

**Press Release**  
**FUTURE RETAIL LIMITED**  
**October 22, 2024**  
**Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating**



| Product                                   | Quantum<br>(Rs. Cr) | Long Term Rating                                 | Short Term Rating                                |
|---|---------------------|--|--|
| <b>Non Convertible Debentures (NCD)</b>   | 350.00              | ACUITE D   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating* | -  |
| <b>Commercial Paper (CP)</b>              | 1400.00             | -  | ACUITE D   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating* |
| <b>Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)</b> | 1750.00             | -  | -  |
| <b>Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)</b>   | 0.00                | -  | -  |

\* The issuer did not co-operate; based on best available information.

**Rating Rationale**

Acuite has reaffirmed the long term rating of **'ACUITE D' (read as ACUITE D)** on the Rs. 200.00 cr. Non-Convertible Debentures of Future Retail Limited (FRL). Acuite has also reaffirmed the long-term rating on the Rs. 150.00 Cr. proposed Non-Convertible Debentures of **'ACUITE D' (read as ACUITE D)** of Future Retail Limited (FRL). Further, Acuite has reaffirmed the short term rating of **'ACUITE D' (read as ACUITE D)** on the Rs. 1400.00 crore Commercial Paper Programme of Future Retail Limited (FRL). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not Co-operating" and is based on the best available information.

**About the Company**

Mumbai Based, Future Retail Limited was incorporated in 2007. The flagship company of the Future Group (one of India's largest retailers), is engaged mainly in value retailing. FRL, the retail arm of Future Group, operates diverse and multiple retail formats, namely Big Bazaar, FBB, Easy day, E-zone etc. As on March 2021, the company operates across 1308 large and small format stores spread across 397 cities in India with an area of around 15.69 million sq. ft. and a mixed format of large and small stores across Big Bazaar, Food Bazaar, Foodhall, ezona and others. It is promoted by Mr. Ravindra Dhariwal, Mr. Kishore Laxminarayan Biyani, Mr. Jacob Mathew.

**About the Group**

Future Group is an Indian private conglomerate, headquartered in Mumbai. The company is known for having a significant prominence in Indian retail and fashion sectors, with popular supermarket chains like Big Bazaar and Food Bazaar, lifestyle stores like Brand Factory, Central etc. and for having notable presence in integrated foods and FMCG manufacturing sectors. Future Retail (initially Pantaloons Retail India Ltd (PRIL) and Future Lifestyle Fashions, two operating companies of Future Group, are among the top retail companies listed in BSE with respect to assets and in NSE with respect to market capitalization.

**Future Enterprises Limited:**

Future Enterprises Limited is a 35-year-old company, incorporated on 12 Oct 1987. Future Enterprises Limited was created with combined retail backend and infrastructure of erstwhile Future retail and Bharati Retail. FEL owns the fixed assets used in setting up and operating hypermarket chain of Big Bazaar, medium sized stores like FBB and Easy Day, Speciality stores such as eZone and Hometown and smaller format stores within the foodhall, Easyday and KB's convenience store networks. Directors of Future Enterprises Limited are Mr. Kishore Laxminarayan Biyani, Mr. Vijay Laxminarayan Biyani, Mr. Bala C Deshpande.

**Unsupported Rating**

Not Applicable

**Non-cooperation by the issuer/borrower:**

Acuité has been requesting for data, information and undertakings from the rated entity for conducting surveillance & review of the rating. However, the issuer/borrower failed to submit such information before the due date. Acuité believes that information risk is a critical component in such ratings, and non-cooperation by the issuer along with unwillingness to provide information could be a sign of potential deterioration in its overall credit quality.

This rating is, therefore, being flagged as “Issuer not-cooperating”, in line with prevailing SEBI regulations and Acuité’s policies.

**Limitation regarding information availability:**

The rating is based on information available from sources other than the issuer/borrower (in the absence of information provided by the issuer/borrower). Acuité endeavored to gather information about the entity/industry from the public domain. Therefore, Acuité cautions lenders and investors regarding the use of such information, on which the indicative credit ratings are based.

**Rating Sensitivity**

"No information provided by the issuer / available for Acuite to comment upon."

**Liquidity Position**

"No information provided by the issuer / available for Acuite to comment upon."

**Outlook**

Not Applicable

**Other Factors affecting Rating**

None

**Key Financials :**

The rated entity has not shared the latest financial statements despite repeated requests.

**Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA**

Not Applicable

**Any other information**

None

**Applicable Criteria**

- Trading Entities: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-61.htm>
- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Application Of Financial Ratios And Adjustments: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-53.htm>
- Commercial Paper: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-54.htm>

**Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument**

In order to inform the investors about complexity of instruments, Acuité has categorized such instruments in three levels: Simple, Complex and Highly Complex. Acuite’s categorisation of the instruments across the three categories is based on factors like variability of the returns to the investors, uncertainty in cash flow patterns, number of counterparties and general understanding of the instrument by the market. It has to be understood that

complexity is different from credit risk and even an instrument categorized as 'Simple' can carry high levels of risk. For more details, please refer Rating Criteria “Complexity Level Of Financial Instruments” on [www.acuite.in](http://www.acuite.in).

