

March 14, 2024

JM Financial Products Limited: Update on Material Event

Summary of rating action

Instrument*	Previous Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action	
Non-convertible debentures (NCD) programme	4,000.00	4,000.00	[ICRA]AA (Stable); outstanding	
Market linked debenture principal protected (PP-MLD) programme	500.00 500.00		PP-MLD ICRA]AA (Stable); outstanding	
Long-term fund-based bank lines – Others	2,000.00 2,000.00		[ICRA]AA (Stable); outstanding	
Commercial paper programme	2,500.00	2,500.00	[ICRA]A1+; outstanding	
Commercial paper (IPO financing) programme	PO financing) 1,500.00 1,500.00		[ICRA]A1+; outstanding	
Total	10,500.00	10,500.00		

^{*}Instrument details are provided in Annexure I

Rationale

Material Event

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), vide its press release dated March 05, 2024, has directed JM Financial Products Limited (JMFPL; a material subsidiary of JM Financial Limited (JMFL)) to cease and desist, with immediate effect, from any form of financing against shares and debentures, including the sanction and disbursal of loans against the initial public offering (IPO) of shares as well as against subscription to debentures. JMFPL can, however, continue to service its existing loan accounts through the usual collection and recovery process. This move came after the RBI carried out a limited review of JMFPL's books based on information shared by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). The RBI has expressed concerns regarding the loans sanctioned by JMFPL for IPO financing as well as the non-convertible debenture (NCD) subscriptions. The above-mentioned business restrictions will be reviewed upon the completion of a special audit to be instituted by the RBI and after the rectification of the deficiencies to the satisfaction of the central bank.

Additionally, SEBI has issued an interim ex parte order in the matter of JMFL on March 07, 2024. The regulator has issued interim directions, whereby JMFL is barred from taking any new mandate for acting as a lead manager for the public issuance of debt securities. It can, however, continue to act as a lead manager for the public issuance of debt securities for a period of 60 days from the date of the order, in respect of any existing mandates. JMFL may, within 21 days from the date of the receipt of the order, file its reply / objections, if any, to this interim ex-parte order and may also seek to avail an opportunity of personal hearing. SEBI will undertake an investigation into the issues covered under the aforesaid order and the same shall be completed within a period of six months.

Impact of material event

ICRA takes a consolidated view of the credit profiles of JMFL and its subsidiaries (hereafter referred to as the Group), which are engaged in merchant banking, private wealth, mortgage lending (retail and wholesale), bespoke finance, financial institution financing, capital market financing, institutional and retail broking, financial product distribution and asset management, due to the common promoters and senior management team, shared brand name, and financial and operational linkages. ICRA also factors in the support it extends to its subsidiaries and associates engaged in distressed asset management and other businesses.

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Considering the prohibition on JMFL from accepting a new mandate for acting as a lead manager for the public issuance of debt securities and the restriction on JMFPL from doing any form of financing against shares and debentures, the Group's incremental business in these segments would be impacted. In this regard, it is noted that the net total income from the IPO financing business was around Rs. 7 crore in 9M FY2024, constituting 1.5% of JMFPL's net total income and 0.3% of the Group's consolidated net total income. Additionally, revenue contribution for being the lead manager of the public issuance of debt securities was ~Rs. 9 crore, constituting 1.4% of JMFL's standalone total income and ~0.3% of Group's total income (0.4% of the Group's consolidated net total income) in 9M FY2024.

ICRA notes that both regulators are yet to commence the special audit/investigation and the management has expressed their intent to fully cooperate and explain their position. Moreover, the key businesses of the group, viz equity capital markets, advisory (mergers and acquisitions, private equity syndication), mortgage lending (retail and wholesale), institutional and retail broking, asset management, and distressed assets are not directly impacted by these orders. Having said that, while the direct contribution of the segments covered under these orders is not substantial for the Group, pending the outcomes, the impact on its business and borrowing franchise in the near term will remain monitorable. The company's overall loan book may decline, given the short to medium tenor of the loans backed by securities, though, these funds can be deployed across other segments. Further, any sustained impact on the Group's financial flexibility and ability to raise funds at competitive rates could have a bearing on the growth in the other segments. Hence, ICRA will continue to monitor the impact of these orders on the Group's operational and financial performance, besides developments related to concerns raised by the regulators on compliance and processes. As of March 7, 2024, the Group had on-balance sheet liquidity of 4,764 crore, comprising bank balance and unliened fixed deposits of Rs. 444 crore, investment in liquid and overnight mutual funds of Rs. 2,773 crore and investment-cum-trading book, comprising Government securities, Treasury bills, state development bills, corporate bonds, debt mutual funds and listed securities, of Rs. 1,547 crore. The aforesaid on-balance sheet liquidity is equivalent to 28% of consolidated debt outstanding and stands comfortable vis-à-vis scheduled debt repayments (including interest) of Rs. 2,874 crore falling due till June 30, 2024.

