



SEBI has amended the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("LODR Regulations") and the changes are set out hereunder:

- As per LODR Regulations, the top 500 listed entities were required *to ensure*, by April 1, 2022, that the Chairman of the board of the listed entity is:
  - > a non-executive director; and
  - > not related to the Managing Director or Chief Executive Officer, in accordance with definition of "relative" under Companies Act, 2013.
- Pursuant to the amendment, the aforementioned requirement has been deleted and is **no** longer mandatory.
- Now, a listed entity may, *at its discretion*, appoint separate individuals to the positions of Chairman of the board and Managing Director or Chief Executive Officer of the listed entity, so that the Chairman of the board is: (i) a non-executive director, and (ii) not related to the Managing Director or Chief Executive Officer.

Appointment of Chairman and MD or CEO of Listed Entities

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The aforementioned changes have been made vide SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Second Amendment) Regulations dated March 22, 2022 (available here).