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## Piramal Finance Limited (formerly Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited): Provisional [ICRA]AA+(SO) assigned to SNs backed by personal loan receivables issued by NEXA TRUST SEPT 2025

### Summary of rating action

Trust name	Instrument*	Current rated amount (Rs. crore)	Rating action
NEXA TRUST SEPT 2025	Series A1 SNs	272.14	Provisional [ICRA]AA+(SO); assigned

\*Instrument details are provided in Annexure I

Rating in the absence of the pending actions/documents	No rating would have been assigned as it would not be meaningful
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### Rationale

The securitisation notes (SNs) are backed by a pool of personal loan receivables originated by Piramal Finance Limited {PFL; formerly known as Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (PCHFL); rated [ICRA]AA (Stable)} with an aggregate principal outstanding of Rs. 295.81 crore (pool receivables of Rs. 398.44 crore). PFL would be the servicer for the transaction.

The provisional rating is based on the strength of the cash flows from the selected pool of contracts, the credit enhancement available in the structure as well as the integrity of the legal structure. The rating is subject to the fulfilment of all the conditions under the structure and ICRA's review of the documentation pertaining to the transaction.

### Transaction structure

As per the transaction structure, the monthly cash flow schedule comprises the promised interest payout and principal payout (92% of the pool principal billed). The balance principal (8% of the pool principal billed) is expected to be paid on a monthly basis until the maturity of Series A1 SNs. The surplus excess interest spread (EIS) available after making the promised and expected payments shall flow back to the Originator on every payout date in case no trigger event has occurred. In case of the occurrence of a trigger event, i.e. portfolio at risk (PAR) of the pool exceeds 6%, the EIS will be utilised towards the redemption of the Series A1 SN principal. All prepayment amounts would be passed on to Series A1 SNs (till the Series A1 SN principal is not fully amortised) every month and its future payouts will be revised accordingly.

The credit enhancement available in the structure is in the form of (i) a cash collateral (CC) of 10.00% of the initial pool principal to be provided by the Originator, (ii) over-collateralisation of 8.00% of the initial pool principal for Series A1 SNs, and (iii) the EIS of 16.27% of the initial pool principal for Series A1 SNs.

### Key rating drivers and their description

#### Credit strengths

**Granular pool supported by presence of credit enhancement** – The pool is granular, consisting of 4,170 contracts, with the top 10 contracts forming 0.60% of the pool principal, reducing the exposure to any single borrower. The credit enhancement available in the form of subordination, CC and EIS would absorb some of the losses in the pool and provide support in meeting the Series A1 SN payouts.

**No overdue contracts as on pool cut-off date** – The pool has been filtered in such a manner that there were no overdue contracts as on the cut-off date. Further, none of the contracts in the pool have been delinquent since origination.

**Healthy credit bureau score of borrowers; high share of salaried borrowers** – All the borrowers in the pool have a minimum CIBIL score of 700 and ~63% of the borrowers have a CIBIL score of at least 750, which reflects the relatively better credit profile. Further, all the borrowers in the pool are salaried professionals, which alleviates the risk to some extent given the steady cash flows of such borrowers vis-à-vis self-employed borrowers.

**Adequate servicing capability of PFL** – The company has sufficient processes for servicing the loan accounts in the securitised pool. It has established systems for collections and recoveries across a wide geography.

### Credit challenges

**High geographical concentration** – The pool has high geographical concentration with the top 3 states, viz. Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana, contributing ~47% to the initial pool principal amount. Its performance would thus be exposed to any state-wide disruption that may occur due to natural calamities, political events, etc.

**Risks associated with lending business** – The pool's performance would remain exposed to macroeconomic shocks, business disruptions and natural calamities that may impact the income-generating capability of the borrowers and their ability to make timely repayments of their loans. It is exposed to the inherent credit risk associated with the unsecured nature of the asset class and the fact that recoveries from delinquent contracts tend to be lower.

### Key rating assumptions

ICRA's cash flow modelling for the rating of securitisation 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 assumptions for the losses and the coefficient of variation are considered on the basis of the values observed from the analysis of the past performance of the Originator's loan portfolio as well as the characteristics of the specific pool being evaluated. The resulting collections from the pool, after incorporating the impact of the losses and prepayments, are accounted for in ICRA's cash flow model, in accordance with the cash flow waterfall of the transaction.

