

### January 03, 2023

# Godrej Properties Limited: Ratings reaffirmed; rated amount enhanced

### Summary of rating action

Instrument*	Previous Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
Long-term – Fund-based/CC	1,900.0	1,900.0	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable); reaffirmed
Long-term – Non-fund based limits	350.0	350.0	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable); reaffirmed
Long-term/ Short-term – Unallocated	2,250.0	2,250.0	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable)/ [ICRA]A1+; reaffirmed
Commercial paper (CP) programme	1,500.0	1,750.0	[ICRA]A1+; reaffirmed/ assigned
Non-convertible debenture (NCD) programme	1,000.0	1,000.0	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable); reaffirmed
Total	7,000.0	7,250.0	

\*Instrument details are provided in Annexure I

## Rationale

The reaffirmation of ratings of Godrej Properties Limited (GPL) considers the sustained improvement in its profitability metrics, driven by favourable and diverse mix of project development models and robust growth in cash flows on the back of scale up in operations. The improvement in profitability is expected to sustain going forward, supported by the healthy pipeline of projects to be delivered over the near to medium term. The increasing share of interest and service income from joint venture (JV) entities as well as the recent increase in price realisations will also support the profitability. The company has been steadily building pipeline, aided by capital raised during FY2019-FY2021, which provides medium-to-long-term revenue visibility.

The ratings continue to draw strength from GPL's strong market position and the robust bookings and collections reported for five consecutive quarters starting Q4 FY2021, supported by new launches. In H1 FY2023, GPL's collections stood at Rs. 4,032 crore<sup>1</sup>, increased from Rs. 2,986 crore<sup>2</sup> in H1 FY2022. The sales booking for H1 FY2023 stood at Rs. 4,929 crore, marking a 61% year-on-year (YoY) growth. GPL is estimated to record sales booking of over Rs. 10,000 crore in FY2023. As per ICRA's estimates, the pending receivables from the sold inventory at the end of March 31, 2022 was around Rs. 12,000 crore, offering healthy medium-term cash flow visibility.

The ratings factor in the comfortable capital structure and the strong liquidity position. The consolidated net debt (excluding qualified institutional placement (QIP) monies) stands at Rs. 3,705 crore as on September 30, 2022. ICRA estimates the leverage to remain comfortable as reflected by net debt (excluding QIP monies)/ fund flow from operations (FFO) of around 2 times over the medium term. While it reported cash and liquid investments of around Rs. 4,000 crore as on September 30, 2022, a major portion of the same is earmarked for growth/investments. Nonetheless, its liquidity position would continue to be strong even after the deployment of these earmarked funds. The ratings note GPL's strong parentage by virtue of being a part of the Godrej Group with exceptional financial flexibility and access to the land holdings of the Group entities.

The ratings are, however, constrained by the cyclical nature of the real estate industry and exposure to execution and market risks arising from its large expansion plans. ICRA notes that GPL would expand its ongoing portfolio at a faster pace over the medium term, supported by the available growth capital. It plans to launch over 20 million square feet (msf) of new projects and new phases in existing projects in the current fiscal. The company's ability to ramp-up the execution and deliveries in line

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> as estimated by ICRA; includes adjustments for JV projects

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> as estimated by ICRA; includes adjustments for JV projects



with proposed expansion of the portfolio will remain a key monitorable. Nevertheless, ICRA expects GPL to benefit from its strong brand and the favourable demand environment in the residential real estate market.

ICRA notes the high proportion of short-term debt to total debt. While this helped the company to achieve low cost of borrowing at 6.25% as on September 30, 2022, GPL remains exposed to refinancing risk. The risk is mitigated to a large extent by the healthy liquidity as well as the financial flexibility enjoyed by the company as a Godrej Group entity.

The Stable outlook on the [ICRA]AA+ rating reflects ICRA's opinion that GPL will continue to benefit from its established brand as well as track record of operations and maintain healthy sales and collections.

### Key rating drivers and their description

### **Credit strengths**

**Strong parentage with access to land holdings of Group entities; healthy financial flexibility** – Being a part of the Godrej Group, the company enjoys exceptional financial flexibility as demonstrated by equity infusion of Rs. 1,000 crore in FY2019, Rs. 2,100 crore in FY2020 and Rs. 3,750 crore in FY2021 through private placement/QIP. The funds thus raised have supported portfolio growth while keeping leverage levels moderate. It also has access to the large land banks of the Group entities, which provides additional visibility to the project launch pipeline. In the past, GPL has entered into agreements with various Group companies for developing land parcels in Mumbai and Thane.

