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Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited: Provisional [ICRA]AAA(SO) assigned to Series A1(a) PTCs and Series A1(b) PTCs backed by vehicle loan receivables issued by Platinum Trust Dec 2025 – Tranche III; Provisional [ICRA]A-(SO) assigned to second loss facility

Summary of rating action

Trust name	Instrument*	Current rated amount (Rs. crore)	Rating action
Platinum Trust Dec 2025 - Tranche III	Series A1(a) PTCs	193.84	Provisional [ICRA]AAA(SO); assigned
	Series A1(b) PTCs	330.06	Provisional [ICRA]AAA(SO); assigned
	Second Loss Facility	7.86	Provisional [ICRA]A-(SO); assigned

*Instrument details are provided in Annexure I

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

The pass-through certificates (PTCs) are backed by a pool of vehicle loan receivables originated by Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited {CIFCL/Originator; rated [ICRA]AA+ (Positive)} with an aggregate principal outstanding of Rs. 523.90 crore (pool receivables of Rs. 635.60 crore). CIFCL would also act as the servicer for the transaction.

The provisional ratings are 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 ratings are subject to the fulfilment of all the conditions under the structure and ICRA's review of the documentation pertaining to the transaction.

Transaction structure

The collections from the pool will be used for making the promised interest payouts to Series A1(a) and Series A1(b) PTCs on a pari passu basis. Till December 19, 2026, after making the promised interest payouts, the collections will be used to make the expected principal payouts to Series A1(a) PTCs (to the extent of 100% of pool billing) till its redemption followed by the expected principal payout to Series A1(b) PTCs. From January 19, 2027, the collections will be utilised for the redemption of Series A1(a) and A1(b) PTCs in the ratio of 20:80 until the Series A1(a) PTCs are redeemed post which 100% of principal pool billing will be used to redeem Series A1(b) on expected basis. The entire principal repayment to both the tranches is promised on the scheduled maturity date (i.e June 19, 2030). The excess interest spread (EIS) available, after meeting the expected and promised PTC payments, will flow back to the Originator on a monthly basis. The cash collateral (CC), if utilised, will not be replenished from the EIS in subsequent months

All prepayment amounts would be passed on to Series A1(a) PTCs till December 19, 2026. From January 19, 2027, the prepayment amounts would be passed on to Series A1(a) and Series A1(b) PTCs in the ratio of 20:80 until the Series A1(a) PTCs are redeemed post which prepayment would be passed on to Series A1(b) PTCs.

The credit enhancement available in the structure is in the form of (i) a cash collateral (CC) of 6.50% of the initial pool principal, amounting to Rs. 34.05 crore, to be provided by the Originator, and (ii) the excess interest spread (EIS) of 10.84% of the initial pool principal for Series A1(a) PTCs and Series A1(b) PTCs. The CC will be split into a first loss facility (FLF), amounting to Rs. 26.20 crore (5.00% of initial pool principal), and a second loss facility (SLF) of Rs. 7.86 crore (1.50% of initial pool principal).

Key rating drivers and their description

Credit strengths

Established track record of CIFCL – CIFCL, which would also be servicing the loans in the transaction, has an established track record of more than four decades in the lending business with adequate underwriting policies and collection procedures across a wide geography. The company has adequate processes for servicing of the loan accounts in the securitised pools.

Granular pool supported by presence of credit enhancement – The pool is granular, consisting of 22,102 contracts, with top 10 obligors forming only 0.93% of the pool principal, thereby reducing the exposure to any single borrower. Further, the credit enhancement available in the form of CC and EIS would absorb some of the losses in the pool and provide support in meeting the PTC payouts.

Seasoned contracts in the pool – The pool has a weighted average seasoning is ~10 months thereby reflecting the borrowers' relatively better credit profile which is a credit positive.

Credit challenges

High loan-to-value (LTV) contracts – Proportion of contracts with loan-to-value (LTV) ratio of more than 80% is high at ~60% (in terms of the principal amount outstanding on the cut-off date). Borrower with high LTV loans is more likely to default and are sensitive to economic downturns.

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 3.00% with certain variability around it. The average prepayment rate for the underlying pool is modelled in the range of 4.8% to 18.0% 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 ratings for the instruments.

Liquidity position

Series A1(a) PTCs and Series A1(b) PTCs: 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 ~4.25 times the estimated loss in the pool.

SLF: Strong

The liquidity for the SLF is strong after factoring in the first loss facility (FLF) available for the top-up of the SLF, if needed, as per the defined waterfall mechanism.

Rating sensitivities

Positive factors – Not applicable for Series A1(a) PTCs and Series A1(b) PTCs.

The rating of SLF can be upgraded, provided there is sustained strong collection performance of the underlying pool contracts, resulting in an increase in the credit enhancement cover available for SLF.

Negative factors – Pressure on the rating could emerge due to sustained weak collection performance of the underlying pool (monthly collection efficiency of <90%), leading to higher-than-expected delinquency levels and CE utilization levels. Weakening in the credit profile of the servicer (CIFCL) could also exert pressure on the rating.

Analytical approach

The rating action is based on the analysis of the performance of CIFCL's portfolio till September 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	Securitisation Transactions
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 ratings are provisional and would be converted into final upon the execution of:

1. Trust deed
2. Deed of Assignment
3. Power of Attorney
4. First Loss Credit Facility Agreement
5. Second Loss Credit Facility Agreement
6. Legal opinion
7. Trustee letter
8. Other key or important documents executed for the transaction

Validity of the provisional ratings

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 ratings would be withdrawn for the transaction even if the instrument has been issued.

