

January 29, 2024

Svatantra Microfin Private Limited: Rating withdrawn

Summary of rating action

| Instrument* | Previous Rated Amount (Rs. crore) | Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore) | Rating Action |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Subordinated debt | 75.00 | 0.00 | [ICRA]A+ (Stable); withdrawn |
| Total | 75.00 | 0.00 | |

^{*}Instrument details are provided in Annexure I

Rationale

ICRA has withdrawn the rating assigned to the Rs. 75-crore subordinated debt programme of Svatantra Microfin Private Limited as the instrument has been fully redeemed with no amount outstanding against the same. The rating has been withdrawn in accordance with ICRA's policy on the withdrawal of credit ratings.

Please refer to the following link for the previous detailed rationale that captures the key rating drivers and their description, liquidity position, rating sensitivities, and key financial indicators: <u>Click here</u>

Analytical approach

| Analytical Approach | Comments | | |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Applicable rating methodologies | Rating Methodology for Non-banking Finance Companies Policy on Withdrawal of Credit Ratings | | |
| Parent/Group support | Svatantra is owned by the promoters – the Birla family and the holding/investment company of Aditya Birla Group. It receives support in the form of regular capital infusions and board supervision. | | |
| Consolidation/Standalone | Standalone | | |

About the company

Svatantra Microfin Private Limited, promoted by Ms. Ananyashree Birla, was incorporated in 2012 and started microfinance operations in March 2013. It is registered with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as a non-banking financial company-microfinance institution (NBFC-MFI). It provides microcredit to women borrowers for income-generating activities. The borrowers are organised in groups of 5-30 people under the joint liability group (JLG) lending model. As on September 30, 2023, Svatantra was operating in 19 states through a network of 967 branches, catering to more than 23 lakh borrowers with a managed loan portfolio of Rs. 7,551 crore.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

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Rating history for past three years

| | Instrument | | Current Rating (FY2024) | | | | | Chronology of Rating History for the Past 3 Years | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| | | Туре | Amount Rated (Rs. | Amount Outstanding as of Jan 15, 2024* | | Date & Rating in FY2024 | | | Date & Rating in FY2022 | Date & Rating in FY202 | |
| | | | crore) | (Rs. crore) | Jan 29, 2024 | Dec 04, 2023 | Aug 18, 2023 | Jan 30, 2023 | Feb 04, 2022 | Feb 05, 2021 | Aug 17, 2020 |
| 1 | Subordinated debt | Long term | 75.00 | 0.00 | [ICRA]A+ (Stable); withdrawn | [ICRA]A+ (Stable) | [ICRA]A+ (Stable) | [ICRA]A+ (Stable) | [ICRA]A (Stable) | [ICRA]A- (Stable) | [ICRA]A- (Stable) |
| 2 | Long-term bank facilities | Long | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | [ICRA]A- (Stable); withdrawn | [ICRA]A- (Stable) |

^{*}Source: Company

Complexity level of the rated instruments

| Instrument | Complexity Indicator | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|
| Subordinated debt | Simple | | | |

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Annexure I: Instrument details

| ISIN Instrument Name | | Date of Issuance / Sanction | Coupon Rate | Maturity Date | Amount Rated (Rs. crore) | Current Rating and Outlook | |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| INE00MX08011 | Subordinated debt | May 31, 2018 | 11.70% p.a. | Nov 30, 2023 | 75.00 | [ICRA]A+ (Stable); withdrawn | |

Source: Company

Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis – Not Applicable

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