

# **Hinduja Leyland Finance Limited**

October 23, 2024

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating <sup>1</sup>	Rating Action
Long-term bank facilities	23,503.00	CARE AA+; Stable	Upgraded from CARE AA; Stable
Short-term bank facilities	200.00	CARE A1+	Reaffirmed
Non-convertible debenture issue - XX	100.00	CARE AA+; Stable	Upgraded from CARE AA; Stable
Non-convertible debenture issue - XXI	500.00	CARE AA+; Stable	Upgraded from CARE AA; Stable
Principal-protected market-linked debenture issue - III	80.00	CARE PP-MLD AA+; Stable	Upgraded from CARE PP-MLD AA; Stable
Subordinated debt - III	0.00	-	Withdrawn
Subordinated debt - IV	150.00	CARE AA+; Stable	Upgraded from CARE AA; Stable
Subordinated debt - V	75.00 (Reduced from 175.00)	CARE AA+; Stable	Upgraded from CARE AA; Stable
Subordinated debt - VI	200.00	CARE AA+; Stable	Upgraded from CARE AA; Stable
Subordinated debt - VII	300.00	CARE AA+; Stable	Upgraded from CARE AA; Stable
Subordinated debt - VIII	300.00	CARE AA+; Stable	Upgraded from CARE AA; Stable
Subordinated debt – IX	500.00	CARE AA+; Stable	Upgraded from CARE AA; Stable
Subordinated debt – X	500.00	CARE AA+; Stable	Upgraded from CARE AA; Stable
Subordinated debt – XI	500.00	CARE AA+; Stable	Upgraded from CARE AA; Stable
Subordinated debt – Principal-protected market-linked debenture	0.00	-	Withdrawn
Perpetual Debt Instruments (Proposed)	300.00	CARE AA; Stable	Assigned
Commercial paper	2,000.00	CARE A1+	Reaffirmed

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1.

# Rationale and key rating drivers

Revision in ratings assigned to bank facilities and debt instruments of Hinduja Leyland Finance Limited (HLF) factors in improvement in credit profile of the parent supported by improved business and financial risk profile in the last few years. Ratings factor in support from parent, Ashok Leyland Limited (ALL; rated 'CARE AA+; Stable/CARE A1+') and benefits derived from being part of the Hinduja group, including periodic infusion of equity on need basis. As of March 31, 2024, shareholding of ALL stood at 60.4% and the Hinduja group stood at 74.8%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Complete definition of the ratings assigned are available at <a href="https://www.careedge.in">www.careedge.in</a> and other CARE Ratings Ltd.'s publications



Ratings continue to factor in the company's experienced management team, demonstrated ability of HLF to raise funds to support business growth, adequate capitalisation levels, diversified product profile, geographically diversified loan portfolio, and relatively diversified funding profile. HLF has also achieved significant growth in the scale of operations, with consolidated assets under management (AUM) witnessing a growth of 33% to ₹49,325 crore as on March 31, 2024, against ₹36,906 crore as on March 31, 2023. However, ratings continue to be constrained by moderate profitability and moderate asset quality.

On January 14, 2022, the board of NDL Ventures Limited (previously known as NXTDIGITAL Limited [NDL]) decided that the digital media and communication business undertaking of NDL would be transferred to Hinduja Global Solutions Limited (HGS) and HLF will be merged into NDL subsequently. Post transfer, NDL will have no meaningful operations and will have assets such as cash and small parcels of land (real estate), which is expected to be small in relation to HLF's net worth. The merger is unlikely to have an impact on credit profile of HLF. However, HLF will be listed, providing immediate access to equity capital market, as its existing shareholders will receive shares of NDL per the share swap valuation.

The Board of Directors of HLF, at their meeting held on November 25, 2022, inter alia have unanimously approved the scheme of merger by absorption. The proposed merger will be subject to applicable regulatory and shareholder approvals.

CARE Ratings Limited (CARE Ratings) has withdrawn the rating assigned to the Subordinated Debt issue -III and Subordinated Debt PP-MLD issue of HLF with immediate effect, as the company has repaid the subordinated debt issue in full and there is no amount outstanding under the issue as on date.

## Rating sensitivities: Factors likely to lead to rating actions

## Positive factors – Factors that could, individually or collectively, lead to positive rating action/upgrade:

- Substantial increase in scale of operations along with improvement in asset quality and profitability parameters with significant increase in return on total assets (ROTA) on a sustained basis.
- Improvement in credit profile of the parent.

## Negative factors – Factors that could, individually or collectively, lead to negative rating action/downgrade:

- Significant deterioration in asset quality and delinquency levels on a sustained basis.
- Deterioration in capital adequacy parameters below regulatory requirement.
- Material dilution in ALL's shareholding in HLF.
- Significant deterioration in credit profile of the parent.

