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Yesterday's headlines,
tomorrow's disclosures:
**What Investor Relations
and Annual Reporting
teams must consider
doing this week.**

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Coverage: India, Singapore and MENA (UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar; secondary scan Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait)

Coverage window used: 18 May 2026 post-cut-off to 01 June 2026, 18:00 IST

1) EXECUTIVE FRAMING

This cycle is narrower but operationally important. India produced the most issuer-relevant new material after the 18 May cut-off: SEBI modified nomination norms for demat accounts and mutual fund folios, issued a major financial-disclosure enforcement order in the Suzlon matter, and continued to show revised abridged-prospectus formats in live public-issue filings. In MENA, ADGM's FSRA finalised AML framework enhancements, which

matters for UAE-facing financial groups and listed issuers using ADGM entities. Singapore did not produce a high-signal fresh issuer rule after the previous issue's SGX RegCo consultation deadline, so the main Singapore item is a follow-up control action: preserve the response file and prepare for possible final rules on dividend policy, IR policy, remuneration KPIs and investor-engagement disclosures.

2. At-a-glance Board / CFO / Company Secretary / IR actions this week

- **India:** Update demat / mutual-fund investor-service FAQs and RTA scripts for SEBI's 29 May 2026 modified nomination norms.
- **India:** Use the Suzlon order as an Audit Committee control lesson on related-party accounting, impairment, contingent liabilities and true-and-fair financial reporting.
- **India IPO candidates:** Treat the abridged prospectus as a live DRHP-stage investor document; another UDRHP / Draft Abridged Prospectus appeared on SEBI's public-issue filings page on 29 May 2026.
- **Singapore:** Since the SGX RegCo annual-report disclosure consultation deadline has passed, retain the response file and pre-draft optional enhancements to dividend policy, IR policy and remuneration-KPI disclosure.

- **UAE / ADGM:** Financial groups using ADGM entities should review FSRA AML framework changes and update AML ownership, beneficial-ownership and sanctions-control descriptions in governance / risk drafts.

- **MENA:** Where no new rules were published after the cut-off, keep CP / consultation items on the board tracker rather than repeating them in investor communications.

3) INDIA

India 1: SEBI modifies nomination norms for demat accounts and mutual fund folios

Publication date / deadline: 29 May 2026.

What happened

SEBI issued a circular titled “Ease of doing investments - Modified Norms for Nomination in Demat Accounts and Mutual Fund Folios”. The SEBI listing identifies the circular number as SEBI/HO/OIAE/OIAE_IAD-3/P/CIR/2026/12676 and dates it 29 May 2026.

Why it matters to issuers, Company Secretaries and IR

Nomination is a shareholder-servicing control, not only an investor back-office matter. Any change to nomination rules can affect demat-

linked transmission, investor grievance handling, RTA scripts, mutual-fund folio servicing for group AMCs, and the quality of website FAQs. For annual reports, the practical drafting consequence is stronger language on investor facilitation and a cleaner evidence trail around servicing controls.

Action for CFO / Company Secretary / IR

- Ask the RTA / investor-service owner to prepare a one-page impact note on what changes in nomination capture, update, cancellation, verification and investor communication.
- Refresh website FAQs and helpline scripts so they distinguish nomination, transmission, demat holdings and mutual-fund folio processes.

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- For listed financial groups with AMC or distribution arms, align folio-level scripts with demat-account messaging to avoid contradictory investor guidance.
- Add the circular to the Stakeholders' Relationship Committee tracker for the next meeting.

What investors will ask next

Retail investors will ask whether nomination updates make succession, claim processing and family transmission simpler, and whether older forms remain valid.

Source:

SEBI circular – Modified Norms for Nomination

India 2: SEBI's Suzlon order reinforces financial-statement integrity as a market-conduct issue

Publication date / deadline: 29 May 2026.

What happened

SEBI issued an order in the matter of Suzlon Energy Limited under Section 15-I(3) of the SEBI Act and Section 23-I(3) of the SCRA.

The order records that SEBI investigated alleged misrepresentation / misstatement in financial statements, including issues around investments, loans, impairment, related-party disclosures and LODR / PFUTP compliance over FY2014-15 to FY2019-20 and the first three quarters of FY2020-21.

Why it matters to issuers, Company Secretaries and IR

The issuer lesson is broader than the company named in the order. It shows how accounting judgements, related-party structuring, impairment reversals, contingent-liability classification and board / market disclosures can become enforcement issues when the market is allegedly misled. Audit Committees should treat financial-statement integrity as part of disclosure controls, not only as a technical accounting file.

