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Clix Capital Services Private Limited: Rating confirmed as final for PTCs backed by personal loan receivables issued by Itachi 2023

Summary of rating action

Trust Name	Instrument*	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
Itachi 2023	Series A1 PTCs	48.18	[ICRA]A+(SO); provisional rating confirmed as final

*Instrument details are provided in Annexure I

Rationale

In December 2023, ICRA had assigned a Provisional [ICRA]A+(SO) rating to Series A1 PTCs issued by Itachi 2023 trust. The pass-through certificates (PTCs) are backed by a pool of Rs. 52.94-crore (pool principal; receivables of Rs. 69.13 crore) personal loan (PL) receivables originated by Clix Capital Services Private Limited (Clix). As the executed transaction documents are in line with the rating conditions and the legal opinion for the transaction has been provided to ICRA, the said rating has now been confirmed as final.

A summary of the pool's performance after the February 2024 payouts is shown in the table below:

Parameter	Itachi 2023
Months post securitisation	3
Pool amortisation	16.7%
Series A PTC Amortisation	18.3%
Cumulative prepayment rate %	7.1%
Cumulative collection efficiency	97.1%
Loss cum 0+ dpd	5.2%
Loss cum 30+ dpd	1.9%
Loss cum 90+ dpd	0.0%
Cumulative cash collateral utilisation	0.0%

Key rating drivers

Credit strengths

- Availability of credit enhancement in the form of excess interest spread (EIS), subordination and cash collateral (CC)
- Pool consisted of nil overdue contracts and ~97% of the contracts have never been delinquent since origination as on cut-off date
- Pool had a weighted average seasoning of ~7 months with pre-securitisation amortisation of ~17% as on cut off date

Credit challenges

- Moderately high geographical concentration in the initial pool with top three states attributing to ~35% of the initial pool principal
- Exposed to inherent credit risk associated with the unsecured nature of the asset class; Performance of the pool could also be affected by macro-economic shocks / business disruptions, if any

Description of key rating drivers highlighted above

The underlying loans follow a monthly payment schedule. As per the transaction structure, the monthly cash flow schedule comprises the promised interest payment to Series A1 PTCs at the predetermined interest rate on the principal outstanding while the entire principal is promised on the final maturity date (i.e. April 17, 2027). During the tenure of Series A1 PTCs, on each payout date, the pool's collections, after meeting the promised Series A1 PTCs interest payouts, will be used to make the expected principal payouts (to the extent of pool principal billing). This principal payout is, however, not promised and any shortfall in making the expected principal payment to Series A1 PTCs would be carried forward to the subsequent payout. The EIS, if any, shall flow back to the originator on every payout date after making all the promised and expected payouts to Series A1 PTCs as per the waterfall mechanism. Also, in case of a shortfall in meeting the promised PTC payouts during any month, the trustee will utilise the CC to meet the same.

Series A1 PTCs in the transaction have the support of subordination in the form of an over-collateralisation of 6.50% and an equity tranche of 2.50% of the pool principal. Additionally, the EIS of 20.38% of the initial pool principal provides CE support. A CC of 7.50% of the initial pool principal, provided by Clix, will act as further CE in the transaction. In the event of a shortfall in meeting the promised PTC payouts during any month, the trustee will utilise the CC to meet the same.

There were no overdues in the pool as on the cut-off date. The pool has a weighted average seasoning of 7.4 months and moderate geographical concentration with the top 3 states (Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana) accounting for 35.4% of the pool's principal as on the cut-off date. The company witnessed a moderation in the asset quality at the portfolio level, post the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, resulting in the build-up of delinquencies. ICRA notes that a large part of the portfolio stress in the PL segment has emanated from the old and/or restructured book. Further, the recent originations (post Covid) have demonstrated a healthy performance, but with a limited track record. The pool's performance will remain exposed to the inherent credit risk associated with the unsecured nature of the asset class. Macro-economic shocks/business disruptions could also impact its performance.

Past rated pools' performance: ICRA has, so far, rated 27 PL pools originated by Clix, of which 21 were live as of the February 2024 payout month. Though collections were impacted for a few months due to the pandemic, the live pools, (which have completed 3 payouts) as of the February 2024 payouts, have reported a healthy cumulative collection efficiency of more than 94%. There has not been any CC utilisation in any of the live transactions till date and the CE has built up in all the live pools. The matured pools have reported a cumulative collection efficiency of around 90% till the last payout month.

