

September 02, 2025

Arohan Financial Services Limited: Update on material event

Summary of rating(s) outstanding

| Instrument* | Previous rated amount (Rs. crore) | Current rated amount (Rs. crore) | Rating outstanding |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Non-convertible debentures^ | 60.00 | 60.00 | [ICRA]A (Stable) |
| Non-convertible debentures | 265.00 | 265.00 | [ICRA]A (Stable) |
| Long-term bank facilities – Fund based | 5,603.07 | 5,603.07 | [ICRA]A (Stable) |
| Subordinated debt | 75.00 | 75.00 | [ICRA]A (Stable) |
| Total | 6,003.07 | 6,003.07 | |

^{*}Instrument details are provided in Annexure I; ^ ISINs – INE808K08061 and INE808K08053

Rationale

Arohan Financial Services Limited, vide its stock exchange filing dated August 30, 2025 and mail dated September 1, 2025, has intimated that the scheduled monthly interest payment aggregating Rs. 22,562.18 towards non-convertible debenture (NCD) bearing ISIN INE808K08061 and Rs. 13,201.38 towards NCD bearing ISIN INE808K08053 could not be remitted to a few investors because of unavailability of their correct bank account details or closure of their bank accounts. However, ICRA notes that the entire unpaid amount was credited to a separate escrow account maintained with a scheduled commercial bank before the due date, i.e. August 31, 2025.

Arohan had sufficient liquidity in the form of cash and bank balances of Rs. 796 crore as on August 28, 2025, Rs. 731 crore as on August 29, 2025, Rs. 683 crore as on August 30, 2025 and Rs. 661 crore as on August 31, 2025. The inability to make the payment to the investors concerned neither reflects its lack of ability nor willingness to service the debt obligations. The inability to make the payment was because of reasons beyond the control of the company as it could not gather the correct account details of the investors concerned or the bank account of the investor concerned had closed despite making efforts to approach them independently and through the Registrar and Transfer Agent (RTA).

Given that the company's fundamental credit profile remains intact and the unpaid amount had been transferred to a separate escrow account on the due date itself, its rating remains unchanged, in accordance with ICRA's Policy on Default Recognition.

The table below includes the details of the instruments concerned:

| Name of security | ISIN | Total amount to be paid (Rs. lakh) | Due date of payment | Amount of payment made (Rs. lakh) | Amount of payment failed (Rs. lakh) | Reasons for failure of payment | Date when the amount corresponding to the failed payment was transferred to a separate escrow account |
|------------------|--------------|---|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| NCD | INE808K08061 | 27.28 | August 31, 2025 | 27.05 | 0.23 | Incorrect/closed account numbers | August 29, 2025* |
| NCD | INE808K08053 | 39.39 | August 31, 2025 | 39.26 | 0.13 | Incorrect/closed account numbers | August 29, 2025* |

^{*} As per the SEBI Circular SEBI/HO/DDHS/DDHS-PoD-3/P/CIR/2024/160 dated November 18, 2024, amount of Rs. 0.36 lakh has been deposited in an escrow



account designated for coupon payments

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

Analytical approach

| Analytical approach | Comments |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Applicable rating methodologies | Rating methodology for non-banking finance companies Policy on default recognition |
| Parent/Group support | Not applicable |
| Consolidation/Standalone | Standalone |

About the company

Arohan Financial Services Limited (Arohan) is a Kolkata-headquartered non-banking financial company — microfinance institution (NBFC-MFI). It was incorporated on September 27, 1991. Arohan is engaged in the business of microlending, mainly to women, and operates on the joint liability group (JLG) model. It was set up through the acquisition of an existing NBFC, ANG Resources Ltd, with the support of Bellwether Microfinance Fund. The company's name was changed to Arohan Financial Services Limited in March 2008. Arohan became a part of the Aavishkar Group in September 2012. As on June 30, 2025, it was managing assets under management (AUM) of ~Rs. 5,823 crore.

Key financial indicators

| Arohan Financial Services Limited | FY2024 | FY2025 | Q1 FY2026* |
|--|--------|--------|------------|
| As per | Ind-AS | Ind-AS | Ind-AS |
| Total income | 1,635 | 1,695 | 365 |
| Profit after tax | 314 | 110 | 5 |
| Total managed assets (grossed up for provisions) | 8,654 | 7,228 | 7,235 |
| Return on average managed assets | 4.1% | 1.4% | 0.3% |
| Managed gearing (times) | 3.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| Gross stage 3 assets | 1.7% | 2.8% | 2.6% |
| CRAR | 29.0% | 34.1% | 36.6% |

Managed gearing = (On-book borrowings + Securitised/Assigned loan assets)/(Net worth)

