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## Fusion Finance Limited: Provisional [ICRA]AA+(SO) assigned to Series A1 PTC backed by MFI loan receivables issued by White Rose 03 2026

### Summary of rating action

Trust Name	Instrument*	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
White Rose 03 2026	Series A1 PTC	57.47	Provisional [ICRA]AA+(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 microfinance loan (MFI) receivables originated by Fusion Finance Limited {Fusion/Originator; rated [ICRA]A-(Stable)} with an aggregate principal outstanding of Rs.62.47 crore (pool receivables of Rs.76.98 crore). Fusion would also act as 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. 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. Any surplus excess interest spread (EIS), after meeting the promised payouts, will flow back to the Originator on a monthly basis. Any prepayment in the pool would be used for the prepayment of Series A1 PTC principal.

If the 90+ delinquency of the pool exceeds 4.00% of the outstanding principal outstanding and/or if the rating of the Series A1 PTCs / Originator is downgraded by one or more notches and/or if net non-performing assets of Fusion exceeds 2.5%, then the EIS shall be utilised towards the repayment of the principal payout to the Series A1 investors till is fully redeemed.

The credit enhancement available in the structure is in the form of (i) a cash collateral (CC) of 15.00% of the initial pool principal, amounting to Rs. 9.37 crore, to be provided by the Originator, (ii) subordination of 8.00% of the initial pool principal for Series A1 PTC in the form of overcollateral and (iii) the excess interest spread (EIS) of 16.47% of the initial pool principal for Series A1 PTC.

### Key rating drivers and their description

#### Credit strengths

**Granular pool supported by presence of credit enhancement** – The pool is granular, consisting of 12,585 contracts with top 10 borrowers not exceeding 0.5% 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.

**Seasoned contracts in the pool** – The pool has a pre-securitisation weighted average amortisation of ~22% 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 multiple geographies.

### Credit challenges

**High geographical concentration-**The pool has high geographical concentration with the top 3 states, viz. Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha contributing ~52% to the initial pool principal amount. The pool's performance would thus be exposed to any state-wide disruption that may occur due to natural calamities, political events, etc. Nonetheless, the contracts are well-diversified across multiple districts with the top 10 districts having share of ~16% of the pool amount, which alleviates the concentration risk to some extent.

**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 monitorable

**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.

### 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 5.00%, with certain variability around it. The average prepayment rate for the underlying pool is modelled in the range of 3.0% to 9.0% 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 rating for the instrument.

### Liquidity position: Strong

The liquidity for Series A1 PTC is strong after factoring in the credit enhancement available to meet the promised payouts to the investor. The total credit enhancement is ~6.00 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 could also exert pressure on the rating.

## Analytical approach

The rating action is based on the analysis of the performance of Fusion’s portfolio till December 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="#">Rating Methodology for 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 final upon the execution of:

1. Trust deed
2. Assignment agreement
3. Power of Attorney
4. Legal opinion
5. Trustee letter
6. Other key or important 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

Incorporated in 1994, Fusion Finance Limited started microfinance operations in 2010 and became a registered NBFC-MFI in 2014. The company is engaged in microfinance lending, providing financial services (and educating borrowers on financial literacy) to poor women in India who are organised as joint liability groups (JLGs). Fusion also has a relatively small portfolio in the micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) segment, accounting for ~11% of the total AUM as on December 31, 2025. As on December 31, 2025, Fusion had a presence in 489 districts across 22 states/UTs through 1,537 microfinance branches.

