

Press Release

Inditrade Microfinance Limited - Pegasus 11 2022

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Rating Assigned

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Pass Through Certificates (PTCs)	8.56	ACUITE A- SO Assigned Provisional To Final	-
Pass Through Certificates (PTCs)	0.95	ACUITE BBB+ SO Assigned Provisional To Final	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	9.51	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuite has converted from provisional to final rating of '**ACUITE A-(SO)**' (read as **ACUITE A minus (Structured Obligation)**) to the Rs. 8.56 Cr. Series A1 (a) Pass Through Certificates (PTCs).

Acuite has also converted from provisional to final rating of '**ACUITE BBB+ (SO)**' (read as **ACUITE triple B plus (Structured Obligation)**) to the Rs. 0.95 Cr. Series A1 (b) PTCs issued by PEGASUS 11 2022 (The Trust) under a securitisation transaction originated by INDITRADE MICROFINANCE LIMITED (The Originator). The PTCs are backed by a pool of loans provided to individuals as Unsecured Business Loans with principal outstanding of Rs. 10.87 Cr. (including Rs. 0.81 Cr. of overcollateralisation).

The rating for Series A1 (a) addresses the timely payment of interest on monthly payment dates and the ultimate payment of principal by the final maturity date, in accordance with the transaction documentation. The principal portion of Series A1 (b) PTCs is subordinated to Series A1 (a) PTCs. The transaction is structured at par.

The rating is based on the strength of cash flows from the selected pool of contracts; the credit enhancement is available to the Series A1 (a) PTCs in the form of:

- Cash collateral of 5.00% of the pool principal; and
- Overcollateralisation of 7.50% of the pool principal
- Excess Interest Spread of 6.04% of the pool principal
- Subordinated Series A1 (b) PTC tranche of 8.75% of the pool principal
- An equity tranche of 5.00% of the pool principal

The credit enhancement is available to the Series A1 (b) PTCs in the form of:

- Cash collateral of 5.00% of the pool principal; and
- Overcollateralisation of 7.50% of the pool principal.
- Excess Interest Spread of 6.04% of the pool principal
- An equity tranche of 5.00% of the pool principal

The final rating is assigned based on the adherence to the structure, terms and covenants detailed in the executed trust deed, servicing agreement, legal opinion, assignment agreement and other documents relevant to the transaction.

About the Originator

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Incorporated in 2016, Inditrade Microfinance Limited (IML, erstwhile Tree Microfinance Limited) is an NBFC-MFI engaged in extending microfinance loans to woman borrowers arranged in joint liability groups since 2017. The company has its head office in Mumbai and primarily operates, as of June 2022, through a network of 170 branches across 8 states and 1 Union territory namely Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Puducherry. The company offers funding primarily for income generation activities and education loans for the borrower's children. The company is led by Mr. R. Vignesh (CEO) who has over a decade of experience in financial services. IML's total Assets Under Management (AUM) stood at Rs. 245.72 Cr. as on September 30, 2022.

Assessment of the Pool

IML has Asset Under Management of Rs. 245.72 Cr as on September 30, 2022. The underlying pool of Rs. 10.87 Cr in current Pass Through Certificate (PTC) transaction comprises of Unsecured Business loans has been extended towards 5,468 borrowers, displaying significant granularity, with an average ticket size of Rs. 36,531, minimum ticket size of Rs. 5,000 and maximum of Rs. 60,000. The current average outstanding per borrower stands at Rs. 19,871. The weighted average original tenure for pool is of 19.51 months (minimum 12 months & maximum 25 months). The pool has a healthy weighted average seasoning of 7.61 months (minimum 6 months seasoning and maximum of 9 months seasoning). Furthermore, none of the loans in the pool had gone into the Non-CURRENT bucket since origination, which are healthy signs. 57.5% of the customers in the pool belonged to the agriculture-allied industries, followed by 19.4% in the trading industry. 38.62% of the borrowers are concentrated in Karnataka followed by 30.12% in Tamil Nadu and 18.47% in Puducherry, 9.92% in Madhya Pradesh and 2.87% in Gujarat displaying moderate geographical concentration. The top 10 borrowers of pool constitute 0.42% (i.e. Rs.4.59 lakhs) of the pool principal O/s.

Credit Enhancements (CE)

The rating is based on the strength of cash flows from the selected pool of contracts; the credit enhancement is available to the Series A1 (a) PTCs in the form of:

- i. Cash collateral of 5.00% of the pool principal; and
- ii. Overcollateralisation of 7.50% of the pool principal
- iii. Excess Interest Spread of 6.04% of the pool principal
- iv. Subordinated Series A1 (b) PTC tranche of 8.75% of the pool principal v. An equity tranche of 5.00% of the pool principal

The credit enhancement is available to the Series A1 (b) PTCs in the form of:

- i. Cash collateral of 5.00% of the pool principal; and
- ii. Overcollateralisation of 7.50% of the pool principal
- iii. Excess Interest Spread of 6.04% of the pool principal
- iv. An equity tranche of 5.00% of the pool principal

Transaction Structure

The final rating for Series A1 (a) addresses the timely payment of interest on monthly payment dates and the ultimate payment of principal by the final maturity date, in accordance with the transaction documentation. The principal portion of Series A1 (b) PTCs is subordinated to Series A1 (a) PTCs. The transaction is structured at par.