## **Analytical approach**

Consolidated approach, factoring in linkages with the parent.

CARE Ratings Limited (CARE Ratings) has taken a consolidated approach; considering that subsidiaries are an integral part of the group with business linkages and common promoter. Subsidiaries considered for consolidation is listed under Annexure-6. HLF enjoys strong operational linkages with access to dealer network of ALL and a common brand name and logo. Apart from demonstrated track record of equity infusion in past, HLF also enjoys financial flexibility in terms of mobilising funds from various sources at competitive rates.

#### Outlook: Stable

The stable outlook reflects likely continuation of the stable credit profile supported by a diversified product profile and demonstrated fund-raising ability, including benefits derived from being part of Hinduja group.



## Detailed description of key rating drivers

### **Key strengths**

## Strong parentage and benefits derived from being part of Hinduja group

Established in Mumbai in 1918, the Hinduja group has a global presence across 30 countries. The group has a presence in industries, including automotive, banking and finance, Information Technology (IT)/Information Technology-enabled services (ITES), and energy and chemicals. HLF is a subsidiary of ALL (rated 'CARE AA+; Stable/CARE A1+'), one of the leading players in domestic commercial vehicles (CVs) segment. HLF is a strategically important subsidiary for ALL, and ALL vehicles constitute 34% of HLF's standalone AUM as on March 31, 2024. Being part of the Hinduja group, HLF enjoys financial flexibility in terms of mobilising funds from various sources at competitive rates. CARE Ratings expects the parent to continue to provide need-based support to HLF.

#### **Experienced promoters and senior management team**

The Hinduja group has a track record of establishing and successfully running banking and finance companies. Experience of the management team in running similar businesses is a key strength for HLF. Dheeraj Hinduja, Chairman of ALL, is also the Chairman of HLF. HLF's board consists of ten directors, including six independent directors with rich experience in financial services sector. The company also has an experienced senior management team, which takes care of daily operations.

## Established credit appraisal, risk monitoring, and collection

Branch structure consists of product manager or location in-charge, one marketing executive, and collection executive. The marketing executive obtains applications on a pre-printed proposal booklet and a proposal evaluation form and approval process is carried on ERP system. Field investigation is carried out by the marketing executive. Location in-charge/product manager reviews the proposal. Documents are sent for approval or sanction to the appropriate authority per delegation of powers. Post approval and completion of pre-disbursal documentation, loan amount is to be disbursed after creating the contract and checking the complete file. Credit audit team reviews documents and policy-adherence points and gives feedback to the location in case of any discrepancies. The collection process has been strengthened by creating a separate collection vertical, employing larger supervisory levels and by the launch of a collections app. Collections happen in the form of National Automated Clearing House (NACH) or cheque or cash.

Based on the knowledge and expertise gained in the financial services sector, the management has developed an in-house enterprise IT system. In addition to providing complete information about each account throughout its credit lifecycle, the IT system also aids the management in monitoring and reviewing its portfolio on a daily basis.

HLF has an associate company, HLF Services Limited, which provides employee support to HLF, in addition to on-role employees. HLF has made investments in Gro Digital Platform (a 50:50 joint venture [JV] between ALL and HLF), which provides various solutions to transporters and the Gaadimandi Platform (100% owned by HLF), which is a digital platform for buying and selling pre-owned vehicles.

## Diversified funding profile, however, bank funding remains a major source in recent years

HLF's funding profile is well diversified with access towards low-cost funding from banks, market instruments such as non-convertible debentures (NCDs), subordinated debt, and short-term commercial papers (CPs). HLF's bank borrowings are diversified with good mix of both public and private sector banks. Share of bank borrowings (including cash credit [CC]/working capital demand loan [WCDL]) stood at 78% as on March 31, 2024, against 81% as on March 31, 2023. Term loans from non-banking finance companies (NBFCs), financial institutions (FIs), Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), and Mudra constituted 10%, followed by sub-debt constituting 5% of total borrowings, commercial paper (CP) constituting 5%, and NCDs constituting 1% as on March 31, 2024. Funds raised through DA stood at ₹6,917 crore as on March 31, 2024 (PY: ₹5,650 crore



as on March 31, 2023). CARE Ratings notes that HLF has also availed funds through ECB in FY24 constituting 1% of total borrowings as on March 31, 2024, thus further diversifying its borrowings mix.

As on June 30, 2024, share of term loans from banks stood at 75%, followed by term loans from NBFCs/ FIs constituting 11%, sub-debt at 6%, CP outstanding at 6%, and NCDs at 1%, external commercial borrowings (ECB) at 1%. Funds raised through DA stood at ₹6,492 crore as on June 30, 2024. CARE Ratings expects the share of capital market borrowings to increase in the medium term.

