in equity shares of subsidiary	40.80	40.80
Total (b)	40.80	40.80
Total Investments (a+b)	2,046.26	1,423.04
Investments outside India		-
Investments in India	2,046.26	1,423.04
Total	2,046.26	1,423.04
Other financial accets		(Fin Croros)

#### 6. Other financial assets

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Security deposits	7.78	3.17
Total	7.78	3.17

#### 7. Current tax assets

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Income tax paid in advance (net of provisions)	24.46	20.09
Total	24.46	20.09

#### 8. Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets

		Gross Block			Accumulated Depreciation				Net Block		
Particulars		As at April 1, 2023	Additions	Deductions	As at March 31, 2024	As at April 1, 2023	For the Period	Deductions	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Property plant & equipment											
Computers		26.64	3.55	0.02	30.16	18.43	5.24	0.02	23.65	6.52	8.21
Furniture & fixtures		1.55	0.32	0.23	1.65	0.95	0.12	0.17	0.91	0.74	0.60
Office equipments		3.81	0.76	0.17	4.40	2.55	0.51	0.16	2.89	1.51	1.26
Leasehold improvements		11.59	3.15	2.35	12.40	10.11	1.19	2.35	8.95	3.45	1.48
Vehicle(Car) *		1.41	4.46	0.35	5.52	0.44	0.66	0.25	0.84	4.68	0.98
Total	а	45.00	12.23	3.11	54.12	32.47	7.72	2.95	37.24	16.89	12.53
Right of use asset											
- Property		41.34	79.16	16.35	104.15	23.52	17.76	16.35	24.93	79.22	17.82
- Vehicle (Car)		0.47	-	-	0.47	0.41	-	-	0.41	0.06	0.06
Total	b	41.81	79.16	16.35	104.62	23.93	17.76	16.35	25.34	79.28	17.88
Intangible assets			-								
Software		23.33	3.22	-	26.54	21.08	2.48	-	23.56	2.98	2.24
Total	С	23.33	3.22	-	26.54	21.08	2.48	-	23.56	2.98	2.24
Grand Total	a+b+c	110.14	94.61	19.46	185.29	77.48	27.95	19.29	86.14	99.15	32.66

		Gross Block				Accumulated Depreciation				Net Block	
Particulars		As at April 1, 2022	Additions	Deductions	As at March 31, 2023	As at April 1, 2022	For the year	Deductions	As at March 31, 2023	As at March 31, 2023	As at March 31, 2022
Property plant & equipment											
Computers		22.22	5.26	0.85	26.64	14.70	4.58	0.85	18.43	8.21	7.52
Furniture & fixtures		1.42	0.16	0.03	1.55	0.86	0.11	0.02	0.95	0.60	0.56
Office equipments		2.96	0.95	0.10	3.81	2.18	0.47	0.10	2.55	1.26	0.78
Leasehold improvements		10.86	1.47	0.74	11.59	10.31	0.54	0.74	10.11	1.48	0.55
Vehicle(Car) *		1.04	0.60	0.23	1.41	0.26	0.29	0.11	0.44	0.98	0.78
Total	а	38.50	8.45	1.96	45.00	28.31	5.99	1.83	32.47	12.53	10.20
Right to use asset											
- Property		36.21	15.60	10.46	41.34	23.86	9.27	9.61	23.52	17.82	12.35
- Vehicle (Car)		0.46	-	-	0.47	0.31	0.09	-	0.41	0.06	0.15
Total	b	36.67	15.60	10.46	41.80	24.17	9.36	9.61	23.93	17.88	12.50
Intangible assets			-								
Software		23.13	0.19	-	23.33	17.62	3.46	-	21.08	2.24	5.51
Total	С	23.13	0.19	-	23.33	17.62	3.46		21.08	2.24	5.51
Grand Total	a+b+c	98.30	24.25	12.42	110.14	70.10	18.81	11.45	77.48	32.66	28.20

<sup>\*</sup> Hypothecation with Axis bank released w.e.f. December 19, 2023.

9. Other non-financial assets (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Capital advance	16.23	0.20
Prepaid expenses (Other)	4.57	4.31
Unamortized commission	67.67	74.37
Other Non-financial assets	3.63	1.37
Balances with statutory/ Government tax authorities	41.45	44.97
Total	133.55	125.22

10. Trade payable (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises (Refer note 25)	-	-
Total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	23.72	33.52
- Related party	15.56	15.85
- Others	8.16	17.67
Total	23.72	33.52

Trade payable ageing schedule

As at March 31, 2024 (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Outstanding for following periods from due date of payment				
	Less then 1 year	1-2 year	2 -3 year	more than 3 year	Total
Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	-	-	-	-	-
Total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	13.66	10.06	-	-	23.72
Disputed dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	-	-	-	-	-
Disputed dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	-	-	-	-	-
Total	13.66	10.06	-	-	23.72

As at March 31, 2023 (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Outstanding for following periods from due date of payment					
	Less then 1 year	1 -2 year	2 -3 year	more than 3 year	Total	
Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	-	-	-	-	-	
Total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	33.34	0.15	0.00	-	33.49	
Disputed dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	-	-	-	-	-	
Disputed dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	-	-	-	0.03	0.03	
Total	33.34	0.15	0.00	0.03	33.52	

**11.** Long term borrowing (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Vehicle loan		
- Related party	-	1.02
- Others	-	-
Total	-	1.02

#### 12. Other financial liabilities

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Lease liability	89.68	19.29
Total	89.68	19.29

13. Provision (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Provision for employee benefits		
- Provision for gratuity	0.35	0.26
- Provision for salaries and allowances	76.64	60.57
Other dues	52.52	17.26
Total	129.51	78.09

#### 14. Other non-financial liabilities

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Statutory dues	23.76	28.81
Employee benefit dues	1.31	0.99
Total	25.07	29.80

#### 15. Share capital

Share capital		
Particulars	No. of Shares	(₹ in Crores)
Authorized		
Equity Shares, ₹ 10/- each		
As at March 31, 2023	21,50,00,000	215.00
As at March 31, 2024	21,50,00,000	215.00
7.28% Redeemable non convertible Preference Shares, ₹ 10/- each		
As at March 31, 2023	3,00,00,000	30.00
As at March 31, 2024	3,00,00,000	30.00
Issued, subscribed and paid-up		
Equity Shares, ₹ 10/- each		
As at March 31, 2023	21,01,11,112	210.11
As at March 31, 2024	21,01,11,112	210.11

#### a. Terms/rights attached to equity shares

The company has two class of shares referred to as equity shares and preference shares having par value of Rs 10/-. Each holder of equity shares is entitled to one vote per share.

In the event of liquidation of the Company, the holders of equity shares will be entitled to receive the remaining assets of the company, after distributions of all preferential amounts. However, no such preferential amount exists currently. The distribution will be in proportion to the number of equity shares held by the shareholder.

#### b. Reconciliation of the shares outstanding at the beginning and end of the year

#### **Equity Shares**

Particulars	Outstanding at the beginning of the year	Add: Shares issued during the year	Add: Bonus shares issued during the year				
		No of Shares					
Equity Shares, ₹ 10/- each							
As at March 31, 2023	21,01,11,112	-	-	21,01,11,112			
As at March 31, 2024	21,01,11,112	-	-	21,01,11,112			
		(₹ in Crores)					
Equity Shares, ₹ 10/- each							
As at March 31, 2023	210.11	-	-	210.11			
As at March 31, 2024	210.11	-	-	210.11			

#### c. Details of shareholders holding more than 5% of the shares in the company

Particulars	Axis Bank limited (holding company) and its nominees		Schroder Singapore Holdings Private Limited		Tot	al
	No of Shares	% Held	No of Shares	% Held	No of Shares	% Held
Equity Shares, ₹ 10/- each						
As at March 31, 2023	15,75,83,333	75%	5,25,27,779	25%	21,01,11,112	100%
As at March 31, 2024	15,75,83,333	75%	5,25,27,779	25%	21,01,11,112	100%

#### d. Details of shares held by promoters

Particulars		Bank limited (holding Schroder Singapore Holdings Private Limited Total		0.		al
	No of Shares	% Held	No of Shares	% Held	No of Shares	% Held
Equity Shares, ₹ 10/- each						
As at April 01, 2022	15,75,83,333	75%	5,25,27,779	25%	21,01,11,112	100%
Change during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-
As at March 31, 2023	15,75,83,333	75%	5,25,27,779	25%	21,01,11,112	100%
Change during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-
As at March 31, 2024	15,75,83,333	75%	5,25,27,779	25%	21,01,11,112	100%

#### 16. Other Equity (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Securities premium reserve		
Opening balance	28.89	28.89
Add/(less): Changes during the year	-	-
Fresh Issue of equity shares	-	-
Amount utilised for issue of bonus shares	-	-
Closing balance	28.89	28.89
Surplus/(deficit) in statement of profit & loss		
Opening balance	1,269.92	839.95
Add: Profit for the year	557.88	429.50
Add: Other comprehensive income	(0.83)	0.47
Closing balance	1,826.97	1,269.92
Total	1,855.86	1,298.81

#### Securities premium:

Securities premium reserve is used to record the premium on issue of shares. The reserve can be utilised only for limited purposes such as issuance of bonus shares in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

#### 17. Fees and commission income

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Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	
Investment management fees*	955.73	869.51
Investment advisory fees - offshore	36.20	32.96
Portfolio management fees & AIF fees*	83.74	81.62
Total	1,075.67	984.09

<sup>\*</sup>net of GST

#### 18. Net gain on fair value changes

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Net gain/(loss) on financial instruments at FVTPL		
- On Investment	186.86	36.93
Total	186.86	36.93
Fair value changes		
Realised	14.88	16.36
Unrealised	171.98	20.57
Total	186.86	36.93

19. Other Income

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Income on Investments	11.62	3.22
Interest on rental deposit	0.61	0.26
Interest on Bank Deposit	0.03	-
Profit on sale of fixed assets (net)	(0.06)	0.05
Miscellaneous income	-	0.01
Total	12.22	3.55

#### 20. Finance cost

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	
Interest on lease liability	6.75	1.58
Interest on vehicle loan	0.06	0.07
Total	6.81	1.65

#### 21. Employee benefits expense

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Salaries,wages & allowances	223.12	159.53
Contribution to provident funds & other funds	11.66	7.60
Staff welfare expenses	13.69	10.64
Employee stock option charge (Refer note 28)	28.68	17.12
Total	277.15	194.89

#### 22. Other Expenses

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Commissions & Operational expenses	62.07	61.22
Sales, marketing advertisement and publicity expenses	43.88	38.37
Rent	3.29	0.50
Rates and taxes	0.66	0.24
Premises brokerage	0.08	-
Establishment expenses	9.42	8.21
Communication expenses	10.69	7.01
Outsourced services cost	17.88	14.81
Legal expenses and professional fees	13.61	29.95
Travelling, lodging and conveyance	5.43	3.72

#### 22. Other Expenses (Contd.)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
IT related cost	64.55	53.31
Printing and stationery	0.49	0.41
Membership and subscriptions	1.25	1.31
Entertainment and business promotion	2.35	1.87
Auditors fees and expenses (refer note 30)	0.31	0.29
- Other matters	-	-
Repairs and Maintenance	1.56	1.52
Directors sitting fees	0.78	0.77
Foreign exchange loss (net)	0.38	0.72
GST tax expenses	0.21	0.17
CSR Contribution as per section 135 of Companies Act, 2013 (Refer note 29)	9.10	6.48
Miscellaneous expenses	0.88	0.08
Total	248.88	230.91

### Notes to financials statements for the year ended March 31, 2024

#### 23 Contingent liabilities

Tax related matters ₹ 58.57 crores (Previous year ₹ 6.98 crores as at March 31, 2023) and Other matter ₹ 0.19 crores (Previous year ₹ 0.19 crores as at March 31, 2023). Further, Company has claims not acknowledged as debt in respect of Gurantees to banks and financial institutions of ₹ 0.05 crores (Previous year as at March 31, 2023 ₹ Nil).

The company has carried out assessment of oustanding tax litigations as per the requirements of Ind AS 12 and wherever the impact is considered remote, no provision and disclosure is made.

#### 24 Capital commitments

- Estimated amount of contracts remaining to be executed on capital account (net of capital advances) and not provided is ₹ 6.17 crores as at March 31, 2024 (₹ 1.83 crores as at March 31, 2023)
- Estimated Investment commitments by the company ₹ 125.74 crores (Previous year ₹ 61.86 crores)

#### 25 Trade payable

Sundry creditors do not include any amount payable to Small Scale Industrial Undertakings and Micro and Small Enterprises. Under the Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act 2006 (MSMEDA) which came into force from October 02 2006 certain disclosures are required to be made relating to Micro and Small enterprises. Based on the information and records available with the management the following disclosures are made for the amounts due to the Micro and Small enterprises who have registered with the competent authorities.

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Principal amount remaining unpaid to any supplier as at the year end	Nil	Nil
Interest due thereon	Nil	Nil
Amount of interest paid by the company in terms of section 16 of the MSMEDA along with the amount of the payment made to the supplier beyond the appointed day during the accounting year	Nil	Nil
Amount of interest due and payable for the year of delay in making payment (which have been paid but beyond the appointed day during the year) but without adding the interest specified under the MSMEDA	Nil	Nil
Amount of interest accrued and remaining unpaid at the end of the accounting year	Nil	Nil

#### 26 Employee benefits

#### Defined contribution plan

The Company has recognized the following amounts in statement of Profit and Loss Account which are included under Contributions to Provident & other funds:

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Employer's contribution to provident fund	6.86	5.42

#### Defined benefit plans

The Company has a defined benefit gratuity plan (funded). The companies defined benefit plan is a final salary plan for employees which requires contributions to be made to a separately administered fund. The gratuity plan is governed by the Payment of Gratuity Act 1972("the Act"). Under the Act employee who has completed five years of service is entitled to specific benefit. The level of benefits provided depends on the member's length of service and salary at retirement age.

The following tables summarise the components of net benefit expense recognised in the statement of profit or loss and the funded status and amounts recognised in the balance sheet for the respective plans:

Particulars	As at March 31,2024		
	Present value of obligation	Fair value of Plan Asset	Net Amount (asset)/liability
Opening Balance	8.99	8.73	0.26
Current Service cost	1.67		1.67
Past service cost	2.26		2.26
Interest on defined benefit obligation / Asset	0.61	0.66	(0.05)
(Gain)/Loss from change in Financial assumption	0.08		0.08
(Gain)/Loss from change in experience assumption	1.83		1.83
Difference in actual return on plan assets less interest on plan assets		0.85	(0.85)
Employer contribution		4.84	(4.84)
Benefit payments	(2.13)	(2.13)	-

Asset acquired/(settled)*		(0.02)	0.02
Liabilities assumed/(settled)*	(0.02)		(0.02)
Return on Plan assets			-
Closing balance	13.29	12.94	0.35

<sup>\*</sup> On account of inter group transfer

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31,2023		
	Present value of obligation	Fair value of Plan Asset	Net Amount (asset)/liability
Opening Balance	9.89	9.78	0.10
Current Service cost	1.64	-	1.64
Interest on defined benefit obligation / Asset	0.62	0.68	(0.06)
(Gain)/Loss from change in Financial assumption	(0.34)	-	(0.34)
(Gain)/Loss from change in experience assumption	(0.72)	-	(0.72)
Differnece in actual return on plan assets less interest on plan assets	-	(0.43)	0.43
Employer contribution	-	0.80	(0.80)
Benefit payments	(2.10)	(2.10)	-
Return on Plan assets	-		
Closing balance	8.99	8.73	0.26

#### The net liability disclosed above relates to funded plans are as follows

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Present value of plan liability	13.29	8.99
Fair Value of plan assets	(12.94)	(8.73)
Net	0.35	0.26

#### **Expenses recognised in Profit and Loss**

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Current Service Cost	1.67	1.64
Past Service Cost	2.26	-
Interest Cost on net DBO	(0.05)	(0.06)
Total	3.87	1.58

#### Expenses to recognised in Other comprehensive Income

(₹ in Crores)

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Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Actuarial Loss/(Gain) on DBO	1.91	(1.06)
Actuarial Loss/(Gain)	(0.85)	0.43
Total	1.07	(0.63)

#### Net defined benefit liability (asset) reconciliation

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Net defined benefit liability (asset)	0.26	0.10
Defined benefit cost included in P&L	3.87	1.58
Total re-measurements included in OCI	1.07	(0.63)
Employer contributions	(4.84)	(0.80)
Employer direct benefit payments		
Employer direct settlement payments		
Net transfer		
Net defined benefit liability (asset) as of end of period	0.35	0.26

Actuarial assumptions (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Discount rate Current Year	7.25%	7.35%
Discount rate Previous Year	7.35%	6.70%
Salary increase rate	11.00%	11.00%
Attrition Rate	15% (Manager & above)	15% (Manager & above)
	20% (All Others)	20% (All Others)
Retirement Age	60	60
Pre-retirement mortality	IALM (2012-14)	
Disability	Nil	Nil

Sensitivity of liability (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Change in assumption	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Discount rate	+1%	12.48	8.51
Discount rate	-1%	14.19	9.52
Salary Increase Rate	+1%	14.15	9.37
Salary Increase Rate	-1%	12.50	8.63
Attrition Rate	+1%	13.09	8.94
Attrition Rate	-1%	13.50	9.05

The above sensitivity analyses are based on a change in an assumption while holding all other assumptions constant. In practice this is unlikely to occur and changes in some of the assumptions may be correlated. When calculating the sensitivity of the defined benefit obligation to significant actuarial assumptions the same method (present value of the defined benefit obligation calculated with the projected unit credit method at the end of the reporting period) has been applied as when calculating the defined benefit liability recognised in the balance sheet.

