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EU Shareholder Rights Directive

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The implementation of the EU Shareholder Rights Directive ¹ will, among other things, introduce a new regulatory framework enabling EU issuers to identify their shareholders. From Sept. 3, 2020, EU-based "intermediaries" (such as custodians and prime brokers) will be required to respond to requests from issuers to identify clients with holdings over a stated percentage of shares or voting rights (specified in the local law of the relevant EU country). EU intermediaries will also be subject to a new framework requiring them (i) to transmit certain information on corporate actions to their clients and (ii) to facilitate the exercise of the voting rights by their clients.

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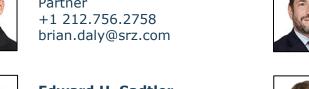
¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017L0828&from=EN.

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