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

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

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Rating history for past three years

| | | Curre | Chronology of rating history for the past 3 years | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| | | | | | FY2026 | | FY2025 | | FY2024 | FY2023 | |
| Instrument | Туре | Amount rated (Rs. crore) | September 02, 2025 | Date | Rating | Date | Rating | Date | Rating | Date | Rating |
| Long-term bank facilities – Fund based | Long term | 5,603.07 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Apr 02, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | May 20, 2024 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Aug 14, 2023 | [ICRA]A- (Positive) | Apr 06, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Negative) |
| | | | | May 02, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Oct 25, 2024 | [ICRA]A; Rating Watch with Negative Implications | Nov 9, 2023 | [ICRA]A- (Positive) | Jun 21, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Negative) |
| | | | | Jun 03, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Nov 11, 2024 | [ICRA]A; Rating Watch with Negative Implications | Jan 10, 2024 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Jul 01, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Negative) |
| | | | | Jul 02, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Jan 14, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | - | - | Jul 14, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Negative) |
| | | | | Aug 04, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Feb 4, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | - | - | Sep 21, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Negative) |
| | | | | | | Mar 4, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | - | - | Dec 26, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Stable) |
| NCDs | Long term | 265.00 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Apr 02, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | May 20, 2024 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Aug 14, 2023 | [ICRA]A- (Positive) | Apr 06, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Negative) |
| | | | | May 02, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Oct 25, 2024 | [ICRA]A; Rating Watch with Negative Implications | Nov 9, 2023 | [ICRA]A- (Positive) | Jun 21, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Negative) |
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| | | | | | | Mar 4, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | - | - | Dec 26, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Stable) |

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| | | Curre | | Chronology | of rating his | tory for the pa | st 3 years | | | | |
|------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| | | | | | FY2026 | | FY2025 | | FY2024 | | FY2023 |
| Instrument | Туре | Amount rated (Rs. crore) | September 02, 2025 | Date | Rating | Date | Rating | Date | Rating | Date | Rating |
| NCDs | Long term | 60.00 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Apr 02, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | May 20, 2024 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Aug 14, 2023 | [ICRA]A- (Positive) | Apr 06, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Negative) |
| | | | | May 02, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Oct 25, 2024 | [ICRA]A; Rating Watch with Negative Implications | Nov 9, 2023 | [ICRA]A- (Positive) | Jun 21, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Negative) |
| | | | | Jun 03, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Nov 11, 2024 | [ICRA]A; Rating Watch with Negative Implications | Jan 10, 2024 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Jul 01, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Negative) |
| | | | | Jul 02, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Jan 14, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | - | - | Jul 14, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Negative) |
| | | | | Aug 04, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Feb 4, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable); downgraded to [ICRA]D and simultaneously upgraded to [ICRA]A (Stable) | - | - | Sep 21, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Negative) |
| | | | | | | Mar 4, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | - | - | Dec 26, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Stable) |
| NCDs | Long term | - | - | | | May 20, 2024 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Aug 14, 2023 | [ICRA]A- (Positive) | Apr 06, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Negative) |
| | | | | | | Oct 25, 2024 | [ICRA]A; Rating Watch with Negative Implications | Nov 9, 2023 | [ICRA]A- (Positive) | Jun 21, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Negative) |
| | | | | | | Nov 11, 2024 | [ICRA]A; Rating Watch with Negative Implications | Jan 10, 2024 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Jul 01, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Negative) |
| | | | | | | - | - | - | - | Jul 14, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Negative) |
| | | | | | | - | - | - | - | Sep 21, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Negative) |

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| | Current (FY20 | | | | | Chronology of rating history for the past 3 years | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---|---|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| | | | | | FY2026 | | FY2025 | | FY2024 | | FY2023 |
| Instrument | Туре | Amount rated (Rs. crore) | September 02, 2025 | Date | Rating | Date | Rating | Date | Rating | Date | Rating |
| | | | | | | - | - | - | - | Dec 26, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Stable) |
| Subordinated debt | Long term | 75.00 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Apr 02, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | May 20, 2024 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Aug 14, 2023 | [ICRA]A- (Positive) | Sep 21, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Negative) |
| | | | | May 02, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Oct 25, 2024 | [ICRA]A; Rating Watch with Negative Implications | Nov 9, 2023 | [ICRA]A- (Positive) | Dec 26, 2022 | [ICRA]A- (Stable) |
| | | | | Jun 03, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Nov 11, 2024 | [ICRA]A; Rating Watch with Negative Implications | Jan 10, 2024 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | - | - |
| | | | | Jul 02, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Jan 14, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | | | | |
| | | | | Aug 04, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | Feb 4, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | | | | |
| | | | | | | Mar 4, 2025 | [ICRA]A (Stable) | | | | |

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Complexity level of the rated instruments

| Instrument | Complexity indicator |
|--|----------------------|
| Subordinated debt | Simple |
| NCD | Simple |
| Long-term bank facilities – Fund based | Simple |

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 | Instrument name | Date of issuance/ Sanction | Coupon rate | Maturity date | Amount rated (Rs. crore) | Current rating and outlook |
|--------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| INE808K08079 | NCD | Mar-31-2022 | 13.65% | Jun-30-2027 | 200 | [ICRA]A (Stable) |
| INE808K08061 | NCD | Oct-25-2019 | 12.85% | Oct-25-2026 | 25 | [ICRA]A (Stable) |
| INE808K08046 | NCD | Mar-29-2018 | 13.25% | Apr-28-2025 | 65 | [ICRA]A (Stable) |
| INE808K08053 | NCD | Aug-14-2018 | 13.25% | Sep-30-2025 | 35 | [ICRA]A (Stable) |
| NA | Long-term bank facilities – Fund based | Jun-08-2018 to Apr-02-2024 | 5.15-11.75% | Jul-10-2023 to Apr-30-2027 | 5,603.07 | [ICRA]A (Stable) |
| NA | Subordinated debt (term loan) | Mar-07-2018 | 13.50% | Apr-01-2025 | 50 | [ICRA]A (Stable) |
| NA | Subordinated debt (term loan) | Mar-30-2021 | 14.25% | Jun-04-2027 | 25 | [ICRA]A (Stable) |

Source: Company

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Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Not applicable



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