On a consolidated basis, the Group's revenue stream remains adequately diversified with the investment bank, mortgage lending, alternative and distressed credit, and asset management, wealth management and securities businesses (Platform AWS) and others contributing 39%, 32%, 10%, 19% and sub-1%, respectively, in 9M FY2024. JMFL reported a consolidated net profit (including share of non-controlling interest; NCI and share in profit of associate) of Rs. 705 crore in 9M FY2024 on total income of Rs. 3,556 crore compared to Rs. 676 crore and Rs. 2,629 crore, respectively, in 9M FY2023. It reported a consolidated net profit (including share of NCI and share in profit of associate) of Rs. 709 crore in FY2023 (Rs. 992 crore in FY2022) on total income of Rs. 3,343 crore (Rs. 3,763 crore in FY2022).

The consolidated net worth (including NCI, NCI of security receipt holders and net of goodwill on consolidation) stood at Rs. 11,673 crore as on December 31, 2023 while the capital-to-risk weighted assets ratio (CRAR)¹ was 37.2%. The consolidated gearing was lower at 1.5 times as on December 31, 2023 vis-à-vis the peak gearing of 2.5 times as of March 2018.

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: Click here.

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¹ Consolidated CRAR of the NBFCs and the housing finance company (HFC) in the Group



Analytical approach

Analytical Approach	Comments
Applicable rating methodologies	Rating Methodology for Non-banking Finance Companies Rating Methodology for Stockbroking and Allied Companies
Parent/Group support	Not applicable; while arriving at the ratings, ICRA has considered the consolidated financials of JMFL. It has taken a consolidated view of the credit profiles of JMFL and its subsidiaries, which are engaged in merchant banking, mortgage lending (retail and wholesale), bespoke finance, institutional and retail broking, asset management and wealth management, due to the close linkages between the entities, common promoters and senior management team, shared brand name, and strong financial and operational synergies. ICRA has also factored in the support it extends to its subsidiaries and associates engaged in distressed asset management and other businesses.
Consolidation/Standalone	ICRA has considered the consolidated financials of JMFL. As on March 31, 2023, JMFL had nine subsidiaries, six step-down subsidiaries, one partnership firm (with two of JMFL's subsidiaries as partners), one AOP (with two of JMFL's subsidiaries as members) and an associate company. Details of these companies are provided in Annexure II.

About the company

JMFPL is a non-deposit taking non-banking financial company (NBFC) registered with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). It is a 99.7% subsidiary of JMFL, the flagship company of the Group. JMFPL caters to individuals and corporates, and operates under various verticals, namely bespoke lending, real estate financing, capital market financing, retail mortgage and financial institution financing. It forayed into the housing finance business through its 90.1% subsidiary, JM Financial Home Loans Limited (JMFHL), to diversify its product mix. JMFHL was granted a licence to operate as an HFC by National Housing Bank (NHB) in FY2018.

As on December 31, 2023, the standalone gross loan book was Rs. 4,600 crore comprising bespoke finance (27%), financial institution financing (26%), capital market lending (21%), retail mortgage lending (20%) and wholesale mortgage lending (6%). The company reported a net profit of Rs. 248 crore on total income of Rs. 799 crore in 9M FY2024. The net profit was Rs. 318 crore in FY2023 on total income of Rs. 858 crore compared to Rs. 129 crore and Rs. 678 crore, respectively, in FY2022. The company's capitalisation profile was characterised by a net worth of Rs. 2,366 crore, a capital-to-risk weighted assets ratio of 30.4% and a gearing of 2.0 times as of December 31, 2023. The gross non-performing assets stood at 0.7%.

