

CDS Custody Agent Services



Overview of the CDS

History of the CDS

Central Depository Systems Private Limited, the CDS, was established in 1991 as the first depository in South Asia. Tasked with the responsibility of acting as the country's sole depository for securities listed on the CSE, the CDS was established to specialize in the settlement of listed securities, transactions and the safekeeping of securities on behalf of domestic and international investors. From the start, the CDS has embarked in a journey of growth, in terms of expertise, resources and infrastructure.

Experience & Credibility

With a de-mat percentage of 95% for equity and 96% for corporate debt securities CDS already maintains a considerable portion of shareholder records. With 25 years of experience in providing swift, accurate, and resourceful services to listed companies, Company Secretaries/Registrars & investors/shareholders; the CDS is the most reliable and trustworthy partner to take care of your shareholder details, and you can depend on us to provide you a tailor-made and efficient service.

ISO Certificates

The Colombo Stock Exchange of which the CDS is a wholly owned subsidiary, achieved three International Standard Organization (ISO) certifications Information Security (ISO 27001), Business Continuity (ISO 22301) covering Trading, Registry and Depository services, and IT Service Management (ISO 20000). Through these ISO Certifications the CSE/CDS gives maximum assurance to stakeholders that their information is protected by the Exchange in the most comprehensive manner. Achieving & maintaining 03 prestigious ISO certifications simultaneously is a confirmation of both the interest and commitment of us towards the efficient management of information security and business risks, continuous improvement of internal processes and technical competencies in order to secure data and information.

Role of the CDS as a Custody Agent Services Provider

In developed capital markets the administration and management of securities records is carried out by the Central Securities Depositories (CSD). As defined by the European Union (EU) Regulation of 2014, a CSD is expected to carry out the recording of newly issued securities in a book system, provision maintenance services through a centralized registrar system and providing corporate action services. The CSDs in Europe such as Korea Securities Depository (KSD) provide registrar services directly to the issuers.

Uniqueness of our Services

The CDS provides an unparalleled service using the competitive edge we have when it comes to our resources.

State of the Art Systems

The CDS launched a state-of-the-art new generation depository system in 2014 featuring avant-garde technology that supports multi-asset classes and brought the CDS in par with the other regional exchanges.

This secure and robust system helps us to maintain the de-mat records of all shareholders and generate customized reports from the CDS records.

The CDS uses a separate system to provide Registrar Services which enables us to provide customized services pertaining to IPOs, AGMs, regular reporting requirements and record maintenance.

De-Mat Status

With de-mat percentages of 95% for equity securities and 96% for corporate debentures, the CDS already maintains records pertaining to a considerable portion of shareholders of the listed companies. With the current experience, expertise and the state-of-the-art infrastructure the CDS is well positioned to amalgamate the de-mat shareholder records with the ledger records and to streamline the entire administrative and management processes of registrar of functionalities.

Custody Agent Services offered by the CDS

Day-to-Day Operations

- Handling walk-in customer queries
- Handling queries related to transmission of shares
- Providing shareholder lists, top-ten/twenty shareholder information
- Maintaining the CDS shareholder database and ledger details
- Responding to shareholder queries via letter, email & telephone
- Replacement of lost share certificates
- Attending to other routine operational matters

Weekly Updates

- Amalgamated shareholder lists
- Reports – Shareholding by investor category
- Address changes/updates of shareholders
- Transaction reports (transactions, transfers, deposits, withdrawals)

General Meetings

- Sending communiques
- Registration process
- Handling matters related to proxy documents

Dispatching of annual reports and other publications with regard to shareholder matters as required.

Handling corporate action related services.

Exclusive Offers

e-IPO

With the increasing popularity of internet based technologies in Sri Lanka, the capital market needs a new electronic application process which is user friendly and convenient to all involved stakeholders. The CDS/CSE in planning to introduce the eIPO service in the near future with the intention of simplifying and streamlining the current IPO processes.

e-Voting

With the idea of providing a more flexible and convenient system of decision making to the listed companies CDS/CSE is currently involved in the process of introducing eVoting to the Sri Lanka Capital Market. Electronic voting is focused on timeliness, accuracy and swiftness of the voting process.

CDS

Convenient, Dedicated & Secure

Why CDS...

The CDS, as the sole depository to CSE with 25 years of experience, proficiency and resources can ensure a speedier and a hassle free service to the listed companies.



In our 25 years of history, the CDS has adeptly handled and processed a number of corporate actions in-house on behalf of listed companies.



We are a part of each and every corporate action carried out by a listed company and make the processes more efficient by practicing direct upload approaches using a platform of Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) connecting listed companies, Company Secretaries and the CDS.



Equipped with modern systems that has the aptitude to efficiently manage the share ledger, IPO/Corporate debt issues, and corporate actions of any type. With the de-mat records already in hand, the CDS can process information, generate reports and handle day-to-day operations swiftly and more accurately. With this centralized maintenance of records the CDS can assure your shareholders a more convenient and efficient service.



As an active member of the Asia-Pacific Central Securities Depository Group (ACG), the dynamic operational model of the CDS corresponds to internationally accepted practices. We are actively involved in knowledge sharing with other regional depositories like National Securities Depository Limited India (NSDL) and Central Depository Company of Pakistan (CDCP) and has on-going MoUs with them.