The methods and types of assumptions used in preparing the sensitivity analysis did not change as compared to the prior period.

#### Maturity

#### The defined benefit obligations shall mature after year end as follows:

(₹ in Crores)

Expected cash flows for following year	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Expected employer contributions / Addl. Provision Next Year	2.00	2.00
Expected total benefit payments-		
Year 1	1.89	1.48
Year 2	1.51	1.25
Year 3	1.49	1.16
Year 4	1.62	1.12
Year 5	1.54	1.20
Next 5 years	6.23	4.03

These plans typically expose the company to actuarial risks such as: Interest rate risk, Salary risk, Investment risk, Asset Liability Matching risk, Mortality risk and Concentration risk.

- I) Interest rate risk: A fall in the discount rate which is linked to the G.Sec. Rate will increase the present value of the liability requiring higher provision. A fall in the discount rate generally increases the mark to market value of the assets depending on the duration of asset,
- ii) Salary Risk: The present value of the defined benefit plan liability is calculated by reference to the future salaries of members. As such an increase in the salary of the members more than assumed level will increase the plan's liability,
- iii) Investment Risk: The present value of the defined benefit plan liability is calculated using a discount rate which is determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds. If the return on plan asset is below this rate it will create a plan deficit. Currently for the plan in India it has a relatively balanced mix of investments in government securities and other debt instruments,
- iv) Asset Liability Matching Risk: The plan faces the ALM risk as to the matching cash flow. Since the plan is invested in lines of Rule 101 of Income Tax Rules 1962 this generally reduces ALM risk,
- v) Mortality risk: Since the benefits under the plan is not payable for life time and payable till retirement age only plan does not have any longevity risk,
- vi) Concentration Risk: Plan is having a concentration risk as all the assets are invested with the insurance company and a default will wipe out all the assets. Although probability of this is very less as insurance companies have to follow regulatory guidelines.

#### 27 Social Security

The Code on Social Security 2020 ('Code') relating to employee benefits during employment and post-employment received Presidential assent in September 2020. The Code has been published in the Gazette of India. However, the date on which the Code will come into effect has not been notified and the final rules/interpretation have also not yet been issued. The company has carried out an impact assessment of the gratuity liability based on an actuarial valuation and on prudent basis holds a provision of Rs 5.70 crores as on 31 March, 2024 (Nil as on 31 March, 2023). This is over and above the provisions made in normal course based on extant rules and as reported in the above disclosure.

#### 28 Employee stock option scheme (Equity settled)

During the year the company has granted stock options (ESOS / RSU) of Axis Bank Limited (parent company) to its eligible employees under the employee stock option scheme of Axis Bank Limited. The employees are granted options with an entitlement to one equity share against each option excised. The vesting of options is in a graded manner over 3 years subject to conditions. The options can be exercised within five years from the date of the vesting.

#### **Details of ESOS:**

	RSU	ESOS	ESOS XXXI	ESOS XXV
Date of Grant/intimation to employee	24th March 2023	24th March 2023	25th April 2022	30th April 2021
Price of Underlying Stock on the date of grant Rs	848.8	848.8	725.9	726.25
Exercise / Strike Price Rs	2.0	848.8	725.9	726.25
The fair value of the options granted was estimated on the	date of grant using th	ne Black Scholes Mod	el with the following a	ssumptions:
Risk Free Interest Rate	6.94% to 7.12%	5.46% to 6.21%	5.46% to 6.21%	4.82% to 5.67%
Expected Dividend Yield	0.26%	0.26%	0.43%	0.64%
Expected Life (years)	1.00 to 3.00	2.95 to 4.95	2.95 to 4.95	2.28 to 4.28
Expected Volatility	25.28% to 31.99%	29.90% to 31.99%	30.98% to 33.02%	31.12% to 33.44%
Weighted Average Fair Value Rs	842.45	296.84	240.37	208.99
Expected - Weighted average volatility	25.28% to 31.99%	29.90% to 31.99%	30.98% to 33.02%	31.12% to 33.44%
Weighted average remaining contractual life (no. of years)	-	1.95	1.08	0.39

The weighted average share price for options exercised during the year under various Series'/Grants was ₹ 967.58/-

The information covering stock options granted, exercised, forfeited and outstanding at the year end is as follows:

#### (As certified by the management)

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Particulars	No of Stock options as at March 31,2024	No of Stock options as at March 31,2023
Date of Grant/intimation to employee	30th April 2019/01st September 2020/ 30th April 21/25th April 22/ 24th March 2023	30th April 2019/ 01st September 2020/ 30th April 21/ 25th April 2022
Outstanding at the beginning of the year	26,55,262	23,45,903
Granted / transfer during the year	11,19,130	10,20,125
Exercised during the year	(4,50,342)	(3,50,717)
Forfeited during the year	-	-
Lapsed/expired during the year	(1,92,265)	(3,60,049)
Outstanding at the end of the year	31,31,785	26,55,262

#### Fair value of options granted

The fair value at grant date is determined using the Black Scholes Model which takes into account the exercise price, the term of the option, the share price at grant date and expected price volatility of the underlying share, the expected dividend yield and the risk free interest rate for the term of the option. At the time of granting the option, no consideration has been received and the options will be vested upon the completion of the service over the vesting period. Vested options are exercisable for the period of five years after the vesting.

The expected price volatility is based on the historic volatility (based on the remaining life of the options), adjusted for any expected changes to future volatility due to publicly available information.

Expense arising from employee stock option charge

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Employee stock option scheme (equity settled)	28.68	17.12

#### 29 Corporate Social Responsibility

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Gross amount required to be spent during the year	9.10	6.48
Amount approved by the board to be spent during the year	9.10	6.48
Amount Spent during the year	9.10	6.48
Unspent amount	-	-
Details related to spent/ unspent obligation		
Contribution made to charitable trust	9.10	6.48
Nature of CSR activity	Sustainable Living Program	Sustainable Living Program

#### 30 Breakup of Auditors' remuneration

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Audit fees	0.18	0.17
Limited review	0.11	0.11
Tech fee & out of pocket expenses	0.01	0.01
Total	0.31	0.29

#### 31 Segment information

The Company is in the business of providing asset management services to the schemes of Axis Mutual Fund, portfolio management service to clients, Investment management services to AIF and offshore funds. The primary segment is identified as asset management services as all services are in relation to asset management, there is no seperate segment identified.

#### 32 Earnings Per Share

The numerators and denominators used to calculate basic and diluted earnings per share.

Par	ticulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
(a)	Nominal value of an Equity share (₹ in Crores)	10	10
(b)	Net profit available to Equity shareholders (₹ in Crores)	557.88	429.50
(c)	Weighted average number of shares outstanding	21,01,11,112	21,01,11,112
(d)	Basic and Diluted EPS (₹) = (b)/ (c)	26.55	20.44

#### 33 Income tax expenses

#### The components of income tax expense for the years ended March 31 2024 and March 31 2023 are:

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Income tax expenses		
Current tax on profit for the year	138.50	139.42
Adjustment in respect of current income tax of prior years	1.38	3.07
Total Current tax expenses	139.88	142.49
Deferred tax	15.96	6.47

Reconciliation of tax expense and the accounting profit multiplied by company's tax rate

The tax charge shown in the statement of profit and loss differs from the tax charge that would apply if all profits had been charged at Indian corporate tax rate. A reconciliation between the tax expense and the accounting profit multiplied by Indian corporate tax rate for the years ended March 31, 2024 and March 31, 2023 is as follows:

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Profit before tax	713.96	578.30
Other comprehensive Income	(1.07)	0.63
Tax at corporate tax rate @ 25.168% (Previous year 25.168%)	179.42	145.70
Non -deductible expenses		
Corporate social responsibility expenses	2.29	1.63
Capital gain tax rate difference	(24.08)	1.78
Interest payable under income tax	0.20	-
Income not subject to tax	(1.99)	(0.16)
Total Net Non -deductible expenses	(23.57)	3.25
Income tax expenses at effective rate of 21.83 %(Previous year 25.76%)	155.84	148.96

#### Deferred tax assets/liabilities

The components of Deferred tax asset /liabilities are as under:

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Deferred tax asset:		
Provision for employee benefits	2.94	2.83
ROU asset adjustment	3.58	0.46
Depreciation on fixed assets	2.63	2.27
Other temporary difference	0.03	0.01
Total (a)	9.19	5.57
Deferred tax liability:		
FVTPL on financial instrument	35.50	15.92
Other temporary difference	-	-
Total (b)	35.50	15.92
Net deferred tax asset/(liability) (a -b)	(26.31)	(10.35)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Deferred tax asset:		
Provision for employee benefits	(0.10)	0.13
ROU asset adjustment	(3.13)	0.14
Depreciation on fixed assets	(0.37)	(0.36)
Total (a)	(3.61)	-0.11
Deferred tax liability:		
Prepaid brokerage	-	-
FVTPL on financial instrument	(19.57)	(6.60)
Other temporary difference	-	0.02
Total (b)	(19.57)	(6.58)
Net deferred tax asset/(liability) (a -b)	15.96	6.47

The balance comprises temporary differences attributable to the below items and corresponding movement in deferred tax liabilities / assets:

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2023	Movement to Profit and loss and OCI	As at March 31, 2024
Deferred tax asset:			
Provision for employee benefits	2.83	(0.11)	2.94
ROU asset adjustment	0.46	(3.13)	3.58
Depreciation on fixed assets	2.28	(0.37)	2.67
Total (a)	5.57	(3.61)	9.19
Deferred tax liability:			
Prepaid brokerage	-	-	-
FVTPL on financial instrument	15.92	(19.57)	35.50
Other temporary difference	-	-	-
Total (b)	15.92	(19.57)	35.50
Net deferred tax asset/(liability) (a -b)	(10.35)	15.96	(26.31)

#### 34 Intangible Asset Under development

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	For the year March 31, 2024	For the year March 31, 2023
Project in progress	0.69	2.18
Project temporarily suspended	-	-
Total	0.69	2.18

#### Ageing schedule (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	For the year March 31, 2024	For the year March 31, 2023
• Less than 1 year	0.45	1.98
• 1-2 years	0.24	0.20
• 2-3 years	-	-
More than 3 years	-	-
Total	0.69	2.18

#### 35 Fair Value Measurement

#### Financial Instruments by category

Particulars		As at March 31, 2024		
	Carrying Value	Fair Value		
		Fair Value Through P&L	Fair Value Through OCI	Amortized cost
Financial Assets:				
Cash and Cash equivalent	8.27	-	-	8.27
Receivables	40.11	-	-	40.11
Investments	Investments			
Mutual fund	1,649.83	1,886.44	-	-
Alternate Investment Fund	94.82	109.52	-	-
Equity Instrument	49.88	9.50	-	40.80
Other Financial Assets	7.78	-	-	7.78
Total Financial Assets	1,850.68	2,005.46	-	96.95

Financial Liability:				
Trade and other payable	23.72	-	-	23.72
Long term borrowings	-	-	-	-
Other financial Liabilities	89.68	-	-	89.68
Total Financial Liability	113.40	-	-	113.40

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars		As at March 31, 2023		
	Carrying Value		Fair Value	
		Fair Value Through P&L	Fair Value Through OCI	Amortized cost
Financial Assets:				
Cash and Cash equivalent	2.98	-	-	2.98
Receivables	71.66	-	-	71.66
Investments			,	
Mutual fund	1,240.59	1,311.10	-	-
Alternate Investment Fund	52.47	61.88	-	-
Equity Instrument	9.08	9.26	-	40.80
Other Financial Assets	3.17	-	-	3.17
Total Financial Assets	1,379.95	1,382.24	-	118.61
Financial Liability:		1	,	
Trade and other payable	33.53	-	-	33.53
Long term borrowings	1.02	-	-	1.02
Other financial Liabilities	19.29	-	-	19.29
Total Financial Liability	53.83	-	-	53.83

#### Fair value hierarchy

Fair value measurements are analysed by level in the fair value hierarchy as follows:

 $This section \ explains \ the \ judgements \ and \ estimates \ made \ in \ determining \ the \ fair \ values \ of \ the \ financial \ instruments \ that \ are$ 

- (a) recognised and measured at fair value and
- (b) measured at amortised cost and for which fair values are disclosed in the financial statements. To provide an indication about the reliability of the inputs used in determining fair value the Company has classified its financial instruments into the three levels prescribed under the accounting standard. An explanation of each level follows underneath the table:

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars		As at March 31, 2024			
	Date of valuation	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial Assets:					
Investments at FVTPL					
Mutual fund	March 31 2024	1,886.44	-	-	1,886.44
Alternative Investment Fund	March 31 2024	-	48.87	60.65	109.52
Equity Instrument	March 31 2024	-	-	9.50	9.50
Total Financial Assets		1,886.44	48.87	70.15	2,005.46

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Particulars		A	As at March 31, 2023			
	Date of valuation	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	
Financial Assets:						
Mutual fund	March 31 2023	1,311.10	-	-	1,311.10	
Alternative Investment Fund	March 31 2023	-	38.39	23.49	61.88	
Equity Instrument	March 31 2023	-	-	9.26	9.26	
Total Financial Assets		1,311.10	38.39	32.75	1,382.24	

As per Ind AS 107, 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures', the fair values of the financial assets or financial liabilities are defined as the price that would be received on sale of asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The fair value hierarchy is based on inputs to valuation techniques that are used to measure fair value that are either observable or unobservable. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

#### The hierarchy used is as follows:

Level 1 - Inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - Inputs are other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices)

**Level 3** - Inputs are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs). Fair values are determined in whole or in part using a valuation model based on assumptions that are neither supported by prices from observable current market transactions in the same instrument nor are they based on available market data.

#### Valuation techniques used to determine fair value

Financial Instrument	Valuation technique
Mutual Fund	Net Asset Value (NAV) declared by the mutual fund at which units are issued or redeemed.
Equity Instrument	Equity share of MF Utilities India Private Limites and AMC repo clearing limited is valued at book value of the share based on audited financial as on 31st March 2023.
Alternative Investment Funds	Net Asset Value (NAV) provided by issuer fund which are arrived at based on valuation from independent valuer for unlisted portfolio companies and price of recent investments.

Fair value measurement using significant unobservable inputs (level 3)

The following table presents the changes in level 3 items for the periods ended March 31, 2024 and March 31, 2023.

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Alternative Investment Fund	Equity Instrument
As at April 1, 2022	13.82	9.31
Acquisitions	14.77	-
Disposals	(3.65)	-
Gain/(losses) recognised profit and loss	(1.45)	(0.05)
As at March 31, 2023	23.49	9.26
Acquisitions	40.24	-
Disposals	(3.83)	-
Gain/(losses) recognised profit and loss	0.74	0.25
As at March 31, 2024	60.65	9.50

#### Valution Inputs and relationships to fair value

(₹ in Crores)

	Fair value		
Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023	
Alternative Investment Fund	60.65	23.49	

(₹ in Crores)

	Sensitivity		
Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023	
Alternative Investment Fund			
- NAV - Increased by 5%	3.03	1.17	
- NAV - decreased by 5%	(3.03)	(1.17)	

#### Valuation Process

Valuation of Alternate Investment fund units are done by an independent third party valuation firm during the year.

In order to assess Level 3 valuations as per Company's investment policy, the management reviews the performance of the investee companies (including alternative investment funds) on a regular basis by tracking their latest available financial statements / financial information, valuation report of independent valuers, recent transaction results etc. which are considered in valuation process.

#### 36 Fianancial Risk Management

The Company's financial risk management is an integral part of how to plan and execute its business strategies. The Company's financial risk management policy is set by the Risk management committee.

The Company has exposure to the following risks arising from Financial Instruments:

Risk	Exposure arising from
Credit risk	Cash and cash equivalents, trade & other receivables, financial assets measured at amortised cost
Market Risk-Foreign Exchange	Recognised financial assets not denominated in ₹.
Market Risk- Price	Investments in equity securities, units of mutual funds, debt securities and alternative investment funds
Liquity risk	Financial liabilities

#### Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to perform or pay the amounts due causing financial loss to the company. The company has a prudent and conservative process for managing its credit risk arising in the course of its business activities. The company has well defined investment policy restricting investments in various risk categories such as high/moderate etc.

#### Market Risk-Foreign exchange

The Company has insignificant amount of foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities. Accordingly, there is no significant exposure to currency risk. The carrying amounts of the Company's foreign currency denominated monetary assets and monetary liabilities at the end of the reporting period are as follows.

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
USD Rate - Increased by 5%	(0.32)	(0.35)
USD Rate - decreased by 5%	0.32	0.35
AUD Rate - Increased by 5%	0.03	0.04
AUD Rate - decreased by 5%	(0.03)	(0.04)
GBP Rate - Increased by 5%	0.00	0.00
GBP Rate - Increased by 5%	(0.00)	(0.00)

#### Market Risk-Price

The company's exposure to mutual fund and Alternate investment fund price risk arises from investments held by the company and classified in the balance sheet at fair value through profit or loss Company's investments are units of mutual funds, debt securities and alternative investment funds, consequently, exposes to risk of fluctuation in the market price. Market price of such instrument are closely linked to movement in equity and bond market indices.

