

## Press Release

### Bombay Education Trust

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### Rating Withdrawn



<b>Total Bank Facilities Rated*</b>	Rs. 50.00 Cr. #
<b>Long Term Rating</b>	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded & Withdrawn; Issuer not co-operating*)

# Refer Annexure for details

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

Acuite has downgraded and withdrawn the long-term rating to '**ACUITE BB+**' (read as **ACUITE double B plus**) from '**ACUITE BBB+**' (read as **ACUITE triple B plus**) on the Rs. 50.00 crore bank facilities of Bombay Education Trust (BET). The rating withdrawal is in accordance with Acuite's policy on withdrawal of rating. The rating is now indicative rating and is downgraded on account of information risk.

The rating is being withdrawn on account of request received from the company and NOC received from the banker.

#### About Bombay Education Trust

BET, established in 1991, is registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950. Mr. Jesus Lall is Chairman of the Trust. BET is in a process to establish a school - The Universal School, K-12 school, in Pali Hill, Bandra and 2020-21 will be the first academic year. The school is likely to offer International curriculum – Cambridge International Examinations and International Baccalaureate.

#### About UEG

UEG has a presence in education since 2003. Mr. Jesus Lall is the founder. The group runs 44 educational institutions across 28 entities and offers K-12 education, degree and technical courses. While most of the entities are in education sector some of them are asset holding and provides supporting services to the institutes. The group has its presence in Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

#### 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 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 Acuite's policies.

#### Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Entities in Services Sector - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-50.htm>

#### 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). Acuite endeavoured to gather information about the entity / industry from the public domain. Therefore, Acuite cautions lenders and investors regarding the use of such information, on which the indicative credit rating is based.

#### Liquidity Position

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

#### Rating Sensitivities

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

#### About the Rated Entity - Key Financials

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

#### Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA (if applicable)

Not Applicable

#### Any other information

None

#### Rating History (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
20-Nov-2019	Term Loan	Long Term	50.00	ACUITE BBB+/ Negative (Downgraded)
19-Oct-2018	Term Loan	Long Term	50.00	ACUITE A- /Stable (Assigned)

#### #Annexure – Details of instruments rated

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
Term Loan	Not Available	Not Applicable	01-Sept-2028	50.00	ACUITE BB+ (Downgraded & Withdrawn; Issuer not co-operating*)

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