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Indostar Home Finance Private Limited: Rating reaffirmed for PTCs issued under home loan and loan against property securitisation transaction

Summary of rating action

Trust Name	Instrument*	Initial Amount (Rs. crore)	Amount after Previous Rating Exercise (Rs. crore)	Amount O/s after Nov-23 Payout (Rs. crore)	Rating Action	
Star HFC Trust Dec21	PTC Series A	115.33	85.01	68.00	[ICRA]AAA(SO); Reaffirmed	

*Instrument details are provided in Annexure I

Rationale

The pass-through certificates (PTCs) are backed by a pool of home loan and loan against property (LAP) receivables originated by Indostar Home Finance Private Limited (IHFPL). The rating has been reaffirmed on account of the pool amortisation, which has led to the build-up of the credit enhancement (CE) cover over the future PTC payouts. The rating draws comfort from the fact that the breakeven collection efficiency is comfortable compared to the actual collection level observed in the pool till the November 2023 payout month.

Pool performance summary

A summary of the performance of the pool till the November 2023 payout month has been tabulated below.

Parameter	Star HFC Trust Dec21
Months post securitisation	23
Pool amortisation	41.0%
PTC amortisation	41.0%
Cumulative collection efficiency ¹	99.9%
Loss-cum-90+ (% of initial pool principal) ²	0.1%
Loss-cum-180+ (% of initial pool principal) ³	0.0%
Breakeven collection efficiency ⁴	69.8%
Cumulative cash collateral (CC) utilisation (% of initial CC)	0.0%
CC available (as % of balance pool principal)	13.6%
Excess interest spread (EIS) over balance tenure (as % of balance pool principal)	57.2%
Cumulative prepayment rate ⁵	35.7%

Key rating drivers

Credit strengths

- Pool amortisation resulting in build-up of CE available for the balance PTC payouts
- Low delinquency level exhibited by the pool

¹ Cumulative collections till date / Cumulative billings till date + Opening overdues

 $^{^{2}}$ POS on contracts aged 90+ dpd + Overdues / Initial POS on the pool

³ POS on contracts aged 180+ dpd + Overdues / Initial POS on the pool

⁴ It is the minimum collection efficiency required over the balance tenure to ensure all investor payouts are met: (Balance cash flows payable to investor – Credit collateral available) / Balance pool cash flows

⁵ POS at the time of prepayment of contracts prepaid till date / Initial pool principal



Credit challenges

- PTC yield is linked to an external benchmark while interest rate on the underlying loans is linked to originator's lending rate -which leads to a basis risk in the structure
- Performance of the pool would remain exposed to macro-economic shocks / business disruptions, if any

Description of key rating drivers highlighted above

The scheduled cash flow promised to the PTC investors on each payout date includes 100% of the monthly billed principal on the pool and the interest at the contracted yield. The PTC yield for the pool is linked to an external benchmark while the interest rate on the underlying loans is linked to the originator's lending rate, leading to basis risk in the structure. The performance of the pool has been healthy with a cumulative collection efficiency of 99.9% and the loss-cum-90+ days past due (dpd) has been low at 0.1% till the November 2023 payout month. Any shortfall in the collections has been absorbed by the excess interest spread (EIS) in the structure and there has been no cash collateral (CC) utilisation in the transaction till the November 2023 payout month. The pool has amortised by 41.0%, leading to a build-up of the CE cover for future PTC payouts.

Overall, the CE available for meeting the balance payouts to the investors is sufficient to reaffirm the rating at the current levels in the transaction. ICRA will continue to monitor the performance of the pool. Any further rating action will be based on the performance of the pool and the availability of CE relative to ICRA's expectations. The performance of the pool would remain exposed to macro-economic shocks / business disruptions, if any

Performance of past rated pools: ICRA has rated five PTC transactions backed by mortgage loan receivables originated by IHFPL. The performance of the live pools has been robust with a cumulative collection efficiency of more than 98% and nil CC utilisation as of the November 2023 payout month.

Key rating assumptions

ICRA's cash flow modelling for the surveillance of mortgage-backed securitisation (MBS) transactions involves the simulation of potential delinquencies, losses (shortfall in principal collection during the balance 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 past performance of the originator's portfolio and rated pools as well as the performance and 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 the aforementioned adjustments, the expected loss and prepayments during the balance tenure of the pool are expected to be in the range of 2.0-3.0% (as a percentage of initial pool principal) and 6.0-20.0%, respectively.

Liquidity position: Superior

The liquidity of the PTCs is expected to be superior, supported by the healthy collections expected from the pool of contracts and the presence of CC at ~14% of the balance pool principal amount. Even assuming a monthly collection efficiency of only 50% in the underlying pool of contracts in a stress scenario, the CC would cover the shortfalls in the PTC payouts for more than 47 months.

Rating sensitivities

Positive factors – Not applicable

Negative factors – The rating could be downgraded on the sustained weak collection performance of the underlying pool, leading to higher-than-expected delinquency levels and CE utilisation levels. Weakening in the credit profile of the servicer could also exert pressure on the rating.



Analytical approach

The rating action is based on the performance of the pool till October 2023 (collection month), the present delinquency profile of the pool, the CE available in the transaction, and the performance expected over the balance tenure of the pool.

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

About the originator

Incorporated in January 2016, IHFPL is a housing finance company (HFC). It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of IndoStar Capital Finance Limited (IndoStar). IHFPL offers housing loans with a focus on the affordable housing segment, with ticket sizes ranging from Rs. 3 lakh to Rs. 30 lakh. As of September 30, 2023, IHFPL's on-book loan portfolio stood at Rs. 1,492 crore compared to Rs. 1,214 crore in June 2022. In FY2023, the company reported a net profit of Rs. 38 crore on an asset base of about Rs. 906 crore compared to Rs. 34 crore and Rs. 800 crore, respectively, in FY2022.

Key financial indicators

	FY2022	FY2023	H1 FY2024*
Total revenue	145	209	138
PAT	34	38	22.2
Gross loan book	1,406	1,623	1,894
Gross stage 3	1.8%	1.3%	1.3%
Net stage 3	1.2%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: Company data, ICRA Research; Amount in Rs. crore; *unaudited

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

	Current Rating (FY2024)				Chronology of Rating History for the Past 3 Years			
Trust Name	Instrument (Amount	Amount Outstanding	Date & Rating in FY2024	Date & Rating in FY2023	Date & Rating in FY2022		Date & Rating in FY2021
			(Dec 22, 2023	Feb 28, 2023	Feb 25, 2022	Jan 04, 2022	-
1 Star HFC Trust Dec21	PTC Series A	115.33	68.00	[ICRA]AAA(SO)	[ICRA]AAA(SO)	[ICRA]AAA(SO)	Provisional [ICRA]AAA(SO)	-

Complexity level of the rated instrument

Trust Name	Instrument	Complexity Indicator
Star HFC Trust Dec21	PTC Series A	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: <u>Click Here</u>



Annexure I: Instrument details

ISIN	Trust Name	Instrument Type	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate (p.a.p.m.)	Maturity Date*	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Current Rating and Outlook
NA	Star HFC Trust Dec21	PTC Series A	December 2021	Floating; Linked to 1-year MCLR of investor	May 2046	68.00	[ICRA]AAA(SO)

*Based on scheduled maturity of the pool's contracts; may change on account of prepayment and yield change

Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Not applicable



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