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Toyota Financial Services India Limited: Ratings reaffirmed; Rated amount enhanced

Summary of rating action

Instrument*	Previous Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
Bank facilities – Long term/Short term (fund based – others)	1,197.50	1,872.50	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)/[ICRA]A1+; reaffirmed/assigned
Non-convertible debentures	2,350.00	2,350.00	[ICRA]AAA (Stable); reaffirmed
	150.00	0.00	[ICRA]AAA (Stable); reaffirmed and withdrawn
	0.00	1,000.00	[ICRA]AAA (Stable); assigned
Commercial paper	1,000.00	1,000.00	[ICRA]A1+; reaffirmed
Total	4,697.50	6,222.50	

*Instrument details are provided in Annexure I

Rationale

The ratings consider Toyota Financial Services India Limited's (TFSIN) strong parentage, given its position as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Toyota Financial Services Corporation (TFSC), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Toyota Motor Corporation (TMC/ultimate parent; rated A1 (Stable) by Moody's). TFSIN receives significant financial and management support from TFSC and TMC by virtue of its parentage. Its board of directors and senior management team have representatives from TFSC. This, together with the shared brand name and integration with the TMC Group, reflects TFSIN's significance to the Group.

The ratings also factor in TFSIN's comfortable capitalisation profile, supported by timely equity support from the parent, robust underwriting practices and risk management policies, improving asset quality indicators and its diversified borrowing profile. However, its margins are expected to be under pressure on account of the competitive scenario amid rising interest rates. Going forward, the company's ability to grow its loan book, while maintaining prudent underwriting standards and hence asset quality indicators, in a competitive market would be a key monitorable.

The Stable outlook on the [ICRA]AAA rating reflects ICRA's opinion on TFSIN's comfortable capitalisation and strong liquidity position and the expectation that it would continue to benefit from the strong support of the TMC Group.

ICRA has also reaffirmed and withdrawn the long-term rating outstanding on the Rs. 150.00-crore non-convertible debentures (NCDs) as the instrument has matured and has been fully repaid. The rating has been withdrawn in accordance with ICRA's policy on the withdrawal of credit ratings.

Key rating drivers and their description

Credit strengths

Strong parentage with track record of support – TFSIN derives substantial financial and management support from TFSC and TMC owing to its parentage (wholly-owned subsidiary of TFSC and wholly-owned step-down subsidiary of TMC). TFSC exercises managerial control in TFSIN, which reflects its significance to the Group. Regular operational reporting and monitoring by TFSC's regional headquarters in Singapore, periodic reviews and senior management engagement indicate a high level of integration within the Group. Moreover, TFSIN receives regular guidance from TFSC in matters pertaining to treasury, debt raising and risk management. It has adequate risk management policies and benefits from TFSC's global best practices.

Comfortable capitalisation profile – TFSIN’s capitalisation remains comfortable with a capital adequacy ratio (CRAR) of 22.07% as on March 31, 2023, supported by timely equity infusions from TFSC. TFSC has infused equity capital of Rs. 1,640 crore in TFSIN, since its inception, of which Rs. 350 crore was received in January 2023. ICRA notes the track record of timely aid from TFSC to keep TFSIN comfortably capitalised well in advance to support the loan book growth. TFSIN’s gearing stood at 3.7 times as on March 31, 2023 (3.9 times as on March 31, 2022).

The company has strong growth plans for FY2024 and is expected to raise additional equity capital from TFSC in FY2024. ICRA expects it to maintain comfortable capitalisation over the near-to-medium term.

Improving asset quality; sustained performance a monitorable – TFSIN’s gross stage 3 assets improved to 4.1% in March 2023 from 5.4% in March 2022 due to controlled slippages in the retail segment though concerns regarding the asset quality in the fleet financing segment remain. Going forward, ICRA expects TFSIN’s asset quality to improve further, backed by the higher monthly collections as well as recoveries. The company follows an outsourced collection model with the in-house collection team closely monitoring the outsourced agencies.

