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Jai Automotive Components Limited: Long-term rating upgraded to [ICRA]AA and outlook revised to Stable; short-term rating reaffirmed

Summary of rating action

Instrument*	Previous Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Rated Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating Action
Long-term/ short-term – fund-based/ non-fund based working capital	45.00	45.00	[ICRA]AA (Stable)/ [ICRA]A1+; Long term rating upgraded from [ICRA]AA- (Positive) and outlook revised to Stable from Positive and Short-term rating reaffirmed
Total BLR	45.00	45.00	

*Instrument details are provided in Annexure-II

Rationale

ICRA has taken a consolidated view of Jamna Auto Industries Limited (JAI) and its three subsidiaries (Jai Suspension Systems Private Limited, Jai Suspensions Limited and JAI Automotive Components Limited, collectively referred to as the JAI Group/company), while assigning the credit ratings, given their common management and significant operational as well as financial linkages among them.

The long-term rating upgrade for the Jamna Group factors in an expectation of a steady rise in the Group's scale of operations, supported by steady demand from the commercial vehicle (CV) industry and the Group's healthy share of business (SoB) with industry players for supplying leaf springs. The Group's revenues are estimated to have been Rs. 2,600 crore in FY2026 (Rs. 1,772 crore in 9M FY2026) over Rs. 2,273 crore in FY2025, while the operating profit margin (OPM) improved to 14.6% in 9M FY2026 from 13.5% in FY2025, aided by operating leverage. ICRA continues to take comfort from the sustained material cost efficiencies implemented by the Group, which have helped lower the cash breakeven capacity utilisation to around 30% from 45-50% in FY2019, indicating the Group's ability to maintain margins and generate healthy cash accruals even during industry downturns. In addition, the Group's capital structure remains comfortable, supported by a healthy net worth and minimal debt levels. The total debt to OPBITDA is estimated to moderate to 0.3–0.4 times on a sustained basis in the near term (1.2 times as on March 31, 2025); an expectation of strong cash flow generation, free liquidity of around Rs. 100-110 crore as on September 30, 2025, and low debt levels are likely to support robust debt metrics for the company, going forward.

The rating upgrade also factors in the Group's continued efforts at gradually increasing the revenue share of its higher margin aftermarket and export segments, which together accounted for around 23% of revenues in 9M FY2026 (16% in FY2019). The management plans to scale up the same to 45–50% over the medium term, thus helping mitigate the cyclicity inherent in the CV sector. Additionally, the revenue share from higher value-accretive new products (including parabolic springs) has increased to 46% in 9M FY2026 from 34% in FY2019, improving the content per vehicle and supporting an improvement in profitability.

The ratings continue to favourably factor in the Group's leadership position in the domestic leaf spring market, with a market share of around 65%, backed by its scale, competitive pricing and strategic location of manufacturing facilities in proximity to its customers. The company incurred a capex of around Rs. 235 crore in FY2026 towards the completion of its Adityapur (Jharkhand) plant whose commercialised operations began in October 2025 (Rs. 40 crore), along with expansion of conventional leaf spring capacities at its Indore plant (around Rs. 100 crore) and installation of U bolt lines at its Indore and other facilities. Going forward, the company will set up a parabolic spring plant at Indore with an estimated capex of Rs. 170 crore, to be commissioned by March 2028, along with an integrated suspension systems plant at Indore for manufacturing

axles, rubber components and suspension systems. Phase I of the plant is scheduled to be commissioned by H1 FY2027, at an estimated capex of Rs. 110–120 crore. The overall capex outlay is expected to remain Rs. 180-200 crore in FY2027. Despite the material capex plans, ICRA factors in the judicious approach of the management to fund its capex through internal accruals, which has helped the entity to remain free of any term debt. The management's stated guidance for funding its gross block with net worth is likely to help the entity continue to maintain a low leverage profile.