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
NAV - Increased by 5%	99.80	68.65
NAV - decreased by 5%	(99.80)	(68.65)

#### Liquidity Risk

 $Liquidity risk \ arises from the \ Company's \ inability \ to meet its \ cash flow \ commitments \ on the \ due \ date. The \ company \ maintains \ sufficient \ bank \ balance \ and \ marketable \ securities \ such \ as \ liquid \ fund.$ 

The Table below shows an analysis of assets and liabilities according to when they are expected to be recovered or settled : (₹ in Crores)

The labe below shows an analysis of assets and nabilities according to when they are expected to section. (Circlotes)							
Particulars	Aso	on 31st March, 2	024	As	As on 31st March, 20		
	Within 12 Months	After 12 Months	Total	Within 12 Months	After 12 Months	Total	
Assets							
Financial Asset							
Cash and cash equivalents	8.27	-	8.27	2.98	-	2.98	
Receivables							
(i) Trade Receivables	40.11	-	40.11	71.66	-	71.66	
(ii) Other Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Investments	324.12	1,722.14	2,046.26	361.07	1,061.97	1,423.04	
Other Financial Asset	0.76	7.02	7.78	0.15	3.01	3.17	
Total Financial Asset	373.25	1,729.16	2,102.41	435.86	1,064.98	1,500.85	
Non Financial Asset							
Current tax Assets (Net)	24.46	-	24.46	20.09	-	20.09	
Deferred tax Assets (Net)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Property, Plant and Equipment	-	96.17	96.17	-	30.41	30.41	
Intangible assets	-	2.98	2.98	-	2.24	2.24	

Intangible assets under development	-	0.69	0.69	-	2.18	2.18
Other non-financial assets	21.21	112.34	133.55	32.38	92.84	125.22
Total Non Financial Asset	45.67	212.19	257.85	52.47	127.68	180.15
Total Assets	418.91	1,941.34	2,360.26	488.33	1,192.66	1,680.99
Liabilities		•				
Trade Payables	23.72	-	23.72	33.53	-	33.53
Long term borrowing	-	-	-	0.61	0.40	1.02
Other financial liabilities	15.06	74.62	89.68	7.19	12.10	19.29
Total Financial Liability	38.78	74.62	113.40	41.33	12.51	53.84
Non Financial Liabilities				•		
Provision	129.51	-	129.51	78.09	-	78.09
Deferred tax liability (Net)	26.31	-	26.31	10.35	-	10.35
Other non-financial liabilities	25.07	-	25.07	29.80	-	29.80
Total Non Financial Liability	180.89	-	180.89	118.24	-	118.24
Total Liabilities	219.67	74.62	294.29	159.57	12.51	172.08

#### 37 Lease

Lease liability (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Amount₹
As at 01 April 2022	14.47
Additions	14.50
Accretion of interest	1.58
Payments	(11.25)
As at 01 April 2023	19.29
Additions	74.98
Accretion of interest	(6.75)
Payments	2.16
As at 31 March 2024	89.68
Current	15.06
Non-current	74.62

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2023
Depreciation expense of right-of-use assets	17.76	9.36
Interest expense on lease liabilities	6.75	1.58
Expense relating to short-term leases (included in other expenses)	-	-
Expense relating to leases of low-value assets (included in other expenses)	-	-
Variable lease payments (included in other expenses)	-	-
Total amount recognised in profit or loss	24.51	10.94

Some of the leases contain extension and termination options. Such options are considered while determining the lease term only if extension or non-termination can be assumed with reasonable certainty. On this basis, there were no such amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities as at 31 March, 2024.

#### 38 Other statutory information

- The company do not have any Benami property, where any proceeding has been initiated or pending against the company for holding any Benami property
- The company do not have any transactions with companies struck off.
- The company do not have any charges or satisfaction which is yet to be registered with ROC beyond the statutory period
- The company have not advanced or loaned or invested funds to any other person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities (Intermediaries) with the understanding that the Intermediary shall:
  - (a) directly or indirectly lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the company (Ultimate Beneficiaries) or
  - $(b) \quad \mathsf{provide} \, \mathsf{any} \, \mathsf{guarantee}, \mathsf{security} \, \mathsf{or} \, \mathsf{the} \, \mathsf{like} \, \mathsf{to} \, \mathsf{or} \, \mathsf{on} \, \mathsf{behalf} \, \mathsf{of} \, \mathsf{the} \, \mathsf{Ultimate} \, \mathsf{Beneficiaries}$
- The company have not traded or invested in Crypto currency or Virtual Currency during the financial year.

# AXIS ASSET MANAGEMENT

- The company have not received any fund from any person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities (Funding Party) with the understanding (whether recorded in writing or otherwise) that the Group shall:
  - (a) directly or indirectly lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the Funding Party (Ultimate Beneficiaries) or
  - (b) provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries,
- The company does not have any such transaction which is not recorded in the books of accounts that has been surrendered or disclosed as income during the year in the tax assessments under the Income Tax Act, 1961 (such as, search or survey or any other relevant provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

#### 39 Related party transactions

The related parties of the Company are as follows:

A)	Holding Company	: Axis Bank Limited			
B)	Subsidiary Company	: Axis Pension Fund Management Limited			
C)	Fellow Subsidiaries	: Axis Securities Limited			
		: Axis Trustee Services Limited			
		: Freecharge Payment Technologies Pvt. Ltd			
D)	Significant Share Holder	: Schroder Singapore Holdings Private Limited (SSHPL) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Limited (SIM:	SL)		
E)	Fellow subsidiaries of significant Share Holder - SIMSL	: Schroders Investment Management Limited			
		: Schroder Investment Management Luxembourg S.A.			
		: Schroder Investment Management Australia Limited			
		: Schroder Unit Trusts Limited			
		: Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd.			
F)	Key Management Personnel	: Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran (MD & CEO) (w.e.f. 01.05.2023)			
		: Mr. Chandresh Kumar Nigam (MD & CEO) (upto 30.04.2023)			
G)	Directors	: Ms. Sonia Singh			
		: Mr. Shailendra Bhandari (upto 24.07.2023)			
		: Mr. V. Anantharaman			
		: Mr. Ravindra B Garikipati			
		: Ms. Priya Subbaraman (w.e.f. 18.10.2023)			

			Transac	ction	Balar	nce
Sr. No.	Name of Related Party	Description of Transactions/ Categories	For the year ended Mar 31, 2024	For the year ended Mar 31, 2023	Outstanding amount carried to Balance Sheet as at 31st March 24	Balance Sheet as
1	Axis Bank Limited	Operation related Expenses\$	19.93	21.13	5.56	5.31
		Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	0.00	-	-
		Rent	4.70	3.67	-	-
		Outsourced Services Cost	0.22	0.36	-	-
		Establishment Expenses	1.89	1.54	-	0.45
		Administrative & Other Expenses	3.63	3.74	0.60	0.17
		Investor Compensation (Receivable)	-0.04	-0.00	-	-0.00
		Car Loan Interest	0.06	0.07	-	-
		Reimbursement of ESOP cost	28.97	17.12	-	0.29
		Reimbursement of TDS on ESOP *	-	-	-	-
		Current account balance as per book (Balance with Axis Bank is ₹7.65 crores (Previous year ₹2.97 crores)).	•	-	7.65	2.97
		Equity Share Capital contribution:	-	-	157.58	157.58
		Contribution to Share Premium a/c	-	-	21.67	21.67
		Fixed Deposit (Receivable)	0.61	-	0.61	-

		Interest on Fixed Deposit (Income)	0.03	-	-	-
		Secured Loan	1.02	0.20	-	1.02
		Bank Guarantee	0.05	-	-	-
2	Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd.	Offshore Advisory fees Income/Receivable	33.86	29.45	3.08	2.44
3	Schroder Investment Management Australia Limited	Offshore Advisory fees Income/Receivable	1.67	2.59	0.78	0.61
4	Schroder Unit Trusts Limited	Offshore Advisory fees Income/Receivable	0.68	0.74	0.03	0.06
5	Schroder Investment Management Ltd	Offshore Advisory fees Expense / Payable	5.81	5.25	5.81	5.25
6	Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd.	Offshore Advisory fees Expense / Payable	3.58	4.09	3.58	4.09
7	Schroder Singapore Holdings Private Ltd.	Equity Share Capital contribution:	-	-	52.53	52.53
		Contribution to Share Premium a/c	-	-	7.22	7.22
8	Axis Securities Ltd.	Commission Expenses\$	0.03	0.02	0.00	-
9	Axis Trustee Services Limited	One time acceptance fees for AIF	-	-	-	-
10	Freecharge Payment Technology Pvt. Ltd.	Deputation Cost	0.52	1.11	-	0.26
11	Axis Pension Fund Management Limited	Reimbursement of the company formation and set up cost	-	1.99	-	-
		Staff Mediclaim cost	0.06	0.14	-	-
		Investment in Share Capital	-	40.80	40.80	-
12	Mrs. Sonia Singh	Sitting Fees	0.14	0.13	-	-
13	Mr. Shailendra Bhandari	Sitting Fees	0.06	0.18	-	0.01
14	Mr. V. Anantharaman	Sitting Fees	0.24	0.23	-	0.01
15	Mr. Ravindra B Garikipati	Sitting Fees	0.25	0.24	-	0.01
16	Priya Subbaraman	Sitting Fees	0.09	-	-	-
17	Mr. Chandresh Kumar Nigam (MD & CEO) till 30.04.2023	Remuneration to Key Managerial Personnel**	8.35	2.78	-	-
18	Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran (MD & CEO) w.e.f 01.05.2023	Remuneration to Key Managerial Personnel**	2.46	-	-	-

 $Note: -Bank \ guarantee \ of \ \ \ \ \ \ O.05 \ crores \ was \ placed \ with \ BMC \ Authority \ to \ carry \ out \ the \ renovation \ work \ at \ One \ Lodha \ place \ new \ HO \ of fice.$ 

Note:-Total Brokerage Paid/Payable during the year Apr'23 to Mar'24 for Axis Bank Limited is ₹21.43 crores (Previous year -₹25.58 crores) and for Axis Securities Limited is ₹0.00307 crores (Previous year is NIL)

#Note:- Administrative & Other Expenses includes 0.30 crores (Previous year ₹ 0.51 crores) recovered from Employees during the year Apr'22 to Mar'23 towards Term Life Insurance Premium.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Includes Basic, HRA, Performance bonus & other allowances & excluding provision for gratuity, Provident fund and compensated absences. Performance bonus and Long term incentive plan are included on payment basis.

<sup>\*</sup> Note:- Axis Bank Ltd had granted ESOPs to certain employees of company. TDS on ESOPs perquisites of ₹ 5.56 crores (Previous year ₹ 3.03 crores) is routed through the company for payment into government treasury.

#### 40 Disclosure of ratios

Sr. No.	Ratio	Numerator	Denominator	As on 31st March 2024	As on 31st March 2023	% change	Reason for variance
1	Current ratio	Current Assets	Current Liabilities	1.91	3.06	(37.69)	Ratio has decreased due to reduction in current investments & trade receivables and increase in current liabilities vis-à-vis previous year.
2	Return on Equity ratio	Net Profits after taxes – Preference Dividend	Average Shareholder's Equity	31.21%	33.19%	(5.97)	Decrease is due to higher base despite increase in profit as compared to previous year
3	Net Profit ratio	Net Profits after taxes	Total Income	43.76	41.92	4.39	Increase is due to nominal increase in profits as compared to previous year

41 The management of Axis Asset Management Company Limited ('the Company") had completed the suo moto internal investigation during the financial year ended 31st March 2023 through independent external advisors with respect to certain allegations of potential irregularities relating to the conduct of certain personnel of the Company. The findings of the investigation involved inter alia potential securities law violations by two (former) employees of the Company during the course of their employment.

Basis the outcome of the investigation, the Company has taken appropriate action against concerned employees including the above mentioned two employees whose services have been terminated. The management of the Company has also submitted details of its findings and disciplinary action taken, to regulatory authorities and is cooperating with them as required from time to time. Further, pursuant to its independent investigation, SEBI has on February 28, 2023 passed an ad interim ex parte order-cum-show-cause notice ("Interim Order") against inter alia one of these former employees. Neither the Company nor any of its existing officers/ employees have been named as noticees in the Interim Order, nor any directions have been passed against them in the Interim Order. SEBI has not issued final order in respect of this matter.

Further, one of the employees of the Company, whose employment was terminated, has challenged his termination, and filed financial claims against the Company in the Bombay High Court and the matters are yet to be heard.

Based on information available as on the date, pursuant to the investigation conducted by the Company, the management and the Board of the Company have assessed that there is no impact on the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2024 or earlier periods.

- 42 The Company has received show cause notice from SEBI in March 2024 for alleged violations of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 in the matter of charging certain expenses in respect of some ETF schemes in the books of asset management company. The Company is in process of making submissions to SEBI and initiating submission of application to SEBI under SEBI (Settlement Proceedings) Regulations, 2018. Pursuant to this matter, the Company has provided on best estimate basis, an amount in the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2024
- 43 The Company has used accounting software for maintaining its books of account which has a feature of recording audit trail (edit log) and the same was operated throughout the year for all relevant transactions recorded in the software. The Company did not use database feature to enable audit trail due to security and performance consideration. However, the Company has effective control mechanism with respect to database management which creates logs and monitors any change to database, including direct data change and object level changes to database in database access monitoring system (DAM). Also, User Interface (UI) based access and activities on the server, including database are being monitored and sessions are recorded through PAM system (Privilege Access Management). Access to DB and Server are only allowed through PAM and restricted to Sun system administrator through strict access controls and monitoring process.

#### 44 Capital Management

Equity share capital and other equity are considered for the purpose of Company's capital management. The Company manages its capital in a manner which enables it to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern and to optimise returns to the Shareholders. The capital structure of the Company is based on management's judgement of its strategic and day-to day needs with a focus on total equity so as to maintain investor, creditors and market confidence. The funding requirements are met through operating cash flows and other equity. The management monitors the return on capital and the board of directors monitors the level of dividends to be paid to the shareholders of the Company. The Company may take appropriate steps in order to maintain, or if necessary adjust, its capital structure.

#### 45 Earning and Expenditure in foreign currency

 $Additional\ information\ pursuant\ to\ the\ provisions\ of\ Schedule\ III\ to\ the\ Companies\ Act,\ 2013\ is\ given\ below:$ 

Earning in foreign currency (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	For the year March 31, 2024	For the year March 31, 2023
Advisory Fees	36.20	32.96
Total	36.20	32.96

#### Expenditure in foreign currency (on accrual basis)

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	For the year March 31,2024	For the year March 31,2023
Operational expenses	9.52	9.47
Employee Benefit expenses	0.38	0.35
Computer & Software related cost	-	0.44
IT-Related Cost	1.95	0.35
Legal & Professional expenses	0.01	0.19
Total	11.86	10.81

#### Unhedged foreign currency exposure:

	As at March 31,2024		As at March 31,2023				
	Foreign Currency	₹ in Crores	Foreign currency	₹ in Crores			
Advisory fees receivables	Advisory fees receivables						
USD	3,68,775	3.08	2,96,688	2.44			
AUD	1,42,384	0.78	1,10,766	0.61			
GBP	2,684	0.03	5,797	0.06			
Advisory fees Payable							
USD	11,23,386	9.39	11,36,177	9.34			

<sup>46.</sup> The previous period/year figures have been regrouped/reclassified wherever necessary to conform to current period's/year presentation.

For S.R. Batliboi & Co. LLP

**Chartered Accountants** 

ICAI Firm Registration No.: 301003E/E300005

For Axis Asset Management Company Limited

CIN: U65991MH2009PLC189558

Sd/-Jayesh Gandhi

Partner

Membership No.037924

Mumbai.

April 15, 2024

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V. Anantharaman Gop Kumar Bhaskaran Director MD & CEO

DIN: 01223191 DIN: 07223999

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Fagun Pancholi Lalit Taparia
CFO Company Secretary

Mumbai. April 15, 2024

# CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2023-2024

## S. R. Batliboi & Co. LLP

**Chartered Accountants** 

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Axis Asset Management Company Limited

Report on the Audit of the Consolidated Ind AS Financial Statements

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying consolidated Ind AS financial statements of Axis Asset Management Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as "the Holding Company"), its subsidiary (the Holding Company and its subsidiary together referred to as "the Group"), which comprise the consolidated Balance sheet as at March 31, 2024, the consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss, including the consolidated statement of Other Comprehensive Income, the consolidated Cash Flow Statement and the consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated Ind AS financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us and based on the consideration of reports of other auditors on separate financial statements and on the other financial information of the subsidiary, the aforesaid consolidated Ind AS financial statements give the information required by the Companies Act, 2013, as amended ("the Act") in the manner so required and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, of the state of affairs of the Group as at March 31, 2024, its consolidated profit including consolidated other comprehensive income, its consolidated cash flows and the changes in consolidated equity for the year ended on that date.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit of the consolidated Ind AS financial statements in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (Sas), as specified under section 143(10) of the Act. Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the 'Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the consolidated Ind AS Financial Statements' section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the 'Code of Ethics' issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated Ind AS financial statements under the provisions of the Act and the Rules thereunder, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the consolidated Ind AS financial statements.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

We draw attention to 43 of the Consolidated Ind AS financial statements which describes investigation by the Holding Company on matters pertaining to the Schemes of Mutual Fund managed by the Holding Company. Based on the investigation completed, management has identified certain non-compliances with policies of the Holding Company and potential securities law violation by two former employees during the course of their employment. The Holding Company has terminated their employment in the previous financial year, pending final outcome of the regulatory investigation by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (the SEBI), the amounts are not ascertainable, accordingly, no adjustments are considered in the Consolidated Ind AS financial statements by the management.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Information Other than the consolidated Ind ASF in ancial Statements and Auditor's Report Thereon Audi

The Holding Company's Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Director report, but does not include the consolidated Ind AS financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated Ind AS financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon

In connection with our audit of the consolidated Ind AS financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether such other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated Ind AS financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Responsibility of Management for the consolidated Ind AS Financial Statements

The Holding Company's Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of these consolidated Ind AS financial statements in terms of the requirement of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") that give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position, consolidated financial performance including other comprehensive income, consolidated cash flows and consolidated statement of changes in equity of the Group in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) specified under section 133 of the Act read with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015, as amended. The respective Board of Directors of the companies included in the Group are responsible for maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding of the assets of the Group and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the consolidated Ind AS financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, which have been used for the purpose of preparation of the consolidated Ind AS financial statements by the Directors of the Holding Company, as aforesaid.

