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## Srifin Credit Private Limited: Provisional [ICRA]BBB+(SO) assigned to Series A1 PTC issued by Wembley 12 2024, backed by a pool of microfinance loan receivables

### Summary of rating action

Trust Name	Instrument*	Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
Wembley 12 2024	Series A1 PTC	8.45	Provisional [ICRA]BBB+(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 microfinance loan receivables originated by Srifin Credit Private Limited (Srifin/Originator) with an aggregate principal outstanding of Rs. 9.09 crore (pool receivables of Rs. 10.59 crore). Srifin would be 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 provisional 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 redemption of the Series A1 PTC principal.

The credit enhancement available in the structure is in the form of (i) a cash collateral (CC) of 8.00% of the initial pool principal, amounting to Rs. 0.73 crore, to be provided by the Originator, (ii) principal subordination of 7.00% of the initial pool principal for Series A1 PTC in the form of an equity tranche, and (iii) the excess interest spread (EIS) of 9.08% of the initial pool principal for Series A1 PTC.

### Key rating drivers and their description

#### Credit strengths

**Granular pool supported by presence of credit enhancement** – The pool is granular, consisting of 2,574 contracts, with no contract exceeding 1% 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.

**No overdue contracts in the pool** – The pool has been filtered in such a manner that there are no overdue contracts.

**Seasoned contracts in the pool** – The pool had amortised by almost ~19% as on the cut-off date with no delinquencies seen in any of the contracts, post loan disbursement, thereby reflecting the borrowers' relatively better credit profile.

### Credit challenges

**High geographical concentration** – The pool has high geographical concentration with the top state, viz. Bihar contributing ~31% to the initial pool principal amount. The pool's performance would thus be exposed to any state-wide disruption that may occur due to natural calamities, political events, etc. Also, the contracts are highly concentrated, in terms of districts, with the top 10 districts constituting around 52% of the pool amount, which increases the concentration risk.

**Increasing delinquencies in microfinance sector** – The microfinance sector has seen a decline in collections and consequently a rise in delinquencies in the current fiscal on account of multiple factors like heat waves, general elections, borrower overleveraging and attrition in collection teams. The sustained impact, if any, of these factors on the pool's collections would be monitorable.

**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. The performance of microfinance loans would also be exposed to political and communal risks.

**Limited track record of servicing capability** – The Originator is in the nascent stage of operations. It started disbursements in October 2023 and its loan book is yet to see a full cycle.

### 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 5.00% of the pool principal with certain variability around it. The average prepayment rate for the underlying pool is modelled in the range of 3% to 9% 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: Strong

The liquidity for Series A1 PTC is strong after factoring in the credit enhancement available to meet the promised payouts to the investor. The total credit enhancement is ~4.0 times the estimated loss in the pool.

### Rating sensitivities

**Positive factors** – The sustained strong collection performance of the underlying pool of contracts (monthly collection efficiency >95%), leading to lower-than-expected delinquency levels, and an increase in the cover available for future investor payouts from the credit enhancement would result in a rating upgrade.

**Negative factors** – The sustained weak collection performance of the underlying pool of contracts (monthly collection efficiency <90%), leading to higher-than-expected delinquency levels and higher credit enhancement utilisation levels, would result in a rating downgrade. Weakening in the credit profile of the servicer (Srifin) could also exert pressure on the rating.

## Analytical approach

The rating action is based on the analysis of the performance of Srifin’s microfinance loan portfolio till September 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	<a href="#">Rating Methodology for Securitisation Transactions</a>
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 a final rating upon the execution of:

1. Trust Deed
2. Assignment Agreement
3. Power of Attorney
4. All other instruments, deeds and documents executed or entered into by the trustee and/or the seller from time to time for the securitisation of the receivables
5. Legal opinion

## 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 rating 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](http://www.icra.in).

## About the originator

Srifin Credit Private Limited (SCPL) is a Hyderabad-based non-banking financial company-microfinance institution (NBFC-MFI) registered with the Reserve Bank of India. It commenced operations in August 2023 as a business correspondent for Axis Bank, Yes Bank, and Suryoday Small Finance Bank. After obtaining its NBFC-MFI licence from the RBI on October 18, 2023, the company started building its own portfolio. SCPL focuses on serving low-income households by providing unsecured micro-credit facilities, primarily to women.

SCPL gives loans to women entrepreneurs primarily in the rural and semi-urban areas of Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, and Bihar. As on September 30, 2024, the company’s assets under management (AUM) stood at Rs. 157.2 crore, with own portfolio accounting for Rs. 85.6 crore and the business correspondent segment accounting for Rs. 71.6 crore. Its operations are concentrated in a few states: Uttar Pradesh (63%), Bihar (17%), and Karnataka (16%).