### Adequate capitalisation levels

With significant growth in portfolio, the total capital adequacy ratio (CAR) and Tier-I CAR moderated and stood at 17.3% and 14.4%, respectively, as on March 31, 2024, against 18.6% and 17.1%, respectively, as on March 31, 2023 (17.5% and 13.8% as on June 30, 2024). HLF has raised sub-debt aggregating ₹1,705 crore in FY24 and H1FY25. Gearing (standalone) stood at 5.0x as on March 31, 2024, against 4.0x as on March 31, 2023 (5.1x as on June 30, 2024). On a consolidated basis, gearing stood at 5.4x as on March 31, 2024, against 4.6x as on March 31, 2023 (5.5x as on June 30, 2024). CARE Ratings notes that the Hinduja group has been providing need-based support to the company in the form of fresh equity infusion as and when required.

HLF has a wholly owned subsidiary, Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHFL), incorporated in FY16 to operate in the housing finance segment. HLF has been continuously infusing equity to support HHFL's growth, and as on March 31, 2024, HLF has infused ₹493 crore (including ₹40 crore in FY24) since inception. HHFL's AUM stood at ₹10,550 crore as on March 31, 2024, against ₹6,667 crore as on March 31, 2023 (₹11,466 crore as on June 30, 2024). HLF has made investments in Gro Digital Platform (a joint venture [JV] between ALL and HLF), which provides various solutions to transporters and the Gaadimandi Platform (100% owned by HLF), which is a digital platform for buying and selling of pre-owned vehicles.

### Diversified product portfolio along with geographical diversification

HLF has achieved significant growth in the scale of operations in the last year, with consolidated AUM witnessing a growth of 33% to ₹49,325 crore as on March 31, 2024, against ₹ 36,906 crore as on March 31, 2023. AUM further grew by 5% in Q1FY25 to ₹51,593 crore as on June 30, 2024.

In FY24, standalone AUM grew by 28% (Y-o-Y) and stood at ₹38,685 crore as on March 31, 2024, against ₹30,239 crore as on March 31, 2023. AUM further grew by 4% and stood at ₹40,127 crore as on June 30, 2024. Disbursements grew by 28% in FY24 and stood at ₹20,728 crore against ₹16,134 crore in FY23. In Q1FY25, disbursements stood at ₹3,781 crore.

The share of heavy commercial vehicles (HCV) in outstanding loan portfolio continues to remain high at 26% as on March 31, 2024, as against 25% as on March 31, 2023, and the share of top three products (HCV, loan-against-property [LAP], and construction equipment [CE]) stood at 59% as on March 31, 2024, against 57% as on March 31, 2023.

HLF has presence in 21 states and three union territories, and its AUM is well-diversified. Share of top three states on overall AUM is maintained at 39% as on March 31, 2024 (PY: 39%).

CARE Ratings expects the portfolio and geographical diversification to continue in the medium term.

In terms of housing, HHFL's AUM grew by 58% in FY24 (PY: 65%) from ₹6,667 crore as on March 31, 2023, to ₹10,550 crore as on March 31, 2024. Disbursements increased from ₹3,716 crore in FY23 to ₹5,733 crore in FY24. HHFL's AUM further increased to ₹11,466 crore as on June 30, 2024.

### **Key weaknesses**

#### Moderate asset quality

Gross non-performing assets (GNPA) (on-book) and net NPA (NNPA) (on-book) improved and stood at 4.3% and 2.7% as on March 31, 2024, against 4.9% and 3.3%, respectively, as on March 31, 2023. GNPA (on-book) and NNPA (on-book) stood at 4.2% and 2.6% as on June 30, 2024. GNPA (on AUM basis) and NNPA (on AUM basis) improved and stood at 3.3% and 2.1%, respectively, as on March 31, 2024, as against 3.7% and 2.5%, respectively, as on March 31, 2023. GNPA (on an AUM basis) and NNPA (on an AUM basis) stood at 3.4% and 2.1%, respectively, as on June 30, 2024. The improvement in asset quality is considering increased collection efforts.

HLF has a standard restructured portfolio amounting to ₹607 crore (1.6% of AUM) as on March 31, 2024, against ₹1,133 crore (3.7% of AUM) as on March 31, 2023. Security receipts outstanding stood at ₹552 crore (1.4% of AUM) as on March 31, 2024,



against ₹779 crore (2.6% of AUM) as on March 31, 2023. 30+ days past due (DPD; on an AUM basis) improved from 12% as on March 31, 2023, to 10% as on March 31, 2024.

