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**SEMINAR ON
QUALIFIED FOREIGN INVESTORS –
A NEW INVESTMENT ROUTE INTO INDIA
(VIA SINGAPORE)**

BY

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ABSTRACT

Although India still maintains exchange controls, specific routes are available for foreign direct and portfolio investments. Institutional investors such as foreign institutional investors (FII) and foreign venture capital investors (FVCI) can make portfolio investments. In a bid to open up the Indian capital markets to foreign investors, the government of India has introduced the qualified foreign investor (QFI) route. This permits even individual foreign investors to invest small amounts in Indian listed securities or mutual fund units through a simple process. While the route has not taken off yet, Singapore is likely to be a key country from where money is pooled and invested in India. With Singapore's historic connections to India, plenty of India-focused fund managers and tax advantage due to a favourable tax treaty, investment flows are likely to substantially increase in both directions. The session will explore the positives and challenges of investment into India through the various routes with particular emphasis on QFI.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Sandeep Parekh is the founder of Finsec Law Advisors, a financial sector law firm. He has worked as an executive director at the *Securities and Exchange Board of India*, India's securities regulator, where he headed the legal affairs and enforcement departments and has been a faculty at the *Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad*. He has worked for law firms in Delhi, Mumbai and Washington, D.C. Sandeep has obtained an LL.M. (Securities and Financial Regulations) degree from *Georgetown University* and an LL.B. degree from *Delhi University*. He is admitted to practice law in New York. He has spoken at Davos, published op-eds in the *Financial Times* and *Economic Times* and has a blog called *Initial Private Opinion*.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

11.30am : Registration

12.00pm : Seminar

12.45pm : Q & A

1.15pm : End of Seminar

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