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Protium Finance Limited: Rating reaffirmed for PTCs issued under secured MSME (LAP) and machinery loan receivables securitisation transaction

Summary of rating action

Trust name	Instrument*	Initial rated amount (Rs. crore)	Previous rated amount (Rs. crore)	Current rated amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
Turiya LAP - 2401	Series A1 PTCs	29.49	15.77	6.46	[ICRA]AAA(SO); reaffirmed

*Instrument details are provided in Annexure I

Rationale

The securitisation notes (PTCs) are backed by pool of secured micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) loan against property (LAP) and machinery loan receivables originated by Protium Finance Limited (Protium/Originator). Protium is also the servicer for the rated transaction.

The rating has been reaffirmed for the pool on account of the healthy collections with higher pool amortisation, which has led to a significant build-up of the credit enhancement cover over the future PTC payouts in the transaction. The rating also draws comfort from the fact that the breakeven collection efficiency is comfortably lower as compared to the actual collection level observed in the pool till the December 2025 payout month.

Pool performance summary

Parameter	Turiya LAP - 2401
Payout month	December 2025
Months post securitisation	23
Pool amortisation	54.5%
PTC amortisation	78.1%
Cumulative collection efficiency ¹	97.1%
Cumulative prepayment rate	35.4%
Loss-cum-30+ dpd ² (% of initial pool)	4.9%
Loss-cum-90+ dpd ³ (% of initial pool)	1.9%
Cumulative CC utilisation	0.0%
Breakeven collection efficiency ⁴	20.0%
CC (% of balance pool)	17.6%
Principal subordination (% of balance pool) ⁵	54.2%
Excess interest spread (EIS; % of balance pool) ⁶	50.9%

¹ (Cumulative current and overdue collections till date)/Cumulative billing till date

² Inclusive of unbilled and overdue principal portion of contracts delinquent for more than 30 days, as a % of Initial pool principal

³ Inclusive of unbilled and overdue principal portion of contracts delinquent for more than 90 days, as a % of Initial pool principal

⁴ (Balance cash flows payable to investor – CC available)/Balance pool cash flows

⁵ (Pool principal – PTC principal) / Pool principal outstanding

⁶ (Pool Cash flows – PTC Cash flows) / Pool Principal outstanding

Transaction structure

As per the transaction structure, the monthly cash flow schedule comprises the promised interest payout. The principal is expected to be paid on a monthly basis (100% of the pool principal billed) but is promised on the final maturity date. The residual cash flows from the pool, after meeting the promised and expected payouts, will be used for the prepayment of PTC principal. Any prepayment in the pool would be used for the prepayment of PTC principal.

Key rating drivers and their description

Credit strengths

Healthy pool performance – The pool has reported healthy collection efficiency with cumulative collection efficiency of ~97% as on December 2025 payout month. This has resulted in low delinquencies with loss cum 90+ dpd below 1.9% as on December-25 payout month. The break-even collection efficiency has also declined to ~20% for the transaction. Further, there have been no instances of cash collateral utilisation for the pool till date owing to strong collection performance and presence of EIS in the transaction.

Substantial credit enhancement available in the structure– Significant buildup of credit enhancement with cash collateral increasing to ~18% of the balance pool principal as compared to ~12% at the time of the previous rating exercise and 8.00% at the time of securitisation. Internal credit support is also available through principal subordination and excess interest spread (EIS).

Adequate servicing capability of Protium Finance Limited - The company has adequate processes for servicing of the loan accounts in the securitised pool. It has a demonstrated track record of ~7 years of regular collections and recovery across a wide geography.

Credit challenges

Interest rate risk – The transaction is exposed to interest rate risk as the interest rate on the underlying loans is floating (linked to originator's benchmark rate) whereas PTC Yield is fixed for the transaction at 8.50% p.a.p.m.

Risks associated with lending business – The pool's performance would remain exposed to macro-economic 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.

Key rating assumptions

ICRA's cash flow modelling for rating 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 3.25% for the pool. The average prepayment rate for the underlying pool is modelled in the range of 6.0% to 20.0% per annum for the pool. 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.

Details of key counterparties

The key counterparties in the rated transaction are as follows:

Transaction Name	Turiya LAP - 2401
Originator	Protium Finance Limited
Servicer	Protium Finance Limited
Trustee	Catalyst Trusteeship Limited
CC holding Bank	DBS Bank India Limited
Collection and payout account Bank	DBS Bank India Limited

Liquidity position: Superior

The liquidity for PTCs is superior after factoring in the credit enhancement available to meet the promised payouts to the investors. The total credit enhancement would be more than 15 times the estimated loss for the pool.

Rating sensitivities

Positive factors – Not Applicable

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

Analytical approach

The rating action is based on the analysis of the performance of Protium Finance Limited’s portfolio till September 2025, the present delinquency levels and the credit enhancement available in the pool, and the performance expected over the balance tenure of the pool.

