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IIFL Finance Limited: Rating confirmed as final to PTCs backed by gold loan receivables issued by Shining Metal Trust October 2020

Summary of rating action

Trust Name	Instrument*	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
Shining Metal Trust October 2020	PTCs Series A	370.00	[ICRA]AAA(SO); provisional rating confirmed as final

**Instrument details are provided in Annexure-1*

Rationale

In November 2020, ICRA had assigned Provisional [ICRA]AAA(SO) rating to pass-through certificate (PTCs) Series A1 issued by Shining Metal Trust October 2020. The pass-through certificates (PTCs) are backed by a pool of Rs. 449.70 crore gold loan receivables (underlying pool principal of Rs. 392.03 crore) originated by IIFL Finance Limited. Since the executed transaction documents are in line with the rating conditions, and the legal opinion for the transaction have been provided to ICRA, the said ratings have now been confirmed as final.

Key rating drivers

Credit strengths

- Availability of credit enhancement in the form of subordination, Excess Interest Spread (EIS) and Cash Collateral (CC);
- The pool has no overdue contracts as on pool cut-off date

Credit challenges

- Moderate geographical concentration in the pool at the state level
- Moderate LTV profile with moderate share of high LTV contracts;
- Performance of the pool would be exposed to any prolonged economic slowdown being caused by the Covid-19 pandemic

Description of key rating drivers highlighted above

IIFL would assign the future receivables arising from the selected pool of loans to a special purpose vehicle (trust). The trust would issue one series of PTC Series A amounting to 94.38% of the total pool principal backed by the assigned loan against gold receivables.

The first line of support for Series A PTCs in the transaction is in the form of a subordination of 5.62% of the pool principal (includes over-collateralisation). All collections from the pool that are in excess of the promised weekly interest payout to the PTCs would be utilised to accelerate the amortisation of the PTCs. The scheduled PTC principal payout at the end of the weekly payouts will be revised accordingly. The entire principal amount is promised to PTC Series A in a single bullet instalment on the scheduled maturity date.

A cash collateral of 7.00% of the initial pool principal provided by IIFL acts as further credit enhancement in the transaction. In the event of a shortfall in meeting the promised PTC weekly interest payouts and the PTC principal on the scheduled maturity date, the trustee will utilise the cash collateral to meet the shortfall. Additionally, the subordination and EIS available in the structure will provide credit enhancement support.

There were no overdues in the pool on the cut-off date. The pool consists of loans that have moderate seasoning with a weighted average seasoning of ~4.6 months. The pool has a moderate LTV profile with average current LTV (as on pool cut-off date) being 61.68%.

Past rated pool performance: ICRA has rated 31 PTC gold loan transactions of IIFL till date with the last PTC transaction rated in December 2020. All the PTC transactions except the three recently rated in Q3FY21 have fully matured. In these matured pools, the delinquencies were observed to be low while prepayments were high.

Key rating assumptions

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

After making these adjustments, the expected mean shortfall in principal collection during the tenure of the pool is estimated to be 2.5-3.5% with certain variability around it. The prepayment rate for the underlying pool is estimated at 24.0-36.0% per annum.

Liquidity position: Superior

The principal amount on the rated PTCs is promised on the scheduled maturity date. Only the interest amount is promised on a weekly basis. This structural feature imparts significant liquidity in the transaction, as even a small amount of collections in the underlying pool contracts would be sufficient to meet the promised PTC payouts.

Additionally, a cash collateral amounting to 7.00% of the pool principal amount is available in the transaction. The cash collateral is adequate to meet promised interest payouts due to the PTC investors for ~50 weeks, even in an unlikely scenario of no collections in the pool.

Rating sensitivities

Positive triggers - Not Applicable

Negative triggers - The rating could be downgraded on the sustained weak collection performance of the underlying pool contracts leading to high delinquency levels and decreased cover available for the future PTC payouts from the credit enhancements

Analytical approach

The rating action is 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 company

IIFL Finance was a listed non-operating holding company with India Infoline Finance, a systemically important, non-deposit accepting non-banking financial company (NBFC-ND-SI), as its subsidiary. As a part of a merger scheme with the receipt of an NBFC licence by IIFL Finance Limited, India Infoline Finance was merged with IIFL Finance Limited with effect from March 30, 2020. IIFL along with its subsidiaries, IIFL Home Finance (registered as a housing finance company) and Samasta Microfinance Limited (registered as an NBFC-MFI) offers home loans, loan against property, MSME loans, gold loans, microfinance and real estate loans.

IIFL Finance Limited's consolidated net worth stood at Rs. 5,000 crore as on September 30, 2020. It reported a PAT of Rs. 503 crore in FY2020 on total assets of Rs. 34,341 crore compared to Rs. 796 crore and Rs. 33,239 crore, respectively, in FY2019. The company reported a PAT of Rs. 245 crore in H1 FY2021 on total assets of Rs. 35,314 crore as on September 30, 2020.

Key financial indicators (consolidated for IIFL Finance Limited)

	FY2019 (Audited)	FY2020 (Audited)	6M FY2021 (Unaudited)
Total revenues	5,085	4,821	2,810
Profit after tax	796	503	245
Net worth	4,359	4,766	5,000
Loan book (AUM)	34,904	37,951	40,843
Total assets	33,239	34,341	35,314
Gross NPA	2.0%	2.3%	1.8%
Net NPA	0.6%	1.0%	0.8%
Gearing	6.2	5.8	5.8

Amounts in Rs. Crore

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

	Trust Name	Current Rating (FY2021)					Chronology of Rating History for the past 3 years		
		Instrument	Initial Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)	Date & Rating	Date & Rating	Date & Rating in FY2020	Date & Rating in FY2019	Date & Rating in FY2018
					Feb 18, 2021	Nov 02, 2020	-	-	-
1	Shining Metal Trust October 2020	PTC Series A	370.00	370.00	[ICRA]AAA(SO)	Provisional [ICRA]AAA(SO)	-	-	-

Complexity level of the rated instrument

ICRA has classified various instruments based on their complexity as "Simple", "Complex" and "Highly Complex". The classification of instruments according to their complexity levels is available on the website click here

Annexure-1: Instrument details

Trust Name	Instrument Type	Date of Issuance / Sanction	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date*	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Current Rating and Outlook
Shining Metal Trust October 2020	PTC Series A	October 2020	7.65%	November 2022	370.00	[ICRA]AAA(SO)

**Scheduled maturity at transaction initiation; may change on account of prepayments and accelerated amortization*

Source: *Company*

Corrigendum:

Document dated February 18, 2021 has been corrected with revision as detailed below:

- Change in heading of PR from “small business loan receivables” to “gold loan receivables” in the PR on page 1

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