About JM Financial Group

JM Financial Limited (JMFL) is the holding company of the operating entities in the JM Financial Group, which is an integrated and diversified financial services group. While JMFL is engaged in investment banking, portfolio management, wealth management and the management of private equity fund(s) at the standalone level, the consolidated operations encompass (a) investment bank, which includes investment banking, institutional equities and research, private equity business, fixed income, syndication and corporate/promoter finance, capital market related lending, wealth management services for high-net-worth individual (HNI)/ultra HNI clients, and portfolio management services, (b) mortgage lending, which includes wholesale as well as retail mortgage lending (affordable housing loans), (c) alternative and distressed credit, which includes the asset reconstruction business, and (d) Platform AWS (asset management, retail wealth management and retail securities business) which includes mutual funds, wealth management for retail and elite clients, investment advisory, distribution business and equity broking.

As on December 31, 2023, the consolidated loan book stood at Rs. 15,111 crore (Rs. 15,653 crore as on March 31, 2023), distressed credit business AUM at Rs. 15,059 crore (Rs. 13,558 crore as on March 31, 2023), private wealth management AUM at Rs. 65,009 crore (Rs. 56,515 crore as on March 31, 2023), retail and elite wealth AUM at Rs. 29,514 crore (Rs. 25,056 crore as of March 31, 2023) and mutual fund quarterly average AUM (QAAUM) at Rs. 4,584 crore (Rs. 2,969 crore as on March 31, 2023). The Group is headquartered in Mumbai and has a presence in ~878 locations spread across ~232 cities in India. JMFL's equity shares are listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and the National Stock Exchange (NSE).



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Key financial indicators (audited)

JMFL – Consolidated	FY2022	FY2023	9M FY2024^
Total income	3,763	3,343	3,556
Profit after tax (including the share of non-controlling interest and share in profit of associate)	992	709	705
Profit after tax (adjusted for the share of non-controlling interest)	773	597	639
Net total assets**	25,762	29,318	31,843
Return on net worth	9.8%	6.5%	8.3%
Return on net worth (adjusted for the share of non- controlling interest)	10.6%	7.6%	10.2%
Gross gearing (times)!	1.2	1.4	1.5
Gross NPA	4.3%	3.4%	4.5%
CRAR@	39.4%	38.5%	37.2%

Source: JMFL, ICRA Research; All ratios as per ICRA's calculations; Amount in Rs. crore; ^Limited review; **Excluding goodwill on consolidation; ^LExcludes borrowing for initial public offering (IPO) financing segment and includes accrued interest; [®]For JM Financial Credit Solutions Limited (JMFCSL), JM Financial Capital Limited (JMFCL), JM Financial Products Limited (JMFPL) and JM Financial Home Loans Limited (JMFHL)

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information:

Certain entities in the Group also face prepayment risk, given the possibility of debt acceleration upon the breach of covenants, including financial covenants, operating covenants and rating-linked covenants. Upon failure to meet the covenants, if the company is unable to get waivers from the lenders/investors or the lenders/investors do not provide it with adequate time to arrange for alternative funding to pay off the accelerated loans, the ratings would face pressure.

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Rating history for past three years

		Rating (FY2024)											
				Amount Outstanding	Current Rating	Date & Rating in FY2024 Date & Rating in FY2023		Date & Rating in FY2022			Date & Rating in FY2021		
	Instrument	Туре	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	as on Feb 26, 2024 (Rs. crore)	Mar 14, 2024	Oct 20, 2023	May 11, 2023	May 11, 2023 Oct 20, 2022 Apr 21, 2022		Jan 31, 2022	Jul 16, 2021	Jun 21, 2021	Mar 17, 2021 Feb 26, 2021 Jan 15, 2021 Aug 06, 2020 Apr 13, 2020
1	NCD programme	Long term	4,000.00	2,445.81	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
2	MLD (PP) programme	Long term	500.00	225.00	PP-MLD[ICRA]AA (Stable)	PP- MLD[ICRA]AA (Stable)	PP- MLD[ICRA]AA (Stable)	PP- MLD[ICRA]AA (Stable)	PP- MLD[ICRA]AA (Stable)	PP- MLD[ICRA]AA (Stable)	PP- MLD[ICRA]AA (Stable)	PP- MLD[ICRA]AA (Stable)	PP- MLD[ICRA]AA (Stable)
3	Long-term fund- based bank lines	Long term	2,000.00	725.00	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	-	-	-	-
4	CP programme	Short term	2,500.00	885.00	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+
5	CP (IPO finance) programme	Short term	1,500.00	0.00	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+	[ICRA]A1+
6	Bank lines (cash credit)	Long term	-	-			-	-	-	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
7	Bank lines (term loan)	Long term	-	-			-	-	-	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
8	Bank lines (unallocated)	Long term	-	-			-	-	-	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)	[ICRA]AA (Stable)

