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DMI Finance Private Limited: Rating confirmed as final for PTCs backed by personal loan receivables issued by PLUM 24-1

Summary of rating action

Trust Name	Instrument*	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
PLUM 24-1	PTC Series A1	83.00	[ICRA]AA(SO); provisional rating confirmed as final

*Instrument details are provided in Annexure I

Rationale

In June 2023, ICRA had assigned Provisional [ICRA]AA(SO) rating to Pass Through Certificate (PTC) Series A1 issued by PLUM 24-1. The PTCs are backed by receivables from a Rs. 94.32 crore (pool principal; receivables of Rs. 117.26 crore) pool of a personal loan receivables originated by DMI Finance Private Limited (DMI/Originator) (rated [ICRA]AA-(Stable)/[ICRA]A1+). Since the executed transaction documents are in line with the rating conditions and the legal opinion for the transaction has been provided to ICRA, the said rating has now been confirmed as final.

A summary of the performance of the pool after the July 2023 payout month has been provided below.

Parameter	PLUM 24-1
Months post securitisation	1
Pool amortisation	11.10%
PTC Series A1 amortisation	12.61%
Cumulative collection efficiency	98.64%
Loss-cum-0+ dpd	1.32%
Loss cum 30+ dpd	0.00%
Cumulative prepayment rate	6.85%
Cumulative cash collateral (CC) utilisation	0.00%

Key rating drivers

Credit strengths

- Availability of credit enhancement (CE) in the form of EIS, principal subordination and cash collateral (CC)
- The current pool has no overdue contracts as on pool cut-off date.
- The pool has a higher share of contracts (~48%) having bureau score greater than 750 as on pool cut-off date.

Credit challenges

- Higher share of high IRR contracts with 44% share of contracts having IRR greater than 25% as on pool cut-off date.
- Self Employed borrower forming 25% of initial pool principal.
- Exposed to inherent credit risk associated with the unsecured nature of the asset class; Performance of the pool would remain exposed to macro-economic shocks / business disruptions, if any.

Description of key rating drivers highlighted above

As per the transaction structure, the monthly cash flow schedule comprises the promised interest payment to PTC Series A1 at the predetermined interest rate on the principal outstanding. The entire principal is promised on the final maturity date.

During the tenure of PTC Series A1, the collections from the pool, after making the promised interest payouts to PTC Series A1, will be used to make the expected principal payouts to PTC Series A1 (100% of principal billed). However, this principal payout is not promised and any shortfall in making the expected principal payment to PTC Series A1 would be carried forward to the subsequent payout. The surplus EIS available after meeting the promised payouts to the PTCs shall flow back to the originator on every payout.

The first line of support for PTC Series A1 in the transaction is in the form of over-collateralisation of 12.00% of the initial pool principal. Additionally, the EIS of 17.08% of the initial pool principal available in the structure provides CE support. A CC of 8.00% of the initial pool principal provided by DMI acts as further CE in the transaction. In the event of a shortfall in meeting the promised PTC payouts during any month, the Trustee will utilise the CC to meet the shortfall.

There were no overdues in the pool as on the cut-off date. The pool has average seasoning of 6.8 months and pre-assignment amortisation of 19.9% as on the cut-off date. All the contracts in the initial pool had a CIBIL score of at least 700 while 48.2% has a CIBIL score of 750 and above. The entity also has a limited track record in the personal loan business of ~3.5 years. The pool has a moderate share of self-employed borrowers at ~25%. The pool also has a higher share of higher interest rate contracts with 44% of the contracts having an IRR of more than 25%. While delinquencies in the portfolio have been low, the same was aided by write-offs. Some of the older vintages in the portfolio were impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic while recoveries from write-offs were lower as expected, given the unsecured nature of the loans. The pool is exposed to the inherent credit risk associated with the unsecured nature of the asset class. Also, its performance would remain exposed to any macro-economic shocks/business disruptions.

Past rated pools performance: Till date, ICRA has rated five standalone PTC transactions of DMI backed by personal loan receivables. The live pools have shown healthy collection efficiency, low delinquencies and nil CC utilisation as of the July 2023 payout.

