

**Press Release**  
**UP MONEY LIMITED - GRIPX SAGE 06 2024**  
**March 11, 2025**  
**Rating Assigned**



| Product                            | Quantum (Rs. Cr) | Long Term Rating                        | Short Term Rating |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---|-------------------|
| Pass Through Certificates (PTCs)   | 14.43            | Provisional   ACUITE A-   SO   Assigned | -                 |
| Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr) | 14.43            | -                                       | -                 |
| Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)   | 0.00             | -                                       | -                 |

Errata- This Erratum publishes few additional points which were inadvertently missed in the Original PR dated July 2, 2024. The Points added in this Erratum are : 1) Standalone rating of the Originator and 2) Rating history of the Originator.

**Rating Rationale**

Acuite has assigned long-term rating of ‘**ACUITE Provisional A-(SO)**’ (read as **ACUITE Provisional A minus (Structured Obligation)**) to the Rs. 12.55 Cr. Series A1 Pass Through Certificates (PTCs). issued by GRIPX SAGE 06 2024 (The Trust) under a securitisation transaction originated by UP MONEY LIMITED (The Originator).

The PTCs are backed by a pool of loans provided to individuals as MSME Business loans (Unsecured) comprises of 86.79% and MSME LAP loans (Secured) comprises of 13.21% with principal outstanding of Rs. 14.43 Cr. (including Rs. 1.88 Cr. of over collateralisation).

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

- i. Cash collateral of 6.00% of the pool principal; and
- ii. Over collateralisation of 13.04% of the pool principal
- iii. Excess Interest Spread of 26.82% of the pool principal

The rating of the PTCs is provisional and shall be converted to final rating subject to the execution of the following documents:

1. Trust Deed
2. Deed of Assignment
3. Servicing Agreement
4. Legal Opinion
5. Final Term Sheet

**About the Originator**

Ludhiana based UP Money Limited (UPL) started operations in November 2014 following the acquisition of Sukhjot Finance Ltd, a company incorporated on February 6, 1995 under the Companies Act, 1956. The company's name was changed to UP Money Ltd w.e.f. March 2, 2015. The company is promoted by Mr. Ajit Singh Chawla and Mr. Sumel Singh Chawla. UPL offers affordable financing for micro, small & medium enterprises (MSMEs) loans and two-wheeler loans, mainly for rural livelihood advancement, with the aim to provide finance for income generating activities, socio-economic development and financial inclusion.

**Standalone Rating of the Originator (if rated by Acuite)**

Acuite BBB-/Positive

**Assessment of the pool**

UpMoney has Asset Under Management of Rs. 601.89 Cr as on Mar 31, 2024. The underlying pool of Rs. 14.43

Cr in current Pass Through Certificate (PTC) transaction comprises of MSME Business loans (Unsecured) in tune to 86.79% and MSME LAP Loans (Secured) in tune to 13.21% has been extended towards 3,194 borrowers, displaying significant granularity, with an average ticket size of Rs. 59,988, minimum ticket size of Rs. 30,000 and maximum of Rs. 5,00,000. The current average outstanding per borrower stands at Rs. 45,187. The pool has a healthy weighted average seasoning of 7.93 months (minimum 5 months seasoning and maximum of 35 months seasoning). Furthermore, none of the loans in the pool had gone into the Non-CURRENT bucket since origination, which are healthy signs. 85.37% of the borrowers are concentrated in Punjab followed by 9.02% in Haryana and 5.61% in rest four states displaying high geographical concentration. The top 10 borrowers of pool constitute 1.56% (i.e. Rs.22.47 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 PTCs in the form of:

- i. Cash collateral of 6.00% of the pool principal; and
- ii. Over collateralisation of 13.04% of the pool principal; and
- iii. Excess Interest Spread of 26.82% of the pool principal

### **Transaction Structure**

The Provisional rating of Series A1 PTCs addresses the timely payment of the interest on each payout dates and ultimate payment of principal on final maturity date to the series A1 pass-through certificates (PTCs) investors, in accordance with the transaction documentation.