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Complexity level of the rated instruments

Instrument	Complexity Indicator
NCD programme	Simple*
MLD-PP programme	Complex^
Fund-based bank lines	Simple
Commercial paper	Very Simple**
Commercial paper (IPO finance)	Very Simple^^

^{*}For the utilised portion of Rs. 2,445.81 crore and subject to change based on the terms of issuance for the balance amount

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

[^] For the utilised portion of Rs. 225.00 crore and subject to change based on the terms of issuance for the balance amount

^{**} For the utilised portion of Rs. 485.00 crore and subject to change based on the terms of issuance for the balance amount

^{^^} For the utilised portion of Rs. 0.00 crore and subject to change based on the terms of issuance for the balance amount



Annexure I: Instrument details

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ISIN	Instrument	Issuance /	Coupon	Maturity Date	Rated	Current Rating and Outlool
	Name	Sanction	Rate		(Rs. crore)	
INE523H07BH8	NCD	Dec 03, 2020	8.65%	Dec 03, 2030	200.00	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
INE523H07BJ4	NCD	Feb 12, 2021	8.75%	Mar 12, 2031		[ICRA]AA (Stable)
INE523H07BJ4	NCD	Feb 24, 2021	8.75%	Mar 12, 2031	95.00	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
INE523H07BK2	NCD	Mar 12, 2021	8.81%	Mar 12, 2031	155.00	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
INE523H07BM8	NCD	Jul 16, 2021	8.50%	Jul 16, 2031	90.00	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
INE523H07BM8	NCD	Jul 16, 2021	8.50%	Jul 16, 2031	100.00	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
INE523H07BM8	NCD	Jul 16, 2021	8.50%	Jul 16, 2031	35.00	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
INE523H07BM8	NCD	Jul 16, 2021	8.50%	Jul 16, 2031	80.00	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
NE523H07AQ1	NCD^	Sep 11, 2019	0.00%	Sep 11, 2026	8.31	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
NE523H07AV1	NCD^	Mar 16, 2020	NA	Mar 16, 2025	4.14	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
NE523H07AZ2	NCD^	Mar 16, 2020	9.90%	Mar 16, 2025	10.34	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
NE523H07BA3	NCD^		9.48%		12.69	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
		Mar 16, 2020		Mar 16, 2025		
NE523H07BB1	NCD^	Mar 16, 2020	10.00%	Mar 16, 2030	2.37	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
NE523H07BC9	NCD^	Mar 16, 2020	9.57%	Mar 16, 2030	4.96	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
NE523H07BN6	NCD^	Oct 07, 2021	91D T-Bill linked	Jan 07, 2025	54.24	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
NE523H07BO4	NCD^	Oct 07, 2021	8.20%	Oct 07, 2026	377.13	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
NE523H07BP1	NCD^	Oct 07, 2021	7.91%	Oct 07, 2026	61.83	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
NE523H07BQ9	NCD^	Oct 07, 2021	8.30%	Feb 07, 2030	6.80	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
NE523H07BT3	NCD	Jul 13, 2022	8.65%	Jul 13, 2032	73.00	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
NE523H07BT3	NCD	Jul 27, 2022	8.65%	Jul 13, 2032	50.00	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
NE523H07BT3	NCD	Sep 6, 2022	8.65%	Jul 13, 2032	50.00	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
NE523H07BU1	NCD	Oct 28, 2022	8.50%	Apr 28, 2025	200.00	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
NE523H07BV9	NCD	Nov 16, 2022	8.50%	May 16, 2025	175.00	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
NE523H07BW7	NCD	Dec 01, 2022	8.50%	Jun 20, 2025	250.00	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
NE523H07BX5	NCD	Jun 23, 2023	8.80%	Dec 23, 2025	250.00	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
NE523H07BY3	NCD	Jun 27, 2023	8.90%	Dec 24, 2026	50.00	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
NE523H07BZ0	NCD	Jun 27, 2023	8.90%	Dec 26, 2025	50.00	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
	NCD					[ICRA]AA (Stable)
NA	programme*	NA	NA	NA	1,554.19	
NE523H07BL0	MLD (PP)	Jul 12, 2021	10-yr G-Sec linked	Oct 12, 2023	125.00	PP-MLD[ICRA]AA (Stable)
INE523H07BR7	MLD (PP)	Feb 21, 2022	10-yr G-Sec linked	Aug 21, 2024	100.00	PP-MLD[ICRA]AA (Stable)
NA	MLD (PP)				275.00	PP-MLD[ICRA]AA (Stable)
NA	programme*	-	-	-	275.00	PP-IVILD[ICKA]AA (Stable)
NA	Long-term fund-based bank lines	NA	NA	NA	2,000.00	[ICRA]AA (Stable)
NE523H140N0	CP programme	Jun 16, 2023	8.55%	Feb 28, 2024	150.00	[ICRA]A1+
NE523H141A5	CP programme	Jul 28, 2023	8.60%	Jun 28, 2024	100.00	[ICRA]A1+
NE523H141J6	CP programme	Aug 31, 2023	8.55%	Mar 11, 2024	100.00	[ICRA]A1+
NE523H142C9	CP programme	Dec 13, 2023	8.58%	Mar 13, 2024	100.00	[ICRA]A1+
NE523H141A5	CP programme	Jul 28, 2023	8.60%	Jun 28, 2024	100.00	[ICRA]A1+
NE523H142F2	CP programme	Dec 29, 2023	8.58%	Mar 27, 2024	25.00	[ICRA]A1+
NE523H142I6	CP programme	Feb 07, 2024	8.95%	May 08, 2024	10.00	[ICRA]A1+
NE523H142G0	CP programme	Jan 23, 2024	9.15%	Jan 23, 2025	100.00	[ICRA]A1+
NE523H142G0	CP programme	Jan 23, 2024	9.15%	Jan 23, 2025	75.00	[ICRA]A1+
NE523H142G0					75.00	[ICRA]A1+
NE523H142G0	CP programme	Jan 23, 2024	9.15%	Jan 23, 2025		
	CP programme	Jan 23, 2024	9.15%	Jan 23, 2025	25.00	[ICRA]A1+
NE523H142G0	CP programme	Jan 23, 2024	9.15%	Jan 23, 2025	25.00	[ICRA]A1+
NA	CP programme *	NA	NA	7-365 days	1,615.00	[ICRA]A1+