Risks associated with the provisional ratings

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 ratings, the provisional ratings will be withdrawn in accordance with ICRA's Policy on Provisional Ratings available at www.icra.in.

About the originator

CIFCL, a non-banking financial company, is a part of the Chennai-based Murugappa Group of companies. Incorporated in 1978, it operates through 1,703 branches across 33 states and Union Territories (UTs) with net assets under management (AUM) of Rs. 2,17,398 crore as of June 2025. Its core business segments include vehicle finance (55%) and home equity (HE) loans (23%). CIFCL has forayed into three new business divisions in the consumer and small and medium enterprises (SME) ecosystem, namely Consumer & Small Enterprise Loan (CSEL), Secured Business & Personal Loans (SBPL) and SME, which contributed 12% to the AUM while housing finance accounted for the rest (10%).

As of June 2025, CIFCL had two wholly-owned subsidiaries, Cholamandalam Home Finance Limited and Cholamandalam Securities Limited, a joint venture with Payswiff Technologies Private Limited, and an associate entity – Vishvakarma Payments Private Limited.

Key financial indicators (audited)

CIFCL	FY2024	FY2025	H1 FY2026
Total income	19,216	26,055	14,921
Profit after tax	3,423	4,259	2,291
Total managed assets¹	1,60,194	2,07,874	2,25,616
Gross stage 3	2.5%	2.8%	3.4%
CRAR	18.6%	19.8%	20.0%

Source: Company, ICRA Research; All ratios as per ICRA's calculations; Amount in Rs. Crore; ^Managed Assets= Total assets (as per balance sheet) + Assignment book

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	Amount rated (Rs. crore)	Date & rating in FY2026	Date & rating in FY2025	Date & rating in FY2024	Date & rating in FY2023
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	Second Loss Facility	7.86	Provisional [ICRA]A-(SO)	-	-	-

Complexity level of the rated instrument

Instrument	Complexity indicator
Series A1(a) PTCs	Highly Complex
Series A1(b) PTCs	Highly Complex
Second Loss Facility	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	Date of issuance/ Sanction	Coupon rate (p.a.p.m.)	Maturity date	Current rated amount (Rs. crore)	Current rating
Platinum Trust Dec 2025 - Tranche III	Series A1(a) PTCs		7.30%		193.84	Provisional [ICRA]AAA(SO)
	Series A1(b) PTCs	January 28, 2026	7.30%	June 19, 2030	330.06	Provisional [ICRA]AAA(SO)
	Second Loss Facility		-		7.86	Provisional [ICRA]A-(SO)

Source: Company

Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Not applicable

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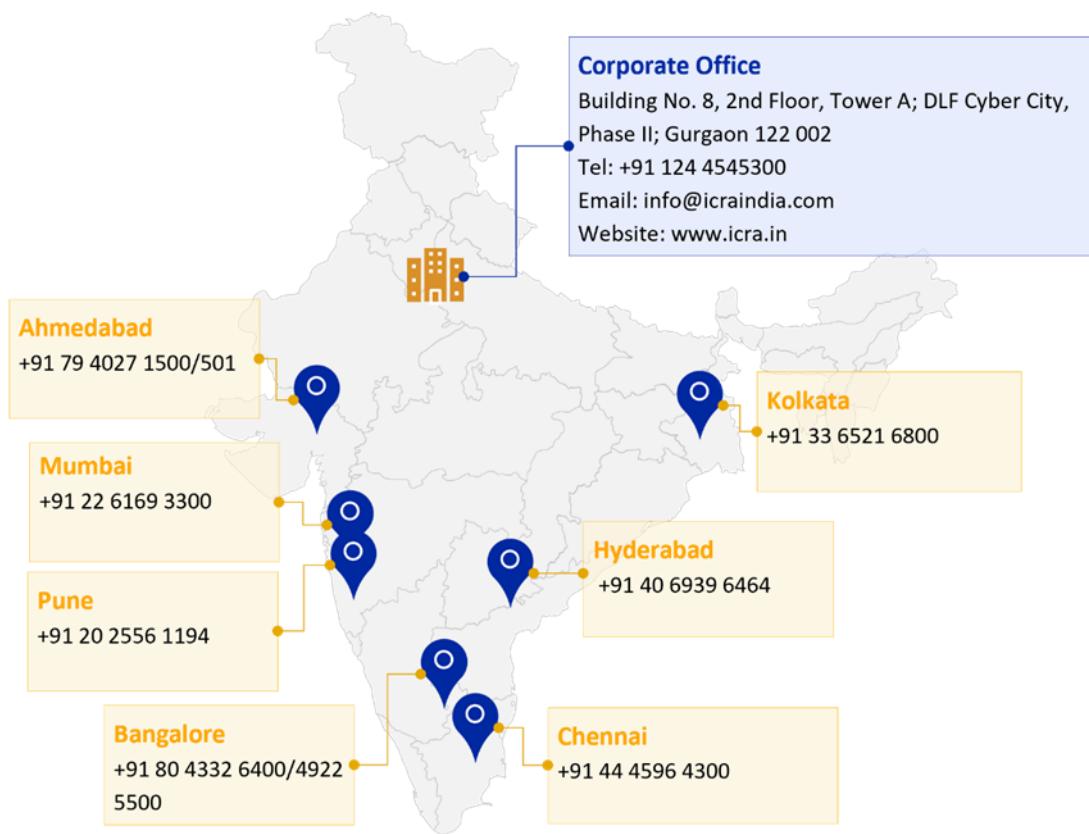
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