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NeoGrowth Credit Private Limited: Provisional [ICRA]A+(SO) assigned to Series A1 PTC and Provisional [ICRA]A(SO) assigned to Series B PTC backed by MSME business loan receivables issued by Avni Trust March 2026

Summary of rating action

Trust Name	Instrument*	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
Avni Trust March 2026	Series A1 PTC	57.01	Provisional [ICRA]A+(SO); assigned
	Series B PTC	5.25	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

Rationale

The pass-through certificates (PTCs) are backed by a pool of micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) business loan receivables originated by NeoGrowth Credit Private Limited {NCPL/Originator; rated [ICRA]BBB (Negative)} with an aggregate principal outstanding of Rs. 75.02 crore (pool receivables of Rs. 96.20 crore). NCPL 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

As per the transaction structure, the monthly cash flow schedule comprises the promised interest payout for Series A1 PTC and Series B PTC. The principal is expected to be paid on a monthly basis (100% of the pool principal billed) to Series A1 till it is live and then passed to Series B PTC but is promised on the final maturity date. Principal for Series B PTCs is promised to be paid on the Final Maturity Date, only after full repayment of Series A1 PTCs. Prepayments will be passed to Series A1 PTC till it is live and thereafter to Series B PTC. Any surplus excess interest spread (EIS), after meeting the promised payouts, will be used to pay Series A1 PTC till the advance rate[1] is more than or equal to 50%; post which it will flow back to the Originator on a monthly basis

The credit enhancement available in the structure is in the form of (i) a cash collateral (CC) of 3.00% of the initial pool principal, amounting to Rs. 2.25 crore, to be provided by the Originator, (ii) subordination of 24.00% of the initial pool principal for Series A1 PTC in the form of Series A2 PTC, Equity Tranche and over-collateralisation and subordination of 17.00% of the initial pool principal for Series A2 PTC in the form of Equity Tranche and over-collateralisation, and (iii) the excess interest spread (EIS) of 23.35% and 22.32% of the initial pool principal for Series A1 PTC and Series B PTC respectively, as well as the integrity of the legal structure.

[1] *Advance Rate means {sum of outstanding amount of Series A1 PTCs and Series B PTCs} divided by {sum of the Performing Balance and the then prevailing amount of Cash Collateral}*

Key rating drivers and their description

Credit strengths

Granular pool supported by presence of credit enhancement: The pool is granular, consisting of 515 contracts, with top 10 contracts forming only ~6.8% 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. Further, ~91% of the contracts in the pool have never been delinquent since origination, which is a credit positive.

Servicing capability of NeoGrowth– The company has adequate processes for servicing of the loan accounts in the securitised pool. It has demonstrated a considerable track record of regular collections and recovery across a wide geography and multiple economic cycles.

Healthy bureau score of borrowers – All the borrowers in the pool have with CIBIL score more than 700, which reflects their relatively better credit profile.

Credit challenges

High geographical concentration – The pool has high geographical concentration with the top 3 states, viz. Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh contributing ~58% 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.

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. The pool is exposed to the inherent credit risk associated with the unsecured nature of the asset class and that recovery from delinquent contracts tends to be lower.

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 8.00%, with certain variability around it. The average prepayment rate for the underlying pool is modelled in the range of 4.8% to 18% 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 for Series A1 PTC

The liquidity for Series A1 PTC is strong after factoring in the credit enhancement available to meet the promised payout to the investor. The total credit enhancement would be ~5.25 times the estimated loss in the pool.

Strong for Series B PTC

The liquidity for Series A1 PTC is strong after factoring in the credit enhancement available to meet the promised payout to the investor. The total credit enhancement would be ~3.75 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 (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 NCPL'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	Rating Methodology for 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 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. Any other key 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.

About the originator

NeoGrowth Credit Private Limited, which commenced operations in FY2013, is a non-deposit taking systemically important non-banking financial company (NBFC) providing loans to SMEs. The company was founded by Mr. Dhruv Khaitan and Mr. Piyush Khaitan, and its investors include ON Mauritius, Aspada Investment Advisors, Khosla Impact Fund, Frontier Investments Group (Accion), Trinity Inclusion Ltd. (Leapfrog), Mr. Arun Nayyar {Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO)}, M/s 360 One Seed Ventures Fund and FMO (the Dutch entrepreneurial development bank). Before setting up NeoGrowth, the founders had established and managed Venture Infotek, which provided end-to-end card payment processing solutions to banks that issue credit cards and with whom merchants have point of sales terminals.

Key financial indicators

Indicators	FY2024 Audited	FY2025 Audited	9MFY2026 Unaudited
Total income	601	571	457
Profit after tax	71	9	(74)
Total managed assets	3,113	3,112	2,430
GS3	3.7%	6.8%	5.8%
CRAR	28.5%	29.1%	29.1%

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	Avni Trust March 2026	Series A1 PTC	57.01	**Provisional [ICRA]A+(SO)**	-	-	-
		Series B PTC	5.25	**Provisional [ICRA]A(SO)**			

Complexity level of the rated instrument

Instrument	Complexity indicator
Series A1 PTC	Highly Complex
Series B PTC	

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
Avni Trust March 2026	Series A1 PTC	March 26, 2026	11.42%	September 19, 2029	57.01	Provisional [ICRA]A+(SO)
	Series B PTC		12.75%	September 19, 2029	5.25	Provisional [ICRA]A(SO)

Source: Company

Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Not applicable

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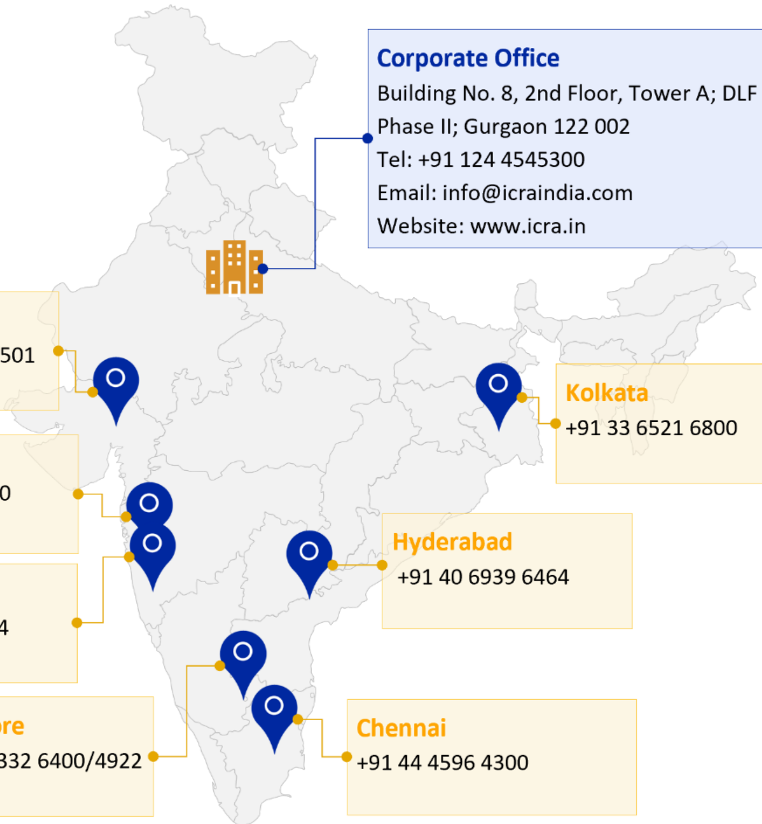

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