

Press Release

Vedant Education Trust

December 23, 2022



Rating Reaffirmed and Issuer not co-operating

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	18.80	ACUITE B Reaffirmed Issuer not co-operating*	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	18.80	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuite has reaffirmed the long term rating of '**ACUITE B**' (read as **ACUITE B**) on the Rs.18.80 Crore bank facilities of Vedant Education Trust. The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer NotCooperating" and is based on the best available information.

About the Company

Vedant Education Trust is a charitable trust set up in 2011 for promoting education. The trust has been set up by Mr. Bijinder Singh and Mr. Ashok Khurana and their sons, Mr. Yoginder Singh and Mr. Akshay Khurana, respectively. The trust is setting up a K-12 CBSE school in Greater Noida (Uttar Pradesh) under the name of The Shri Ram Universal School (TSUS), under a franchisee tie-up with SEL, which have promoted Sri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) and Lady Shri Ram College (LSR) and have a long track record of operation in the education sector. The school is expected to start its operations in April 2021.

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 noncooperation 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.

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 endeavored 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.

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.

Material Covenants

None

Liquidity Position

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

Outlook

Not Applicable

Other Factors affecting Rating

Not Applicable

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA

None

Any other information

Acuité is yet to receive the latest No Default Statement (NDS) from the rated entity, despite repeated requests and follow-ups.

Applicable Criteria

- Service Sector: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-50.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>

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
30 Sep 2021	Term Loan	Long Term	18.80	ACUITE B (Issuer not co-operating*)
07 Aug 2020	Term Loan	Long Term	18.80	ACUITE B 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
Punjab National Bank	Not Applicable	Term Loan	Not available	Not available	Not available	Simple	18.80	ACUITE B Reaffirmed Issuer not co- operating*

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