The aforementioned strengths are partially offset by the Group's significant dependence on the domestic medium and heavy commercial vehicle (M&HCV) segment, which exposes it to industry cyclicality. The company's ability to gradually diversify revenues through aftermarket supplies and new product launches, along with its ability to sustain healthy operating margins even during industry downturns, provides comfort. ICRA notes the Group's high client concentration with its top two customers—Tata Motors Limited (TML) and Ashok Leyland Limited (ALL)—accounting for around 60% share of its sales in 9M FY2026; as well as its dependence on the commoditised leaf spring segment. However, these risks are partially mitigated by the strong market share of the Group's original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) customers and economies of scale that have supported its cost competitiveness.

The Stable outlook reflects ICRA's opinion that the company's financial risk profile is likely to remain strong despite its capex plans, aided by steady share of business and expectation of healthy cash accruals.

Key rating drivers and their description

Credit strengths

Strong business position with CV OEMs – JAI is the distant market leader in the M&HCV segment for leaf springs, with healthy business derived from its leading OEM clients, including TML, ALL, Daimler India Commercial Vehicles, and VE Commercial Vehicles Limited (VECV). The Group continues to maintain healthy relationships with its customers, as evident from a strong SoB maintained over the years (JAI's market share has remained at 62-65% with some variations). With focus on quality as well as superior technology, JAI is likely to maintain its dominant position in the CV OEM market.

Favourable shift in sales mix towards higher value-accretive products supports growth prospects – JAI has witnessed a steady increase in revenue contribution from higher value-accretive products, particularly parabolic springs, which offer better margins. The revenue share from parabolic springs has improved gradually to nearly 37% in 9M FY2026 from 9% in FY2011. While sales from other new products, such as lift axles and trailer suspensions, remain modest at present (9% of revenues in 9M FY2026), the same are likely to scale up over the medium term, supporting revenue diversity. Additionally, the company is growing its presence in the aftermarket and export markets, which generated around 21% and 2% of its revenues, respectively, in 9M FY2026, aided by a wide distribution network. Accordingly, the company's focus on maintaining a diversified product mix and increasing non-OEM revenues are likely to support JAI's market position and partially cushion the impact of cyclicality in the CV industry.

Strategic proximity to OEMs provides competitive advantage – JAI has 10 manufacturing facilities in India, which are all located near its customer units. In comparison, its competitors have a limited presence in terms of geographical footprint as well as capacity, which is reflected in JAI's dominant market position. This has enabled it to maintain healthy operating margins owing to a competitive cost structure through economies of scale, despite the commoditised nature of leaf springs.

Comfortable credit profile with healthy profitability and coverage metrics – JAI, at a consolidated level, maintains a comfortable credit profile, as evident from its healthy coverage indicators and capital structure, with an interest coverage of 59.2 times in FY2025 (33.2 times in 9M FY2026) and TOL/TNW of 0.5 times as on March 31, 2025. The company does not have any long-term debt on its books as of March 2026 and primarily utilises supplier and customer bill discounting limits. Though it has been incurring significant capex in expanding production capacities, it intends to fund the same through internal accruals and cash surplus, keeping dependence on external debt low.

Credit challenges

High dependence on CV segment exposes JAI to cyclicity associated with the industry – JAI is significantly dependent on the domestic M&HCV segment, which exposes it to the inherent cyclical nature of the underlying industry. Despite the management’s initiatives to develop a wide network for the replacement and export markets (around 21% sales from the aftermarket segment and 2% from exports in 9M FY2026), its ability to scale up its after-market supplies to a level that can offset any sharp decline in the CV OEM volumes in case of any downturn, is yet to be demonstrated. However, JAI’s ability to maintain its profitability even during fiscals of sharp revenue moderation mitigates concerns to an extent.

Exposure to customer concentration risks – ICRA notes that TML and ALL continue to be JAI’s major customers, generating around 60% of its revenues in 9M FY2026. VECV and Daimler India are its other key clients. This results in high client concentration risk; however, this is partly mitigated by the healthy SoB and the strong market position of these OEMs. Further, the management’s ability to increase content per vehicle with its key OEM customers also provides comfort. JAI’s revenues continue to be largely derived from leaf springs (90–95%), resulting in high product concentration risk. Nevertheless, a growing share of higher value-added parabolic springs that currently account for about 40% of total leaf spring revenues and offer better realisations and margins than conventional springs, is a positive. The product concentration risk is likely to moderate gradually, supported by the company’s focus on expanding its presence in allied suspension and related products.