### **Brief Methodology**

Parameters considered are seasoning of the pool, pool vs portfolio comparison, portfolio cuts, amortisation of the pool, internal cash flow modeling, pool characteristics, static pool, dynamic DPDs to assign provisional rating.

### **Legal Assessment**

The provisional rating is based on a draft term sheet. The conversion of rating from provisional to final, shall include, besides other documents, the legal opinion to the satisfaction of Acuité. The legal opinion shall cover, adherence to RBI guidelines, true sale, constitution of the trust, bankruptcy remoteness and other related aspects.

### **Key Risks**

#### **Counterparty Risks**

The pool has average ticket size of Rs. 59,988, minimum ticket size of Rs. 30,000 and maximum of Rs. 5,00,000. 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**

The top two states contributes 94.39% to the total pool. Furthermore, 86.79% of the underlying loans are MSME Business Loans which are unsecured in nature. The asset quality in this segment is more vulnerable to economic downturns.

#### **Servicing Risk**

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 Risk**

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

#### **Prepayment Risk**

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.

#### **Key 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

## All Covenants

### A. Pool Criteria/ Eligibility Criteria

Receivables comprising the Pool shall be identified based on the criteria specified below (as on the Pool Cut-off Date, and at the time of assignment):

#### RBI Linked / Regulatory Criteria

1. Minimum Holding Period (MHP) of the Facilities comprising the Total Pool should meet the criteria set under the RBI Securitization Directions. It is clarified that MHP shall be calculated from the date of first repayment of the loan;
2. The minimum retention requirement in respect of the underlying loans comprising the Pool should comply with the requirements prescribed under the RBI Securitisation Directions;
3. No Facility is classified as a non-performing asset for the purposes of the directions and guidelines of the RBI;
4. Each underlying loan should have minimum residual tenor of 12 months/ 365 days as on the Pool Cut-off Date;
5. Compliance with know your customer (KYC) norms specified by the RBI;
6. No loan should have been "restructured" or "rescheduled" in the books of the Seller (determined in accordance with the criteria prescribed by the RBI);
7. The Facilities should be existing at the time of selection, and must not have been terminated or prepaid;
8. The Seller has not initiated any legal or repossession action against any of the Obligors or in respect of any of the Facilities;

#### Other Criteria

9. All Pool contracts have Zero DPDs
10. Each underlying loan comprising the Pool must have a scheduled repayment date/maturity date of no later than 1 (one) month prior to the Series A1 Legal Final Maturity Date;
11. No MAC/ cross-default events should have occurred under the underlying loan agreements
12. No force majeure clauses should exist under the underlying loan agreements;
13. All Pool contracts should have been fully disbursed by the Originator;
14. Each underlying loan comprising the Pool is free from any Encumbrance and the Seller is the sole legal and beneficial owner of such Facility;
15. None of the borrowers are mentioned in or appear in the RBI's list of defaulters, the ECGC's list of defaulters and/or the RBI willful defaulters list;
16. No instance of fraud or misrepresentation has occurred in respect of any of the loan comprising the Pool;
17. No underlying loans comprising the Pool has been previously assigned to any other bank or financial institution by the Seller;
18. No loan should be included in the pool from the district having PAR>90 (90+ DPDs) >= 3% of respective POS in overall portfolio and product level portfolio as of Mar'24
19. Maximum Residual Tenor:
  - a. Each underlying MSME Business loan should have a maximum residual tenor of not more than 19 months as on the Pool Cut-off Date
  - b. Each underlying MSME LAP loan should have a maximum residual tenor of not more than 27 months as on the Pool Cut-off Date
20. Fixed Obligations to Income Ratio (FOIR):
  - a. FOIR for each underlying MSME Business loan should be less than or equal to 55%
  - b. FOIR for each underlying MSME LAP loan should be less than or equal to 60% only
21. Maximum principal outstanding (POS):
  - a. Each of the underlying MSME Business loans should have a maximum POS of not more than INR 60,000
  - b. Each of the underlying MSME LAP loans should have a maximum POS of not more than INR 3,02,000.

