



Press Release
HINDUJA GROUP LIMITED
December 30, 2025
Rating Assigned and Upgraded

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	300.00	ACUITE AA- Stable Assigned	-
Bank Loan Ratings	600.00	ACUITE AA- Stable Upgraded	-
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	900.00	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-

Rating Rationale

Acuite has upgraded its long-term rating to '**ACUITE AA-**' (read as **ACUITE double A minus**) from '**ACUITE A+**' (read as **ACUITE A Plus**) on the Rs.600.00 Cr. bank facilities of Hinduja Group Limited (HGL). The outlook is '**Stable**'.

Acuite has assigned its long-term rating to '**ACUITE AA-**' (read as **ACUITE double A minus**) on the Rs.300.00 Cr. bank facilities of Hinduja Group Limited (HGL). The outlook is '**Stable**'.

Rationale for rating

The rating upgrade reflects continued improvement in the business and financial risk profiles of key entities of the Hinduja Group namely Ashok Leyland Ltd, Gulf Oil Lubricants India Ltd, Hinduja Leyland Finance Ltd and Hinduja Housing Finance Ltd which provides strong financial flexibility to HGL. Further, it takes into the account healthy debt protection metrics on external debt and maintenance of better than required minimum security cover on the assets mortgaged against the external debt raised. The rating also derives comfort and liquidity support from the healthy market value of HGL's investment in Hinduja Global Solutions Limited & Indusind Bank Limited amounting to Rs 1,049.01 Cr as on November 14, 2025. Further, significant land banks of the company and group companies ranging over 2,500 acres provide additional liquidity cushion. However, the performance of Hinduja Group's companies, in which HGL has made investments and extended loans, will remain a key monitorable over the medium term.

About the Company

Headquartered in Mumbai and incorporated in 1995, Hinduja Group Limited (HGL), serves as one of the holding company of the Hinduja Group. It acts as a treasury management company of the group and its role is to borrow or extend financial aids to group companies in the form of investments or loans. HGL is in the process of constructing a corporate office at Worli, expected to be completed by the end of FY2028-29 at a total project cost of ~Rs 700.00 Cr. (including interior cost of Rs 250.00 Cr.).

Unsupported Rating

Not applicable

Analytical Approach

Acuite has taken a standalone view of the business and financial flexibility of HGL to arrive at the rating.

Key Rating Drivers

Strengths

Diversified business portfolio with healthy credit profiles and strong reputation of Hinduja Group

Hinduja Group has a diversified investment portfolio with underlying entities operating in different sectors such as automotive, oil & lubricants, power, banking & finance, information technology & business process outsourcing, media, foundry, real estate, hospitals & healthcare etc. HGL benefits from the robust credit risk profiles of these key operating entities as well as from the strong reputation of the Hinduja group. HGL is likely to receive steady dividend and interest income from its significant investments in the Hinduja group companies.

Robust financial flexibility from being part of Hinduja Group

Hinduja Group Limited (HGL) acts as the holding company for Hinduja Group entities and primarily manages treasury operations for the group. The company facilitates liquidity within the group by issuing Inter-Corporate Deposits (ICDs) to entities facing temporary cash flow requirements and, conversely, avails loans from group companies with surplus funds, which are repayable on demand. As of March 31, 2025, HGL had advanced Rs.3,666.61 Cr to group companies and borrowed Rs 2,249.82 Cr. By September 30, 2025, advances increased to Rs.3,934.72 Cr, while borrowings remained at Rs.2,249.82 Cr. The aggregate promoter holding in Hinduja Group's listed entities (includes Ashok Leyland limited, Indusind Bank, Gulf oil lubricants India Limited, Hinduja Global solutions Limited) on Indian exchanges stood at approximately Rs.60,015 Cr as on November 14, 2025. Of these HGL holdings of Hinduja Global Solutions Limited & Indusind Bank Limited amounted to Rs 1,049.01 Cr as on November 14, 2025. Further, the promoter is ranked at 11th position in India's richest list in 2025 by Forbes. Additionally, the group holds captive land banks across India, estimated at over 2,500 acres which provides additional financial flexibility.