In preparing the consolidated Ind AS financial statements, the respective Board of Directors of the companies included in the Group are responsible for assessing the ability of the Group to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those respective Board of Directors of the companies included in the Group are also responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process of the Group.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the consolidated Ind AS Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated Ind AS financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated Ind AS financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated Ind AS financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. Under section 143(3)(I) of the Act, we are also responsible for expressing our opinion on whether the Holding Company has adequate internal financial controls with reference to consolidated Ind AS financial statements in place and the operating effectiveness of such controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated Ind AS financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated Ind AS financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated Ind AS financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group of which we are the independent auditors, to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit of the financial statements of such entities included in the consolidated financial statements of which we are the independent auditors. For the other entities included in the consolidated financial statements, which have been audited by other auditors, such other auditors remain responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audits carried out by them. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance of the Holding Company and such other entities included in the consolidated financial statements of which we are the independent auditors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

#### Other Matter

We did not audit the financial statements and other financial information, in respect of one subsidiary, whose financial statements include total assets of Rs 65.49 crore as at March 31, 2024, and total revenues of Rs 5.48 crore and net cash outflows of Rs 13.11 crore for the year ended on that date. These financial statement and other financial information have been audited by other auditors, which financial statements, other financial information and auditor's reports have been furnished to us by the management. Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, in so far as it relates to the amounts and disclosures included in respect of this subsidiary and our report in terms of sub-sections (3) of Section 143 of the Act, in so far as it relates to the aforesaid subsidiary, is based solely on the report of such other auditors.

Our opinion above on the consolidated financial statements, and our report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements below, is not modified in respect of the above matters with respect to our reliance on the work done and the reports of the other auditors and the financial statements and other financial information certified by the Management.

#### Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

- 1. As required by the Companies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2020 ("the Order"), issued by the Central Government of India in terms of sub-section (11) of section 143 of the Act, based on our audit and on the consideration of report of the other auditors on separate financial statements and the other financial information of the subsidiary company, incorporated in India, as noted in the 'Other Matter' paragraph we give in the "Annexure 1" a statement on the matters specified in paragraph 3(xxi) of the Order.
- 2. As required by Section 143(3) of the Act, based on our audit and on the consideration of report of the other auditors on separate financial statements and the other financial information of subsidiary, as noted in the 'other matter' paragraph we report, to the extent applicable, that:
  - (a) We/the other auditor have sought and obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit of the aforesaid consolidated Ind AS financial statements;
  - (b) In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law relating to preparation of the aforesaid consolidation of the financial statements have been kept so far as it appears from our examination of those books and reports of the other auditors, except for the matters stated in the paragraph 2(I) (vi) below on reporting under Rule 11(g);
  - (c) The consolidated Balance Sheet, the consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss including the Statement of Other Comprehensive Income, the consolidated Cash Flow Statement and consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the books of account;
  - (d) In our opinion, the aforesaid consolidated Ind AS financial statements comply with the Accounting Standards specified under Section 133 of the Act, read with Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015, as amended;
  - (e) On the basis of the written representations received from the directors of the Holding Company as on March 31, 2024 taken on record by the

# AXIS ASSET MANAGEMENT

Board of Directors of the Holding Company and the reports of the statutory auditors who are appointed under Section 139 of the Act, of its subsidiary company, none of the directors of the Group's companies, incorporated in India, is disqualified as on March 31, 2024 from being appointed as a director in terms of Section 164 (2) of the Act;

- (f) With respect to the adequacy of the internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements of the Holding Company and its subsidiary company, incorporated in India, and the operating effectiveness of such controls, refer to our separate Report in "Annexure 2" to this report;
- (g) The observation relating to the maintenance of accounts and other matters connected therewith are as stated in the paragraph 2 (b) above on reporting under Section 143(3)(b) and paragraph 2(i)(vi) below on reporting under Rule 11(g);
- (h) In our opinion and based on the consideration of reports of other statutory auditor of the subsidiary, the managerial remuneration for the year ended March 31, 2024 has been paid / provided by the Holding Company, its subsidiary incorporated in India to their directors in accordance with the provisions of section 197 read with Schedule V to the Act;
- (i) With respect to the other matters to be included in the Auditor's Report in accordance with Rule 11 of the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014, as amended, in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us and based on the consideration of the report of the other auditors on separate financial statements as also the other financial information of the subsidiary, as noted in the 'Other matter' paragraph:
  - i. The consolidated financial statements disclose the impact of pending litigations on its consolidated financial position of the Group in its consolidated financial statements Refer Note 23 to the consolidated financial statements;
  - ii. The Group did not have any material foreseeable losses in long-term contracts including derivative contracts during the year ended March 31.2024:
  - iii. There were no amounts which were required to be transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund by the Holding Company, its subsidiary, incorporated in India during the year ended March 31, 2024.
  - iv. a) The respective managements of the Holding Company and its subsidiary which are companies incorporated in India whose financial statements have been audited under the Act have represented to us and the other auditors of such subsidiary respectively that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, no funds have been advanced or loaned or invested (either from borrowed funds or share premium or any other sources or kind of funds) by the Holding Company or by the subsidiary or in any other person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities ("Intermediaries"), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the Intermediary shall, whether, directly or indirectly lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the respective Holding Company or any of such subsidiary ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries;
    - b) The respective managements of the Holding Company and its subsidiary which are companies incorporated in India whose financial statements have been audited under the Act have represented to us and the other auditors of such subsidiary respectively that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, no funds have been received by the respective Holding Company or any of such subsidiary from any person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities ("Funding Parties"), with the understanding, whether recorded in writing or otherwise, that the Holding Company or any of such subsidiary shall, whether, directly or indirectly, lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the Funding Party ("Ultimate Beneficiaries") or provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries; and
    - c) Based on the audit procedures that have been considered reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances performed by us and that performed by the auditors of the subsidiaries and joint ventures which are companies incorporated in India whose financial statements have been audited under the Act, nothing has come to our or other auditor's notice that has caused us or the other auditors to believe that the representations under sub-clause (a) and (b) contain any material mis-statement.
  - v. No dividend has been declared or paid during the year by the Company and hence no reporting is required on compliance of section 123 of the Act.
  - vi. Based on our examination which included test checks, the Holding Company has used accounting software for maintaining its books of account which has a feature of recording audit trail (edit log) facility and the same has operated throughout the year for all relevant transactions recorded in the software, except that audit trail feature is not enabled for direct changes to data when using certain access rights, as described in note 43 to the Consolidated financial statements. Further, during the course of our audit we did not come across any instance of audit trail feature being tampered with in respect of the accounting software.

For S.R. Batliboi & Co. LLP

Chartered Accountants

ICAI Firm Registration Number: 301003E/E300005

Sd/-

per Jayesh Gandhi

Partner
Membership Nu

Membership Number: 037924 UDIN: 24037924BKELV17189

Place of Signature: Mumbai Date: April 15, 2024 ANNEXURE - 1 referred to in paragraph under the heading "Report on other legal and regulatory requirements" of our report of even date Re: Axis Asset Management Company Limited ("the company")

(xxi) There are no qualifications or adverse remarks by the respective auditor in the Companies (Auditors Report) Order (CARO) reports of the companies included in the consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, the requirement to report on clause 3(xxi) of the Order is not applicable to the Holding Company.

For S.R. Batliboi & Co. LLP Chartered Accountants

ICAI Firm Registration Number: 301003E/E300005

Sd/-

**per Jayesh Gandhi** Partner

Membership Number: 037924 UDIN: 24037924BKELV17189 Place of Signature: Mumbai Date: April 15, 2024

# ANNEXURE - 2 TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT OF EVEN DATE ON THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF AXIS ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED

#### Report on the Internal Financial Controls under Clause (i) of Sub-section 3 of Section 143 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act")

In conjunction with our audit of the consolidated financial statements of Axis Asset Management Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as the "Holding Company") as of and for the year ended March 31,2024, we have audited the internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements of the Holding Company and its subsidiary (the Holding Company and its subsidiary together referred to as "the Group") which are companies incorporated in India, as of that date.

#### Management's Responsibility for Internal Financial Controls

The respective Board of Directors of the companies included in the Group, which are companies incorporated in India, are responsible for establishing and maintaining internal financial controls based on the internal control over financial reporting criteria established by the Holding Company considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). These responsibilities include the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls that were operating effectively for ensuring the orderly and efficient conduct of its business, including adherence to the respective company's policies, the safeguarding of its assets, the prevention and detection of frauds and errors, the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, and the timely preparation of reliable financial information, as required under the Companies Act, 2013.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Holding Company's internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting (the "Guidance Note") and the Standards on Auditing, specified under section 143(10) of the Act, to the extent applicable to an audit of internal financial controls, both, issued by ICAI. Those Standards and the Guidance Note require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether adequate internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements was established and maintained and if such controls operated effectively in all material respects.

Our audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the adequacy of the internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements and their operating effectiveness. Our audit of internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements included obtaining an understanding of internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained, and the audit evidence obtained by the other auditors in terms of their reports referred to in the Other Matters paragraph below, is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements.

#### Meaning of Internal Financial Controls With Reference to Consolidated Financial Statements

A company's internal financial control with reference to consolidated financial statements is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal financial control with reference to consolidated financial statements includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorisations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorised acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

#### Inherent Limitations of Internal Financial Controls With Reference to Consolidated Financial Statements

Because of the inherent limitations of internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projections of any evaluation of the internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements to future periods are subject to the risk that the internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the Group, which are companies incorporated in India, have, maintained in all material respects, adequate internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements and such internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements were operating effectively as at March 31, 2024, based on the internal control over financial reporting criteria established by the Holding Company considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note issued by the ICAI.

#### Other Matters

Our report under Section 143(3)(I) of the Act on the adequacy and operating effectiveness of the internal financial controls with reference to consolidated financial statements of the Holding Company, in so far as it relates to one subsidiary, which are companies incorporated in India, is based on the corresponding reports of the auditors of such subsidiary incorporated in India.

For S.R. Batliboi & Co. LLP

Chartered Accountants

ICAI Firm Registration Number: 301003E/E300005

Sd/-

per Jayesh Gandhi

Partner

Membership Number: 037924

UDIN:

Place of Signature: Mumbai Date: April 15, 2024

# Consolidated Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2024

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Note No	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Assets			
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	8.34	3.18
Receivables			
(i) Trade receivables	5	40.27	71.68
(ii) Other receivables		-	-
Investments	6	2,065.85	1,441.06
Other financial assets	7	9.53	13.95
Total financial assets		2,123.99	1,529.87
Non financial assets			
Current tax assets (Net)	8	24.58	20.15
Property, plant and equipment	9	18.30	14.74
Right of use asset	9	79.76	19.20
Intangible assets	9	3.44	2.88
Intangible assets under development	35	0.69	2.18
Other non-financial assets	10	134.20	126.19
Total non financial assets		260.97	185.34
Total assets		2,384.96	1,715.20
Liabilities and equity			
Liabilities			
Financial liabilities			
Trade payables			
(i) Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	11	-	0.04
(ii) Total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	11	23.87	33.65
Long term borrowing	12	-	1.02
Lease liabilities	13	90.15	20.66
Total financial liability		114.02	55.37
Non financial liabilities			
Provisions	14	131.71	80.86
Deferred tax liability (Net)	34	26.31	10.35
Other non-financial liabilities	15	25.29	30.19
Total non financial liabilities		183.31	121.40
Equity			
Equity share capital	16	210.11	210.11
Other equity	17		
- Security premium		28.89	28.89
- Share option outstanding		_	-
- Retained Earning		1,818.02	1,264.98
Equity Attributable to Owners of the Parent		2,057.02	1,503.98
Non Controlling Interests		30.60	34.45
Total Equity		2,087.63	1,538.43
Total liabilities and equity		2,384.96	1,715.20

The accompanying notes are integral part of these financial statements.

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April 15, 2024

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Company Secretary

Mumbai. April 15, 2024

## Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss for the year ended March 31, 2024

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Note No	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Income			
Asset management services	18	1,076.40	984.13
Net gain on fair value changes	19	188.56	39.87
Revenue from operations		1,264.96	1,024.00
Other income	20	15.27	4.08
Total Income		1,280.23	1,028.08
Expenses			
Finance cost	21	6.89	1.77
Employee benefits expenses	22	285.97	202.35
Depreciation and amortization expense	9	29.57	19.72
Other expenses	23	251.81	235.62
Total expenses		574.23	459.46
Profit before tax		706.00	568.62
Tax expense			
Current tax	34	139.88	142.49
Deferred tax	34	16.21	6.31
Total tax expense		156.09	148.80
Profit after tax		549.91	419.82
Other comprehensive Income			
Items that will not be reclassified to profit and loss			
- Remeasurement gains/ (losses) of the defined benefit plans		(0.96)	0.63
- Income tax relating effect		0.24	(0.16)
Total other comprehensive Income		(0.72)	0.47
Total comprehensive income		549.19	420.29
Profit for the Year Attributable to			
- Owners of the Company		553.82	424.56
- Non-Controlling Interests		(3.89)	(4.74)
Other Comprehensive Income for the year Attributable to			
- Owners of the Company		(0.78)	0.47
- Non-Controlling Interests		0.05	-
Total Comprehensive Income			
- Owners of the Company		553.04	425.03
- Non-Controlling Interests		(3.85)	(4.74)
Earnings per equity share ( Face value Rs 10/-)	33		
- Basic		26.36	20.21
- Diluted		26.36	20.21

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# Consolidated Cash flow statement for the year ended March 31, 2024

(₹ in Crores)

Par	ticulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023	
A.	Cash flow from operating activities			
	Profit Before Tax	706.00	568.61	
	Add / (Less) : Adjustments for			
	Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	29.57	19.72	
	(Profit) / Loss on sale of investments (net)	(18.08)	(17.45)	
	Fair value (Gain) / Loss on investments	(170.47)	(22.41)	
	(Profit)/loss on sale of property plant and equipment (net)	0.06	(0.05)	
	Operating profit before working capital changes	547.07	548.42	
	Adjustments for:			
	(Increase) / Decrease in trade receivables	31.41	21.75	
	(Increase) / Decrease in other financial assets	4.42	(10.98)	
	(Increase) / Decrease in other non-financial assets	(8.01)	(41.42)	
	Increase / (Decrease) in trade payable	(9.79)	11.67	
	Increase / (Decrease) in other financial liabilities	56.61	(10.37)	
	Increase / (Decrease) in provisions	49.89	(4.38)	
	Increase / (Decrease) in other non-financial liabilities	(4.90)	1.61	
	Cash generated from operations	666.69	516.30	
	Income tax paid	(144.31)	(139.16)	
A.	Net cash from operating activities	522.38	377.14	
B.	Cash flow from Investing activities			
	Purchase of property, plant and equipment and other intangible assets	(14.66)	(13.88)	
	Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment and other intangible assets	0.64	0.18	
	Purchase of investments	(934.03)	(1,032.12)	
	Proceeds from sale of investments	392.65	631.64	
B.	Net cash from investing activities	(555.40)	(414.18)	
C.	Cash flow from financing activities			
	Increase / (Decrease) in long term borrowing	(1.02)	0.20	
	Investment by Non-Controlling investor in subsidiary	39.20	39.20	
C.	Net cash from financing activities	38.19	39.40	
	Net increase / (Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents (A + B + C)	5.16	2.37	
	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	3.18	0.81	
	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	8.34	3.18	

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# Consolidated Statement of changes in equity the year ended March 31, 2024

Equity share capital (₹ in Crores

Particulars	Balance at the beginning of the year	. ,	Balance at the end of the year
Equity shares of ₹ 10 each (March 31,2023 ₹ 10 each), fully paid up			
As at 31st March 2023	210.11	-	210.11
As at 31st March 2024	210.11	-	210.11

Other Equity (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Security Premium	Share option Outstanding account	Retain Earning	Total
Balance as at 1st April 2022	28.89	-	839.95	868.84
Profit for the year	-	-	424.56	424.56
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	0.47	0.47
Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	425.03	425.03
Balance as at 31st March 2023	28.89	-	1,264.98	1,293.87
Balance as at 1st April 2023	28.89	-	1,264.98	1,293.87
Profit for the year	-	-	553.82	553.82
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	(0.78)	(0.78)
Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	553.04	553.04
Balance as at 31st March 2024	28.89	-	1,818.02	1,846.91

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Mumbai. April 15, 2024 Summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory information (Notes) forming part of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended March 31,2024

#### Group overview

The consolidated financial statements comprise financial statements of Axis Asset Management Company Limited ('the Company') and its subsidiary Axis Pension Fund Management Limited (collectively, the Group) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The Company was incorporated on January 13, 2009 under the Companies Act, 1956. Axis Bank Limited holds 75% of the total issued and paid up equity share capital, the balance 25% plus one equity share is held by Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Limited (SIMSL) through its wholly owned subsidiary, Schroder Singapore Holdings Private Limited (SSHPL), both subsidiaries of Schroders plc. The registered office of the company is located at One Lodha Place, 22nd & 23rd Floor, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai, Maharashtra, Pin Code – 400013.

