Press Release
ABANS BROKING SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
November 10, 2025
Rating Assigned and Reaffirmed

Product	Quantum (Rs. Cr)	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating
Bank Loan Ratings	5.37	ACUITE BBB+ | Stable | Reaffirmed	-
Bank Loan Ratings	25.00	-	ACUITE A2 | Assigned
Bank Loan Ratings	40.00	-	ACUITE A2 | Reaffirmed
Total Outstanding Quantum (Rs. Cr)	70.37	-	-
Total Withdrawn Quantum (Rs. Cr)	0.00	-	-

This erratum publishes rectification of a typographical error in Annexure 2 of the original press release.

Rating Rationale

Acuité has reaffirmed the long-term rating of **'ACUITE BBB+' (read as ACUITE triple B plus)** on the Rs. 5.37 Cr. bank facilities of Abans Broking Services Private Limited (ABSPL). The outlook is **'Stable'**.

Acuité has reaffirmed the short-term rating of **'ACUITE A2' (read as ACUITE A two)** on the Rs. 40.00 Cr. bank facilities of Abans Broking Services Private Limited (ABSPL).

Acuité has assigned the short-term rating of **'ACUITE A2' (read as ACUITE A two)** on the Rs. 25.00 Cr. bank facilities of Abans Broking Services Private Limited (ABSPL).

Rationale for Rating

The rating continues to factor in the experience of the management in financial services industry comprising commodity trading, arbitrage, treasury operations, wealth management operations. The rating further considers comfortable capitalization and low leveraged profile of Abans Group marked by a networth of Rs. 1153.81 Cr. and a gearing of 0.72 times as on March 31, 2025. Going forward the group would also be foraying into asset management businesses, given their specialization in commodities trading they will focus on creating a portfolio of Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) products related to commodities. The Group also reported sound earning profile marked by PAT of Rs. 108.51 Cr. and maintained healthy asset quality for their loan portfolio with Nil GNPA for FY2024. The rating is however, constrained with the group's earning profile exposed to risks involving general economic and market conditions and risks involved in trading activities which to certain extent are mitigated with arbitrage activities.
As part of the ongoing surveillance of Abans Group, Acuite notes that Abans Enterprises Ltd (AEL) and its promoter, Mr Abhishek Bansal, have been issued a show cause notice by SEBI. While Acuite notes that Abans Financial Services Ltd (AFSL) - the group holding entity - has no shareholding in AEL, and the matter is currently sub judice before the Securities Appellate Tribunal and the Honourable Supreme Court, we believe it is important to highlight the potential reputational risks to the broader Abans Group in the event of an adverse outcome for AEL in this case.

About the Company

Incorporated in 2009, Abans Broking Services Private Limited (ABSPL) is an ISO 9001:2015 certified company for providing Commodity Trading and Broking Services. It offers commodity brokerage services to its customers on a pan-India basis. ABSPL is a SEBI regulated entity authorized to conduct dealings in the Indian commodities segment. ABSPL is headquartered in Mumbai and is a full-fledged financial market player catering to high net worth corporates and high net worth individuals. The company has obtained memberships from MCX & NCDEX. The company is led by Mr. Abhishek Bansal (Chairman & Managing Director), Mr. Bhavik Thakkar (CEO) and Mr. Nirbhay Vassa (CFO).

About the Group

The Abans Group was founded by Mr. Abhishek Bansal in 2005. The Group is majorly involved in Commodities Trading activities. Abans Group initially started out as commodities trading house and now has diversified its businesses into Broking Services, Warehousing, Realty & Infrastructure, Merchant Banking, NBFC, Renewable Energy, Gems & Jewelry, Pharmaceuticals, Wealth & Investment Management. The group is promoted by Mr. Abhishek Bansal.

Unsupported Rating

Not applicable

Analytical Approach

Extent of Consolidation

•Full Consolidation

Rationale for Consolidation or Parent / Group / Govt. Support

Acuité has adopted a consolidated approach and considered the business and financial risk profile of Abans Financial Services Limited (AFSL) (erstwhile Abans Holdings Limited) and its subsidiaries, (the Company and its subsidiaries together referred to as the Group) for arriving at the rating (for list of subsidiaries as on March 31, 2025 refer Annexure II). The approach is driven by common management, shared brand, and strong operational and financial synergies between the group companies.