**Leading real estate developer with long track record, strong market position and diversified portfolio** – GPL has a long track record of more than 30 years, with strong project execution capabilities and is a leading player in India's residential real estate market. The company has completed developing 24 msf of real estate space during the last five years that ended on March 31, 2022. It generates revenue primarily from the sale of residential and commercial projects.

**Robust collections and sales; strong project pipeline** – GPL's project sales have remained robust, supported by its established brand, favourable demand environment, aided by all-time low rate of interest, hybrid working model and pent-up demand. The company reported 61% YoY growth in sales booking in H1 FY2023 (Rs. 4,929 crore). It is estimated to record sales booking of over Rs. 10,000 crore in FY2023. In H1 FY2023, GPL's collections stood at Rs. 4,032 crore<sup>3</sup>, increased from Rs. 2,986 crore<sup>4</sup> in H1 FY2022. The improving scale and steady income from JV entities will support its profitability on a sustained basis.

**Healthy cash flow visibility over medium term** – Healthy sales from the new launches as well as existing projects during FY2021 and FY2022 has translated into adequate operating cash inflows, while rendering visibility to future collections from the pending receivables. The pending customer collections from the sold inventory is estimated by ICRA at around Rs. 12,000 crore as on March 31, 2022, thus resulting in estimated adequacy of committed cash flows<sup>5</sup> being healthy at 74% as on March 31, 2022.

#### **Credit challenges**

**Exposure to execution and market risks** – GPL would expand its ongoing portfolio at a faster pace over the medium term, supported by the available growth capital. It plans to launch over 20 msf of new projects and new phases in the current fiscal. These upcoming project launches would increase the execution and market risks. However, ICRA takes comfort from GPL's track record of project execution and sales. ICRA expects the company to benefit from the ongoing trend of market consolidation, whereby the share of large players (such as GPL) is expected to increase, driven by its strong brand, track record of delivery and quality execution.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> as estimated by ICRA; includes adjustments for JV projects

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> as estimated by ICRA; includes adjustments for JV projects

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Calculated as receivables from sold area divided by (pending cost on projects + net debt adjusted for non-QIP bank balances)



**Exposure to cyclicality inherent in real estate business** – The real estate sector is cyclical and has a highly fragmented market structure because of the presence of a large number of regional players. In addition, being a cyclical industry, the real estate sector is highly dependent on macro-economic factors, which in turn exposes the company's sales to any downturn in demand.

**Exposure to refinancing risk** – ICRA notes the high proportion of short-term debt to total debt. While it has helped the company to achieve low cost of borrowing at 6.25% as on September 30, 2022, GPL remains exposed to refinancing risk. The risk is mitigated, to a large extent, by the healthy liquidity as well as the financial flexibility enjoyed by the company as a Godrej Group entity.

## **Environmental and social risks**

The real estate segment is exposed to risks of increasing environmental norms impacting operating costs, including higher costs of raw materials such as building materials and cost of compliance with pollution control regulations. Environmental clearances are required for commencement of projects and lack of timely approvals can impact business operations. Impact of changing environmental regulations on licences taken for property development could also create credit risks. MDL has set a target to achieve carbon neutrality by 2035 and hence, it is expected to be better prepared in case of any change in aforementioned regulations. In terms of the social risks, the trend post-pandemic has been favourable to real-estate developers as demand for quality home with good social infrastructure has increased. Further, rapid urbanisation and a high proportion of workforce population (aged 25-44 years) will support demand for real-estate in India and, in turn, benefit MDL. The same is supported by healthy sales trend reported over the recent quarters.

### Liquidity position: Strong

GPL's liquidity is strong with around Rs. 4,000 crore cash and liquid investments (including Rs. 2,341 crore of unutilised QIP balance) as on September 30, 2022. ICRA expects the liquidity position to remain strong in FY2023, given the healthy cash flow from operations. ICRA expects its cash and liquid investments to remain healthy at above Rs. 1,000 crore even after investments in new projects.

### **Rating sensitivities**

**Positive factors** – The rating may be upgraded in case of significant and sustained growth in sales and collections in GPL's project portfolio, along with greater business diversification, resulting in robust and sustainable improvement in cash flows and liquidity, and lower reliance on debt funding.

**Negative factors** – The ratings may be downgraded if project execution, sales velocity and collections are slower-thanexpected in the ongoing and new projects and/or significant debt-funded investments in new projects resulting in net debt (excluding QIP monies)/FFO<sup>6</sup> sustaining above 2.5 times.