On a consolidated basis, GNPA (on AUM) and NNPA (on AUM) stood at 3.1% and 1.9% as on March 31, 2024, against 3.5% and 2.3% as on March 31, 2023. The company's ability to improve its asset quality and contain slippage will be a key monitorable.

## Moderate profitability levels

HLF (consolidated) reported a profit after tax (PAT) of ₹636 crore on a total income of ₹4,660 crore in FY24 as against ₹490 crore on a total income of ₹3,502 crore in FY23. Net interest margin (NIM) moderated to 3.9% in FY24 from 5.0% in FY23 considering relatively higher increase in cost of borrowings. Operating expenses increased to 1.7% in FY24 from 1.6% in FY23. HLF reported an improvement in pre-provision operating profit (PPOP) to ₹1,418 crore in FY24 from ₹1,303 crore in FY23. With a decline in credit cost to 1.5% in FY24 from 2.3% in FY23, HLF reported ROTA of 1.6% in FY24 as against 1.7% in FY23. In Q1FY25, HLF reported PAT of ₹130 crore on a total income of ₹1,377 crore.

On a standalone basis, HLF reported PAT of ₹340 crore on a total income of ₹3,453 crore in FY24 as against ₹277 crore on a total income of ₹2,755 crore in FY23. NIM moderated to 3.6% in FY24 from 4.7% in FY23. Operating expenses remained at 1.5% in FY24 (PY:1.5%). PPOP moderated to ₹966 crore in FY24 from ₹978 crore in FY23. With decline in credit cost to 1.6% in FY24 from 2.5% in FY23. HLF reported ROTA of 1.1% in FY24 against 1.2% in FY23. In Q1FY25, HLF reported PAT of ₹64 crore on a total income of ₹1,003 crore.

CARE Ratings expects profitability levels to remain moderate in the near term.

### **Liquidity:** Adequate

HLF's liquidity is adequate, with its asset liability management (ALM) having no negative cumulative mismatches in any of the time buckets up to one year as on June 30, 2024. As on June 30, 2024, the company had free cash and cash equivalents of  $\sim 3,195$  crore and unavailed lines of credit (including CC) of 3,466 crore. The company's ability to mobilise funds from banks at a competitive rate adds comfort.

## **Applicable criteria**

Consolidation
Definition of Default
Factoring Linkages Parent Sub JV Group
Rating Outlook and Rating Watch
Financial Ratios - Financial Sector
Withdrawal Policy
Short Term Instruments
Market Linked Notes
Non Banking Financial Companies

# About the company and industry

### **Industry classification**

Macroeconomic indicator	Sector	Industry	Basic industry
Financial services	Financial services	Finance	Non-banking financial
	Fillancial Services	Finance	company (NBFC)

HLF is a non-deposit taking systemically important (ND-SI) NBFC based out of Chennai, Tamil Nadu, belonging to the Hinduja group. Established in 2008, HLF started its lending operations in FY11, post receiving the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) license in March 2010. The company has been promoted by the group's flagship automobile manufacturing company, ALL (rated 'CARE AA; Stable/CARE A1+'), with the aim of providing funding support to ALL vehicles. HLF's exposure to ALL vehicles stood at 34% of the AUM as on March 31, 2024. HLF is also engaged in extending loans to three-wheelers, two-wheelers, small commercial vehicles (SCVs), light commercial vehicles (LCVs), tractors, CE, LAP, used CV financing, and is also engaged in portfolio buyout. Shareholding of the Hinduja group in HLF stands at 74.8%, wherein ALL holds 60.4% stake as on March 31, 2024.



HLF also has a presence in housing finance through its wholly owned subsidiary, HHFL. HLF also has a JV, Gro Digital Platform, and a wholly owned subsidiary, Gaadimandi Platform.

In FY24, the company reported a consolidated PAT of ₹636 crore (PY: ₹490 crore) on a total income of ₹4,660 crore (PY: ₹3,502 crore).

Brief Financials - Consolidated (₹ crore)	FY23 (A)	FY24(A)	Q1FY25(UA)
Total operating income	3,502	4,660	1,377
PAT	490	636	130
Interest coverage (Times)	1.4	1.3	1.2
Total assets	32,418	44,876	47,347
Net NPA (%) (on AUM basis)*	2.3	2.1	2.1
ROTA (%)	1.7	1.6	1.1

A: Audited; UA: Unaudited. Note: These are latest financial results available.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: Not applicable

