

GODREJ PROPERTIES IPO LIKELY IN NOV

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The proposed Godrej Properties IPO could be floated as early as November. Adi Godrej, Chairman of the Godrej Group, said on Monday that the draft red herring prospectus has been approved by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

Under SEBI guidelines, Godrej Properties has 10 months to float the IPO.

But Godrej said the IPO is likely to be out within 2-3 months. Godrej Properties plans to sell 13.5 percent of its stake. Godrej said that the stake sale will bring in fresh cash infusion and this will not be a case of promoters selling their stake. "The proceeds from the stake sale will be used by the company for its expansion," he added.

Regarding the company's expansion plans, Godrej said that the affordable housing segment, broadly the Rs 5-25 lakh segment, has seen tremendous demand and the company will continue to focus on this segment. Ninety percent of Godrej Properties' housing projects fall under the affordable housing category, he said.

He said the company is coming up with affordable housing projects in Bangalore, suburbs of Mumbai, Pune, Kolkata, Ahmedabad and Chandigarh.