For the current pool, ICRA has estimated the shortfall in the pool principal collection during its tenure at 5.25%. The average prepayment rate for the underlying pool is modelled in the range of 4.80% to 18.00% per annum. Various possible scenarios have been simulated at stressed loss levels and prepayment rates and the incidences of default to the investor as well as the extent of losses are measured after factoring in the credit enhancement to arrive at the final rating for the instrument.

### Liquidity position: Strong

The liquidity for the SN instrument is strong after factoring in the credit enhancement available to meet the promised payout to the investor. The total credit enhancement would be 5.00 times the estimated loss in the pool.

### Rating sensitivities

**Positive factors** – The rating could be upgraded on the strong collection performance of the underlying pool (monthly collection efficiency of more than 95%) on a sustained basis, leading to the build-up of the credit enhancement cover for the remaining payouts.

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

## Analytical approach

The rating action is based on the analysis of the performance of PFL's personal loans portfolio till June 2025, the key characteristics and composition of the current pool, the performance expected over the balance tenure of the pool, and the credit enhancement cover available in the transaction.

Analytical approach	Comments
Applicable rating methodologies	<a href="#">Securitisation Transactions</a>
Parent/Group support	Not applicable
Consolidation/Standalone	Not applicable

## Pending actions/documents required to be completed for conversion of the provisional rating into final

The assigned rating is provisional and would be converted into a final rating upon the execution of:

1. Trust deed
2. Assignment agreement
3. Power of Attorney
4. Legal opinion
5. Trustee letter
6. Chartered Accountant's know your customer (KYC) certificate
7. Any other documents executed for the transaction

## Validity of the provisional rating

The trust is expected to complete the pending actions/execute the pending documents in the near term. However, in case of continued pendency of the actions/documents beyond one year of this publication, the provisional rating would be withdrawn for the transaction even if the instrument has been issued.

## Risks associated with the provisional rating

In case the issuance is completed, but the pending actions/documents are not completed for the transaction within one year (validity period) from the assignment of the rating, the provisional rating will be withdrawn in accordance with ICRA's Policy on Provisional Ratings available at [www.icra.in](http://www.icra.in).

## About the originator

The erstwhile Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (PCHFL) was incorporated in February 2017 as a subsidiary of Piramal Finance Limited and received its housing finance licence from National Housing Bank (NHB) in September 2017. As per a scheme of amalgamation, Piramal Finance Limited and Piramal Capital Limited were merged with the erstwhile PCHFL, w.e.f. March 31, 2018, with PCHFL becoming a direct subsidiary of Piramal Enterprises Limited (PEL). PCHFL provides real estate lending, housing finance, corporate lending, and emerging corporate lending across sectors. It has 508 branches spread across 25 states. In January 2021, PCHFL emerged as the successful resolution applicant for Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL), which was undergoing insolvency and bankruptcy proceedings.

As per the resolution plan approved by the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), DHFL's existing liabilities were discharged by PCHFL and a consideration of Rs. 34,250 crore (comprising upfront cash of Rs. 14,700 crore and issuance of debt instruments of Rs. 19,550 crore) was paid to DHFL's creditors. PCHFL was reverse merged with DHFL with effect from September 30, 2021, and the amalgamated entity was rechristened Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited.

On May 8, 2024, PEL announced that its board of directors (BoD) had approved a composite scheme of arrangement, whereby PEL would be reverse merged with its wholly-owned subsidiary, PCHFL. Further, in March 2025, PCHFL received approval to change its name to Piramal Finance Limited (PFL).

Further, PCHFL's BoD approved the conversion of the entity to a non-banking financial company - investment and credit company (NBFC-ICC) from a housing finance company (HFC). Accordingly, PFL applied to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for an NBFC-ICC licence and received the same in April 2025. PFL received approval from the NCLT for the reverse merger and the same is effective from September 16, 2025.