SCPL's entire portfolio is under the joint liability group (JLG) model. Loans are usually offered for microbusiness, agriculture, livestock, fisheries, land and tree leasing, tailoring, etc.

### Key financial indicators (standalone)

Sriffin Credit Private Limited	FY2024	H1 FY2025*
Total income	1.9	8.1
PAT	(9.0)	(9.5)
Total managed assets	101.4	191.0
Gross NPA	0.0%	0.24%
CRAR	177.8%	49.3%

Source: Company, ICRA Research; \*Provisional numbers; All ratios as per ICRA's calculations; Amount in Rs. crore

### Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

### Rating history for past three years

S. No.	Trust Name	Instrument	Current Rating (FY2025)		Chronology of Rating History for the Past 3 Years		
			Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Date & Rating in FY2025	Date & Rating in FY2024	Date & Rating in FY2023	Date & Rating in FY2022
1	Wembley 12 2024	Series A1 PTC	8.45	Provisional [ICRA]BBB+(SO) January 03, 2025	-	-	-

### Complexity level of the rated instrument

Instrument	Complexity Indicator
Series A1 PTC	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**

ISIN	Trust Name	Instrument	Date of Issuance / Sanction	Coupon Rate* (p.a.p.m.)	Maturity Date	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Current Rating
<b>NA</b>	Wembley 12 2024	Series A1 PTC	December 31, 2024	13.75%	March 15, 2026	8.45	Provisional [ICRA]BBB+(SO)

Source: Company; \*Fixed rate

**Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis**

Not applicable

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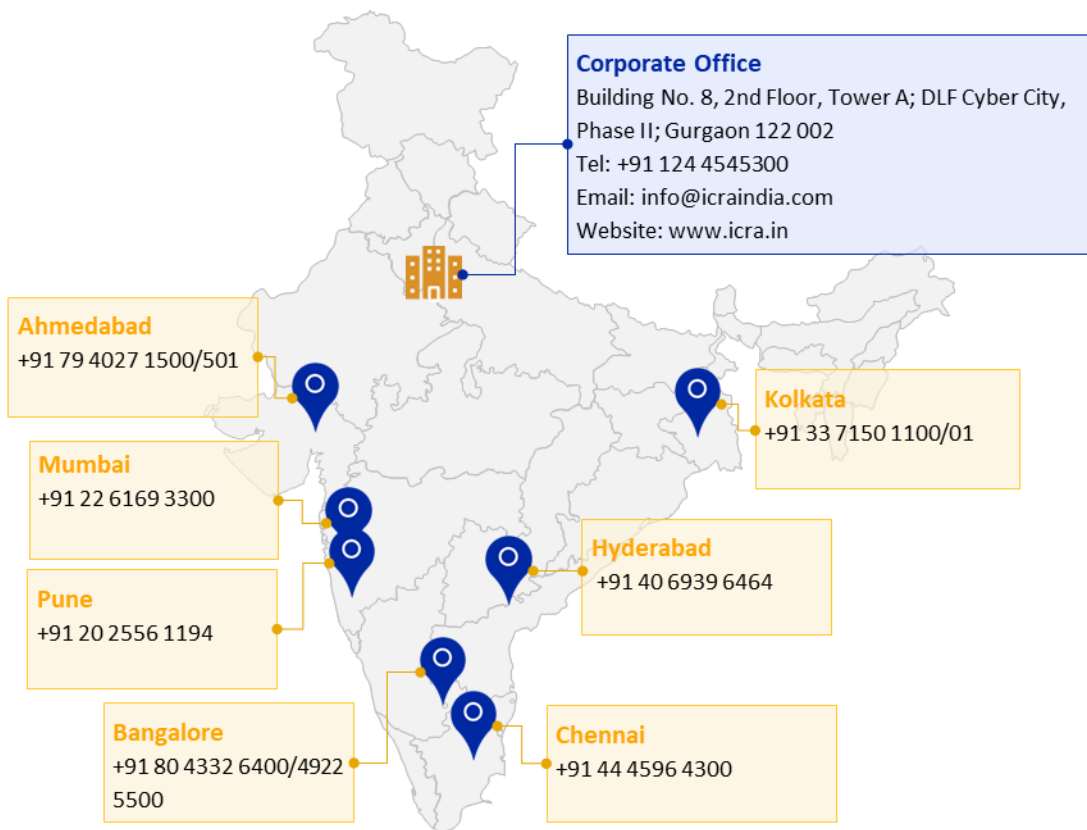
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