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ISIN	Instrument Name	Date of Issuance / Sanction	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Current Rating and Outlook
NA	CP programme (IPO financing)*	NA	NA	7-30 days	1,500.00	[ICRA]A1+

Source: Company; ^Public issuance; *Proposed as of Feb 26, 2024

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Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Company Name	Ownership as on March 31, 2023	Consolidation Approach		
JM Financial Limited	Holding Company			
JM Financial Asset Management Limited	59.54%			
JM Financial Products Limited	99.71%			
JM Financial Capital Limited*	100%	-		
JM Financial Services Limited*	100%			
JM Financial Credit Solutions Limited	46.68%			
JM Financial Asset Reconstruction Company Limited	58.28%			
JM Financial Home Loans Limited	94.04%	ICRA has taken a		
JM Financial Institutional Securities Limited	100%			
JM Financial Trustee Company Private Limited	25%	consolidated view of the parent, its subsidiaries		
JM Financial Overseas Holding Private Limited	100%	and an associate		
JM Financial Securities Inc.	100%			
JM Financial Singapore Pte Ltd	100%			
JM Financial Commtrade Limited	100%			
JM Financial Properties and Holdings Limited	100%			
Astute Investments	100%			
ARB Maestro	100%			
CR Retail Malls (India) Limited	100%			
Infinite India Investment Management Limited	100%			

Source: Company

Note: ICRA has taken a consolidated view of the parent (JMFL), its subsidiaries and an associate while assigning the ratings

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^{*} Pursuant to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) order JM Financial Capital Limited was merged with JM Financial Services Limited with effect from April 1, 2023



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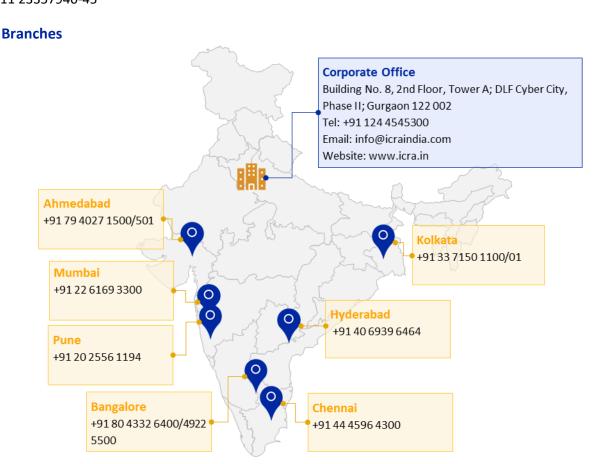


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