## Analytical approach

Analytical Approach	Comments
Applicable rating methodologies	Corporate Credit Rating Methodology Rating Methodology for Real Estate Entities Rating Approach for Consolidation
Parent/Group support	Not Applicable
Consolidation/Standalone	Consolidation: ICRA has consolidated GPL along with its operational subsidiaries, JVs and associate entities (mentioned in Annexure II) on account of the strong business and financial linkages between these entities.

<sup>6</sup> As per ICRA calculations, fund flow from operations (FFO) is net operating cash flows (after adjustments for JV and DM projects) minus corporate taxes



### About the company

Godrej Properties Limited (GPL) is the real estate venture of the Godrej Group, which is involved in diverse business segments spanning home appliances, FMCG, consumer products, industrial products (process plant and equipment), chemicals, animal feed, real estate development and oil palm plantation through various Group companies. It was incorporated as Sea Breeze Constructions and Investments Private Limited on February 8, 1985 by Mr. Mohan Khubchand Thakur and Mrs. Desiree Mohan Thakur. In 1987, it became a part of the Godrej Group and in 1989, it became a subsidiary of Godrej Industries Limited (erstwhile Godrej Soaps Limited), which holds 47.3% of the company's equity share capital as on March 31, 2022. At present, GPL is present in 10 cities in India and focuses mostly on residential real estate development. It has delivered ~24 msf of real estate over the last five years ended March 31, 2022 and has around 192 msf of total developable area across 85 projects as on April 30, 2022.

#### **Key financial indicators**

GPL Consolidated	FY2021 (Audited)	FY2022 (Audited)	H1 FY2023 (Unaudited)
Operating income (Rs. crore) <sup>7</sup>	1211.2	2,325.4	663.3
PAT (Rs. crore) <sup>8</sup>	-73.4	539.3	204.2
OPBDIT/OI (%)	9.3%*	27.2%	25.9%
OPBDIT <sup>9</sup> /OI (%)	-43.6%^	7.3%	-19.9%
Total outside liabilities/Tangible net worth (times)	0.9	1.0	1.1
Total debt/OPBDIT (times)	40.2*	8.1	15.6
Interest coverage (times) <sup>10</sup>	0.6*	3.8	2.3

PAT: Profit after Tax; OPBDIT: Operating Profit before Depreciation, Interest, Taxes and Amortisation

Note: Amount in Rs. crore; All calculations are as per ICRA's calculations, \*after adjusting for one-time provisions (provision for employee incentives and provision on account of write-down of legacy projects) totalling to Rs. 197 crore in FY2021, adjusted OPBDIT/OI, adjusted Total Debt/OPBDIT and adjusted Interest coverage of 25.6%, 14.6 times and 1.7 times respectively; ^ adjusted OPBDIT/OI of -17.8% after adjusting for one-time provisions in FY2021; Source: Company, ICRA Research

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

### Any other information: None

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Includes interest income earned on investments and loans and advances made to JVs and associates for FY2021, FY2022 and H1 FY2023; Not including share of profit from JVs/Associates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Not including share of profit from JVs/Associates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Not including share of profit from JVs/Associates and not Including interest income (earned on investments and loans and advances made to JVs and associates) for FY2021, FY2022 and H1 FY2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Not including interest income earned by the company except interest income earned on investments and loans and advances made to JVs and associates for FY2021, FY2022 and H1 FY2023.



## Rating history for past three years

			Current ra	ting (FY2023)					Chronology of rating history for the past 3 yea				3 years	
	Instrument**	Туре	Amount rated	Amount outstanding (Rs. crore;	standing rating		Date & Date & rating in FY2022 FY2021		Date & rating in FY2020					
			(Rs. crore)	as on Sep 30, 2022)	Jan 03, 2023	Sep 14, 2022	Sep 01, 2022	Jul 29, 2022	Apr 5, 2022	Apr 6, 2021	Jun 11, 2020	Apr 27, 2020	Dec 26, 2019	Nov 28, 2019
1	Long-term – Fund- based/CC	Long Term	1,900.0	1579.7	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable)	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable)	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable)	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Positive)	[ICRA]AA (Positive)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
2	Long-term – Non-fund based limits	Long Term	350.0	191.9	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable)	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable)	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable)	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Positive)	[ICRA]AA (Positive)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
3	Long-term/ Short-term – Unallocated	Long Term/Short Term	2,250.0	-	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable)/ [ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable)/ [ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable)/ [ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable)/ [ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]AA (Positive)/ [ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]AA (Positive)/ [ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]AA (Stable) / [ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]AA (Stable)/ [ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]AA (Stable)/ [ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]AA (Stable / [ICRA]A1+
4	CP programme	Short Term	1,750.0	1,325.0*	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+
5	NCD programme	Long Term	1,000.0	1,000.0	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable)	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable)	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable)	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Positive)	[ICRA]AA (Positive)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)

\* denotes maturity value of commercial paper, Ratings mentioned are for the instrument rated, the amounts could vary.