TFSIN has maintained adequate provisions, which stood at 3.3% of the loan book as of March 2023 vis-à-vis 4.6% in March 2022. Given its strong growth plans for FY2024, the company’s ability to maintain strict underwriting standards, and hence asset quality indicators, would be monitored.

Credit challenges

Competitive business segment and modest profitability – The domestic passenger vehicle sales volume witnessed a healthy pickup in FY2023. Toyota Kirloskar Motors (TKM) also recorded an increase in sales volume by 40.0%¹ during the year. With TFSIN maintaining its financing penetration at 15% and given the increasing ticket size, its loan book grew by 26.5% year-on-year (YoY) and stood at Rs. 8,950.5 crore as of March 2023 (portfolio declined by 0.9% in FY2022 and grew by 0.3% in FY2021). Going forward, TFSIN is expected to scale up its loan book through the existing models as well as the launch of new variants by TKM. It is expected to derive further benefit from its agreement with Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL), under which it has been providing financial services to MSIL’s retail customers in select locations.

The auto financing space is highly competitive and comprises large banks and non-banking financial companies. This has resulted in modest lending spreads over the years. In the near term, TFSIN’s average cost of funds is likely to increase further. Thus, its ability to offer lending services at competitive rates would be a key monitorable.

TFSIN’s net profitability remained modest in FY2023 with a return on average managed assets (RoMA) of 1.4% (1.1% in FY2022), given the tight net interest margin of 3.2% (3.6% in FY2022). The operating expenses increased to 2.2% in FY2023 (2.1% in FY2022) due to increase in human resources for business expansion and to support its digitisation initiatives. However, the profitability was somewhat supported by controlled slippages, which led to some reversal of the credit provisions in FY2023. Going forward, TFSIN’s ability to maintain its margins while keeping operating expenses and credit costs under control, amid steep portfolio growth expectations, would be crucial.

Liquidity position: Strong

As on June 30, 2023, TFSIN’s liquidity position remained strong, supported by cash and bank deposits of Rs. 183.4 crore, investments in high quality liquid assets of Rs. 253.7 crore and unutilised sanctioned funding lines of Rs. 3,961.5 crore. The company has debt repayments of Rs. 1,829.23 crore within the next six months. Its asset-liability management statement, as on June 30, 2023, reflected positive cumulative mismatches up to one year. The liquidity coverage ratio stood at 158.46% as of March 2023 quarter. Further, TFSIN enjoys strong financial flexibility for mobilising funding at short notice on the back of its track record and strong parentage.

As on March 31, 2023, the total borrowing of Rs. 7,243 crore was fairly diversified across bank facilities (42.9%), NCDs (31.9%), commercial paper (3.4%) and external commercial borrowing (21.8%).

¹ Source: Society for Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) data as of March 2023

Rating sensitivities

Positive factors – Not applicable

Negative factors – A significant deterioration in the credit profile of the TMC Group or lower-than-expected support from the Group could lead to a rating downgrade.

Analytical approach

Analytical Approach	Comments
Applicable rating methodologies	Rating Methodology for Non-Banking Finance Companies Rating Approach – Implicit Support from Parent or Group Policy on Withdrawal of Credit Ratings
Parent/Group support	Support from Toyota Motor Corporation Group
Consolidation/Standalone	The ratings are based on the standalone financial statements of the company

About the company

Toyota Financial Services India Limited (TFSIN) is a non-deposit taking non-banking financial company registered with the Reserve Bank of India and is primarily involved in the retail financing of Toyota cars. Additionally, it offers financing to Toyota dealers in the form of inventory funding and infrastructure term loans. TFSIN is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Toyota Financial Services Corporation, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Toyota Motor Corporation (TMC). The company commenced operations in FY2013. TMC is one of the world's leading automobile manufacturers with a strong brand and products across categories including cars, trucks and buses. Headquartered in Japan, TMC has a diversified global presence across Asia, Europe and the US.