Rating history for last three years: Annexure-2

Detailed explanation of covenants of rated instruments/facilities: Annexure-3

Complexity level of instruments rated: Annexure-4

Lender details: Annexure-5

List of subsidiaries/ associates taken for consolidation: Annexure-6

## Annexure-1: Details of instruments/facilities

Name of the Instrument	ISIN	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (₹ crore)	Rating assigned and Rating Outlook
Fund-based-Long term	-	-	-	June 2029	23,503.00	CARE AA+; Stable
Fund-based-Short term	-	-	-	-	200.00	CARE A1+
Debentures-Non-convertible debentures-XX	INE146O07490	18-Dec-23	8.80%	18-Dec-26	100.00	CARE AA+; Stable
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Debentures-Non-convertible debentures-XXI	INE146O07490	04-Jul-24	8.80%	18-Dec-26	25.00	CARE AA+; Stable
	Proposed	-	-	-	420.00	CARE AA+; Stable
Debentures-Market linked debentures-III	INE146O07482	27-Jan-23	G-Sec Linked	27-Jan-26	80.00	CARE PP-MLD AA+; Stable
Debt-Subordinate debt-III	INE146O08118*	13-Sep-17	9.20%	13-Sep-24	0.00	Withdrawn
Debt-Subordinate debt-IV	INE146O08134	27-Mar-18	10.15%	27-Mar-25	100.00	CARE AA+; Stable
Debt-Subordinate debt-1v	INE146O08209	22-Apr-21	9.75%	21-Apr-28	50.00	CARE AA+; Stable
	INE146O08159*	29-Mar-19	11.60%	29-Sep-24	0.00	Withdrawn
Debt-Subordinate debt-V	INE146O08191	26-Mar-21	9.75%	25-Sep-26	75.00	CARE AA+; Stable
Debt-Subordinate debt-VI	INE146O08175	30-Apr-21	9.75%	08-Oct-26	50.00	CARE AA+; Stable
	INE146O08217	19-Jul-21	9.70%	19-Jan-27	50.00	CARE AA+; Stable

<sup>\*</sup>Standalone



Name of the Instrument	ISIN	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (₹ crore)	Rating assigned and Rating Outlook
	INE146O08225	22-Jun-23	9.50%	22-Jun-33	75.00	CARE AA+; Stable
	INE146O08233	23-Aug-23	9.45%	23-Aug-33	135.00	CARE AA+; Stable
	INE146O08233	20-Sep-23	9.45%	23-Aug-33	90.00	CARE AA+; Stable
Debt-Subordinate debt-VII	INE146O08233	13-Nov-23	9.45%	23-Aug-33	50.00	CARE AA+; Stable
	1111110000233	21-Nov-23	9.45%	23-Aug-33	35.00	CARE AA+; Stable
	INE146008241	30-Nov-23	9.40%	30-Jan-31	50.00	CARE AA+; Stable
	INE146O08233	21-Dec-23	9.45%	23-Aug-33	40.00	CARE AA+; Stable
	INE146O08241	19-Jan-24	9.40%	30-Jan-31	50.00	CARE AA+; Stable
Debt-Subordinate debt-VIII	INE146O08233	20-Mar-24	9.45%	23-Aug-33	20.00	CARE AA+; Stable
	INE146O08233	24-May-24	9.45%	23-Aug-33	50.00	CARE AA+; Stable
	INE146O08258	29-May-24	9.65%	29-May-39	90.00	CARE AA+; Stable
	INE146O08266	29-May-24	9.50%	29-Nov-29	100.00	CARE AA+; Stable
	INE146O08266	26-Jun-24	9.50%	29-Nov-29	100.00	CARE AA+; Stable
	INE146O08274	10-Jul-24	9.50%	10-Jul-39	125.00	CARE AA+; Stable
Debt-Subordinate debt-IX	INE146O08274	22-Jul-24	9.50%	10-Jul-39	65.00	CARE AA+; Stable
	INE146O08233	13-Aug-2024	9.45%	23-Aug- 2033	45.00	CARE AA+; Stable
	INE146O08266	20-Aug-2024	9.50%	29-Nov- 2029	50.00	CARE AA+; Stable
	INE146008274	28-Aug-24	9.50%	10-Jul- 2039	135.00	CARE AA+; Stable
	INE146O08274	04-Sep-24	9.50%	10-Jul- 2039	75.00	CARE AA+; Stable
Debt-Subordinate debt-X	INE146O08266	10-Sep-24	9.50%	29-Nov-29	100.00	CARE AA+; Stable
	INE146O08274	13-Sep-24	9.50%	10-Jul-39	75.00	CARE AA+; Stable
	INE146O08266	19-Sep-24	9.50%	29-Nov-29	100.00	CARE AA+; Stable
	INE146O08266	30-Sep-24	9.50%	29-Nov-29	50.00	CARE AA+; Stable
Debt-Subordinate debt-XI	INE146O08274	07-Oct-24	9.50%	10-Jul-39	40.00	CARE AA+; Stable
	Proposed	-	-	-	455.00	CARE AA+; Stable
Debt-Subordinated debt - Market linked debenture	INE146O08142*	18-Sep-18	G-Sec Linked	17-Sep-24	0.00	Withdrawn
Perpetual Debt Instrument (Proposed)	Proposed	-	-	-	300.00	CARE AA; Stable
Commercial paper- Commercial paper (Standalone)	INE146O14BW9	23-Feb-24	8.85%	21-Feb-25	150.00	CARE A1+
Commercial paper Commercial paper (Standalone)	INE146O14BY5	27-Feb-24	8.78%	31-Jan-25	100.00	CARE A1+