### Key financial indicators

PFL	FY2024	FY2025	Q1 FY2026*
Accounting standard	Ind-AS	Ind-AS	Ind-AS
Total income	6,712	8,414	2,239
Profit after tax	-1,911	52	92
Assets under management	53,696	62,304	66,144
Gross stage 3	2.4%	2.8%	2.9%
CRAR	21.6%	21.5%	18.2%

Source: PFL and ICRA Research; All ratios as per ICRA's calculations; Amount in Rs. crore; \*Limited review

Note: The financials are for the pre-merged entity; post-merger financials are not yet available

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

Any other information: None

### Rating history for past three years

Trust name	Current rating (FY2026)			Chronology of rating history for the past 3 years			
	Instrument	Initial amount rated (Rs. crore)	Current rated amount (Rs. crore)	Date & rating in FY2026	Date & rating in FY2025	Date & rating in FY2024	Date & rating in FY2023
				September 30, 2025	-	-	-
NEXA TRUST SEPT 2025	Series A1 SNs	272.14	272.14	Provisional [ICRA]AA+(SO)	-	-	-

### Complexity level of the rated instrument

Instrument	Complexity Indicator
Series A1 SNs	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 (p.a.p.m.)*	Maturity date	Current amount rated (Rs. crore)	Current rating
NEXA TRUST SEPT 2025	Series A1 SNs	September 30, 2025	8.50%	February 15, 2031	272.14	Provisional [ICRA]AA+(SO)

Source: Company; \*Fixed

#### Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Not applicable

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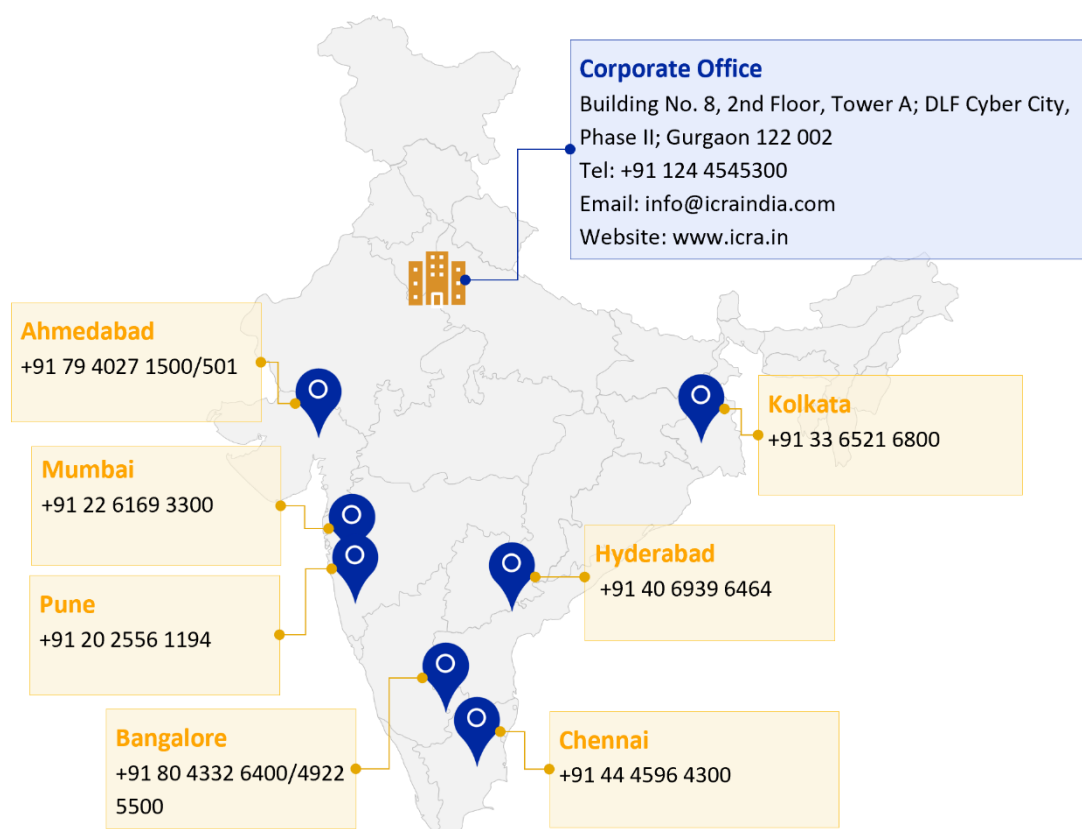
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