The Company has been approved by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) under SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 to act as an Investment Manager. The Company's principal activity is to act as investment manager to Axis Mutual Fund ('the Fund'). The Company manages Investment Portfolios of the scheme(s) launched by the Fund and provides various administrative services to the Fund as laid down in the Investment Management Agreement dated June 27, 2009.

The Company is also registered under the SEBI (Portfolio Managers) Regulations, 1993 and provides Portfolio Management Services (PMS). The Company is also registered under SEBI (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2012 and is providing an investment management service to scheme's launched under Alternative Investment Funds (AIF).

Axis Pension Fund Management Limited is engaged in activity to act as an a pension fund manager to National Pension System as informed by government of India through Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA).

The financial statements were approved for issue in accordance with a resolution of the directors on 15th April 2024.

#### 1. Basis of preparation

#### a) Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared and presented on going concern basis and in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as per the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 notified under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013, (the 'Act') and other relevant provisions of the Act, as amended from time to time. The Company's financial statements up to and for the year ended March 31, 2019 were prepared in accordance with Rule 7 of the Companies (Accounts) Rules, 2014, notified under Section 133 of the Act, other relevant provisions of the Act and other accounting principles generally accepted in India, to the extent applicable (Previous GAAP).

Details of the Company's accounting policies are included in Note 3.

#### b) Presentation of financial statements

The Group presents its balance sheet in order of liquidity. An analysis regarding recovery or settlement within 12 months after the reporting date and more than 12 months after the reporting date is presented in Note 37.

#### c) Functional and presentation currency

Indian Rupee (₹) is the Group's functional currency and the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates. Accordingly, the management has determined that financial statements are presented in Indian Rupee (₹) and all values are shown in crores, except when otherwise indicated.

### d) Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the following items

Items	Measurement basis
Certain financial instruments (as explained in the accounting policies below)	Fair Value
Net defined benefit (asset)/ liability	Fair value of plan assets less present value of defined benefit obligations

#### 2. Basis of consolidation

The Company consolidates entities which it owns or controls. The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Company, its subsidiary. Control exists when the parent has power over the entity, is exposed or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns by using its power over the entity. Power is demonstrated through existing rights that give the ability to direct relevant activities, those which significantly affect the entity's returns. Subsidiary is consolidated from the date control commences until the date control ceases. The financial statements of the group companies are consolidated on line-by-line basis and intra-group balances and transactions including unrealized gain / loss from such transactions are eliminated upon consolidation. These financial statements are prepared by applying uniform accounting policies in use at the Group. Non-controlling interests, which represent part of the net profit or loss and net assets of subsidiary that are not, directly or indirectly, owned or controlled by the Company, are excluded.

#### 3. Significant accounting policy

#### 3.1. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, call deposits and other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

## 3.2. Financial instruments

## Recognition and initial measurement

All financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. All financial assets are recognized initially at fair value, plus in the case of financial assets not recorded at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), transaction costs that are attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset.

<u>Classification and subsequent measurement</u>

#### Financial assets

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified and measured at

- Amortised Cost:
- Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI); or
- Fair Value Through Profit and Loss (FVTPL)

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition, except if and in the period the Company changes its business model for managing financial assets.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not recognised as at FVTPL:

- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Company may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in the investment's fair value in Other Comprehensive Income (OCI) (designated as FVOCI – equity investment). This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis. All financial assets not classified and measured at amortised cost or FVOCI as described above are measured at FVTPL. On initial recognition, the Company may irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortised cost or at FVOCI or at FVTPL, if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

#### Financial assets: Subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial assets at FVTPL	These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Net gains and losses, including any interest or dividend income, are recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss.
Financial assets at amortised cost	These assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The amortised cost is reduced by impairment losses. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss. Any gain or loss on de-recognition is recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss.
Equity investments at FVOCI	These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Dividends are recognised as income in the Statement of Profit and Loss unless the dividend clearly represents a recovery of part of the cost of the investment. Other net gains and losses are recognised in OCI and are not reclassified to profit or loss.

## **Impairment of Financial Asset**

The Group assesses on a forward looking basis the expected credit losses (ECL) associated with its debt instruments carried at amortized cost and with the exposure arising from loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts. The Company recognizes a loss allowance for such losses at each reporting date. The measurement of ECL reflects:

- An unbiased and probability-weighted amount that is determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes;
- The time value of money; and
- Reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

The Group recognizes loss allowance using the expected credit loss (ECL) model for the financial assets which are not fair valued through profit or loss. ECL is measured at an amount equal to the 12 months ECL, unless there has been a significant increase in credit risk from initial recognition in which case those are measured at lifetime ECL. The amount of expected credit losses (or reversal) that is required to adjust the loss allowance at the reporting date to the amount that is required to be recognised, is recognised as an expense in the statement of profit or loss.

For trade receivables, the company applies a simplified approach in calculating ECLs. Therefore, the company does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. The company has established a provision matrix that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

## $\underline{Financial \, liabilities: Classification, subsequent\, measurement\, and\, gains\, and\, losses}$

Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss. Any gain or loss on de-recognition is also recognised as profit or loss respectively.

De-recognition

#### Financial assets

The Group derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Company neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and does not retain control of the financial asset. If the Company enters into transactions whereby it transfers assets recognised on its balance sheet, but retains either all or substantially all of the risks and rewards of the transferred assets, the transferred assets are not derecognised.

#### Financial liabilities

The Group derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled, or expire.

#### 3.3. Property, plant and equipment

#### Recognition and measurement

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost, less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any. Cost of an item of property, plant and equipment comprises its purchase price (after deducting trade discounts and rebates) including import duties and non-refundable taxes, any directly attributable cost of bringing the item to its working condition for its intended use and estimated costs of dismantling and removing the item and restoring the site on which it is located. Any gain or loss arising from disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised as profit or loss respectively.

#### Subsequent expenditure

Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only if it is probable that the future economic benefits associated with the expenditure will flow to the Group.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation on property, plant and equipment is provided on straight-line basis as per the estimated useful life and in the manner prescribed in Schedule II of the Companies Act, 2013 except for certain assets. Following is the summary of useful lives of the assets as per management's estimate and as required by the Companies Act, 2013.

Class of assets	Estimated Useful life	Useful life as per the limits prescribed in Schedule II of the Companies Act, 2013
Tangible PPE		
Computers and peripherals	3 years*	3 or 6 years
Mobile phones	2 years*	5 years
Office equipment's	5 years	5 years
Furniture and fixtures	10 years	10 years
Vehicle	4 years*	8 years

<sup>\*</sup>Justification for considering useful life different from part C of schedule II to the Companies Act, 2013:

Management has determined estimated useful life of assets for computers and peripherals, mobile phones and vehicles after taking into consideration rapid evolution of technology and tendency of the users to opt for advanced features.

Leasehold Improvements are amortized over the primary period of the lease from the date of capitalization as per the Group's policy. The primary period of lease is defined as the term of lease or 3 years whichever is earlier.

Depreciation on assets sold during the year is recognized on a pro-rata basis to the statement of Profit and Loss till the date of sale.

## 3.4. Other intangible assets

Other intangible assets including computer software are measured at cost. Such other intangible assets are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

#### <u>Subsequent expenditure</u>

Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates. All other expenditure is recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss as incurred.

#### **Amortisation**

Amortisation is calculated to write off the cost of intangible assets less their estimated residual values over their estimated useful lives using the straight-line method, and is included in depreciation and amortization in the Statement of Profit and Loss. Computer Software is being amortised over a period of 3 years. Amortisation method, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at the end of each financial year and adjusted, if required.

#### 3.5. Impairment of non-financial assets

The Group's non-financial assets, other than deferred tax assets, are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

The recoverable amount of goodwill is the higher of its value in use and its fair value. Value in use is based on the estimated future cash flows, discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to it.

Impairment loss has been recognised in prior periods, the Company reviews at each reporting date whether there is any indication that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. Such a reversal is made only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

## 3.6. Revenue recognition

The Company principally generates revenue by providing asset management services to Axis Mutual fund and other clients.

Management fees are recognized on accrual basis. The fees charged are in accordance with the terms of scheme information documents of respective schemes and are in line with the provisions of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 as amended from time to time.

Management fees from PMS, AIF and Investment advisory fees-offshore are recognized on an accrual basis as per the terms of the contract with the customers.

The subsidiary manages the investments of the National Pension System as formed by the Government of India through the Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA).

 $The Group \, recognises \, revenue \, from \, contracts \, with \, customers \, based \, on \, a \, five \, step \, model \, as \, set \, out \, in \, Ind \, AS \, 115, \, Revenue \, from \, Contracts \, with \, Customers \, to \, determine \, when \, to \, recognize \, revenue \, and \, at \, what \, amount.$ 

Revenue is measured based on the consideration specified in the contract with a customer. Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when services are provided and it is highly probable that a significant reversal of revenue is not expected to occur.

Revenue towards satisfaction of a performance obligation is measured at the amount of transaction price (net of variable consideration) allocated to that performance obligation. The transaction price of services rendered is net of variable consideration on account of various discounts and schemes offered by the Company as part of the contract The promised consideration can also vary if an entitlement to the consideration is contingent on the occurrence or non-occurrence of a future event.

Income from sale of Investments is determined on weighted average basis and recognized on the trade date basis.

In respect of other heads of Income the company accounts the same on accrual basis.

#### 3.7. Operation expenses

#### a) Mutual fund: New fund offer expenses

 $Expenses \, relating \, to \, new \, fund \, offer \, of \, Axis \, Mutual \, Fund \, are \, charged \, to \, statement \, of \, Profit \, and \, Loss \, in \, the \, year \, in \, which \, they \, are \, incurred.$ 

#### b) PMS and AIF commission

Commission paid on certain PMS products are amortized over the exit load period. Unamortized portion of commission is carried forward as prepaid expenses.

Commission paid on Alternate Investment Fund schemes is amortized over the minimum tenure of the scheme. The unamortized portion of the commission is carried forward as prepaid expense.

#### 3.8. Employee benefits

#### Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefit obligations are measured on an undiscounted basis and are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid, if the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee, and the amount of obligation can be estimated reliably.

#### **Defined contribution plans**

#### **Provident Fund**

The Group contributes to a recognized Provident Fund scheme, which is a defined contribution scheme. The contributions are accounted for on an accrual basis and charged to statement of Profit and Loss Account.

#### National Pension Scheme

 $National \ Pension \ Scheme \ (`NPS') \ In \ respect \ of \ employees \ who \ opt \ for \ contribution \ to \ the \ `NPS', \ the \ Company \ contributes \ certain \ percentage \ of \ the \ total \ basic \ salary \ of \ employees \ to \ the \ aforesaid \ scheme, \ a \ defined \ contribution \ plan, \ which \ is \ managed \ and \ administered \ by \ pension \ fund \ management \ companies. \ NPS \ contributions \ are \ recognised \ in \ the \ Profit \ and \ Loss \ Account \ in \ the \ period \ in \ which \ they \ accrue.$ 

#### Defined benefit plan

## Gratuity

A defined benefit plan is a post-employment benefit plan other than a defined contribution plan. The Group's net obligation in respect of the defined benefit plan is calculated by estimating the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in the current and prior periods, discounting that amount and deducting the fair value of any plan assets.

The calculation of the defined benefit obligation is performed periodically by a qualified actuary using the projected unit credit method. When the calculation results in a potential asset for the Company, the recognised asset is limited to the present value of economic benefits available in the form of any future refunds from the plan or reductions in future contributions to the plan ('the asset ceiling'). In order to calculate the present value of economic benefits, consideration is given to any minimum funding requirements. Re-measurement of the net defined benefit liability, which comprise actuarial gains and losses, the return on plan assets (excluding interest) and the effect of the asset ceiling (if any, excluding interest), are recognised in Other Comprehensive Income. The Company determines the net interest expense/income on the net defined benefit liability / asset for the period by applying the discount rate used to measure the defined benefit obligation at the beginning of the annual period to the then-net defined benefit liability / asset, taking into account any changes in the net defined benefit liability / asset during the period as a result of contributions and benefit payments. Net interest expense and other expenses related to defined benefit plans are recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss. When the benefits of a plan are changed or when a plan is curtailed, the resulting change in benefit that relates to past service ('past service cost' or 'past service gain') or the gain or loss on curtailment is recognised immediately in the Statement of Profit and Loss. The Group recognises gains and losses on the settlement of a defined benefit plan when the settlement occurs.

#### Other Long term Benefit

## Share based options

 $Certain\ eligible\ employee\ of\ the\ company\ are\ entitled\ for\ Axis\ Bank\ Limited\ ('Parent\ Company')\ share\ awards.\ The\ Group\ recognizes\ the\ fair\ value\ of\ the\ shares\ and\ expenses\ for\ these\ plan\ over\ the\ vesting\ period\ based\ on\ the\ management's\ estimate\ of\ the\ vesting\ and\ for\ feiture\ conditions.$ 

The above share awards are treated as an equity settled share based payment transaction. Under the equity settled share based payment, the fair value on the grant date of the awards given to employees is recognized as 'employee benefit expenses' over the vesting period with corresponding increase in liability as payable to holding company. The fair value of the options at the grant date is calculated by an independent valuer basis black scholes model.

#### 3.9. Accounting for Leases as lessee

The Group has applied IND AS 116 using the partial retrospective approach.

The Group assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

The Group applies a single recognition and measurement approach for all leases, except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. The Company recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

#### Right of use assets

The Group recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any re-measurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets.

#### Lease Liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the Group recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including insubstance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date and is discounted using the Company's incremental borrowing rate. Since the Company does not have any debts, the company uses market borrowing rate at the lease commencement date because the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the lease payments (e.g., changes to future payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine such lease payments) or a change in the assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset.

#### Short term lease

The Group applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of Property plant and equipment (i.e., those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option). Lease payments on short-term leases are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### 3.10. Provisions and Contingencies

Provisions are recognized when the Company has a present obligation as a result of past events, it is more likely than not that, an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be reasonably estimated.

Provisions are reviewed at each Balance Sheet date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate. If it is no longer probable that the outflow of resources would be required to settle the obligation, the provision is reversed.

A disclosure of a contingent liability is made when there is a possible obligation or a present obligation that may, but probably will not, require an outflow of resources. When there is a possible obligation or a present obligation in respect of which the likelihood of outflow of resources is remote, no provision or disclosure is made.

Loss contingencies arising from claims, litigation, assessment, fines, penalties, etc. are recorded when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated.

Contingent assets are not recognized in the financial statements. However, contingent assets are assessed continually and if it is virtually certain that an economic benefit will arise, the asset and related income are recognized in the period in which the change occurs.

#### 3.11. Taxes on income

 $The \, tax\, expense\, comprises\, current\, tax\, and\, deferred\, tax.$ 

Current income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted, at the reporting date.

Current income tax relating to items recognised outside profit or loss is recognised outside profit or loss (either in other comprehensive income or in equity). Current tax items are recognised in correlation to the underlying transaction either in OCI or directly in equity. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in the tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulations are subject to interpretation and considers whether it is probable that a taxation authority will accept an uncertain tax treatment. The company shall reflect the effect of uncertainty for each uncertain tax treatment by using either most likely method or expected value method, depending on which method predicts better resolution of the treatment.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the corresponding amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is also recognised in respect of carried forward tax losses and tax credits, if any.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used. The existence of unused tax losses is strong evidence that future taxable profit may not be available. Therefore, in case of losses, the Company recognises a deferred tax asset only to the extent that it has sufficient taxable temporary differences or there is other convincing evidence that sufficient taxable profit will be available against which such deferred tax asset can be realised. Deferred tax assets – unrecognised or recognised, are reviewed at each reporting date and are recognised / reduced to the extent that it is probable / no longer probable respectively that the related tax benefit will be realised.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

The measurement of deferred tax reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Company expects, at the reporting date, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority.

#### 3.12. Operating Segment

The Company is in the business of providing asset management services to the schemes of Axis Mutual Fund portfolio management service to clients Investment management services to AIF and offshore funds. The primary segment is identified as asset management services as all services are in relation to asset management, there is no separate segment identified.

#### 3.13. Earning per share (EPS)

The basic earnings per share is computed by dividing profit after tax attributable to the equity shareholders by the weighted average number of equity shares outstanding during the reporting period. The diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing profit after tax attributable to the equity shareholders by the weighted average number of equity shares outstanding plus the weighted average number of equity shares that would be issued on the conversion of all the dilutive potential ordinary shares into ordinary shares. The number of equity shares used in computing diluted earnings per share comprises the weighted average number of shares considered for deriving basic earnings per share and also weighted average number of equity shares which would have been issued on the conversion of all dilutive potential shares, unless they are anti-dilutive.

#### 3.14. Foreign currency translation

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of the recordings the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies as at the Balance Sheet date are translated at the closing rate on that date. The exchange differences, if any, either on settlement or translation are recognized in statement of Profit and Loss.