Name of the Instrument	ISIN	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (₹ crore)	Rating assigned and Rating Outlook
Commercial paper Commercial paper (Standalone)	INE146O14BX7	27-Feb-24	8.78%	26-Feb-25	100.00	CARE A1+
Commercial paper- Commercial paper (Standalone)	INE146O14CC9	7-Mar-24	8.78%	7-Mar-25	25.00	CARE A1+
Commercial paper Commercial paper (Standalone)	INE146O14CD7	13-Mar-24	8.72%	13-Mar-25	50.00	CARE A1+
Commercial paper Commercial paper (Standalone)	INE146O14CF2	21-May-24	8.45%	18-Nov-24	100.00	CARE A1+
Commercial paper- Commercial paper (Standalone)	INE146O14CM8	10-Jun-24	8.43%	27-Jan-25	150.00	CARE A1+
Commercial paper- Commercial paper (Standalone)	INE146O14CN6	13-Sep-24	7.99%	6-Dec-24	50.00	CARE A1+
Commercial paper- Commercial paper (Standalone) (Proposed)	-	-	-	-	1,275.00	CARE A1+

<sup>\*</sup>The aforementioned NCD is redeemed

**Annexure-2: Rating history for last three years** 

			Current Rating	js	Rating History			
Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument/Bank Facilities	Туре	Amount Outstanding (₹ crore)	Rating	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2024-2025	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2023-2024	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2022-2023	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2021-2022
1	Fund-based-Long Term	LT	23503.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)CARE AA; Stable (11-Sep-24) 2)CARE AA; Stable (19-Aug-24) 3)CARE AA; Stable (05-Apr-24)	1)CARE AA; Stable (09-Jan-24) 2)CARE AA; Stable (28-Nov-23) 3)CARE AA; Stable (26-Apr-23)	1)CARE AA; Stable (25-Jan-23) 2)CARE AA; Stable (29-Dec-22)	1)CARE AA-; Stable (25-Mar-22) 2)CARE AA-; Stable (29-Sep-21)
2	Commercial Paper- Commercial Paper (Standalone)	ST	2000.00	CARE A1+	1)CARE A1+ (11-Sep-24) 2)CARE A1+ (19-Aug-24) 3)CARE A1+ (05-Apr-24)	1)CARE A1+ (09-Jan-24) 2)CARE A1+ (28-Nov-23) 3)CARE A1+ (26-Apr-23)	1)CARE A1+ (25-Jan-23) 2)CARE A1+ (29-Dec-22)	1)CARE A1+ (25-Mar-22) 2)CARE A1+ (29-Sep-21)
3	Debt-Subordinate Debt	LT	-	-	-	-	-	1)Withdrawn (29-Sep-21)
4	Debt-Subordinate Debt	LT	-	-	-	-	1)Withdrawn (29-Dec-22)	1)CARE AA-; Stable (25-Mar-22)