Key Rating Drivers

Strength

Diversified business profile & group synergies

Abans group is globally diversified organization engaged in Financial Services, Gold Refining, Jewellery, Commodities Trading, Agricultural Trading and Warehousing, Software Development and Real Estate. The group is founded by Mr. Abhishek Bansal who leads a global team of qualified people operating businesses from multiple locations including India, United Kingdom, Dubai, Shanghai, Hongkong, Mauritius and Singapore.

Abans Financial Services Limited (AFSL) represents the financial services arm of the Abans Group. Headquartered in India, AFSL is engaged in diversified global financial services business providing NBFC services, global institutional trading in equities, commodities and foreign exchange, private client stock broking, depositary services, asset management services, investment advisory services and wealth management services to corporate houses, institutional and high net worth clients. The varied financial services businesses of Abans Group are mainly organized as Finance Business which comprises NBFC operations housed under Abans Finance Private Limited and is primarily focused on lending to private traders and other small and medium businesses involved in the commodities trading market; Agency Business under which the group offers various institutional and non-institutional trading services, wealth management and private client brokerage services, mainly in equity, commodities and foreign exchange; Capital and Other businesses looks after internal treasury operations which manages the Groups capital funds. The companies maintain positions in physical as well as exchange traded commodities and other instruments. The business also includes providing Warehousing Services to commodity market participants.

Acuité believes that AFSL's consolidated business profile will be supported by expertise of seasoned professional managing the operations and established track record of operations.

Comfortable capitalization and gearing levels

At group level, Abans group capitalization levels were comfortable marked by networth of Rs. 1,153.81 crore as on March 31, 2025. Overall gearing levels of Abans group remained low with debt majorly comprising of WCDL/OD limits from banks and FIs, Loan from promoter and Secured/Unsecured MLD. AFPL (standalone) also has adequate capitalization levels marked by overall CAR of 23.95 percent as on March 31,2025 as against CAR of 38.20 percent as on March 31, 2024.

At standalone level, AFPL's capital structure is marked by networth of Rs.348.61 Cr. as on March 31, 2025 and a gearing of 2.36 times as on March 31, 2025. ABSPL's capital structure is marked by networth of Rs.180.55 Cr. as on March 31, 2025 and a gearing of 0.12 times as on March 31, 2025. ASPL's capital structure is marked by networth of Rs.43.30 Cr. as on March 31, 2025 and a gearing of 1.90 times as on March 31, 2025.

Acuité believes that the company's comfortable capitalization levels will support its growth plans over the medium term.

Sound earnings profile

AFSL reported total operating income from key business verticals of Rs. 238.51 Cr. for FY2025 as compared to Rs. 181.49 Cr. in FY2024. The businesses at Group level are categorized as Finance Business, Agency Business, Capital Businesses and Others. Finance Business comprises of the Interest Income ,Agency Business comprising Income from Fees, Brokerage and other Financial Services and Capital Business comprising Gross Profit from Internal Treasury Operations and Investment & Dividend Income.

The Group reported PAT of Rs. 108.51 Cr. for FY2025 as compared to Rs. 89.24 Cr. for FY2024. RoAA stood at 3.65 percent as on March 31, 2025 (at 3.75 percent as on March 31, 2024). Going forward, the Group businesses would be focused towards building itself as an Asset Management Company. At Standalone level, AFPL reported a PAT of Rs. 33.44 Cr. for FY2025 as compared to Rs. 14.35 Cr. for FY2024. ASPL reported a PAT of Rs.3.67 Cr. for FY2025 as compared to Rs. 13.67 Cr. for FY2024. ABSPL reported a PAT of Rs. 17.99 Cr. for FY2025 as compared to Rs. 3.05 Cr. for FY2024.

Acuité believes that despite an improvement in AFSL's earning profile, its business operations would remain susceptible to inherent risks in commodities market and overall economic environment.

