



Press Release
Blaze Trust
September 04, 2024
Rating Downgraded and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	12.00	ACUITE B+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating*	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	12.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuite has downgraded the long-term rating to '**ACUITE B+**' (read as **ACUITE B plus**) from '**ACUITE BB-**' (read as **ACUITE double B minus**) on the Rs.12.00 Cr. bank facilities of Blaze Trust on account of information risk. The rating is flagged as 'Issuer not cooperating' and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

Blaze Trust is a Non-Government Organisation-Micro Finance based in Tamil Nadu, India. The trust had started its operations in the year 2007. The trust focuses on Joint Liability Group (JLG), Self- Help Group (SHG), and Micro Credit Group (MCG) lending model for providing collateral free, small ticket-size loans amounting to Rs.10,000 to Rs.40,000 to group of economically active poor women for a period of 12 to 36 months. Blaze is presently working as a business correspondent with Kiara Microcredit Private Limited. The total portfolio of Blaze Trust stood at Rs 8.54 Crore of which managed portfolio stood at Rs 1.27 Crore as on March 31,2021.

Unsupported Rating

Not Applicable

Non-cooperation by the issuer/borrower:

Acuite 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.

Acuite 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 based.

About the Rated Entity - Key Financials

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

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

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

Not Applicable

Any other information

None

Applicable Criteria

- 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>

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.

Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
07 Jun 2023	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	12.00	ACUITE BB- (Downgraded & Issuer not co-operating* from ACUITE BB Stable)
11 Apr 2022	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Long Term	12.00	ACUITE BB Stable (Assigned)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Complexity Level	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Rating
Not Applicable	Not avl. / Not appl.	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Simple	12.00	ACUITE B+ Downgraded Issuer not co-operating* (from ACUITE BB-)

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