Liquidity position: Strong

JAI’s liquidity is expected to remain strong, supported by healthy cash flows, low utilisation of fund-based working capital limits (adequate available buffer of around Rs. 100 crore as of December 2025) and unencumbered cash and liquid investments of Rs. 100-110 crore as on September 30, 2025. Additionally, the company is expected to generate healthy cash accruals of around Rs. 190-210 crore in the near term, which are likely to support its liquidity profile. It is expected to incur material capex of Rs. 180-200 crore in FY2027, to be funded entirely through internal accruals. It also continues to have a healthy dividend outflow (45-50% of PAT). Further, the absence of any long-term debt repayment obligations provides JAI with adequate financial flexibility.

Rating sensitivities

Positive factors – ICRA could upgrade the long-term rating in case of a sustained improvement in the company’s earnings while maintaining healthy liquidity and credit metrics. Significant diversification of revenue through a sustained scale-up in after-market supplies and new product launches, helping offset any sharp moderation in CV OEM volumes, may also lead to a positive rating action.

Negative factors – ICRA could downgrade the ratings if there is a material slowdown in the CV industry, resulting in a deterioration in the Group’s cash accruals and credit profile. Specific credit metrics that may trigger a downgrade include Total Debt/OPBDITA over 1.0 times on a sustained basis.

Analytical approach

Analytical approach	Comments
Applicable rating methodologies	Corporate Credit Rating Methodology Auto Components
Parent/Group support	Not applicable
Consolidation/Standalone	For arriving at the ratings, ICRA has considered the consolidated financials of JAI. As on March 31, 2026, the company had three subsidiaries, which are enlisted in Annexure-III.

About the company

Incorporated in 1965, the Delhi NCR-based Jamna Auto Industries Limited manufactures conventional leaf springs, parabolic leaf springs, air suspensions and lift axles, predominantly for CVs. With a consolidated annual manufacturing capacity of 3,00,000 MT, the company is India's largest CV spring manufacturer. JAI's manufacturing facilities are spread across 10 locations, including Yamuna Nagar (Haryana), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Malanpur (Madhya Pradesh), Jamshedpur (Jharkhand), Hosur (Tamil Nadu), Pune (Maharashtra), Sriperumbudur (Tamil Nadu), and others. In 9M FY2026, it generated almost 77% of its sales from the OEM segment, followed by the replacement (21%) and export (2%) markets. The company's mainstay, the leaf spring segment, drives around 90% of its sales, followed by other products such as lift axles, air suspensions and stabiliser bars.

JAI holds a majority stake (99.99%) in Jai Suspension Systems Private Limited (JSS), whose manufacturing plant is at Pant Nagar (Uttarakhand), apart from two other wholly-owned subsidiaries, Jai Suspensions Limited (JSL) and Jai Automotive Components Limited (JACO). JAI is listed on BSE and NSE, and the promoters, the Jauhar family, own 50% stake in the company.

Key financial indicators (audited)

JAI Consolidated	FY2024	FY2025	9M FY26*
Operating income (OI)	2,429.6	2,272.7	1,772.0
PAT	205.4	180.3	143.8
OPBDIT/OI	13.6%	13.5%	14.6%
PAT/OI	8.5%	7.9%	8.1%
Total outside liabilities/Tangible net worth (times)	0.5	0.5	-
Total debt/OPBDIT (times)	0.9	1.2	-
Interest coverage (times)	63.4	59.2	33.2

Source: Company, ICRA Research; All ratios as per ICRA's calculations; Amount in Rs. crore PAT: Profit after tax; OPBDIT: Operating profit before depreciation, interest, taxes and amortisation, *Limited results

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

Instrument	Current rating (FY2027)			Chronology of rating history for the past 3 years					
	Type	FY2027		FY2026		FY2025		FY2024	
		Amount rated (Rs crore)	Apr 20, 2026	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating
Fund-Based/ Non-Fund Based working capital	Long Term/Short Term	45.00	[ICRA]AA (Stable)/ [ICRA]A1+	Apr 30, 2025	[ICRA]AA- (Positive)/ [ICRA]A1+	-	-	-	-