## 4. Cash and cash equivalents

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Balances with bank in - current account	7.72	3.18
Fixed Deposit with Bank	0.62	-
Cash on hand	-	-
Total	8.34	3.18

## 5. Trade receivables

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Trade receivable-unsecured	37.16	68.57
Receivable related parties	3.11	3.11
Less: Allowance for impairment loss	-	-
Total	40.27	71.68

## Trade receivable ageing schedule

## As at March 31, 2024

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Outstanding for following periods from due date of payment					
	Less than 6 months	6 months - 1 year	1 -2 year	2 -3 year	more than 3 year	Total
Undisputed Trade Receivables - considered good	40.27	-	-	-	-	40.27
Total	40.27	-	-	-	-	40.27

## As at March 31, 2023

Particulars	Outstanding for following periods from due date of payment				nt	
	Less than 6 months	6 months - 1 year	1 -2 year	2 -3 year	more than 3 year	Total
Undisputed Trade Receivables – considered good	71.68	-	-	-	-	71.68
Total	71.68	-	-	-	-	71.68

## 6. Investments

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
At fair value through profit & loss		
Mutual funds	1,946.82	1,369.92
Alternate Investment Fund	109.52	61.88
Equity share	9.50	9.26
Total gross investments	2,065.85	1,441.06
Investments outside India	-	-
Investments in India	2,065.85	1,441.06
Total	2,065.85	1,441.06

## 7. Other financial assets

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Fixed Deposit	1.71	10.76
Security deposits	7.82	3.20
Total	9.53	13.95

## 8. Current tax assets

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Income tax paid in advance (net of provisions)	24.58	20.15
Total	24.58	20.15

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## 9. Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets

				Gross Block	<	Accumulated Depreciation			ntion	Net Block		
Particulars		As at April 1, 2023	Additions	Deductions	As at March 31, 2024	As at April 1, 2023	For the Period	Deductions	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023	
Property plant & equipment												
Computers		28.54	3.91	0.58	31.87	18.61	5.85	0.07	24.39	7.48	9.93	
Furniture & fixtures		1.55	0.35	0.23	1.68	0.95	0.13	0.17	0.91	0.76	0.60	
Office equipments		4.00	0.86	0.17	4.70	2.57	0.57	0.16	2.98	1.72	1.43	
Leasehold improvements		12.01	3.22	2.35	12.88	10.21	1.37	2.35	9.22	3.65	1.80	
Vehicle(Car) *		1.41	4.46	0.35	5.52	0.44	0.66	0.25	0.84	4.68	0.98	
Total	a	47.52	12.80	3.67	56.64	32.78	8.57	3.00	38.34	18.30	14.74	
Right of use asset					-				-	-		
- Property		43.15	79.16	16.71	105.60	24.01	18.23	16.35	25.90	79.70	19.14	
- Vehicle (Car)		0.47	-	-	0.47	0.41	-	-	0.41	0.06	0.06	
Total	b	43.62	79.16	16.71	106.06	24.42	18.23	16.35	26.31	79.76	19.20	
Intangible assets												
Software		24.07	3.35	0.02	27.39	21.19	2.77	0.00	23.95	3.44	2.88	
Total	С	24.07	3.35	0.02	27.39	21.19	2.77	0.00	23.95	3.44	2.88	
Grand Total	a+b+c	115.19	95.31	20.41	190.10	78.39	29.57	19.35	88.60	101.49	36.81	

			(	Gross Block		Accumulated Depreciation			Net Block		
Particulars		As at April 1, 2022	Additions	Deductions	As at March 31, 2023	As at April 1, 2022	For the year	Deductions	As at March 31, 2023	As at March 31, 2023	As at March 31, 2022
Property plant & equipment											
Computers		22.22	7.17	0.85	28.53	14.70	4.76	0.85	18.61	9.92	7.52
Furniture & fixtures		1.42	0.16	0.03	1.55	0.86	0.11	0.02	0.95	0.60	0.56
Office equipments		2.96	1.15	0.10	4.00	2.18	0.50	0.10	2.57	1.43	0.78
Leasehold improvements		10.86	1.89	0.74	12.01	10.31	0.64	0.74	10.21	1.80	0.55
Vehicle(Car) *		1.04	0.60	0.23	1.41	0.26	0.29	0.11	0.44	0.98	0.78
Total	a	38.50	10.97	1.96	47.51	28.31	6.30	1.83	32.78	14.74	10.20
Right of use asset					-				-	-	
- Property		36.21	17.41	10.46	43.15	23.86	9.77	9.61	24.01	19.14	12.35
- Vehicle (Car)		0.46	-	-	0.46	0.31	0.09	-	0.40	0.06	0.15
Total	b	36.67	17.41	10.46	43.61	24.17	9.86	9.61	24.41	19.20	12.50
Intangible assets				-							
Software		23.13	0.93	-	24.07	17.62	3.56	-	21.19	2.88	5.51
Total	С	23.13	0.93	-	24.07	17.62	3.56	-	21.19	2.88	5.51
Grand Total	a+b+c	98.30	29.31	12.42	115.19	70.10	19.72	11.44	78.38	36.81	28.20

<sup>\*</sup>Hypothecation with Axis bank released w.e.f. December 19, 2023.

10. Other non-financial assets (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Capital advance	16.23	0.20
Prepaid expenses (Other)	4.63	4.32
Unamortized commission	99.11	105.77
Other Non-financial assets	3.67	1.37
Balances with statutory/ Government tax authorities	10.56	14.53
Total	134.20	126.19

11. Trade payable (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	-	0.04
Total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	23.87	33.65
- Related party	15.88	15.88
- Others	7.99	17.81
Total	23.87	33.69

Trade payable ageing schedule

As at March 31, 2024 (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Outstanding for following periods from due date of payment					
	Less then 1 year	1 -2 year	2 -3 year	more than 3 year	Total	
Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	-	-	-	-	-	
Total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	13.80	10.06	-	-	23.87	
Disputed dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	-	-	-	-	-	
Disputed dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	13.80	10.06	-	-	23.87	

As at March 31, 2023 (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Outstanding for following periods from due date of payment					
	Less then 1 year	1-2 year	2 -3 year	more than 3 year	Total	
Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	0.04	-	-	-	0.04	
Total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	33.47	0.15	-	-	33.62	
Disputed dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises	-	-	-	-	-	
Disputed dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	-	-	-	0.03	0.03	
Total	33.51	0.15	-	0.03	33.69	

**12.** Long term borrowing (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Vehicle loan		
- Related party	-	1.02
- Others	-	-
Total	-	1.02

13. Lease Liability (₹in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Lease liability	90.15	20.66
Total	90.15	20.66

14. Provision (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Provision for employee benefits		
- Provision for gratuity	0.44	0.32
- Provision for salaries and allowances	77.54	62.30
Other dues	53.73	18.24
Total	131.72	80.86

## 15. Other non-financial liabilities

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Statutory dues	23.91	29.09
Employee benefit dues	1.38	1.10
Total	25.29	30.19

## 16. Share capital

Particulars	No. of Shares	(₹ in Crores)
Authorized		
Equity Shares,₹ 10/- each		
As at March 31, 2023	21,50,00,000	215.00
As at March 31, 2024	21,50,00,000	215.00
7.28% Redeemable non convertible Preference Shares, Rs 10/- each		
As at March 31, 2023	3,00,00,000	30.00
As at March 31, 2024	3,00,00,000	30.00
Issued, subscribed and paid-up		
Equity Shares,₹ 10/- each		
As at March 31, 2023	21,01,11,112	210.11
As at March 31, 2024	21,01,11,112	210.11

## a. Terms/ rights attached to equity shares

The company has two class of shares referred to as equity shares and preference shares having par value of  $\ref{10}$ . Each holder of equity shares is entitled to one vote per share.

In the event of liquidation of the Company, the holders of equity shares will be entitled to receive the remaining assets of the company, after distributions of all preferential amounts. However, no such preferential amount exists currently. The distribution will be in proportion to the number of equity shares held by the shareholder.

## b. Reconciliation of the shares outstanding at the beginning and end of the year

#### **Equity Shares**

	Outstanding at the beginning of the year	Add: Shares issued during the year	Add: Bonus shares issued during the year	
		No of Shares		
Equity Shares, ₹ 10/- each				
As at March 31, 2023	21,01,11,112	-	-	21,01,11,112
As at March 31, 2024	21,01,11,112	-	-	21,01,11,112
		(₹ in Crores)		
Equity Shares, ₹10/- each				
As at March 31, 2023	210.11	-	-	210.11
As at March 31, 2024	210.11	-	-	210.11

#### c. Details of shareholders holding more than 5% of the shares in the company

	Axis Bank limited (holding company) and its nominees		Schroder Singapore Holdings Private Limited		Tot	al
	No of Shares	% Held	No of Shares	% Held	No of Shares	% Held
Equity Shares, ₹ 10/- each						
As at March 31, 2023	15,75,83,333	75%	5,25,27,779	25%	21,01,11,112	100%
As at March 31, 2024	15,75,83,333	75%	5,25,27,779	25%	21,01,11,112	100%

#### d. Details of shares held by promoters

		oxis Bank limited (holding ompany) and its nominees		j		al
	No of Shares	% Held	No of Shares	% Held	No of Shares	% Held
Equity Shares, ₹ 10/- each						
As at April 01, 2022	15,75,83,333	75%	5,25,27,779	25%	21,01,11,112	100%
Change during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-
As at March 31, 2023	15,75,83,333	75%	5,25,27,779	25%	21,01,11,112	100%
Change during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-
As at March 31, 2024	15,75,83,333	75%	5,25,27,779	25%	21,01,11,112	100%

## 17. Other Equity (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Securities premium reserve		
Opening balance	28.89	28.89
Add/(less): Changes during the year	-	-
Fresh Issue of equity shares	-	-
Amount utilised for issue of bonus shares	-	-
Closing balance	28.89	28.89
Surplus/(deficit) in statement of profit & loss		
Opening balance	1,264.98	839.95
Add: Profit for the year	553.82	424.56
Add : Future lease rent liability and deferred tax on the same	-	-
Less : Appropriations	-	-
Dividend on equity shares	-	-
Tax on equity dividend	-	-
Add: Other comprehensive income	(0.78)	0.47
Closing balance	1,818.02	1,264.98
Total	1,846.91	1,293.87

## a) Securities premium:

Securities premium reserve is used to record the premium on issue of shares. The reserve can be utilised only for limited purposes such as issuance of bonus shares in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

#### 18. Fees and commission income

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	
Investment management fees*	956.45	869.55
Investment advisory fees - offshore	36.19	32.96
Portfolio management fees & AIF fees*	83.75	81.62
Total	1,076.40	984.13

<sup>\*</sup>net of GST

## 19. Net gain on fair value changes

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Net gain/(loss) on financial instruments at FVTPL		
- On Investment	188.56	39.87
Total	188.56	39.87
Fair value changes		
Realised	18.08	17.45
Unrealised	170.48	22.42
Total	188.56	39.87

## 20. Other Income

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Income on investments	11.64	3.22
Interest on rental deposit	0.61	0.26
Interest on bank deposit	0.03	-
Profit on sale of fixed assets (net)	(0.06)	0.05
Miscellaneous income	3.05	0.55
Total	15.27	4.08

## 21. Finance cost

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Interest on lease liability	6.83	1.69
Interest on vehicle loan	0.06	80.0
Total	6.89	1.77

## 22. Employee benefits expense

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Salaries, wages & allowances	230.50	166.59
Contribution to provident funds & other funds	12.20	7.91
Staff welfare expenses	13.76	10.73
Employee stock option charge (Refer note 29)	29.51	17.12
Total	285.97	202.35

23. Other Expenses (₹ in Crores)

Particulars Year ended Year		
rai ticulai S	March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Commissions & scheme related expenses (net of reversal provision)	62.13	61.24
Sales, marketing advertisement and publicity expenses	44.26	38.40
Rent	3.47	0.73
Rates and taxes	0.70	0.26
Premises brokerage	0.08	-
Establishment expenses	9.44	8.23
Communication expenses	10.73	7.03
Outsourced services cost	18.30	15.01
Legal expenses and professional fees	14.17	32.07
Travelling, lodging and conveyance	5.73	3.88
Computer and software related cost	64.80	53.71
Printing and stationery	0.51	0.44
Membership and subscriptions	1.37	1.38
Entertainment and business promotion	2.35	1.87
Auditors fees and expenses	0.35	0.31
Repairs and Maintenance	1.56	1.53
Directors sitting fees	1.15	1.10
Foreign exchange loss (net)	0.38	0.72
GST tax expenses	0.28	0.17
CSR Contribution as per section 135 of Companies Act, 2013 (Refer note 30)	9.10	6.48
Miscellaneous expenses	0.95	1.09
Total	251.80	235.62

## Notes to financials statements for the year ended March 31, 2024

#### 24 Contingent liabilities

Tax related matters ₹58.57 crores (Previous year ₹6.98 crores as at March 31, 2023) and Other matter ₹0.19 crores (Previous year ₹0.19 crores as at March 31, 2023). Further, Group has claims not acknowledged as debt in respect of Gurantees to banks and financial institutions of ₹0.05 crores (Previous year as at March 31, 2023 ₹Nil).

The Group has carried out assessment of ous tanding tax litigations as per the requirements of Ind AS 12 and wherever the impact is considered remote, no provision and disclosure is made.

#### 25 Capital commitments

Estimated amount of contracts remaining to be executed on capital account (net of capital advances) and not provided is  $\ref{6.16}$  crores as at March 31, 2024 ( $\ref{2.83}$  crores as at March 31, 2023)

Estimated Investment commitments by the Group ₹ 125.73 crores (Previous year ₹ 61.86)

#### 26 Trade payable

Sundry creditors do not include any amount payable to Small Scale Industrial Undertakings and Micro and Small Enterprises. Under the Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act 2006 (MSMEDA) which came into force from October 02 2006 certain disclosures are required to be made relating to Micro and Small enterprises. Based on the information and records available with the management the following disclosures are made for the amounts due to the Micro and Small enterprises who have registered with the competent authorities.

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Principal amount remaining unpaid to any supplier as at the year end	Nil	0.04
Interest due thereon	Nil	Nil
Amount of interest paid by the Group in terms of section 16 of the MSMEDA along with the amount of the payment made to the supplier beyond the appointed day during the accounting year	Nil	Nil
Amount of interest due and payable for the year of delay in making payment (which have been paid but beyond the appointed day during the year) but without adding the interest specified under the MSMEDA	Nil	Nil
Amount of interest accrued and remaining unpaid at the end of the accounting year	Nil	Nil

#### 27 Employee benefits

#### Defined contribution plan

The Group has recognized the following amounts in statement of Profit and Loss Account which are included under Contributions to Provident & other funds:

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Employer's contribution to provident fund	6.86	5.65

## Defined benefit plans

The Group has a defined benefit gratuity plan (funded). The companies defined benefit plan is a final salary plan for employees which requires contributions to be made to a separately administered fund. The gratuity plan is governed by the Payment of Gratuity Act 1972 ("the Act"). Under the Act employee who has completed five years of service is entitled to specific benefit. The level of benefits provided depends on the member's length of service and salary at retirement age.

The following tables summarise the components of net benefit expense recognised in the statement of profit or loss and the funded status and amounts recognised in the balance sheet for the respective plans:

Particulars	As at March 31,2024		
	Present value of obligation	Fair value of Plan Asset	Net Amount (asset)/liability
Opening Balance	9.05	8.73	0.32
Current Service cost	1.81	-	1.81
Past service cost	2.26	-	2.26
Interest on defined benefit obligation / Asset	0.61	0.66	(0.05)
(Gain)/Loss from change in Financial assumption	0.06	-	0.06
(Gain)/Loss from change in Demographic assumption	0.01	-	-
(Gain)/Loss from change in experience assumption	1.73	-	1.73
Difference in actual return on plan assets less interest on plan assets	-	0.85	(0.85)
Employer contribution	-	4.84	(4.84)
Benefit payments	(2.13)	(2.13)	-
Asset acquired/(settled)*	-	(0.02)	0.02
Liabilities assumed/(settled)*	(0.02)	-	(0.02)
Return on Plan assets			
Closing balance	13.38	12.94	0.44

<sup>\*</sup>On account of inter group transfer

Particulars	As at March 31,2023		
Tal ticulars	Present value of obligation	Fair value of Plan Asset	Net Amount (asset)/liability
Opening Balance	9.89	9.78	0.11
Current Service cost	1.70	-	1.70
Interest on defined benefit obligation / Asset	0.62	0.68	(0.06
(Gain)/Loss from change in Financial assumption	(0.34)	-	(0.34
(Gain)/Loss from change in experience assumption	(0.72)	_	(0.72
Differnece in actual return on plan assets less interest on plan assets	(0.72)	(0.43)	0.43
Employer contribution	- (0.40)	0.80	(0.80
Benefit payments	(2.10)	(2.10)	
Return on Plan assets	-	-	
Closing balance	9.05	8.73	0.32
The net liability disclosed above relates to funded plans are as follows			(₹ in Crores
Particulars		As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Present value of plan liability		13.38	9.05
Fair Value of plan assets		(12.94)	(8.73
Net		0.44	0.32
Expenses recognised in Profit and Loss			(₹ in Crores
Particulars		As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Current Service Cost		1.81	1.70
Past Service Cost		2.26	
Interest Cost on net DBO		(0.05)	(0.06
Total P&L Expenses		4.02	1.64
Expenses to recognised in Other comprehensive Income			(₹ in Crores
Particulars		As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Actuarial Loss/(Gain) on DBO		1.80	(1.06
Actuarial Loss/(Gain)		(0.85)	0.43
Total Re-measurements (OCI)		0.95	(0.63
Net defined benefit liability (asset) reconciliation			(₹ in Crores
Particulars		As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Net defined benefit liability (asset)		0.32	0.11
Defined benefit cost included in P&L		4.02	1.70
Total re-measurements included in OCI		0.95	(0.63
Employer contributions		(4.84)	(0.80
Employer direct benefit payments		, , ,	
Employer direct settlement payments			
Net transfer			
Net defined benefit liability (asset) as of end of period		0.44	0.39
Actuarial assumptions			(₹ in Crores
Particulars		As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Discount rate Current Year		7.25%	7.35%
Discount rate Previous Year		7.35%	6.70%
Salary increase rate		11.00%	11.00%
Attrition Rate		15% (Manager & above)	
		20% (All Others)	20% (All Others
Retirement Age		60	60
Pre-retirement mortality		IALM (2	012-14)
Disability		Nil	Ni

Sensitivity of liability (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Change in assumption	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Discount rate	+1%	12.48	8.57
Discount rate	-1%	14.19	9.59
Salary Increase Rate	+1%	14.15	9.43
Salary Increase Rate	-1%	12.50	8.68
Attrition Rate	+1%	13.09	9.00
Attrition Rate	-1%	13.50	9.11

The above sensitivity analyses are based on a change in an assumption while holding all other assumptions constant. In practice this is unlikely to occur and changes in some of the assumptions may be correlated. When calculating the sensitivity of the defined benefit obligation to significant actuarial assumptions the same method (present value of the defined benefit obligation calculated with the projected unit credit method at the end of the reporting period) has been applied as when calculating the defined benefit liability recognised in the balance sheet.

