

Press Release

Arya Capital Management Private Limited

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Rating Reaffirmed

Total Instruments Rated*	Rs. 300.00 Cr.*
Long Term Rating	ACUITE B- / Outlook: Stable

* Refer Annexure for details

Rating Rationale

Acuité has reaffirmed long-term rating of '**ACUITE B-**' (**read as ACUITE B minus**) on the Rs.300.00 crore non-convertible debenture (NCD) of ARYA CAPITAL MANAGEMENT PRIVATE LIMITED (ACMPL). The outlook is '**Stable**'.

ACMPL was incorporated in 2007 and is promoted by Mr. Arjun Dhawan. ACMPL is member of promoter Group Company of Hindustan Construction Company (HCC). Mr. Arjun Dhawan is a wholetime director and Group CEO on the Board of Directors of HCC Ltd. ACMPL currently holds 16.33% stake in HCC. The proceeds of the NCD issue are deployed for subscribing the rights issue of HCC.

Analytical Approach

Acuité has considered the standalone business and financial risk profiles of ACMPL to arrive at this rating.

Key Rating Drivers

Strengths

- **Experienced management**

ACMPL is promoted by Mr. Arjun Dhawan who is the son-in-law of Mr. Ajit Gulabchand Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan Construction Company Ltd (HCC) an Engineering & Construction business with a turnover of over Rs. 10,132 Cr. Mr. Arjun Dhawan holds 98 per cent stake in the ACMPL and is a whole-time Director of HCC. Mr. Dhawan has a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics & Economics from Middlebury College and holds an MBA from Harvard Business School. Mr. Dhawan began his career as an Investment Banker in the Leveraged Finance Groups of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette and Credit Suisse First Boston. Mr. Ajit Gulabchand is a graduate of Mumbai University and has previously served as Chief Executive Officer of Indian Hume Pipe Co. Ltd. (IHPC) and as Managing Director of Ravalgaon Sugar Farm Ltd. (RSFL).

- **Supported by promoter group**

ACMPL is member of promoter Group Company of HCC; HCC is one of the large construction companies in India and is engaged in construction activities which include roads, bridges, ports, power stations, water supply and irrigation projects. The company's construction capabilities include solutions for construction of projects in various complex industries including hydel power, water solution systems, nuclear power and process plants and transportation. HCC however has established its presence as a key infrastructure player through its established track record of execution of several marquee infrastructure projects such as Bandra-Worli Sea Link (Mumbai), Mumbai Pune Expressway, Delhi Faridabad Skyway and the government's continuing focus on infrastructure development. The Government of India has implemented various infrastructure policies which include projects like Dedicated Freight Corridors, Metro rail projects already underway in most major cities. GoI's push with Smart Cities Mission and AMRUT likely to provide revenue visibility to players like HCC

Weaknesses

- **Susceptibility to the timely and successful revival of HCC**

HCC is currently witnessing financial stress and there are on-going delays in servicing of its debts availed from various banks and institutions. HCC is facing litigations from various lenders and operational creditors. The promoters of HCC are in negotiations with the various lenders and stakeholders to recast its debt and revive the company. The timely and successful resolution of its issues with various lenders, creditors and other counterparties will be critical for its long term viability. In the event of an inordinate

delay in the resolution of the debt issues of HCC or some of the lenders preferring alternative legal options, the company's revival plans could be impacted. This in turn will impact the company's financial performance and consequently the promoter's financial flexibility. These strengths are partially offset by the exposure of HCC to inherent risk of operation in the infrastructure segment. Since the standalone credit profile of ACMPL is extremely modest, the dependence on HCC for redemption of the issue either to direct financial support or refinancing will be high. Hence the improvement in performance of HCC will be a major factor.

Rating Sensitivities

- Improvement in liquidity over the medium term will be a key monitorable.
- Timely and successful revival of HCC, on whom ACMPL's cash flow is dependent, is key rating sensitivity.

Material Covenants

None

Liquidity position: Poor

ACMPL's cash flow is dependent on HCC for redemption of the issue either by direct financial support or refinancing. Further, the liquidity of ACMPL on a standalone basis is subdued.

Outlook: Stable

Acuité believes that ACMPL will maintain a stable credit profile on the back of its experienced management, established presence of HCC in the infrastructure sector and the increasing infrastructure spending in the economy. The outlook may be revised to 'Positive' in case of sufficiently higher than expected growth in accruals and a further strengthening in business risk profile. Conversely, the outlook may be revised to 'Negative' in case of slowdown in the flow of orders and significant buildup in receivables.

About the Rated Entity - Key Financials

	Unit	FY19 (Actual)	FY18 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	4.37	0.92
PAT	Rs. Cr.	(14.16)	0.02
PAT Margin	(%)	(323.62)	2.04
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	3.81	(9.29)
PBDIT/Interest	Times	0.01	-

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

Not Applicable

Any other information

None

Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-17.htm>
- Entities in Non-Banking Financing Entities - <https://acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-10.htm>
- Financial Ratios and Adjustments - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-20.htm>

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument

<https://www.acuite.in/criteria-complexity-levels.htm>

Rating History (Upto last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr.)	Ratings/Outlook
07-Dec-2018	Non-Convertible Debentures	Long Term	300.00	ACUITE B-/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
Non-Convertible Debentures	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	300.00	ACUITE B-/Stable (Reaffirmed)

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