Weakness

Risks involving general economic and market conditions

Abans Group was impacted by Covid pandemic which resulted in a decline in physical commodities trading activities as a significant portion of trades were dependent on economic activities in the commodities supply chain, all of which were affected due to the nationwide lockdown that had been imposed from time to time. The Group's activities were further affected by introduction of Tax Collected at Source (TCS) under GST regulation. General economic and market conditions in India and globally also have a significant impact on the revenue profile of Abans group. Their income sources are highly dependent upon the levels of activity in the securities, currency & commodities markets in the countries in which they operate namely India, United Kingdom, China, Singapore, Mauritius and the UAE. Any adverse change in global economic and political conditions may impact, amongst others, the volume of financial assets traded, the prices and liquidity in the commodity market. Also, revenues generated from businesses like broking, wealth management, private client broking and investment advisory business, are directly related to the volume and value of the transactions. Any adverse market movement (downturn) would result in decline in transaction volumes leading to a decline in the group's revenues received from commissions earned from such businesses.

Acuité believes that while most of the broking companies have witnessed significant traction in broking volumes during FY2021 & FY2022 on account of sharp rebound in capital as well as commodity markets, the same may not be sustainable. While the Group continues to benefit from its business model the level of activity in the commodities markets will be key determinant of its revenue profile and future growth trajectory.

Risks involved in trading activities

Abans Group is also involved in trading in the physical bullion and agricultural commodity markets with delivery based local wholesalers/ traders in order to hedge the group's exchange traded instruments exposures etc. These physical transactions represent the group's sale and purchase of goods and are dependent on a limited number of counter parties for dealing in these kinds of transactions. The top ten parties represent more than 90% of the total sale and purchase of physical commodities. Although, Abans has only been dealing with known counterparty but, this exposes Abans towards risk of over dependence on a limited number of counterparties. The inability to mitigate such risks could adversely affect the group's operations and financial conditions going forward. ABSPL is engaged in cash & carry arbitrage. In cash and carry arbitrage, the acquisition cost of the underlying is certain; however, there is no certainty with regards to its carrying costs. However, the cash & carry arbitrage mitigates the trading risks to certain extent.

Acuité believes that the ability to manage the tradeoff between various risks such as market risk and operational risk and the returns is critical to the maintenance of a stable credit risk profile.

ESG Factors Relevant for Rating

AFSL, has a diversified revenue stream with a majority portion accruing from the financial services sector. Adoption and upkeep of strong business ethics is a sensitive material issue for the financial services business linked to capital markets to avoid fraud, insider trading and other anti-competitive behavior. Other important governance issues relevant for the industry include management and board compensation, board independence as well as diversity, shareholder rights and role of audit committee. As regards the social factors, product or service quality has high materiality so as to minimise misinformation about the products to the customers and reduce reputational risks. For the industry, retention, and development of skilled manpower along with equal opportunity for employees is crucial. While data security is highly relevant due to company's access to confidential client information, social initiatives such as enhancing financial literacy and improving financial inclusion are fairly important for the financial services sector. The material of environmental factors is low for this industry.

The company's board comprises of a total of six directors out of which three are independent directors and two are female directors. AFSL maintains adequate disclosures with respect to the various board level committees mainly audit committee, nomination and renumeration committee along with stakeholder management committee. AFSL also maintains adequate level of transparency with regards to business ethics issues like related party transactions, investors grievances, litigations, and regulatory penalties for the group, if relevant. In terms of its social impact, AFSL is actively engaged in community development programmes through its CSR committee. For better servicing of its customers, the entity has disseminated a step by step guide for loan appraisal, the document requirements and its services and charges.

Rating Sensitivity

- Any material changes in the earnings of the Abans Group
- Change in profitability metrics due to sharp movement in commodities market
- Changes in regulatory environment
- Impact of ongoing litigations on the Group/promoter on the business and financial profile of the group
- Issues related to corporate governance at a group level and promoter level

Liquidity Position

Adequate

Business growth of Abans Group has been supported by the group's internal accruals and issuances of Market Linked Debentures, the company's dependence on debt is very low as reflected in low gearing of 0.72 times as on March 31, 2025. Hence, the company has no significant term debt obligations over the near term. At a consolidated level the cash and cash equivalents stood at Rs.109.89 Cr. as on March 31, 2025.

