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Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited: Provisional [ICRA]AAA(SO) assigned to PTC Series A1 backed by vehicle loan receivables issued by PLATINUM TRUST DEC 2024 - TRANCHE II

Summary of rating action

Trust Name	Instrument*	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
PLATINUM TRUST DEC 2024 - TRANCHE II	PTC Series A1	680.24	Provisional [ICRA]AAA(SO); Assigned

*Instrument details are provided in Annexure I

Rating in the absence of pending actions/documents	No rating would have been assigned as it would not be meaningful
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Rationale

The pass-through certificates (PTCs) are backed by a pool of vehicle loan receivables originated by Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited (CIFCL/Originator; rated [ICRA]AA+(Positive)) with an aggregate principal outstanding of Rs. 747.52 crore (pool receivables of Rs. 955.54 crore). CIFCL is the Servicer for the rated transaction.

The provisional rating is based on the strength of the cash flows from the selected pool of contracts, the credit enhancement available in the structure as well as the integrity of the legal structure. The rating is subject to the fulfilment of all the conditions under the structure and ICRA's review of the documentation pertaining to the transaction.

Transaction structure

As per the transaction structure, the monthly cash flow schedule comprises the promised interest payout. The principal is expected to be paid on a monthly basis (100% of the pool principal billed) but is promised on the final maturity date. Any surplus excess interest spread (EIS), after meeting the promised and expected payouts, will flow back to the Originator on a monthly basis. Any prepayment in the pool would be used for the prepayment of PTC Series A1 principal.

The credit enhancement available in the structure is in the form of (i) a cash collateral (CC) of 3.00% of the initial pool principal, amounting to Rs. 22.43 crore, to be provided by the Originator, (ii) subordination of 9.00% of the initial pool principal for PTC Series A1, and (iii) the EIS of 16.07% of the initial pool principal for PTC Series A1.

Key rating drivers and their description

Credit strengths

Established track record of the Originator/ servicer – CIFCL, which would also be servicing the loans in the transaction, has an established track record of more than four decades in the lending business with adequate underwriting policies and collection procedures across a wide geography. The company has adequate processes for servicing the loan accounts in the securitised pools.

Granular pool supported by presence of credit enhancement – The pool is granular, consisting of 31,037 contracts, with top 10 obligors forming only 0.70% of the pool principal, thereby reducing the exposure to any single borrower. Further, the credit enhancement available in the form of the CC, subordination and EIS would absorb some amount of the losses in the pool and provide support in meeting the PTC payouts.

Seasoned contracts in the pool – The pool has a weighted average seasoning of ~8.0 months with no delinquent contracts as on the cut-off date thereby reflecting the borrowers’ relatively better credit profile which is a credit positive.

Credit challenges

High loan-to-value (LTV) contracts – Proportion of contracts with loan-to-value (LTV) ratio of more than 80% is high at ~62% (in terms of the principal amount outstanding on the cut-off date). Borrower with high LTV loans is more likely to default and are sensitive to economic downturns.

Risks associated with lending business – The pool’s performance would remain exposed to macro-economic shocks, business disruptions and natural calamities that may impact the income-generating capability of the borrowers and their ability to make timely repayments of their loans.

Key rating assumptions

ICRA’s cash flow modelling for rating securitisation transactions involves the simulation of potential losses, delinquencies and prepayments in the pool. The losses and prepayments are assumed to follow a log-normal distribution. The assumptions for the losses and the coefficient of variation are considered on the basis of the values observed from the analysis of the past performance of the Originator’s loan portfolio as well as the characteristics of the specific pool being evaluated. The resulting collections from the pool, after incorporating the impact of the losses and prepayments, are accounted for in ICRA’s cash flow model, in accordance with the cash flow waterfall of the transaction.

For the current pool, ICRA has estimated the shortfall in the pool principal collection during its tenure at 3.00% with certain variability around it. The average prepayment rate for the underlying pool is modelled in the range of 4.8% to 18.0% per annum. Various possible scenarios have been simulated at stressed loss levels and prepayment rates and the incidences of default to the investor as well as the extent of losses are measured after factoring in the credit enhancement to arrive at the final rating for the instrument.