## Rating History

| Date        | Name of Instruments/Facilities      | Term       | Amount (Rs. Cr) | Rating/Outlook                                   |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|--|
| 27 Oct 2023 | Proposed Commercial Paper Program   | Short Term | 150.00          | ACUITE D (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
|             | Commercial Paper Program            | Short Term | 525.00          | ACUITE D (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
|             | Commercial Paper Program            | Short Term | 100.00          | ACUITE D (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
|             | Proposed Commercial Paper Program   | Short Term | 550.00          | ACUITE D (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
|             | Proposed Commercial Paper Program   | Short Term | 75.00           | ACUITE D (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
|             | Non-Convertible Debentures (NCD)    | Long Term  | 200.00          | ACUITE D (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
|             | Proposed Non Convertible Debentures | Long Term  | 150.00          | ACUITE D (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
| 01 Nov 2022 | Proposed Commercial Paper Program   | Short Term | 150.00          | ACUITE D (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
|             | Commercial Paper Program            | Short Term | 525.00          | ACUITE D (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
|             | Commercial Paper Program            | Short Term | 100.00          | ACUITE D (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
|             | Proposed Commercial Paper Program   | Short Term | 550.00          | ACUITE D (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
|             | Proposed Commercial Paper Program   | Short Term | 75.00           | ACUITE D (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
|             | Non-Convertible Debentures (NCD)    | Long Term  | 200.00          | ACUITE D (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
|             | Proposed Non Convertible Debentures | Long Term  | 150.00          | ACUITE D (Reaffirmed & Issuer not co-operating*) |
| 05 Nov 2021 | Proposed Commercial Paper Program   | Short Term | 75.00           | ACUITE D (Reaffirmed)                            |
|             | Proposed Commercial Paper Program   | Short Term | 550.00          | ACUITE D (Reaffirmed)                            |
|             | Commercial Paper Program            | Short Term | 100.00          | ACUITE D (Reaffirmed)                            |
|             | Commercial Paper Program            | Short Term | 525.00          | ACUITE D (Reaffirmed)                            |
|             | Proposed Commercial Paper Program   | Short Term | 150.00          | ACUITE D (Reaffirmed)                            |
|             | Proposed Non Convertible Debentures | Long Term  | 150.00          | ACUITE D (Reaffirmed)                            |
|             | Proposed Non Convertible Debentures | Long Term  | 200.00          | ACUITE D (Reaffirmed)                            |

\* The issuer did not co-operate; based on best available information.

## Annexure - Details of instruments rated

| Lender's Name  | ISIN                 | Facilities                          | Date Of Issuance     | Coupon Rate          | Maturity Date        | Quantum (Rs. Cr.) | Complexity Level | Rating   |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|--|
| Not Applicable | Not avl. / Not appl. | Commercial Paper Program            | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | 525.00            | Simple           | ACUITE D   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating* |
| Not Applicable | Not avl. / Not appl. | Commercial Paper Program            | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | 100.00            | Simple           | ACUITE D   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating* |
| Not Applicable | INE752P07062         | Non-Convertible Debentures (NCD)    | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | 200.00            | Simple           | ACUITE D   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating* |
| Not Applicable | Not avl. / Not appl. | Proposed Commercial Paper Program   | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | 150.00            | Simple           | ACUITE D   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating* |
| Not Applicable | Not avl. / Not appl. | Proposed Commercial Paper Program   | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | 550.00            | Simple           | ACUITE D   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating* |
| Not Applicable | Not avl. / Not appl. | Proposed Commercial Paper Program   | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | 75.00             | Simple           | ACUITE D   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating* |
| Not Applicable | Not avl. / Not appl. | Proposed Non Convertible Debentures | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | Not avl. / Not appl. | 150.00            | Simple           | ACUITE D   Reaffirmed   Issuer not co-operating* |

\* The issuer did not co-operate; based on best available information.

## Contacts

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Mohit Jain<br>Senior Vice President-Rating Operations | <b>Contact details exclusively for investors and lenders</b>  |
| Sahil Sawant<br>Associate Analyst-Rating Operations   | Mob: +91 8591310146<br>Email ID: <a href="mailto:analyticsupport@acuite.in">analyticsupport@acuite.in</a> |

### About Acuité Ratings & Research

Acuité is a full-service Credit Rating Agency registered with the Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI). The company received RBI Accreditation as an External Credit Assessment Institution (ECAI) for Bank Loan Ratings under BASEL-II norms in the year 2012. Acuité has assigned ratings to various securities, debt instruments and bank facilities of entities spread across the country and across a wide cross section of industries. It has its Registered and Head Office in Kanjurmarg, Mumbai.

**Disclaimer:** An Acuité rating does not constitute an audit of the rated entity and should not be treated as a recommendation or opinion that is intended to substitute for a financial adviser's or investor's independent assessment of whether to buy, sell or hold any security. Ratings assigned by Acuité are based on the data and information provided by the issuer and obtained from other reliable sources. Although reasonable care has been taken to ensure that the data and information is true, Acuité, in particular, makes no representation or warranty, expressed or implied with respect to the adequacy, accuracy or completeness of the information relied upon. Acuité is not responsible for any errors or omissions and especially states that it has no financial liability whatsoever for any direct, indirect or consequential loss of any kind, arising from the use of its ratings. Ratings assigned by Acuité are subject to a process of surveillance which may lead to a revision in ratings as and when the circumstances so warrant. Please visit our website ([www.acuite.in](http://www.acuite.in)) for the latest information on any instrument rated by Acuité. Please visit <https://www.acuite.in/faqs.htm> to refer FAQs on Credit Rating.