The methods and types of assumptions used in preparing the sensitivity analysis did not change as compared to the prior period.

#### Maturity

#### The defined benefit obligations shall mature after year end as follows:

(₹ in Crores)

Expected cash flows for following year	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Expected employer contributions / Addl. Provision Next Year	2.00	2.00
Expected total benefit payments-		
Year 1	1.89	1.48
Year 2	1.51	1.25
Year 3	1.49	1.16
Year 4	1.62	1.12
Year 5	1.54	1.22
Next 5 years	6.23	4.09

These plans typically expose the Group to actuarial risks such as: Interest rate risk, Salary risk, Investment risk, Asset Liability Matching risk, Mortality risk and Concentration risk.

- i) Interest rate risk: A fall in the discount rate which is linked to the G.Sec. Rate will increase the present value of the liability requiring higher provision. A fall in the discount rate generally increases the mark to market value of the assets depending on the duration of asset,
- ii) Salary Risk: The present value of the defined benefit plan liability is calculated by reference to the future salaries of members. As such an increase in the salary of the members more than assumed level will increase the plan's liability,
- iii) Investment Risk: The present value of the defined benefit plan liability is calculated using a discount rate which is determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds. If the return on plan asset is below this rate it will create a plan deficit. Currently for the plan in India it has a relatively balanced mix of investments in government securities and other debt instruments,
- iv) Asset Liability Matching Risk: The plan faces the ALM risk as to the matching cash flow. Since the plan is invested in lines of Rule 101 of Income Tax Rules 1962 this generally reduces ALM risk,
- v) Mortality risk: Since the benefits under the plan is not payable for life time and payable till retirement age only plan does not have any longevity risk,
- vi) Concentration Risk: Plan is having a concentration risk as all the assets are invested with the insurance Group and a default will wipe out all the assets. Although probability of this is very less as insurance companies have to follow regulatory guidelines.

#### 28 Social Security

The Code on Social Security 2020 ('Code') relating to employee benefits during employment and post-employment received Presidential assent in September 2020. The Code has been published in the Gazette of India. However, the date on which the Code will come into effect has not been notified and the final rules/interpretation have also not yet been issued. The Group has carried out an impact assessment of the gratuity liability based on an actuarial valuation and on prudent basis holds a provision of ₹ 5.70 crores as on 31 March, 2024 (Nil as on 31 March, 2023). This is over and above the provisions made in normal course based on extant rules and as reported in the above disclosure.

## 29 Employee stock option scheme (Equity settled)

During the year the Group has granted stock options (ESOPs / RSUs) of Axis Bank Limited (parent company) to its eligible employees under the employee stock option scheme of Axis Bank Limited. The employees are granted options with an entitlement to one equity share against each option excised. The vesting of options is in a graded manner over 3 years subject to conditions. The options can be exercised within five years from the date of the vesting.

#### **Details of ESOS:**

Particulars	RSUs	ESOS	ESOS XXXI	ESOS XXV
Date of Grant/intimation to employee	24th March 2023	24th March 2023	25th April 2022	30th April 2021
Price of Underlying Stock on the date of grant Rs	848.8	848.8	725.9	726.25
Exercise / Strike Price Rs	2.0	848.8	725.9	726.25

The fair value of the options granted was estimated on the date of grant using the Black Scholes Model with the following assumptions:

Risk Free Interest Rate	6.94% to 7.12%	5.46% to 6.21%	5.46% to 6.21%	4.82% to 5.67%
Expected Dividend Yield	0.26%	0.26%	0.43%	0.64%
Expected Life (years)	1.00 to 3.00	2.95 to 4.95	2.95 to 4.95	2.28 to 4.28
Expected Volatility	25.28% to 31.99%	29.90% to 31.99%	30.98% to 33.02%	31.12% to 33.44%
Weighted Average Fair Value Rs	842.45	296.84	240.37	208.99
Expected - Weighted average volatility	25.28% to 31.99%	29.90% to 31.99%	30.98% to 33.02%	31.12% to 33.44%
Weighted average remaining contractual life (no. of years)	-	1.95	1.08	0.39

The weighted average share price for options exercised during the year under various Series'/Grants was ₹ 967.58/-

The information covering stock options granted, exercised, for feited and outstanding at the year end is as follows:

(As certified by the management)

Particulars	No of Stock options as at March 31,2024	No of Stock options as at March 31,2023
Date of Grant/intimation to employee	30th April 2019/01st September 2020/30th April-21/25th April 2022	30th April 2019/01st September 2020/30th April-21/25th April 2022
Outstanding at the beginning of the year	26,55,262	23,45,903
Granted / transfer during the year	11,19,130	10,20,125
Exercised during the year	(4,50,342)	(3,50,717)
Forfeited during the year	-	-
Lapsed/expired during the year	(1,92,265)	(3,60,049)
Outstanding at the end of the year	31,31,785	26,55,262

The weighted average share price for options exercised during the year under various Series'/Grants was ₹967.58/-

#### Fair value of options granted

The fair value at grant date is determined using the Black Scholes Model which takes into account the exercise price, the term of the option, the share price at grant date and expected price volatility of the underlying share, the expected dividend yield and the risk free interest rate for the term of the option. At the time of granting the option, no consideration has been received and the options will be vested upon the completion of the service over the vesting period. Vested options are exercisable for the period of five years after the vesting.

The expected price volatility is based on the historic volatility (based on the remaining life of the options), adjusted for any expected changes to future volatility due to publicly available information

Expense arising from employee stock option charge

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Employee stock option scheme (equity settled)	28.68	17.12

#### 30 Corporate Social Responsibility

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Gross amount required to be spent during the year	9.10	6.48
Amount approved by the board to be spent during the year	9.10	6.48
Amount Spent during the year	9.10	6.48
Unspent amount	-	-

#### Details related to spent/unspent obligation

Contribution made to charitable trust	9.10	6.48
Nature of CSR activity	Sustainable Living Program	Sustainable Living Program

#### 31 Breakup of Auditors' remuneration

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Audit fees	0.18	0.19
Limited review	0.11	0.11
Tech fee & out of pocket expenses	0.05	0.01
Total	0.35	0.32

## 32 Segment information

The Group is in the business of providing asset management services to the schemes of Axis Mutual Fund, portfolio management service to clients, Investment management services to AIF and offshore funds. The primary segment is identified as asset management services as all services are in relation to asset management, there is no seperate segment identified.

#### 33 Earnings Per Share

The numerators and denominators used to calculate basic and diluted earnings per share

(₹ in Crores)

Par	ticulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
(a)	Nominal value of an Equity share (Rs)	10	10
(b)	Net profit available to Equity shareholders (Rs)	553.82	424.56
(c)	Weighted average number of shares outstanding	21,01,11,112	21,01,11,112
(d)	Basic and Diluted EPS (Rs) = (b)/ (c)	26.36	20.21

#### 34 Income tax expenses

The components of income tax expense for the years ended March 31, 2024 and March 31, 2023 are:

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Income tax expenses		
Current tax on profit for the year	138.50	139.42
Adjustment in respect of current income tax of prior years	1.38	3.07
Total Current tax expenses	139.88	142.49
Deferred tax	15.96	6.47

## Reconciliation of tax expense and the accounting profit multiplied by Group's tax rate

The tax charge shown in the statement of profit and loss differs from the tax charge that would apply if all profits had been charged at Indian corporate tax rate. A reconciliation between the tax expense and the accounting profit multiplied by Indian corporate tax rate for the years ended March 31, 2024 and March 31, 2023 is as follows:

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Profit before tax	706.00	568.61
Other comprehensive Income	(0.96)	0.63
Tax at corporate tax rate @ 25.168% (Previous year 25.168%)	177.44	143.27
Non -deductible expenses		
Corporate social responsibility expenses	2.29	1.63
Subsidiary deferred tax asset not recognise in books	1.98	2.44
Capital gain tax rate difference	(24.08)	1.78
Interest payable under income tax	0.20	-
Income not subject to tax	(1.99)	(0.16)
Total Net Non -deductible expenses	(21.59)	5.69
Income tax expenses at effective rate of 21.83 % (Previous year 25.76%)	155.85	148.96

#### Deferred tax assets/liabilities

The components of Deferred tax asset /liabilities are as under:

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
Deferred tax asset:		
Provision for employee benefits	2.94	2.83
ROU asset adjustment	3.58	0.46
Depreciation on fixed assets	2.63	2.27
Other temporary difference	0.03	0.01
Total (a)	9.19	5.57
Deferred tax liability:		
FVTPL on financial instrument	35.50	15.92
Other temporary difference	-	-
Total (b)	35.50	15.92
Net deferred tax asset/(liability) (a-b)	(26.31)	(10.35)

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Deferred tax asset:		
Provision for employee benefits	(0.10)	0.13
ROU asset adjustment	(3.13)	0.14
Depreciation on fixed assets	(0.37)	(0.36)
Total (a)	(3.61)	-0.11
Deferred tax liability:		
Prepaid brokerage	-	-
FVTPL on financial instrument	(19.57)	(6.60)
Other temporary difference	-	0.02
Total (b)	(19.57)	(6.58)
Net deferred tax (a-b)	15.96	6.47

The balance comprises temporary differences attributable to the below items and corresponding movement in deferred tax liabilities / assets:

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	Movement to Profit and loss and OCI	As at March 31, 2023
Deferred tax asset:			
Provision for employee benefits	2.94	(0.11)	2.83
ROU asset adjustment	3.58	(3.13)	0.46
Depreciation on fixed assets	2.67	(0.37)	2.28
Total (a)	9.19	(3.61)	5.57
Deferred tax liability:			
Prepaid brokerage	-	-	-
FVTPL on financial instrument	35.50	(19.57)	15.92
Other temporary difference	-	-	-
Total (b)	35.50	(19.57)	15.92
Net deferred tax asset/(liability) (a -b)	(26.31)	15.96	(10.35)

## 35 Intangible Asset Under development

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	For the year March 31, 2024	For the year March 31, 2023
Project in progress	0.69	2.18
Project temporarily suspended	-	-
Total	0.69	2.18

Ageing schedule (₹ in Crores)

Par	ticulars	For the year March 31, 2024	For the year March 31, 2023
•	Less than 1 year	0.45	1.98
•	1-2 years	0.24	0.20
•	2-3 years	-	-
•	More than 3 years	-	-
Tot	al	0.69	2.18

## 36 Fair Value Measurement

## Financial Instruments by category

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars		,	As at March 31, 2024	
	Carrying Value		Fair Value	
		Fair Value Through P&L	Fair Value Through OCI	Amortized cost
Financial Assets:				
Cash and Cash equivalent	8.34	-	-	8.34
Receivables	40.27	-	-	40.27
<u>Investments</u>				
Mutual fund	1,710.22	1,946.82	-	-
Alternate Investment Fund	94.82	109.52	-	-
Equity Instrument	9.08	9.50	-	-
Other Financial Assets	9.53	-	-	9.53
Total Financial Assets	1,872.26	2,065.85	-	58.14
Financial Liability:		,	'	
Trade and other payable	23.87	-	-	23.87
Long term borrowings	-	-	-	-
Other financial Liabilities	90.15	-	-	90.15
Total Financial Liability	114.02	-	-	114.02
				(₹in Croros)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2023				
	Carrying Value	Fair Value			
		Fair Value Fair Value Amortized Through P&L Through OCI			
Financial Assets:					
Cash and Cash equivalent	3.18	-	-	3.18	
Receivables	71.68	-	-	71.68	
Investments					
Mutual fund	1,297.56	1,369.92	-	-	
Alternate Investment Fund	52.47	61.88	-	-	

Equity Instrument	9.08	9.26	-	-		
Other Financial Assets	13.95	-	-	-		
Total Financial Assets	1,447.92	1,441.06	-	74.86		
Financial Liability:	Financial Liability:					
Trade and other payable	33.69	-	-	33.69		
Long term borrowings	1.02	-	-	1.02		
Other financial Liabilities	20.66	-	-	20.66		
Total Financial Liability	55.37	-	-	55.37		

#### Fair value hierarchy

Fair value measurements are analysed by level in the fair value hierarchy as follows:

This section explains the judgements and estimates made in determining the fair values of the financial instruments that are

- (a) recognised and measured at fair value and
- (b) measured at amortised cost and for which fair values are disclosed in the financial statements. To provide an indication about the reliability of the inputs used in determining fair value the Group has classified its financial instruments into the three levels prescribed under the accounting standard. An explanation of each level follows underneath the table:

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024				
	Date of valuation	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial Assets:					
Investments at FVTPL					
Mutual fund	March 31 2024	1,896.58	-	-	1,896.58
Alternative Investment Fund	March 31 2024	-	48.87	60.65	109.52
Others Instruments	March 31 2024	50.25			50.25
Equity Instrument	March 31 2024	-	-	9.50	9.50
Total Financial Assets		1,946.82	48.87	70.15	2,065.85

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars		As at March 31, 2023			
	Date of valuation	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial Assets:					
Investments at FVTPL					
Mutual fund	March 31 2023	1,369.92	-	-	1,369.92
Alternative Investment Fund	March 31 2023	-	38.39	23.49	61.88
Equity Instrument	March 31 2023	-	-	9.26	9.26
Total Financial Assets		1,369.92	38.39	32.75	1,441.06

As per Ind AS 107, 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures', the fair values of the financial assets or financial liabilities are defined as the price that would be received on sale of asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The fair value hierarchy is based on inputs to valuation techniques that are used to measure fair value that are either observable or unobservable. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and lowest priority to unobservable inputs."

#### The hierarchy used is as follows:

Level 1- Inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - Inputs are other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices)

**Level 3** - Inputs are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs). Fair values are determined in whole or in part using a valuation model based on assumptions that are neither supported by prices from observable current market transactions in the same instrument nor are they based on available market data.

#### Valuation techniques used to determine fair value

Financial Instrument	Valuation technique
Mutual Fund	Net Asset Value (NAV) declared by the mutual fund at which units are issued or redeemed
Equity Instrument	Equity share of MF Utilities India Private Limites and AMC repo clearing limited is valued at book value of the share based on audited financial as on 31st March 2023 $$
Alternative Investment Funds	Net Asset Value (NAV) provided by issuer fund which are arrived at based on valuation from independent valuer for unlisted portfolio companies and price of recent investments

Fair value measurement using significant unobservable inputs (level 3)

The following table presents the changes in level 3 items for the periods ended March 31, 2024 and March 31, 2023.

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Alternative Investment Fund	Equity Instrument
As at April 1, 2022	13.82	9.31
Acquisitions	14.77	-
Disposals	(3.65)	-
Gain/(losses) recognised profit and loss	(1.45)	(0.05)
As at March 31, 2023	23.49	9.26
Acquisitions	40.24	-
Disposals	(3.83)	-
Gain/(losses) recognised profit and loss	0.74	0.25
As at March 31, 2024	60.65	9.50

(₹ in Crores)

	Fair value		
Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023	
Alternative Investment Fund	60.65	23.49	

(₹ in Crores)

	Sensitivity		
Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023	
Alternative Investment Fund			
- NAV - Increased by 5%	3.03	1.17	
- NAV - decreased by 5%	(3.03)	(1.17)	

#### **Valuation Process**

Valuation of Alternate Investment fund units are done by an independent third party valuation firm during the year

In order to assess Level 3 valuations as per Group's investment policy, the management reviews the performance of the investee companies (including alternative investment funds) on a regular basis by tracking their latest available financial statements / financial information, valuation report of independent valuers, recent transaction results etc. which are considered in valuation process.

#### 37 Financial Risk Management

The Group's financial risk management is an integral part of how to plan and execute its business strategies. The Group's financial risk management policy is set by the Risk management committee.

The Group has exposure to the following risks arising from Financial Instruments:

Risk	Exposure arising from
Credit risk	Cash and cash equivalents, trade & other receivables, financial assets measured at amortised cost
Market Risk- Foreign Exchange	Recognised financial assets not denominated in ₹.
Market Risk- Price	Investments in equity securities, units of mutual funds, debt securities and alternative investment funds
Liquity risk	Financial liabilities

#### Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to perform or pay the amounts due causing financial loss to the Group. The Group has a prudent and conservative process for managing its credit risk arising in the course of its business activities. The Group has well defined investment policy restricting investments in various risk categories such as high/moderate etc.

#### Market Risk-Foreign exchange

The Group has insignificant amount of foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities. Accordingly, there is no significant exposure to currency risk. The carrying amounts of the Group's foreign currency denominated monetary assets and monetary liabilities at the end of the reporting period are as follows.