## **Complexity level of the rated instruments**

Instrument	Complexity Indicator
Long-term – Fund-based/CC	Simple
Long-term – Non-fund based Limits	Simple
Long-term/ Short-term – Unallocated	Not applicable
Commercial paper	Simple
Non-convertible debenture programme	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 is available on ICRA's website: <u>Click Here</u>



#### Annexure I: Instrument details\*

ISIN	Instrument Name	Date of Issuance	Coup on Rate	Maturity	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Current Rating and Outlook
INE484J08022	NCD	July, 2020	7.50%	July, 2023	1000	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable)
-	Long Term – Fund Based	-	-	-	1900	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable)
-	Long Term - Non-Fund Based	-	-	-	350	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable)
-	Long Term/Short term – unallocated	-	-	-	2250	[ICRA]AA+ (Stable)/ [ICRA]A1+
INE484J14ON6	Commercial Paper	26-Jul-2022	NA	17-Oct-2022	75	[ICRA]A1+
INE484J14OM8	Commercial Paper	22-Jul-2022	NA	19-Oct-2022	75	[ICRA]A1+
INE484J14NY5	Commercial Paper	28-Apr-2022	NA	27-Oct-2022	75	[ICRA]A1+
INE484J14OO4	Commercial Paper	2-Aug-2022	NA	31-Oct-2022	75	[ICRA]A1+
INE484J14OQ9	Commercial Paper	8-Aug-2022	NA	7-Nov-2022	75	[ICRA]A1+
INE484J14OR7	Commercial Paper	11-Aug-2022	NA	10-Nov-2022	75	[ICRA]A1+
INE484J14OP1	Commercial Paper	18-Aug-2022	NA	17-Nov-2022	75	[ICRA]A1+
INE484J14OW7	Commercial Paper	25-Aug-2022	NA	23-Nov-2022	75	[ICRA]A1+
INE484J14OV9	Commercial Paper	29-Aug-2022	NA	28-Nov-2022	75	[ICRA]A1+
INE484J14OX5	Commercial Paper	1-Sep-2022	NA	29-Nov-2022	25	[ICRA]A1+
INE484J14OY3	Commercial Paper	1-Sep-2022	NA	1-Dec-2022	50	[ICRA]A1+
INE484J14OZ0	Commercial Paper	2-Sep-2022	NA	2-Dec-2022	75	[ICRA]A1+
INE484J14PC6	Commercial Paper	6-Sep-2022	NA	5-Dec-2022	75	[ICRA]A1+
INE484J14PB8	Commercial Paper	8-Sep-2022	NA	7-Dec-2022	75	[ICRA]A1+
INE484J14PA0	Commercial Paper	13-Sep-2022	NA	9-Dec-2022	75	[ICRA]A1+
INE484J14PD4	Commercial Paper	15-Sep-2022	NA	15-Dec-2022	75	[ICRA]A1+
INE484J14OS5	Commercial Paper	17-Aug-2022	NA	15-Feb-2023	50	[ICRA]A1+
INE484J14OU1	Commercial Paper	22-Aug-2022	NA	20-Feb-2023	75	[ICRA]A1+
INE484J14OT3	Commercial Paper	24-Aug-2022	NA	22-Feb-2023	75	[ICRA]A1+
-	Commercial Paper^	-	-	-	425	[ICRA]A1+

Source: Company; \* as on September 30, 2022; ^proposed Commercial paper which is not placed as on date

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## Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis (as on March 31, 2022)

Entity Name	Ownership <sup>11</sup>	Consolidation Approach
Subsidiaries		
Godrej Projects Development Limited	100%	Full Consolidation
Godrej Garden City Properties Private Limited	100%	Full Consolidation
Godrej Hillside Properties Private Limited	100%	Full Consolidation
Godrej Home Developers Private Limited	100%	Full Consolidation
Godrej Prakriti Facilities Private Limited	100%	Full Consolidation
Prakriti plaza Facilities Management Pvt. Ltd	100%	Full Consolidation
Godrej Highrises Properties Pvt. Ltd	100%	Full Consolidation
Godrej Genesis Facilities Management Private Limited	100%	Full Consolidation
Citystar InfraProjects Ltd	100%	Full Consolidation
Godrej Residency Pvt. Ltd	100%	Full Consolidation
Godrej Properties Worldwide Inc., USA	100%	Full Consolidation