Assessment of Adequacy of Credit Enhancement

Acuité has arrived at a base case delinquency estimate of 4.0 – 5.0% in respect of the loan assets being securitised. Acuité has further has applied appropriate stress factors to the base loss figures to arrive at the final loss estimates and consequently the extent of credit enhancement required. The final loss estimates also consider the risk profile of the particular asset class i.e. Unsecured business loans, the borrower strata, economic risks and the demonstrated collection efficiency over the past eleven months. Acuité has also considered the track record of operations of the originator and certain pool parameters while arriving at the final loss estimate.

Legal Assessment

The final rating is assigned based on the fulfilment of the structure, terms and covenants

detailed in the executed trust deed, servicing agreement, legal opinion, accounts agreement, assignment agreement and other documents relevant to the transaction.

Key Risks

Counter Party Risks

The pool has average ticket size of Rs. 36,531, minimum ticket size of Rs. 5,000 and maximum of Rs. 60,000. Considering the vulnerable credit profile of the borrowers, the risk of delinquencies/defaults are elevated. These risks of delinquencies are partly mitigated, considering the efficacy of the originator's origination and monitoring procedures.

Concentration Risks

Since the pool is significantly granular, i.e. underlying assets in the pool are in nature of Unsecured business loans to 5,468 individual borrowers, hence the risk is significantly mitigated. The top 10 borrowers of pool constitute 0.42% (i.e. Rs.4.59 lakhs) of the pool principal O/s.

Servicing Risks

There is limited track record of servicing PTCs, since this is one of the first few PTC transactions for the originator rated by Acuité.

Regulatory Risks

In the event of a regulatory stipulation impacting the bankruptcy remoteness of the structure, the payouts to the PTC holders may be impacted.

Prepayment Risks

The pool is subject to prepayment risks since rate of interest is significantly high and borrowers may be inclined to shift to low cost options (based on availability). Prepayment risks are partially mitigated by prepayment penalty levied by the company for pre-closures. In case of significant prepayments, the PTC holders will be exposed to interest rate risks, since the cash flows from prepayment will have to be deployed at lower interest rates.

Commingling Risk

The transaction is subject to commingling risk since there is a time gap between last collection date and transfer to payout account.

Rating Sensitivity

- Collection performance of the underlying pool
- Credit quality of the underlying borrowers
- Decrease in cover available for PTC payouts from the credit enhancement

Material Covenants

The following covenant is included in the transaction structure: The Purchase Consideration to be paid by the Issuer to the Originator for purchasing the Pool is the sum of the Series A1 (a) Issue Price, Series A1 (b) Issue Price and Equity tranche Issue Price.

Liquidity Position

Adequate

The liquidity position in the transaction is adequate. The cash collateral available in the transaction amounts to 5.00% of the pool principal. The Series A1 (a) PTC payouts will also be supported by a subordinated equity tranche (5.00% of pool principal), Subordinated Series A1 (b) PTC tranche of 8.75% of the pool principal, overcollateralisation of 7.50% of the pool principal and excess interest spread (6.04% of pool principal). The Series A1 (b) PTC payouts will be supported by a subordinated equity tranche (5.00% of pool principal), overcollateralisation of 7.50% of the pool principal and excess interest spread (6.04% of pool principal).

Outlook

Not applicable

Key Financials - Originator

Particulars	Unit	FY22 (Actual)	FY21 (Actual)
Total Assets	Rs. Cr.	352.96	214.56

Total Income*	Rs. Cr.	24.18	33.60
PAT	Rs. Cr.	1.33	2.23
Net Worth	Rs. Cr.	67.85	56.51
Return on Average Assets (RoAA)	(%)	0.47	1.03
Return on Average Net Worth (RoNW)	(%)	2.14	4.03
Debt/Equity	Times	4.12	2.71
Gross NPA	(%)	1.60	1.44
Net NPA	(%)	0.09	0.01

*Total income equals to Net Interest Income plus other income.

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

Not applicable

Any Other Information

None

Applicable Criteria

- Application Of Financial Ratios And Adjustments: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-53.htm>
- Default Recognition: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Securitized Transactions: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-48.htm>

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Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
19 Dec 2022	Pass Through Certificates	Long Term	0.95	ACUITE Provisional BBB+(SO) (Assigned)
	Pass Through Certificates	Long Term	8.56	ACUITE Provisional A-(SO) (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 Applicable	Pass Through Certificate	Not Applicable	13.70	Not Applicable	Highly Complex	8.56	ACUITE A- SO Assigned Provisional To Final
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Pass Through Certificate	Not Applicable	14.20	Not Applicable	Highly Complex	0.95	ACUITE BBB+ SO Assigned Provisional To Final

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