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
USD Rate - Increased by 5%	(0.32)	(0.35)
USD Rate - decreased by 5%	0.32	0.35
AUD Rate - Increased by 5%	0.03	0.04
AUD Rate - decreased by 5%	(0.03)	(0.04)
GBP Rate - Increased by 5%	0.00	0.00
GBP Rate - Increased by 5%	(0.00)	(0.00)

#### Market Risk-Price

The Group's exposure to mutual fund and Alternate investment fund price risk arises from investments held by the Group and classified in the balance sheet at fair value through profit or loss Group's investments are units of mutual funds, debt securities and alternative investment funds, consequently, exposes to risk of fluctuation in the market price. Market price of such instrument are closely linked to movement in equity and bond market indices.

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As at March 31, 2024	As at March 31, 2023
NAV - Increased by 5%	100.30	71.59
NAV - decreased by 5%	(100.30)	(71.59)

#### Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk arises from the Group's inability to meet its cash flow commitments on the due date. The Group maintains sufficient bank balance and marketable securities such as liquid fund of mutual fund.

The Table below shows an analysis of assets and liabilities according to when they are expected to be recovered or settled:

Particulars	As on 31st March, 2024			As on 31st March, 2023		023
	Within 12 Months	After 12 Months	Total	Within 12 Months	After 12 Months	Total
Assets						
Financial Asset						
Cash and cash equivalents	8.34	-	8.34	3.18	-	3.18
Receivables						
(i) Trade Receivables	40.27	-	40.27	71.68	-	71.68
(ii) Other Receivables	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	334.26	1,731.58	2,065.85	419.89	1,021.17	1,441.06
Other Financial Asset	2.51	7.02	9.53	0.41	13.54	13.95
Total Financial Asset	385.38	1,738.60	2,123.99	495.16	1,034.71	1,529.87

Non Financial Asset						
Current tax Assets (Net)	24.58	-	24.58	20.15	-	20.15
Deferred tax Assets (Net)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	-	18.30	18.30	-	14.74	14.74
Right of use asset	-	79.76	79.76	-	19.20	19.20
Intangible assets	-	3.44	3.44	-	2.88	2.88
Intangible assets under development	-	0.69	0.69	-	2.18	2.18
Other non-financial assets	21.21	112.99	134.20	32.38	93.81	126.19
Total Non Financial Asset	45.79	215.18	260.96	52.53	132.80	185.33
Total Assets	431.17	1,953.78	2,384.95	547.69	1,167.51	1,715.20
Liabilities						
Trade Payables	23.87	-	23.87	33.69	-	33.69
Long term borrowing	-	-	-	0.61	0.40	1.02
Lease liability	15.44	74.71	90.15	7.88	12.78	20.66
Total Financial Liability	39.31	74.71	114.02	42.18	13.18	55.37

The Table below shows an analysis of assets and liabilities according to when they are expected to be recovered or settled: (Contd.)

Particulars	As	s on 31st March, 2024		As on 31st March, 2023		
	Within 12 Months	After 12 Months	Total	Within 12 Months	After 12 Months	Total
Non Financial Liabilities						
Provision	131.61	0.09	131.71	80.86	-	80.86
Deferred tax liability (Net)	26.31	-	26.31	10.35	-	10.35
Other non-financial liabilities	25.29	-	25.29	30.17	0.03	30.19
Total Non Financial Liability	183.21	0.09	183.31	121.38	0.03	121.40
Total Liabilities	222.52	74.80	297.32	163.56	13.21	176.77

#### 38 Lease

Lease liability (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Amount₹
As at 01 April 2022	14.47
Additions	16.30
Accretion of interest	1.70
Payments	(11.81)
As at 01 April 2023	20.66
Additions	74.98
Accretion of interest	(6.68)
Payments	1.19
As at 31 March 2024	90.15
Current	15.44
Non-current	74.71

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2023
Depreciation expense of right-of-use assets	18.23	9.86
Interest expense on lease liabilities	6.83	1.69
Expense relating to short-term leases (included in other expenses)	-	-
Expense relating to leases of low-value assets (included in other expenses)	-	-
Variable lease payments (included in other expenses)	-	-
Total amount recognised in profit or loss	25.06	11.55

Some of the leases contain extension and termination options. Such options are considered while determining the lease term only if extension or non-termination can be assumed with reasonable certainty. On this basis, there were no such amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities as at  $31 \, \text{March}$ , 2024.

#### 39 Other statutory information

- The Group do not have any Benami property, where any proceeding has been initiated or pending against the Group for holding any Benami property
- The Group do not have any transactions with companies struck off.
- The Group do not have any charges or satisfaction which is yet to be registered with ROC beyond the statutory period
- The Group have not advanced or loaned or invested funds to any other person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities (Intermediaries) with the understanding that the Intermediary shall:
  - (a) directly or indirectly lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the Group (Ultimate Beneficiaries) or
  - (b) provide any guarantee, security or the like to or on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries
- The Group have not traded or invested in Crypto currency or Virtual Currency during the financial year.
- The Group have not received any fund from any person(s) or entity(ies), including foreign entities (Funding Party) with the understanding (whether recorded in writing or otherwise) that the Group shall:
  - (a) directly or indirectly lend or invest in other persons or entities identified in any manner whatsoever by or on behalf of the Funding Party (Ultimate Beneficiaries) or
  - (b) provide any guarantee, security or the like on behalf of the Ultimate Beneficiaries,
- The Group does not have any such transaction which is not recorded in the books of accounts that has been surrendered or disclosed as income during the year in the tax assessments under the Income Tax Act, 1961 (such as, search or survey or any other relevant provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

## 40 Related party transactions

The related parties of the Company are as follows:

A)	Holding Company	: Axis Bank Limited			
B)	Subsidiary Company	: Axis Pension Fund Management Limited			
C)	Fellow Subsidiaries	: Axis Securities Limited			
		: Axis Trustee Services Limited			
		: Freecharge Payment Technologies Pvt. Ltd.			
D)	Significant Share Holder	: Schroder Singapore Holdings Private Limited (SSHPL) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Limited (SIMSL)			
E)	Fellow subsidiaries of significant Share Holder - SIMSL	: Schroders Investment Management Limited			
		: Schroder Investment Management Luxembourg S.A.			
		: Schroder Investment Management Australia Limited			
		: Schroder Unit Trusts Limited			
		: Schroder Investment Management(Singapore) Ltd.			
F)	Key Management Personnel	: Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran (MD & CEO) (w.e.f. 01.05.2023)			
		: Mr. Chandresh Kumar Nigam (MD & CEO) (upto 30.04.2023)			
		: Mr. Sumit Shukla			
		: Mr. Shail Deshpande			
G)	Directors	: Ms. Sonia Singh			
		: Mr. Shailendra Bhandari (upto 24.07.2023)			
		: Mr. V. Anantharaman			
		: Mr. Ravindra B Garikipati			
		: Ms. Priya Subbaraman (w.e.f. 18.10.2023)			
		: Mrs. Usha Sangwan			
		: Mr. Kedar Desai			
		: Mr. U.R Bhat			

		Transa	ction	Balance		
Sr. No.	Name of Related Party	Description of Transactions/ Categories	For the year ended March 31, 2024	For the year ended March 31, 2023	Outstanding amount carried to Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 24	
1	Axis Bank Limited	Operation related Expenses\$	19.93	21.13	5.56	5.31
		Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	0.00	-	-
		Rent	5.23	4.23	-	-
		Outsourced Services Cost	0.22	0.36	-	-
		Establishment Expenses	1.89	1.54	-	0.45
		Administrative & Other Expenses	4.75	4.18	0.65	0.20
		Investor Compensation (Receivable)	-0.04	-0.00	-	-0.00
		Car Loan Interest	0.06	0.07	-	-
		Reimbursement of ESOP cost	29.86	17.17	-	0.29
		Reimbursement of TDS on ESOP *	-	-	-	-
		Current account balance as per book (Balance with Axis Bank is ₹ 7.65 crores (Previous year ₹ 2.97 crores)).	-	-	7.72	3.17
		Equity Share Capital contribution:	-	7.22	164.80	164.80
		Contribution to Share Premium a/c	-	-	21.67	21.67
		Fixed Deposit (Receivable)	0.61	88.50	0.61	10.50
		Matured during the Period	10.50	78.00	-	-
		Interest on Fixed Deposit (Income)	0.53	0.26	-	-
		Accrued Interest income on Fixed Deposits				
		Secured Loan	1.02	0.20	-	1.02
		Bank Guarantee	-	-	-	-

2	Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd.	Offshore Advisory fees Income/Receivable	33.86	29.45	3.08	2.44
3	Schroder Investment Management Australia Limited	Offshore Advisory fees Income/Receivable	1.67	2.59	0.78	0.61
4	Schroder Unit Trusts Limited	Offshore Advisory fees Income/Receivable	0.68	0.74	0.03	0.06
5	Schroder Investment Management Ltd.	Offshore Advisory fees Expense / Payable	5.81	5.25	5.81	5.25
6	Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd.	Offshore Advisory fees Expense / Payable	3.58	4.09	3.58	4.09
7	Schroder Singapore	Equity Share Capital contribution:	-	-	52.53	52.53
	Holdings Private Limited	Contribution to Share Premium a/c	-	-	7.22	7.22
8	Axis Securities Ltd.	Commission Expenses\$	0.03	0.02	0.00	-
9	Axis Trustee Services Limited	One time acceptance fees for AIF	-	-	-	-
10	Freecharge Payment Technology Pvt. Ltd.	Deputation Cost	0.52	1.11	-	0.26
11	Axis Pension Fund Management Limited	Reimbursement of the company formation and set up cost	-	1.99	-	-
		Staff Mediclaim cost	0.06	0.14	-	-
		Investment in Share Capital	-	40.80	40.80	-
12	Mrs. Sonia Singh	Sitting Fees	0.14	0.13	-	-
13	Mr. Shailendra Bhandari	Sitting Fees	0.06	0.18	-	0.01
14	Mr. V. Anantharaman	Sitting Fees	0.24	0.23	-	0.01
15	Mr. Ravindra B Garikipati	Sitting Fees	0.25	0.24	-	0.01
16	Priya Subbaraman	Sitting Fees	0.09	-	-	-
17	Mrs. Usha Sangwan	Sitting Fees	0.09	0.07	-	-
18	Mr. Kedar Desai	Sitting Fees	0.14	0.13	-	-
19	Mr. U.R Bhat	Sitting Fees	0.14	0.13	-	-
20	Mr. Chandresh Kumar Nigam (MD & CEO) till 30.04.2023	Remuneration to Key Managerial Personnel**	8.35	2.78	-	-
21	Mr. Gop Kumar Bhaskaran (MD & CEO) w.e.f. 01.05.2023	Remuneration to Key Managerial Personnel**	2.46	-	-	-
22	Mr. Sumit Shukla (MD & CEO)	Remuneration to Key Managerial Personnel**	2.57	2.26	-	-
23	Mr. Shail Deshpande (CO & CS)	Remuneration to Key Managerial Personnel**	0.24	0.16	-	-

 $Note: - Bank \, guarantee \, of \, \ref{thm:continuous} \, 0.05 \, crores \, was \, placed \, with \, BMC \, Authority \, to \, carryout \, the \, renovation \, work \, at \, One \, Lodha \, place \, new \, HO \, of fice.$ 

\$ Note:-Total Brokerage Paid/Payable during the period Apr'23 to Mar'24 for Axis Bank Limited is ₹21.43 crores (Previous period - ₹25.58 crores) and for Axis Securities Limited is ₹0.00307 crores (Previous period is NIL)

#Note:-Administrative & Other Expenses includes 0.30 crores (Previous Year ₹ 0.51 crores) recovered from Employees during the period Apr'22 to Mar'23 towards Term Life Insurance Premium.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Includes Basic, HRA, Performance bonus & other allowances & excluding provision for gratuity, Provident fund and compensated absences. Performance bonus and Long term incentive plan are included on payment basis.

<sup>\*</sup>Note:- Axis Bank Ltd had granted ESOPs to certain employees of company. TDS on ESOPs perquisites of ₹5.56 crores (Previous period ₹3.03 crores) is routed through the company for payment into government treasury.

#### 41 Investment in subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements of the group includes subsidiary listed below

Earning in foreign currency (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Country of	For the year	For the year
	Incorporation	March 31,2024	March 31,2023
Axis Pension Fund Management Limited	India	51	51

#### 42 Additional Information

For year ended March 31, 2024 (₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Net Assets, i.e. t minus total li		Share in profit or loss		
	As % of Consolidated net assets		As % of Consolidated profit or loss	Amount	
Parent	96.54	2,015.48	101.43	557.05	
Subsidiary	3.46	72.14	(1.43)	(7.86)	
Axis Pension Fund Management Limited		72.14		(7.86)	
Total	100.00	2,087.63	100.00	549.19	

For year ended March 31, 2023

Particulars	Net Assets, i.e. total assets minus total liabilities  As % of Consolidated net assets Amount		Share in profit or loss		
			As % of Consolidated profit or loss	Amount	
Parent	95.43	1468.12	102.31	429.98	
Subsidiary	4.57	70.31	(2.31)	(9.69)	
Axis Pension Fund Management Limited		70.31		(9.69)	
Total	100.00	1538.43	100.00	420.29	

#### 43 Disclosure of ratios

Sr. No.	Ratio	Numerator	Denominator	As on 31st March 2024	As on 31st March 2023	% change	Reason for variance
1	Current ratio	Current Assets	Current Liabilities	1.94	3.35	(42.16)	Decrease is due to reduction in current assets vis-à-vis previous year
2	Return on Equity ratio	Net Profits after taxes - Preference Dividend	Average Shareholder's Equity	30.33%	32.51%	(6.70)	Decrease is due to higher base despite increase in profit as compared to previous year
3	Net Profit ratio	Net Profits after taxes	Total Income	42.95%	40.84%	5.18	Increase is due to increase in net profit

44 The management of Axis Asset Management Company Limited ('the Company") had completed the suo moto internal investigation during the financial year ended 31st March 2023 through independent external advisors with respect to certain allegations of potential irregularities relating to the conduct of certain personnel of the Company. The findings of the investigation involved inter alia potential securities law violations by two (former) employees of the Company during the course of their employment.

Basis the outcome of the investigation, the Company has taken appropriate action against concerned employees including the above mentioned two employees whose services have been terminated. The management of the Company has also submitted details of its findings and disciplinary action taken, to regulatory authorities and is cooperating with them as required from time to time. Further, pursuant to its independent investigation, SEBI has on February 28, 2023 passed an ad interim ex parte order-cum-show-cause notice ("Interim Order") against inter alia one of these former employees. Neither the Company nor any of its existing officers/ employees have been named as noticees in the Interim Order, nor any directions have been passed against them in the Interim Order. SEBI has not issued final order in respect of this matter.

Further, one of the employees of the Company, whose employment was terminated, has challenged his termination, and filed financial claims against the Company in the Bombay High Court and the matters are yet to be heard.

Based on information available as on the date, pursuant to the investigation conducted by the Company, the management and the Board of the Company have assessed that there is no impact on the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2024 or earlier periods.

The Company has received show cause notice from SEBI in March 2024 for alleged violations of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 in the matter of charging certain expenses in respect of some ETF schemes in the books of asset management company. The Company is in process of making submissions to SEBI and initiating submission of application to SEBI under SEBI (Settlement Proceedings) Regulations, 2018. Pursuant to this matter, the Company has provided on best estimate basis, an amount in the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2024.

46 The Company has used accounting software for maintaining its books of account which has a feature of recording audit trail (edit log) and the same was operated throughout the year for all relevant transactions recorded in the software. The Company did not use database feature to enable audit trail due to security and performance consideration. However, the Company has effective control mechanism with respect to database management which creates logs and monitors any change to database, including direct data change and object level changes to database in database access monitoring system (DAM). Also, User Interface (UI) based access and activities on the server, including database are being monitored and sessions are recorded through PAM system (Privilege Access Management). Access to DB and Server are only allowed through PAM and restricted to Sun system administrator through strict access controls and monitoring process.

#### 47 Capital Management

Equity share capital and other equity are considered for the purpose of Group's capital management. The Group manages its capital in a manner which enables it to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern and to optimise returns to the Shareholders. The capital structure of the Group is based on management's judgement of its strategic and day-to day needs with a focus on total equity so as to maintain investor, creditors and market confidence. The funding requirements are met through operating cash flows and other equity. The management monitors the return on capital and the board of directors monitors the level of dividends to be paid to the shareholders of the Group. The Group may take appropriate steps in order to maintain, or if necessary adjust, its capital structure.

## 48 Earning and Expenditure in foreign currency

Additional information pursuant to the provisions of Schedule III to the Companies Act, 2013 is given below:

#### Earning in foreign currency

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Advisory Fees	36.20	32.96
	36.20	32.96

#### Expenditure in foreign currency (on accrual basis)

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Year ended March 31, 2024	Year ended March 31, 2023
Operational expenses	9.52	9.47
Employee Benefit expenses	0.38	0.35
Marketing Expense	-	-
Computer & Software related cost	-	0.44
IT-Related Cost	1.95	0.35
Legal & Professional expenses	0.01	0.19
Total	11.86	10.80

Unhedged foreign currency exposure:

	As at March 31, 2024  Foreign Currency ₹ in Crores		As at March 31, 2023		
			Foreign Currency	₹ in Crores	
Advisory fees receivables					
USD	3,68,775	3.08	2,96,688	2.44	
AUD	1,42,384	0.78	1,10,766	0.61	
GBP	2,684	0.03	5,797	0.06	
Advisory fees Payable					
USD	11,23,386	9.39	11,36,177	9.34	

49 The previous period/year figures have been regrouped/reclassified wherever necessary to conform to current period's/year presentation.

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