## All Assumptions

Acuité has arrived at a base case delinquency estimate basis its analysis of the company's historical static pool and further applied appropriate stress factors to the base loss figures to arrive at the final loss estimates. The loss estimate also consider the risk profile of the particular asset class, the borrower strata, economic risks, collection

efficiency over the past several months as well as the credit quality of the originator. Acuité also has simulated the potential losses to an extent by applying sensitivity analysis

### Liquidity Position

#### Adequate

The liquidity position in the transaction is adequate. The cash collateral available in the transaction amounts to 6.00% of the pool principal. The Series A1 PTC payouts over collateralisation of 13.04% of the pool principal and excess interest spread (26.82% of pool principal).

### Outlook: Not Applicable

### Key Financials - Originator

| Particulars                                | Unit       | FY24<br>(Actual) | FY23<br>(Actual) |
|--|------------|------------------|------------------|
| Total Assets**                             | Rs.<br>Cr. | 547.16           | 490.67           |
| Total Income*                              | Rs.<br>Cr. | 69.62            | 63.81            |
| PAT  | Rs.<br>Cr. | 11.84            | 10.94            |
| Net Worth                                  | Rs.<br>Cr. | 107.07           | 95.24            |
| Return on Average Assets<br>(RoAA)         | (%)        | 2.28             | 2.59             |
| Return on Average Net<br>Worth (RoNW)      | (%)        | 11.70            | 12.18            |
| Total Debt/Tangible Net<br>worth (Gearing) | Times      | 3.99             | 4.07             |
| Gross NPA                                  | (%)        | 1.42             | 1.37             |
| Net NPA                                    | (%)        | 1.15             | 1.19             |

\*Total income equals to Total Income net off interest expense

\*\*Total assets adjusted to Deferred Tax liability

### Supplementary disclosures for Provisional Ratings

#### A. Risks associated with the provisional nature of the credit rating

1. Absence of any Entity to take appropriate measures to protect the interest of the debenture holders in case of any breach of the trust deed or law.
2. Absence of support from the group entity in case of an exigency.
3. Absence of any structured payment mechanism.
4. In case there are material changes in the terms of the transaction after the initial assignment of the provisional rating and post the completion of the issuance (corresponding to the part that has been issued) Acuite will withdraw the existing provisional rating and concurrently, assign a fresh final rating in the same press release, basis the revised terms of the transaction.

#### B. Rating that would have been assigned in absence of the pending steps/ documentation

Acuite would not have been able to assign any rating in absence of the pending steps/documentation , as the transaction structure as articulated does not exist.

#### C. Timeline for conversion to Final Rating for a debt instrument proposed to be issued

The provisional rating shall be converted into a final rating within 90 days from the date of issuance of the proposed debt instrument. Under no circumstance shall the provisional rating continue upon the expiry of 180 days from the date of issuance of the proposed debt instrument.

#### Status of disclosure of all relevant information about the Obligation being Rated

Non-Public

#### Any other information

None

#### 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](http://www.acuite.in).

**Applicable Criteria**

- 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>
- Securitized Transactions: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-48.htm>
- Explicit Credit Enhancements: <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-49.htm>