Action for CFO / Company Secretary / IR

- Ask finance to map high-judgement areas: related-party balances, impairment reversals, guarantees, contingent liabilities, subsidiary transfers and circular cash flows.

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- Ensure Audit Committee papers separate management judgement, evidence relied upon, auditor challenge and board conclusion.
- Update results-day Q&A so management does not overstate certainty on valuation, recoverability or group-support arrangements.
- For capital raises, re-check that historical financial-statement issues are consistently described across offer documents, abridged prospectus, investor deck and risk factors.

What investors will ask next

Investors will ask whether complex group transactions and contingent exposures are genuinely visible to the board and auditors, and whether “true and fair” presentation is supported by current evidence.

Source:

SEBI order – Suzlon Energy Limited

India 3: Another live Draft Abridged Prospectus confirms the new IPO summary discipline is moving into execution

Publication date / deadline: 29 May 2026.

What happened

SEBI’s public-issue filings page recorded Dhoot Transmission Limited’s UDRHP-I and Draft Abridged Prospectus on 29 May 2026. This follows the prior issue’s observation that revised abridged-prospectus formats are already visible in live SEBI filings.

Why it matters to issuers, Company Secretaries and IR

New this period: this is not a one-off example. IPO candidates should now treat the abridged prospectus as an early investor-facing disclosure document. The concise format increases pressure on plain-language risk factors, issue objects, financial highlights, KPIs and reconciliation to the main offer document.

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Action for CFO / Company Secretary / IR

- Add draft abridged prospectus to the DRHP-stage workplan, not the launch-stage checklist.
- Give IR and legal joint ownership of plain-English review before website hosting.
- Reconcile KPIs, issue objects, risk factors and financial highlights across UDRHP / DRHP, abridged prospectus and roadshow materials.

- Prepare board sign-off papers that treat the abridged prospectus as reputational disclosure, not an annexure.

What investors will ask next

Retail and HNI investors will ask whether the shorter document fairly captures key risks and use-of-proceeds logic without diluting material caveats.

Source:

SEBI public issues / filings page | SEBI main website

4. SINGAPORE

Singapore 1: SGX RegCo annual-report consultation deadline has passed; issuers should prepare the implementation file

Publication date / deadline: Consultation deadline: 22 May 2026; no final rule found by 01 June 2026 cut-off.

What happened

The prior issue treated 22 May 2026 as the practical deadline for any response to SGX RegCo's proposed annual-report disclosures on remuneration KPIs, dividend policy, investor-engagement websites and IR policy. No final rule was identified in the post-cut-off review by 01 June 2026.

Why it matters to issuers, Company Secretaries and IR

New this period: the matter moves from response drafting to readiness. Even without final rules, issuers can reduce future friction by pre-drafting value-creation disclosure, dividend-policy language, investor-engagement process descriptions and IR-policy website content.

Action for CFO / Company Secretary / IR

- Archive the consultation response file and board rationale.
- Prepare a gap table covering remuneration KPIs, dividend policy, investor-engagement website content and IR policy.
- Avoid announcing changes as mandatory until SGX RegCo finalises the position.
- For FY2026 annual reports, draft optional enhancements now so they can be activated quickly if rules are adopted.

What investors will ask next

Investors will ask whether remuneration and dividend narratives are linked to value creation and whether IR access is genuinely usable.

Source:

SGX RegCo consultation and issuer-regulation materials | SGX RegCo issuer regulation

UAE / ADGM: FSRA finalises enhancements to its AML framework

Publication date / deadline: 21 May 2026.

What happened

ADGM's announcement list records that ADGM FSRA finalised enhancements to its Anti-Money Laundering framework on 21 May 2026.

Why it matters to issuers, Company Secretaries and IR

For UAE-facing financial groups and listed issuers using ADGM entities, AML framework updates affect governance evidence, beneficial-ownership documentation, sanctions screening, onboarding controls and board-level risk language. Even when the issuer itself is not the regulated entity, group annual reports should avoid generic AML statements that cannot be traced to named owners and controls.

Action for CFO / Company Secretary / IR

- Ask ADGM-regulated subsidiaries for a board-ready delta note on AML framework changes and implementation dates.

- Refresh annual-report risk wording so AML, sanctions and beneficial-ownership controls are described as governed processes with owners, testing and escalation.
- Check whether investor onboarding, private placement, treasury counterparty or fund structures need updated due-diligence wording.
- Retain evidence in the governance backfile for audit committee review.

What investors will ask next

Investors will ask whether UAE group structures have current AML and beneficial-ownership evidence, especially where cross-border financing or fund vehicles are involved.

Source:

ADGM announcements | ADGM FSRA

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