Healthy debt protection metrics

HGL has maintained a healthy external debt/ investments ratio of 0.59 times as on FY25 (0.83 times as on H1FY26). Further, Acuite understands that management of HGL intends to maintain debt of not more than Rs 1,200 Cr over the medium term. The repayment obligations on debt is adequately supported through interest, dividend, commission and consultancy incomes. Therefore, the DSCR on external debt stood healthy at 11.68 times as on March 31, 2025. Further, loans extended to group companies are repayable on demand. Furthermore, while the minimum required security cover on external debt is 1.25 times, the actual security cover as on date is higher which provides additional cushion to the company.

Weaknesses

Exposure to market related risk and credit profiles of group companies

The company remains susceptible to credit metrics of the group entities as well as market related risks. The company's financial flexibility is significantly influenced by prevailing market sentiments and the share prices of underlying investments. A sharp decline in the market value of key holdings such as Hinduja Global Solutions Limited and Indusind Bank Limited could erode debt cover below desired thresholds, therefore, remains a key rating sensitivity.

Rating Sensitivities

- Steep increase in debt or fall in the security cover thereby weakening the financial metrics
- Significant weakening of credit risk profile of the operating entities.
- Change in stance of support by the group or weakening of the company's strategic importance for the group

Liquidity Position

Strong

The liquidity position of the company is strong marked by adequate net cash accruals and liquid investments. The company generated net cash accruals of Rs 25.31 Cr as on March 31, 2025 as against the Rs 8.54 Cr debt obligations for the same period. The market value of key holdings of HGL listed on Indian exchanges had an aggregate value of Rs 1,049.01 Cr as on Nov 14, 2025. Further the unsecured loans from related parties and others from Hinduja

Group companies provide flexibility in terms of managing the repayments as they are on demand with no fixed repayment schedule. Along with this the company also recovers the loans and advances given to the group companies as and when required. The average utilization of the bank limits stood around 44.26 percent for last twelve months ended September 2025 giving additional liquidity cushion in the form of undrawn limits. Therefore, Acuité believes that the liquidity position of the company is expected to remain strong in the medium term.

Outlook-Stable

Other Factors affecting Rating

None

Key Financials

Particulars	Unit	FY 25 (Actual)	FY 24 (Actual)
Operating Income	Rs. Cr.	444.41	299.96
PAT	Rs. Cr.	6.79	312.08
PAT Margin	(%)	1.53	104.04
Total Debt/Tangible Net Worth	Times	2.28	1.50
PBDIT/Interest	Times	1.10	2.80

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-52.htm>
- Service Sector: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-50.htm>
- Banks And Financial Institutions: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-45.htm>
- Application Of Financial Ratios And Adjustments: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-53.htm>

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Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
14 May 2025	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	100.00	ACUITE A+ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	500.00	ACUITE A+ Stable (Assigned)
15 Feb 2024	Cash Credit	Long Term	100.00	ACUITE A+ Stable (Reaffirmed)
	Term Loan	Long Term	75.00	ACUITE Not Applicable (Withdrawn)
03 Jan 2023	Cash Credit	Long Term	100.00	ACUITE A+ Stable (Assigned)
	Term Loan	Long Term	75.00	ACUITE A+ Stable (Assigned)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Complexity Level	Rating
Not Applicable	Not avl. / Not appl.	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	60.00	Simple	ACUITE AA- Stable Assigned
Bank Of Baroda	Not avl. / Not appl.	Secured Overdraft	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	100.00	Simple	ACUITE AA- Stable Upgraded (from ACUITE A+)
BANK OF MAHARASHTRA	Not avl. / Not appl.	Term Loan	24 Mar 2025	Not avl. / Not appl.	31 Mar 2030	500.00	Simple	ACUITE AA- Stable Upgraded (from ACUITE A+)
BANK OF MAHARASHTRA	Not avl. / Not appl.	Term Loan	29 Oct 2025	Not avl. / Not appl.	30 Jun 2030	240.00	Simple	ACUITE AA- Stable Assigned

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