Liquidity position: Superior

The liquidity for PTC Series A1 is superior after factoring in the credit enhancement available to meet the promised payout to the investor. The total credit enhancement would be ~6.50 times the estimated loss in the pool.

Rating sensitivities

Positive factors – Not applicable

Negative factors – Pressure on the rating could emerge due to sustained weak collection performance of the underlying pool (monthly collection efficiency of <90%), leading to higher-than-expected delinquency levels and CE utilization 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 analysis of the performance of CIFCL’s portfolio till June 2024, the key characteristics and composition of the current pool, the performance expected over the balance tenure of the pool, and the credit enhancement cover available in the transaction.

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

Pending actions/documents required to be completed for conversion of the provisional rating into final

The assigned rating is provisional and would be converted into final upon the execution of:

1. Trust deed
2. Assignment agreement
3. Legal opinion
4. Trustee letter
5. Chartered Accountant's Know Your Customer (KYC) certificate
6. Any other documents executed for the transaction

Validity of the provisional rating

The Trust is expected to complete the pending actions/execute the pending documents in the near term. However, in case of continued pendency of the actions/documents beyond one year of this publication, the provisional ratings would be withdrawn for the transaction even if the instrument has been issued.

Risks associated with the provisional rating

In case the issuance is completed, but the pending actions/documents are not completed for the transaction within one year (validity period) from the assignment of the rating, the provisional rating will be withdrawn in accordance with ICRA's Policy on Provisional Ratings available at www.icra.in.

About the originator

CIFCL, a non-banking financial company, is a part of the Chennai-based Murugappa Group of companies. Incorporated in 1978, it operates through 1,508 branches across 29 states and Union Territories (UTs) with net assets under management (AUM) of Rs. 1,64,642 crore as of September 2024. Its core business segments include vehicle finance (56%) and home equity (HE) loans (20%). CIFCL has forayed into three new business divisions in the consumer and small and medium enterprise (SME) ecosystem, namely Consumer & Small Enterprise Loan (CSEL), Secured Business & Personal Loans (SBPL) and SME, which contributed 14% to the AUM while housing finance accounted for the rest (10%). As of September 2024, CIFCL had two wholly-owned subsidiaries, Cholamandalam Home Finance Limited and Cholamandalam Securities Limited, a joint venture with Payswiff Technologies Private Limited, and an associate entity – Vishvakarma Payments Private Limited.

In FY2024, CIFCL (standalone) reported a net profit of Rs. 3,423 crore on a managed asset base of Rs. 1,60,194 crore compared with a net profit of Rs. 2,666 crore on a managed asset base of Rs. 1,17,607 crore in FY2023. In H1 FY2025, it reported a provisional net profit of Rs.1,905 crore on a managed asset base of Rs.1,82,652 crore.

Key financial indicators (audited)

CIFCL	FY2023	FY2024	H1 FY2025
Total income	12,978	19,216	12,122
Profit after tax	2,666	3,423	1,905
Total managed assets	1,17,607	1,60,194	1,82,652
Gross stage 3	3.0%	2.5%	2.8%
CRAR	17.1%	18.6%	19.5%

Source: Company, 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

Trust Name	Instrument	Current Rating (FY2025)		Chronology of Rating History for the Past 3 Years			
		Initial Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Date & Rating in FY2025	Date & Rating in FY2024	Date & Rating in FY2023	Date & Rating in FY2022
				Dec 26, 2024	-	-	-
PLATINUM TRUST DEC 2024 - TRANCHE II	PTC Series A1	680.24	680.24	Provisional [ICRA]AAA(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 (p.a.p.m.)	Maturity Date	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Rating
PLATINUM TRUST DEC 2024 - TRANCHE II	PTC Series A1	December 27, 2024	8.10% to 8.15%*	December 22, 2029	680.24	Provisional [ICRA]AAA(SO)

*Indicative coupon rate

Source: Company

Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Not applicable

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