Key financial indicators (audited)

Toyota Financial Services India Limited	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Total income	690.1	678.2	740.7
Profit after tax	52.2	84.1	124.0
Net worth	1,404.3	1,488.1	1,961.8
Loan book	7,142.0	7,077.9	8,950.5
Total assets	7,574.8	7,828.8	9,632.8
Return on assets	0.7%	1.1%	1.4%
Return on net worth	3.8%	5.8%	7.2%
Gross gearing (times)	4.1	3.9	3.7
Gross NPA / Gross stage 3	320.3	380.4	370.6
Net NPA / Net stage 3	140.0	165.2	165.8
Gross stage 3	4.5%	5.4%	4.1%
Net stage 3	1.9%	2.4%	1.9%
CRAR	19.5%	20.1%	22.1%

Source: Company, ICRA Research; 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

Instrument	Type	Amount rated (Rs. crore)	Amount outstanding (Rs. crore)	Current rating (FY2024)		Chronology of rating history for the past 3 years							
				Date & rating in FY2024		Date & rating in FY2023		Date & rating in FY2022			Date & rating in FY2021		
				Aug 01, 2023	May 11, 2023	Feb 24, 2023	Dec 20, 2022	Dec 27, 2021	Jul 30, 2021	Mar 23, 2021	Feb 15, 2021	Oct 05, 2020	Jun 22, 2020
1 Bank facilities – Long term/Short term (fund based – others)	Long term / Short term	1,197.5	1,197.5	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)/ [ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)/ [ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)/ [ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)/ [ICRA]A1+	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Bank facilities – Long term/Short term (fund based – others)	Long term / Short term	675.0	675.0	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)/ [ICRA]A1+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 Bank facilities – Long term	Long Term	-	-	-	-	-	.*	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)
4 Bank facilities – Short term	Short term	-	-	-	-	-	.*	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+
5 Non-convertible debentures	Long term	2,350.0	2,350.0	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)
6 Non-convertible debentures	Long term	150.0	0.0	[ICRA]AAA (Stable); withdrawn	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)
7 Non-convertible debentures	Long term	1,000.0	1,000.0	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8 Commercial paper	Short term	1,000.0	1,000.0	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+

*Change in limits

Complexity level of the rated instruments

Instrument	Complexity Indicator
Bank facilities – Long term/Short term (fund based – others)	Simple
Non-convertible debentures	Simple
Commercial paper	Very 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	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Current rating and Outlook
NA	Bank facilities – Long term/Short term (fund based – others)	NA	NA	NA	1,872.5	[ICRA]AAA (Stable) / [ICRA]A1+
INE692Q07274	NCD	Mar-17-20	6.75%	Jun-16-23	150.0	[ICRA]AAA (Stable); withdrawn
INE692Q07316	NCD	Feb-24- 21	5.70%	Feb-7-24	300.0	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)
INE692Q07324	NCD	Mar-12-21	5.74%	Mar-12-24	275.0	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)
INE692Q07340	NCD	Jun-30-21	5.68%	Jun-28-24	200.0	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)
INE692Q07365	NCD	Jan-31-22	5.88%	Jan-31-24	100.0	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)
INE692Q07373	NCD	Sep-26-22	7.55%	Sep-26-25	150.0	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)
INE692Q07381	NCD	Oct-21-22	7.83%	Oct-21-24	200.0	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)
INE692Q07415	NCD	Apr-28-23	8.10%	May-28-26	300.0	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)
INE692Q07407	NCD	Mar-20-23	8.35%	Jun-19-26	150.0	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)
INE692Q07423	NCD	Jul-05-23	8.00%	Jul-03-26	375.0	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)
-	NCD – Proposed	-	-	-	1,300.0	[ICRA]AAA (Stable)
INE692Q14AV1	CP	Jun-09-23	NA	Sep-08-23	100.0	[ICRA]A1+
INE692Q14AW9	CP	Jun-16-23	NA	Nov-20-23	175.0	[ICRA]A1+
INE692Q14AT5	CP	May-19-23	NA	Aug-18-23	110.0	[ICRA]A1+
INE692Q14AU3	CP	May-25-23	NA	May-24-24	200.0	[ICRA]A1+
INE692Q14AT5	CP	Jul-13-23	NA	Oct-12-23	150.0	[ICRA]A1+
	CP – Proposed				265.0	[ICRA]A1+

Source: Company

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Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis - Not applicable

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