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Svatantra Microfin Private Limited: Rating confirmed as final for PTCs backed by microfinance loan receivables issued by MAHADEV Aug-2025

Summary of rating action

Trust name	Instrument*	Initial Rated amount (Rs. crore)	Current rated amount (Rs. crore)	Rating action
MAHADEV Aug-2025	PTC Series A1	208.80	208.80	[ICRA]AA+(SO); provisional rating confirmed as final

*Instrument details are provided in Annexure I

Rationale

In September 2025, ICRA had assigned Provisional [ICRA]AA+(SO) rating to Pass Through Certificate (PTC) Series A1, issued by MAHADEV Aug-2025. The PTCs are backed by a pool of a microfinance loan receivables originated by Svatantra Microfin Private Limited (SMPL) with an aggregate principal outstanding of Rs 240.00 crore (pool receivables of Rs 287.31 crore). SMPL would be acting as the servicer for the transaction.

Since 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.

Pool performance summary

Parameter	MAHADEV Aug-2025
Months post securitisation	5
Pool amortisation	25.98%
PTC Series A1 amortisation	29.86%
Cumulative prepayment rate	2.04%
Cumulative collection efficiency	99.66%
Loss cum 0+ dpd	0.67%
Loss cum 30+ dpd	0.52%
Loss cum 90+ dpd	0.21%
Cumulative cash collateral utilisation	0.00%

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 flow back to the originator on a monthly basis. Any prepayment in the pool would be used for the prepayment of the PTC Series A1 principal. The transaction has certain trigger events defined, on occurrence of which the residual cash flows would be passed on to PTC Series A1 investors.

The credit enhancement available in the structure is in the form of (i) a cash collateral (CC) of 6.75% of the initial pool principal, amounting to Rs. 16.20 crore, to be provided by the Originator, (ii) principal subordination of 13.00% of the initial pool principal for PTC Series A1 and (iii) the excess interest spread (EIS) of 15.04% of the initial pool principal for PTC Series A1.

Key rating drivers and their description

Credit strengths

Granular pool supported by presence of credit enhancement – The pool is granular, consisting of 58,413 contracts with no contract exceeding 0.01% of the pool principal, thereby reducing the exposure to any single borrower. Further, the credit enhancement available in the form of the CC, subordination and EIS would absorb some amount of the losses in the pool and provide support in meeting the PTC payouts.

No overdue contracts in the pool – The pool has been filtered in such a manner that there are no overdue contracts as on the cut-off date.

Seasoned contracts in the pool – The pool has amortised by almost 25% as on the cut-off date with no delinquencies seen in any of the contracts, post loan disbursement, thereby reflecting the borrowers' relatively better credit profile.

Adequate servicing capability of the originator – The company has adequate processes for servicing of the loan accounts in the securitised pool. It has a demonstrated track record of over a decade of regular collections across a wide geography.

Credit challenges

Risks associated with lending business – The pool 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. The performance of microfinance loans would also be exposed to political and communal risks.

Increasing delinquencies in microfinance sector – The microfinance sector has seen a decline in collections and consequently rise in delinquencies since the previous fiscal on account of multiple factors like heat wave, general elections, borrower overleveraging and attrition in collection teams. Any sustained impact of these factors on the collections from the pool would be a monitorable.

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 4.00% of the initial pool with certain variability around it. The average prepayment rate for the underlying pool is modelled in the range of 3% to 9% 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.

Details of key counterparties

The key counterparties in the rated transaction is as follows:

Transaction Name	MAHADEV Aug-2025
Originator	Svatantra Microfin Private Limited
Servicer	Svatantra Microfin Private Limited
Trustee	Catalyst Trusteeship Limited
CC holding Bank	HSBC Bank Limited

Transaction Name	MAHADEV Aug-2025
Collection and payout account Bank	HSBC Bank Limited

Liquidity position: Superior

The liquidity for PTC Series A1 is superior after factoring in the credit enhancement available to meet the promised payouts to the investor. The total credit enhancement is more than 7 times the estimated loss in the pool.

Rating sensitivities

Positive factors – The sustained strong collection performance of the underlying pool of contracts (monthly collection efficiency >95%), leading to lower-than-expected delinquency levels, and an increase in the cover available for future investor payouts from the credit enhancement would result in a rating upgrade.

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 (SMPL) 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

Svatantra Microfin Private Limited (Svatantra Microfin), promoted by Ms. Ananyashree Birla, was incorporated in 2012 and started microfinance operations in March 2013. It is registered with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as an NBFC-MFI. It provides microcredit to women borrowers, for income-generating activities, under the joint liability group (JLG) lending model. As on March 31, 2025, Svatantra had operations in 19 states through a network of 996 branches spread across 349 districts, catering to more than 21 lakh borrowers with a managed loan portfolio of Rs. 7,309 crore as on March 31, 2025 (Rs. 7,725 crore as on March 31, 2024). The operations are fairly diversified geographically with the top 3 states comprising 48% of the AUM as on March 31, 2025.

Key financial indicators

Particulars	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Total income	1,396	1,758	1,643
PAT	130	226	159
Gross Loan Portfolio (Rs. crore)	7,499	7,725	7,309
Gross NPA (%)	5.0%	3.1%	4.1%
CRAR	22.3%	18.5%	29.8%

Source: Company, ICRA Research; All ratios as per ICRA's calculations; Amounts in Rs. Crore;

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

Sr. no.	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
				February 16, 2026	September 01, 2025			
1	MAHADEV Aug-2025	PTC Series A1	208.80	[ICRA]AA+(SO)	Provisional [ICRA]AA+(SO)	-	-	-

Complexity level of the rated instrument

Instrument	Complexity indicator
PTC Series A1	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

ISIN	Trust name	Instrument	Date of issuance / sanction	Coupon rate (p.a.p.m.)	Maturity date	Amount rated (Rs. crore)	Current rating
NA	MAHADEV Aug-2025	PTC Series A1	August 29, 2025	7.94%	June 14, 2027	208.80	[ICRA]AA+(SO)

Source: Company

Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Not Applicable

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