Key rating assumptions

ICRA's cash flow modelling for rating asset-backed securitisation (ABS) transactions involves the simulation of potential delinquencies, losses (shortfall in principal collection during the tenor of the pool) and prepayments in the pool. The assumptions for the loss and coefficient of variation (CoV) are arrived at after taking into account the performance of the originator's portfolio as well as the characteristics of the specific pool being evaluated. Additionally, the assumptions may be adjusted to factor in the current operating environment and any industry-specific factors that ICRA believes could impact the performance of the underlying pool of contracts.

After making these adjustments, the expected mean shortfall in principal collection during the tenure of the pool is estimated at 6.00-7.00% of the initial pool principal, with certain variability around it. The prepayment rate for the underlying pool is estimated in the range of 4.8-18.0% per annum.

Liquidity position: Strong

As per the transaction structure, only the interest amount is promised to the PTC holders on a monthly basis while the principal amount is promised on the scheduled maturity date of the transaction. Also, the cash flows from the pool and the available CE are expected to be comfortable to meet the promised payouts to the PTC Series A1 investors.

Rating sensitivities

Positive factors – The rating could be upgraded on the strong collection performance of the underlying pool (monthly collection efficiency >95%) on a sustained basis, leading to the build-up of the CE cover for the remaining payouts.

Negative factors – Pressure on the rating could emerge on the sustained weak collection performance (monthly collection efficiency <90%) of the underlying pool, leading to higher-than-expected delinquency levels and CE utilisation levels.

Analytical approach

The rating actions are based on the trustee confirming compliance with the terms of the transaction and the executed transaction documents being in line with the terms initially shared with ICRA.

Analytical Approach	Comments
Applicable rating methodologies	Rating Methodology for Securitisation Transactions
Parent/Group support	Not Applicable
Consolidation/Standalone	Not Applicable

About the originator

DMI Finance Private Limited (DMI), incorporated in 2008, is a private financial services company registered as a non-banking financial company (NBFC) with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). While it was mainly engaged in secured corporate lending (largely to real estate builders) till a few years ago, it has shifted focus to digital lending wherein it provides consumption loans, personal loans and micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) loans. This is a completely digital technology-driven business with API based origination, underwriting and loan management systems. Herein, DMI predominantly works through front-end partnerships with other fintech companies, original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and technology-driven aggregators. On a standalone basis, as on March 31, 2023, consumer loans accounted for 79% (62% as on March 31, 2022) of the Rs. 7,511-crore loan book with the wholesale real estate lending book accounting for a 16% share and the non-real estate wholesale loan book accounting for the balance.

Key financial indicators (standalone)

Particular for	FY2021 (A)	FY2022 (A)	FY2023 (A)
Total income (Rs. crore)	764	911	1,656
Profit After Tax (Rs. crore)	22	58	324
Gross loan book (Rs. crore)	3,655	5,432	7,511
Gross NPA %	3.9%	2.2%	3.60%
Net NPA%	1.5%	0.3%	1.50%

Source: ICRA Research; Amount in Rs. crore

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

Sr. No.	Trust Name	Current Rating (FY2024)				Chronology of Rating History for the Past 3 Years			
		Instrument	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)	Date & Rating in FY2024		Date & Rating in FY2023	Date & Rating in FY2022	Date & Rating in FY2021
					Aug 08, 2023	Jun 05, 2023			
1	PLUM 24-1	PTC Series A1	83.00	83.00	[ICRA]AA(SO)	Provisional [ICRA]AA(SO)	-	-	-

Complexity level of the rated instrument

Instrument	Complexity Indicator
PTC Series A1	Moderately Complex

The Complexity Indicator refers to the ease with which the returns associated with the rated instrument could be estimated. It does not indicate the risk related to the timely payments on the instrument, which is rather indicated by the instrument's credit rating. It also does not indicate the complexity associated with analysing an entity's financial, business, industry risks or complexity related to the structural, transactional or legal aspects. Details on the complexity levels of the instruments are available on ICRA's website: [Click Here](#)

Annexure I: Instrument details

Trust Name	Instrument	Date of Issuance / Sanction	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date*	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Current Rating
PLUM 24-1	PTC Series A1	May 2023	9.35%	November 2026	83.00	[ICRA]AA(SO)

* Scheduled maturity date at transaction initiation; may change on account of prepayments
Source: Company

Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Not Applicable

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