## Key financial indicators

Indicators	FY2024	FY2025	9MFY2026
	Audited	Audited	Unaudited
<b>Total income</b>	2,386	2,369	1,302
<b>Profit after tax</b>	505	(1,225)	(100.3)
<b>Total managed assets</b>	13,302	10,012	6,876
<b>GS3</b>	2.9%	7.9%	4.4%
<b>CRAR</b>	27.5%	22.4%	38.8%

Source: Company data, ICRA research, All amounts in Rs Crore

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

**Any other information: None**

## Rating history for past three years

S. no.	Trust name	Current rating (FY2026)		Chronology of rating history for the past 3 years			
		Instrument	Current rated amount (Rs. crore)	Date & rating in FY2026	Date & rating in FY2025	Date & rating in FY2024	Date & rating in FY2023
				Mar 31, 2026	-	-	-
1	White Rose 03 2026	Series A1 PTC	57.47	Provisional [ICRA]AA+(SO)	-	-	-

## Complexity level of the rated instrument

Instrument	Complexity indicator
Series A1 PTC	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 name	Date of issuance/ Sanction	Coupon rate (p.a.p.m.)	Maturity date	Current rated amount (Rs. crore)	Current rating
<b>White Rose 03 2026</b>	Series A1 PTC	March 30, 2026	8.80%	September 12, 2028	57.47	Provisional [ICRA]AA+(SO)

Source: Company

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

Not applicable

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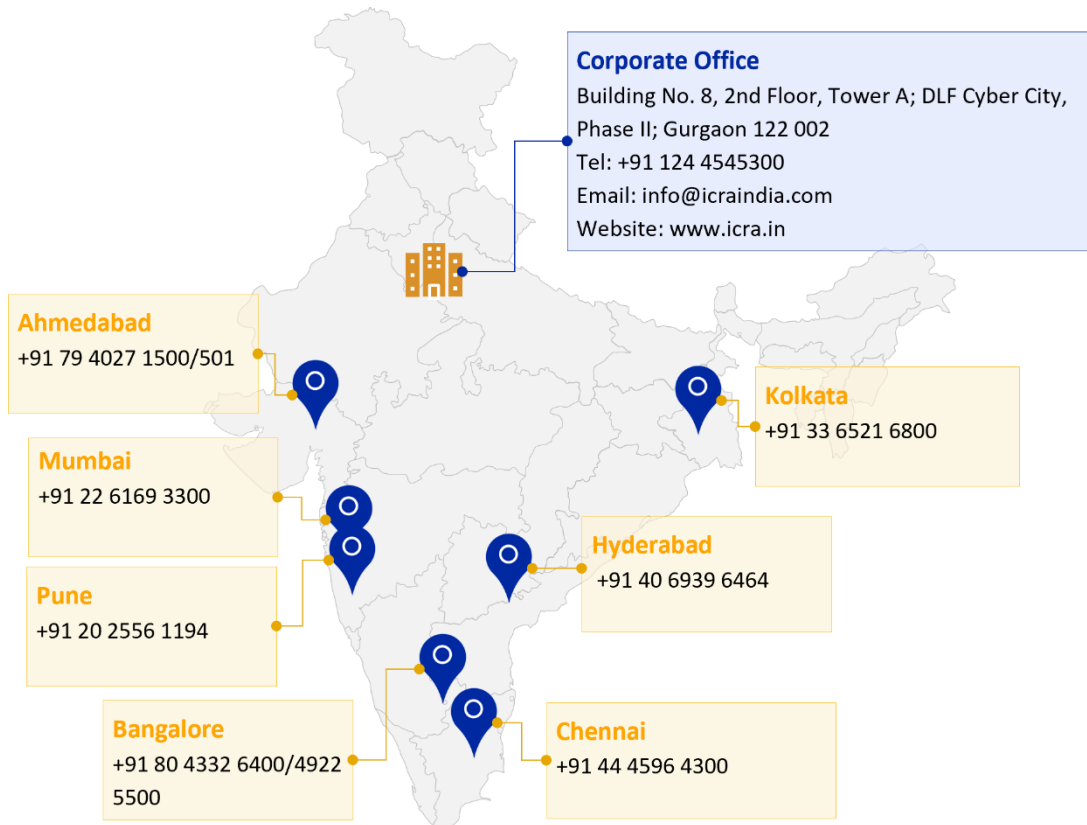


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