 $^{\rm 11}$  Share of profits in case of LLPs



Entity Name	Ownership <sup>11</sup>	Consolidation Approach
Godrej Precast Construction Private Limited	100%	Full Consolidation
Godrej Green Woods Private Limited	100%	Full Consolidation
Godrej Realty Private Limited	100%	Full Consolidation
Godrej Living Private Limited (w.e.f. 1 February 2022)	100%	Full Consolidation
Godrej Highrises Realty LLP	100%	Full Consolidation
Godrej Project Developers & Properties LLP	100%	Full Consolidation
Godrej Skyview LLP	100%	Full Consolidation
Godrej Green Properties LLP	100%	Full Consolidation
Godrej Projects (Soma) LLP	100%	Full Consolidation
Oasis Landmarks LLP (w.e.f 1 March 2022)	51%	Full Consolidation
Godrej Athenmark LLP	100%	Full Consolidation
Godrej City Facilities Management LLP	100%	Full Consolidation
Godrej Florentine LLP	100%	Full Consolidation
Godrej Olympia LLP	100%	Full Consolidation
Ashank Realty Management LLP	100%	Full Consolidation
Ashank Facility Management LLP	100%	Full Consolidation
Godrej Construction Projects LLP	100%	Full Consolidation
Joint Ventures (JV)	100/0	
Godrej Redevelopers (Mumbai) Private Limited	51%	Equity Method
Wonder City Buildcon Pvt. Ltd	25.1%	Equity Method
Godrej Home Constructions Pvt. Ltd	25.1%	
•	25.1%	Equity Method
Godrej Greenview Housing Pvt. Ltd		Equity Method
Wonder Projects Development Pvt. Ltd	20%	Equity Method
Godrej Real View Developers Pvt. Ltd	20%	Equity Method
Pearlite Real Properties Pvt. Ltd	49%	Equity Method
Godrej Skyline Developers Private Limited	44%	Equity Method
Godrej Green Homes Private Limited	50%	Equity Method
Godrej Macbricks Private Limited	20%	Equity Method
Munjal Hospitality Private Limited	12%	Equity Method
Yujya Developers Private Limited	20%	Equity Method
Vivrut Developers Private Limited	20%	Equity Method
Madhuvan Enterprises Private Limited	20%	Equity Method
Vagishwari Land Developers Private Limited (w.e.f. 10 June 2021)	20%	Equity Method
Yerwada Developers Private Limited (w.e.f. 31 January 2022)	20%	Equity Method
Godrej Property Developers LLP	32%	Equity Method
Mosiac Landmarks LLP	1%	Equity Method
Dream World Landmarks LLP	40%	Equity Method
Oxford Realty LLP	35%	Equity Method
Godrej SSPDL Green Acres LLP	37%	Equity Method
M S Ramaiah Ventures LLP	49.5%	Equity Method
Caroa Properties LLP	35%	Equity Method
Godrej Housing Projects LLP	50%	Equity Method
Godrej Amitis Developers LLP	46%	Equity Method
A R Landcraft LLP	40%	Equity Method
Prakhhyat Dwellings LLP	50%	Equity Method
Godrej Highview LLP	40%	Equity Method
Godrej Irismark LLP	50%	Equity Method
Godrej Projects North Star LLP	55%	Equity Method
Godrej Developers & Properties LLP	37.5%	Equity Method
Roseberry Estate LLP	49%	Equity Method
Suncity Infrastructures (Mumbai) LLP	50%	Equity Method
Godrej Reserve LLP	21.7%	Equity Method
Maan-Hinge Township Developers LLP	40%	Equity Method
Mahalunge Township Developers LLP	40%	Equity Method
Manyata Industrial Parks LLP	1%	Equity Method
Manjari Housing Projects LLP	40%	Equity Method
Godrej Vestamark LLP	58.27%	Equity Method
Universal Metro Properties LLP	49%	Equity Method



Entity Name	Ownership <sup>11</sup>	Consolidation Approach
Godrej Odyssey LLP	55%	Equity Method
Embellish Houses LLP	50%	Equity Method
Godrej Projects North LLP (w.e.f 3 December 2021)	50.10%	Equity Method
Associate Company		
Godrej One Premises Management Pvt. Ltd	30%	Equity Method



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