Annexure I: Disclosure pursuant to the SEBI Circular SEBI/HO/DDHS/DDHS-PoD-2/I/4685/2026 dated February 10,2026

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Sr. No.	Instrument	FSR
1	Listed/Proposed to be listed Bonds/Debentures/Preference Shares (all securities)	SEBI
2	Unlisted/Proposed to be unlisted Bonds/Debentures/ Preference share (all securities)	MCA
3	Listed PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities regulated by RBI) (*)	SEBI
4	Listed PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities not regulated by RBI) (*)	SEBI
5	Unlisted PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities regulated by RBI) (*)	RBI
6	Listed Commercial Paper and NCDs with original maturity less than 1 year	RBI
7	Unlisted Commercial Paper and NCDs with original maturity less than 1 year	RBI
8	Loan Facilities (Fund/Non-Fund Based) from Bank / NBFCs/ NHB/ FIs (\$))	RBI
9	External Commercial Borrowings/Loans from overseas branches of Indian Banks/other similar borrowings	RBI
10	Certificates of Deposit	RBI
11	Fixed Deposits raised by NBFCs, Banks, HFCs, FIs	RBI
12	Fixed Deposits raised by corporates other than NBFCs, Banks, HFCs, FIs	MCA
13	Inter Corporate Deposits/Loans extended by Corporates	MCA
14	Listed Security Receipts	SEBI
15	Unlisted Security Receipts	RBI
16	Unlisted PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities not regulated by RBI) (*)	Investor-side Regulator such as IRDAI, PFRDA (%)

(*) Includes securitisation transactions involving assignee payout, acquirer's payout.

(\$) Includes bank facilities such as liquidity facility, second loss facility that are part of securitisation transactions.

(%) These ratings were assigned prior to the introduction of SEBI CRA Circular dated Feb 10, 2026 and accordingly, investor side FSRs have been mentioned.

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2	Credit quality ratings (CQRs) for Mutual Fund Schemes and Schemes of AIFs	SEBI
3	Independent Credit Evaluation (ICE)	RBI
4	Expected Loss Ratings (For Loan Facilities [Fund/Non-Fund based] from Banks/NBFCs/NHB/FIs)	RBI
5	Expected Loss Ratings (Listed / Proposed to be listed Bonds / Debentures / Preference Shares (all securities))	SEBI
6	Expected Loss Ratings (Unlisted / Proposed to be unlisted Bonds/ Debentures / Preference Shares (all securities))	MCA
7	Credit Rating of Borrowing programme	(@)
8	Issuer Ratings	(#)
9	Monitoring Agency	SEBI
10	Research activities, incidental to rating such as research for Economy & Industries (permitted by SEBI vide SEBI Master Circular for CRAs)	NA

(@) The rated instrument may involve issuance of different instruments such as debt securities (listed or otherwise), bank loans, commercial paper (listed or otherwise), etc. The regulator of the instrument can only be determined upon issuance. Accordingly, ICRA shall capture the rated quantum details along with names of respective FSR in the press release(s) after the issuance(s) of the instruments.

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Complexity level of the rated instruments

Instrument	Complexity Indicator
Long-term/ Short -term –Fund Based/Non-fund based Working Capital	Simple

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 II: Instrument details

ISIN	Instrument Name	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Current Rating and Outlook
NA	Long-term/ Short -term –Fund Based/Non-fund based Working Capital	NA	NA	NA	45.00	[ICRA]AA (Stable)/ [ICRA]A1+

Source: Company

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Annexure III: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Company Name	JAI Ownership	Consolidation Approach
Jamna Auto Industries Limited	100.00%	Full Consolidation
Jai Suspension Systems Private Limited	99.99%	Full Consolidation
Jai Suspensions Limited	100.00%	Full Consolidation
Jai Automotive Components Limited	100.00%	Full Consolidation

Source: Management discussions

Note: ICRA has factored in consolidated financials of JAI while assigning the ratings.

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