Analytical Approach	Comments
Applicable rating methodologies	Rating Methodology for Securitisation Transactions
Parent/Group support	Not Applicable
Consolidation/Standalone	Not Applicable

About the originator

Protium Finance Limited (Protium) is a systemically important non-deposit taking (ND-SI) non-banking finance company (NBFC) registered with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The company was incorporated in 2019 as Growth Source Financial Technologies Limited and was rechristened Protium Finance Limited in June 2022. Protium is engaged in providing secured and unsecured loans to MSME, educational institution & hospital funding, consumer loans and small financial institutional funding. The total Assets Under Management (AUM) as on September 2025 stood at Rs. 8,675 crore as against AUM of Rs. 2,908 crore as on March 2023. The company operates through a network of 123 branches spread across 16 states as on September, 2025.

Key Financial Indicators

Protium Finance Limited	FY2024	FY2025	H1FY2026
Total Income	728.96	1,033.14	626.18
Profit After Tax	115.3	171	77.9
Assets Under Management	4,941.92	7,333.93	8,675.38
Gross stage 3	1.64%	2.41%	2.26%
CRAR	57.86%	45.68%	37.77%

Source: Company, Amount in Rs. crores

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

S. No.	Trust Name	Instrument	Current Rating (FY2026)		Chronology of Rating History for the Past 3 Years						
			Initial Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Date & Rating in FY2026		Date & Rating in FY2025		Date & Rating in FY2024		Date & Rating in FY2023
					Jan 28, 2026	Jan 17, 2025	Mar 14, 2024	Jan 19, 2024	-		
1	Turiya LAP - 2401	Series A1 PTCs	29.49	6.46	[ICRA]AAA(SO)	[ICRA]AAA(SO)	[ICRA]AA+(SO)	Provisional [ICRA]AA+(SO)	-		

Complexity level of the rated instruments

Instrument	Complexity Indicator
Series A1 PTCs	Highly 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 Type	Date of Issuance / Sanction	Coupon Rate (p.a.p.m.)*	Maturity Date	Current Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Current Rating
Turiya LAP - 2401	Series A1 PTCs	January 15, 2024	8.50%	July 10, 2036	6.46	[ICRA]AAA(SO)

Source: Company; *Fixed

Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Not Applicable

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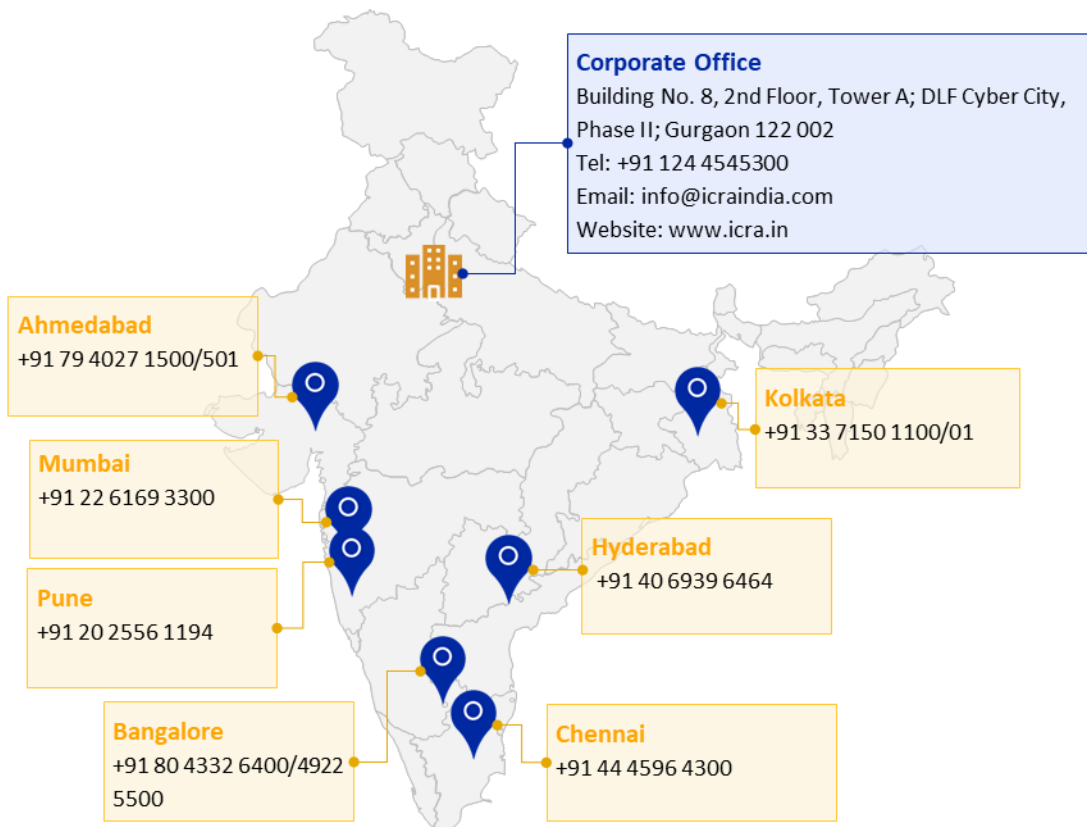


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