Outlook: Stable

Other Factors affecting Rating
None

Key Financials - Standalone / Originator

Particulars	Unit	FY25 (Actual)	FY24 (Actual)
Total Assets	Rs. Cr.	227.04	240.96
Total Income*	Rs. Cr.	37.56	13.11
PAT	Rs. Cr.	17.99	3.05
Net Worth	Rs. Cr.	180.55	159.56
Return on Average Assets (RoAA)	(%)	7.69	1.23
Return on Average Net Worth (RoNW)	(%)	10.58	1.93
Debt/Equity	Times	0.12	0.46
Gross NPA	(%)	-	-
Net NPA	(%)	-	-

**Total income equals to Net interest income; Net of sale & purchase of goods including net changes in inventories; Net gains/loss on fair value changes in derivatives; plus, other income*

Key Financials (Consolidated)

Particulars	Unit	FY25 (Actual)	FY24 (Actual)
Total Assets	Rs. Cr.	3049.05	2896.36
Total Income*	Rs. Cr.	238.51	181.49
PAT	Rs. Cr.	108.51	89.24
Net Worth	Rs. Cr.	1153.81	1012.65
Return on Average Assets (RoAA)	(%)	3.65	3.75
Return on Average Net Worth (RoNW)	(%)	10.07	9.31
Debt/Equity	Times	0.72	0.93
Gross NPA	(%)	-	-
Net NPA	(%)	-	-

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA (if applicable)
Not applicable

Any Other Information
None

Applicable Criteria
• Non-Banking Financing Entities: https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-44.htm

• Banks And Financial Institutions: https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-45.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
• Consolidation Of Companies: https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-60.htm

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Rating History

Date	Name of Instruments/Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Rating/Outlook
04 Oct 2024	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Short Term	45.00	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	0.37	ACUITE BBB+ | Stable (Reaffirmed)
06 Oct 2023	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Short Term	45.00	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	0.37	ACUITE BBB+ | Stable (Reaffirmed)
06 Oct 2022	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Short Term	45.00	ACUITE A2 (Reaffirmed)
	Secured Overdraft	Long Term	0.37	ACUITE BBB+ | Stable (Reaffirmed)

Annexure - Details of instruments rated

Lender's Name	ISIN	Facilities	Date Of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Quantum (Rs. Cr.)	Complexity Level	Rating
BANK OF INDIA (BOI)	Not avl. / Not appl.	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	35.00	Simple	ACUITE A2 | Reaffirmed
ICICI BANK LIMITED	Not avl. / Not appl.	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	5.00	Simple	ACUITE A2 | Reaffirmed
ICICI BANK LIMITED	Not avl. / Not appl.	Bank Guarantee (BLR)	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	25.00	Simple	ACUITE A2 | Assigned
Not Applicable	Not avl. / Not appl.	Proposed Long Term Bank Facility	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	0.50	Simple	ACUITE BBB+ | Stable | Reaffirmed
BANK OF INDIA (BOI)	Not avl. / Not appl.	Secured Overdraft	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	0.37	Simple	ACUITE BBB+ | Stable | Reaffirmed
ICICI BANK LIMITED	Not avl. / Not appl.	Secured Overdraft	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	Not avl. / Not appl.	4.50	Simple	ACUITE BBB+ | Stable | Reaffirmed

*Annexure 2 - List of Entities (applicable for Consolidation or Parent / Group / Govt. Support)

Sr. No.	Name of the companies
1	Abans Finance Private Limited
2	Abans Agri warehousing & Logistics Private Limited
3	Abans Capital Private Limited
4	Abans Investment Managers Limited (formerly known as Abans Investment Managers Private Limited)
5	Abans Securities Private Limited
6	Abans Broking Services Private Limited
7	Abans Commodities (I) Private Limited
8	Clamant Broking Services Private Limited
9	Abans Global (IFSC) Private Limited
10	Abans Global Limited
11	Abans Middle East DMCC
12	Caspian HK Trading Limited
13	Abans Investment Manager Mauritius
14	Corporate Avenue Services Limited
15	Abans Financial Services Limited (formerly known as Abans Holdings Limited)

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