Key rating assumptions

ICRA's cash flow modelling for rating asset-backed securitisation (ABS) 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 mean and the coefficient of variation (CoV) are calibrated based on the values observed in the analysis of the past performance of Clix's loan portfolio. Given Clix's short track record in the PL business, ICRA has considered the credit quality experience of other more established players and ICRA's expectation of the credit quality of PLs. Clix's target borrower segment could be financially vulnerable as well as subject to various seasonality factors. Though the company resorts to legal recourse for some of the delinquent loans, this may not always be a feasible option particularly given the small ticket size and the unsecured nature of the loans issued.

The resulting collections from the pool – after incorporating the impact of losses and prepayments as above – are accounted for in ICRA's cash flow model, in accordance with the cash flow waterfall of the transaction. Various possible scenarios are simulated and the incidences of default to the investor as well as the extent of losses are measured. These are then compared with ICRA's internal benchmarks for the target rating.

For the current pool, after considering the above-mentioned factors regarding the asset class and after adjusting for key features like seasoning, overdues, ticket size, interest rate, bureau score, and geographical distribution, ICRA estimates the shortfall in the pool principal collection within the pool's tenure at 4.5-5.5%, with certain variability around it. The prepayment rate in the pool is estimated at 3.2-12.0% p.a. with a mean of 8.0%.

Liquidity position: Strong

The liquidity for PTC Series A is strong after factoring in the credit enhancement available to meet the promised payout to the investor. The total credit enhancement would be ~5.25 times the estimated loss in the pool.

Rating sensitivities

Positive factors – The rating could be upgraded based on the sustained strong collection performance of the underlying pool of contracts (monthly collection efficiency >95%), leading to lower-than-expected delinquency levels, and on an increase in the cover available for future PTC payouts from the CE.

Negative factors – The rating could be downgraded on the sustained weak collection performance of the underlying pool (monthly collection efficiency <90%), leading to higher-than-expected delinquency levels and CE utilisation levels and weakening in the credit profile of the servicer could also exert pressure on the rating.

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 originator

Clix Capital Services Private Limited (Clix) is a non-banking financial company (NBFC) registered with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). It provides retail financing products (personal loans, business loans, micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME), etc). The company, which was incorporated as GE Money Financial Services Pvt Ltd in 1994, formed the non-banking business of the General Electric (GE) Group along with its Group company – GE Capital Services India (GE Capital). In September 2016, this business was acquired by a consortium, comprising AION Capital Partners, Mr. Pramod Bhasin and Mr. Anil Chawla, and rebranded as Clix¹. In April 2022, Clix Finance India Private Limited (CFIPL; erstwhile GE Capital) was merged with Clix. Following the merger, Clix's portfolio comprises MSME and consumer lending along with healthcare and equipment finance and digital lending (onboarded from CFIPL). Additionally, Clix Housing Finance Private Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Clix, primarily provides housing/mortgage finance products.

Key financial indicators

Particulars	FY2022 (Audited)*	FY2023 (Audited)	H1FY2024
Total income	663.5	703.00	458.00
Profit after tax	-93.91	45.00	30.00
Total managed assets	3,560	4,373	5,091
Gross NPA	4.95%	2.40%	2.2%
Net NPA	1.42%	1.50%	NA

Source: Company, ICRA Research; All ratios as per ICRA's calculations; Amount in Rs. crore; *Data from FY2022 pertains to the merged entity; #provisional numbers

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

¹ GE Money was rechristened Clix Capital Services Private Limited while GE Capital was rechristened Clix Finance India Private Limited

Rating history for past three years

Trust Name	Current Rating (FY2024)					Chronology of Rating History for the Past 3 Years		
	Instrument	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)	Date & Rating in FY2024		Date & Rating in FY2023	Date & Rating in FY2022	Date & Rating in FY2021
				March 14, 2024	December 1, 2023			
Itachi 2023	Series A1 PTCs	48.18	48.18	[ICRA]A+(SO)	Provisional [ICRA]A+(SO)	-	-	-

Complexity level of the rated instrument

Instrument	Complexity Indicator
Series A1 PTCs	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

Trust Name	Instrument	Date of Issuance / Sanction	Coupon Rate [^]	Maturity Date*	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Rating
Itachi 2023	Series A1 PTCs	November 2023	10.15%	April 2027	48.18	[ICRA]A+(SO)

[^]p.a.p.m.; *Scheduled PTC maturity date at transaction initiation; may change on account of prepayments

Source: Company

Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Not Applicable

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