			Current Rating	js		Rating	History	
Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument/Bank Facilities	Туре	Amount Outstanding (₹ crore)	Rating	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2024-2025	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2023-2024	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2022-2023	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2021-2022
								2)CARE AA-; Stable (29-Sep-21)
5	Debt-Subordinate Debt	LT	-	-	1)CARE AA; Stable (11-Sep-24) 2)CARE AA; Stable (19-Aug-24) 3)CARE AA; Stable (05-Apr-24)	1)CARE AA; Stable (09-Jan-24) 2)CARE AA; Stable (28-Nov-23) 3)CARE AA; Stable (26-Apr-23)	1)CARE AA; Stable (25-Jan-23) 2)CARE AA; Stable (29-Dec-22)	1)CARE AA-; Stable (25-Mar-22) 2)CARE AA-; Stable (29-Sep-21)
6	Debt-Subordinate Debt	LT	150.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)CARE AA; Stable (11-Sep-24) 2)CARE AA; Stable (19-Aug-24) 3)CARE AA; Stable (05-Apr-24)	1)CARE AA; Stable (09-Jan-24) 2)CARE AA; Stable (28-Nov-23) 3)CARE AA; Stable (26-Apr-23)	1)CARE AA; Stable (25-Jan-23) 2)CARE AA; Stable (29-Dec-22)	1)CARE AA-; Stable (25-Mar-22) 2)CARE AA-; Stable (29-Sep-21)
7	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	-	-	-	1)Withdrawn (09-Jan-24) 2)CARE AA; Stable (28-Nov-23) 3)CARE AA; Stable (26-Apr-23)	1)CARE AA; Stable (25-Jan-23) 2)CARE AA; Stable (29-Dec-22)	1)CARE AA-; Stable (25-Mar-22) 2)CARE AA-; Stable (29-Sep-21)
8	Debt-Subordinate Debt	LT	75.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)CARE AA; Stable (11-Sep-24) 2)CARE AA; Stable (19-Aug-24) 3)CARE AA; Stable (05-Apr-24)	1)CARE AA; Stable (09-Jan-24) 2)CARE AA; Stable (28-Nov-23) 3)CARE AA; Stable (26-Apr-23)	1)CARE AA; Stable (25-Jan-23) 2)CARE AA; Stable (29-Dec-22)	1)CARE AA-; Stable (25-Mar-22) 2)CARE AA-; Stable (29-Sep-21)
9	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	-	-	-	1)Withdrawn (09-Jan-24)	1)CARE AA; Stable (25-Jan-23)	1)CARE AA-; Stable (25-Mar-22)



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						2)CARE AA; Stable (28-Nov-23) 3)CARE AA; Stable (26-Apr-23)	2)CARE AA; Stable (29-Dec-22)	2)CARE AA-; Stable (29-Sep-21)
10	Debt-Subordinated debt - Market Linked Debenture	LT	-	-	1)CARE PP- MLD AA; Stable (11-Sep-24) 2)CARE PP- MLD AA; Stable (19-Aug-24) 3)CARE PP- MLD AA; Stable (05-Apr-24)	1)CARE PP- MLD AA; Stable (09-Jan-24) 2)CARE PP- MLD AA; Stable (28-Nov-23) 3)CARE PP- MLD AA; Stable (26-Apr-23)	1)CARE PP- MLD AA; Stable (25-Jan-23) 2)CARE PP- MLD AA; Stable (29-Dec-22)	1)CARE PP- MLD AA-; Stable (25-Mar-22) 2)CARE PP- MLD AA-; Stable (29-Sep-21)
11	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	-	-	-	1)Withdrawn (09-Jan-24) 2)CARE AA; Stable (28-Nov-23) 3)CARE AA; Stable (26-Apr-23)	1)CARE AA; Stable (25-Jan-23) 2)CARE AA; Stable (29-Dec-22)	1)CARE AA-; Stable (25-Mar-22) 2)CARE AA-; Stable (29-Sep-21)
12	Debentures-Market Linked Debentures	LT	-	-	-	1)Withdrawn (09-Jan-24) 2)CARE PP- MLD AA; Stable (28-Nov-23) 3)CARE PP- MLD AA; Stable (26-Apr-23)	1)CARE PP- MLD AA; Stable (25-Jan-23) 2)CARE PP- MLD AA; Stable (29-Dec-22)	1)CARE PP- MLD AA-; Stable (25-Mar-22) 2)CARE PP- MLD AA-; Stable (29-Sep-21)
13	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	100.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)CARE AA; Stable (11-Sep-24) 2)CARE AA; Stable	1)CARE AA; Stable (09-Jan-24) 2)CARE AA; Stable	1)CARE AA; Stable (25-Jan-23) 2)CARE AA; Stable	1)CARE AA-; Stable (25-Mar-22) 2)CARE AA-; Stable