**Rating History :**

Not Applicable

**Rating History - Originator (if applicable)**

| Date        | Name of Instruments/Facilities   | Term      | Amount (Rs. Cr) | Rating/Outlook                      |
|-------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 25 Sep 2023 | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 2.22            | ACUITE BBB-   Positive (Reaffirmed) |
|             | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 15.77           | ACUITE BBB-   Positive (Reaffirmed) |
|             | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 1.96            | ACUITE BBB-   Positive (Reaffirmed) |
|             | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 1.13            | ACUITE BBB-   Positive (Reaffirmed) |
|             | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 5.11            | ACUITE BBB-   Positive (Reaffirmed) |
|             | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 1.86            | ACUITE BBB-   Positive (Reaffirmed) |
|             | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 12.36           | ACUITE BBB-   Positive (Reaffirmed) |
|             | Cash Credit                      | Long Term | 3.75            | ACUITE BBB-   Positive (Reaffirmed) |
|             | Cash Credit                      | Long Term | 5.00            | ACUITE BBB-   Positive (Reaffirmed) |
|             | Cash Credit                      | Long Term | 2.00            | ACUITE BBB-   Positive (Reaffirmed) |
|             | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 4.66            | ACUITE BBB-   Positive (Reaffirmed) |
|             | Proposed Long Term Loan          | Long Term | 41.17           | ACUITE BBB-   Positive (Reaffirmed) |
|             | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 12.93           | ACUITE BBB-   Positive (Reaffirmed) |
|             | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 8.64            | ACUITE BBB-   Positive (Reaffirmed) |
|             | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 3.06            | ACUITE BBB-   Positive (Reaffirmed) |
|             | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 1.00            | ACUITE BBB-   Positive (Reaffirmed) |
|             | Proposed Long Term Bank Facility | Long Term | 20.00           | ACUITE BBB-   Positive (Assigned)   |
|             | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 13.48           | ACUITE BBB-   Positive (Reaffirmed) |
|             | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 10.00           | ACUITE BBB-   Positive (Reaffirmed) |
|             | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 3.90            | ACUITE BBB-   Positive (Reaffirmed) |
| 07 Nov 2022 | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 0.67            | ACUITE BBB-   Stable (Assigned)     |
|             | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 5.00            | ACUITE BBB-   Stable (Assigned)     |
|             | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 15.77           | ACUITE BBB-   Stable (Assigned)     |
|             | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 5.24            | ACUITE BBB-   Stable (Assigned)     |
|             | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 1.72            | ACUITE BBB-   Stable (Assigned)     |
|             | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 2.05            | ACUITE BBB-   Stable (Assigned)     |
|             | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 7.00            | ACUITE BBB-   Stable (Assigned)     |
|             | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 0.93            | ACUITE BBB-   Stable (Assigned)     |
|             | Term Loan                        | Long Term | 6.57            | ACUITE BBB-   Stable (Assigned)     |
|             |                                  |           |                 |                                     |

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|--|-------------------------|-----------|-------|---------------------------------|
|  | Term Loan               | Long Term | 20.00 | ACUITE BBB-   Stable (Assigned) |
|  | Cash Credit             | Long Term | 3.75  | ACUITE BBB-   Stable (Assigned) |
|  | Cash Credit             | Long Term | 5.00  | ACUITE BBB-   Stable (Assigned) |
|  | Cash Credit             | Long Term | 2.00  | ACUITE BBB-   Stable (Assigned) |
|  | Term Loan               | Long Term | 6.06  | ACUITE BBB-   Stable (Assigned) |
|  | Proposed Long Term Loan | Long Term | 68.24 | ACUITE BBB-   Stable (Assigned) |

**Annexure - Details of instruments rated**

| <b>Lender's Name</b> | <b>ISIN</b>          | <b>Facilities</b>        | <b>Date Of Issuance</b> | <b>Coupon Rate</b> | <b>Maturity Date</b> | <b>Quantum (Rs. Cr.)</b> | <b>Complexity Level</b> | <b>Rating</b>                           |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Not Applicable       | Not avl. / Not appl. | Pass Through Certificate | Not avl. / Not appl.    | 12.50              | 17 Aug 2026          | 14.43                    | Highly Complex          | Provisional   ACUITE A-   SO   Assigned |

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