

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A**

(Rule 14A-101)

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN  
PROXY STATEMENT**

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No.    )**

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**MKS Instruments, Inc.**

(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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## Your **Vote** Counts!

### MKS INSTRUMENTS, INC.

2021 Annual Meeting  
For holders as of March 3, 2021  
Date: May 11, 2021  
Time: 10:00 AM ET  
Location: Virtual-only at  
[www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/MKSI2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/MKSI2021)  
Vote by May 10, 2021  
11:59 PM ET



### Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting To Be Held on May 11, 2021.

#### You invested in MKS INSTRUMENTS, INC. and it's time to vote!

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Meeting.

#### Get informed before you vote

View the Annual Report, Notice & Proxy Statement online OR receive a free paper or email copy of the proxy materials by making a request prior to April 27, 2021. If you would like to request a copy of the proxy materials, you may (1) visit [www.ProxyVote.com](http://www.ProxyVote.com), (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com). If sending an email, please include your control number (indicated below) in the subject line. If you want to receive a paper or email copy of the proxy materials, you must request one. Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com) will NOT be forwarded to investment advisors of shareholders. This communication only presents an overview of the more complete proxy materials. We encourage shareholders to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.



For complete information and to vote before the Meeting, visit [www.ProxyVote.com](http://www.ProxyVote.com)

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before the Meeting without  
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#### Vote Virtually during the Meeting

May 11, 2021  
10:00 AM, Eastern Time

Vote virtually at:  
[www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/MKSI2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/MKSI2021)

You may also vote by mail or by telephone by requesting a free paper copy of the proxy materials as described above and following the instructions on your proxy card.

**THIS IS NOT A BALLOT. YOU CANNOT USE  
THIS NOTICE TO VOTE YOUR SHARES.**

This is an overview of the proposals being presented at the Meeting. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side to view the proxy materials and to vote on these important matters.

Voting Items	Board Recommends
1. The election of the three nominees listed below as Class I Directors, each to serve for a three-year term: <b>Nominees:</b> 01) Rajeev Batra 02) Gerald G. Colella 03) Elizabeth A. Mora	✔ For
2. The approval, on an advisory basis, of executive compensation.	✔ For
3. The ratification of the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2021.	✔ For
<b>NOTE:</b> To transact such other business as may properly come before the Meeting and any adjournment or postponement of the Meeting.	

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