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					(19-Aug-24)	(28-Nov-23)	(29-Dec-22)	(29-Sep-21)
					3)CARE AA; Stable (05-Apr-24)	3)CARE AA; Stable (26-Apr-23)		
					1)CARE A1+	1)CARE A1+		
	Fund-based-Short			CARE	(11-Sep-24) 2)CARE A1+	(09-Jan-24) 2)CARE A1+	1)CARE A1+ (25-Jan-23)	1)CARE A1+ (25-Mar-22)
14	Term	ST	200.00	A1+	(19-Aug-24)	(28-Nov-23)	2)CARE A1+	2)CARE A1+
					3)CARE A1+ (05-Apr-24)	3)CARE A1+ (26-Apr-23)	(29-Dec-22)	(29-Sep-21)
					1)CARE AA;	1)CARE AA;		1)CARE AA-;
					Stable (11-Sep-24)	Stable (09-Jan-24)	1)CARE AA; Stable	Stable (25-Mar-22)
15	Debt-Subordinate	LT	200.00	CARE AA+;	2)CARE AA; Stable	2)CARE AA; Stable	(25-Jan-23)	2)CARE AA-; Stable
	Debt			Stable	(19-Aug-24)	(28-Nov-23)	2)CARE AA; Stable	(29-Sep-21)
					3)CARE AA; Stable	3)CARE AA; Stable	(29-Dec-22)	3)CARE AA-; Stable
					(05-Apr-24)	(26-Apr-23) 1)CARE PP-		(23-Apr-21) 1)CARE PP-
						MLD AA;		MLD AA-;
						Stable	1)CARE PP-	Stable
						(09-Jan-24)	MLD AA; Stable	(25-Mar-22)
	Debentures-Market				1)Withdrawn	2)CARE PP- MLD AA;	(25-Jan-23)	2)CARE PP- MLD AA-;
16	Linked Debentures	LT	-	-	(05-Apr-24)	Stable (28-Nov-23)	2)CARE PP- MLD AA;	Stable (29-Sep-21)
						3)CARE PP- MLD AA;	Stable (29-Dec-22)	3)CARE PP- MLD AA-;
						Stable		Stable
						(26-Apr-23)		(24-May-21)
					1)CARE PP-	1)CARE PP-		
					MLD AA; Stable	MLD AA; Stable		
				CARE PP-	(11-Sep-24)	(09-Jan-24)	1)CARE PP-	
17	Debentures-Market	LT	80.00	MLD			MLD AA;	_
-	Linked Debentures			AA+;	2)CARE PP-	2)CARE PP-	Stable	
				Stable	MLD AA; Stable	MLD AA; Stable	(25-Jan-23)	
					(19-Aug-24)	(28-Nov-23)		



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					3)CARE PP- MLD AA; Stable	3)CARE PP- MLD AA; Stable		
18	Debt-Subordinate Debt	LT	300.00	CARE AA+; Stable	(05-Apr-24)  1)CARE AA; Stable (11-Sep-24)  2)CARE AA; Stable (19-Aug-24)  3)CARE AA; Stable (05-Apr-24)	(26-Apr-23)  1)CARE AA; Stable (09-Jan-24)  2)CARE AA; Stable (28-Nov-23)  3)CARE AA; Stable (26-Apr-23)	-	-
19	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	500.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)CARE AA; Stable (11-Sep-24) 2)CARE AA; Stable (19-Aug-24) 3)CARE AA; Stable (05-Apr-24)	1)CARE AA; Stable (09-Jan-24) 2)CARE AA; Stable (28-Nov-23)	-	-
20	Debt-Subordinate Debt	LT	300.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)CARE AA; Stable (11-Sep-24) 2)CARE AA; Stable (19-Aug-24) 3)CARE AA; Stable (05-Apr-24)	1)CARE AA; Stable (09-Jan-24) 2)CARE AA; Stable (28-Nov-23)	-	-
21	Debt-Subordinate Debt	LT	500.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)CARE AA; Stable (11-Sep-24) 2)CARE AA; Stable (19-Aug-24) 3)CARE AA; Stable (05-Apr-24)	-	-	-



			Current Rating	Rating History				
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22	Debt-Subordinate Debt	LT	500.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)CARE AA; Stable (11-Sep-24) 2)CARE AA; Stable (19-Aug-24)	-	-	-
23	Debt-Subordinate Debt	LT	500.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)CARE AA; Stable (11-Sep-24)	-	-	-
24	Debt-Perpetual Debt	LT	300.00	CARE AA; Stable				

LT: Long term; ST: Short term

# Annexure-3: Detailed explanation of covenants of rated instruments/facilities: Not applicable

# **Annexure-4: Complexity level of instruments rated**

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument	Complexity Level
1	Commercial Paper-Commercial Paper (Standalone)	Simple
2	Debentures-Market Linked Debentures	Complex
3	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	Simple
4	Debt-Perpetual Debt	Highly Complex
5	Debt-Subordinate Debt	Simple
6	Debt-Subordinated debt - Market Linked Debenture	Complex
7	Fund-based-Long Term	Simple
8	Fund-based-Short Term	Simple

# **Annexure-5: Lender details**

To view the lender wise details of bank facilities please <u>click here</u>

# Annexure-6: List of subsidiaries/ associates taken for consolidation as on March 31, 2024

Sr No	Name of the entity	Extent of consolidation	Rationale for consolidation
1	Hinduja Housing Finance Limited	Full	100% Subsidiary
2	Gaadimandi Digital Platforms Limited	Full	100% Subsidiary
3	HLF Services Limited	Proportionate	45.9% Associate
4	Gro Digital Platforms Limited	Proportionate	49.9% Joint Venture



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