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CreditAccess Grameen Limited: Rating confirmed as final for PTCs backed by microfinance loan receivables issued by KARBAN PTC Trust Nov 2025

Summary of rating action

Trust name	Instrument*	Current rated amount (Rs. crore)	Rating action
KARBAN PTC Trust Nov 2025	Series A1 PTCs	174.44	[ICRA]AA+(SO); provisional rating confirmed as final

*Instrument details are provided in Annexure II

Rationale

In December 2025, ICRA had assigned Provisional [ICRA]AA+(SO) rating to Series A1 Pass-Through Certificates (PTCs) issued by KARBAN PTC Trust Nov 2025 under a securitisation transaction originated by CreditAccess Grameen Limited {CAGL/Originator; rated [ICRA]AA- (Stable)}. The PTCs are backed by a pool of microfinance loan receivables originated by CAGL with an aggregate principal outstanding of Rs. 199.36 crore (pool receivables of Rs. 235.99 crore). CAGL is also the servicer of 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	KARBAN PTC Trust Nov 2025
Payout month	March 2026
Months post securitisation	4
Pool amortisation	17.98%
Series A1 PTCs Amortisation	20.09%
Cumulative prepayment rate	1.94%
Cumulative collection efficiency ¹	99.65%
Loss-cum 0+ days past due (dpd) ²	0.58%
Loss cum 30+ dpd ³	0.36%
Loss cum 90+ dpd ⁴	0.05%
Cumulative cash collateral (CC) 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. Any surplus excess interest spread (EIS), after meeting the promised and expected payouts, will flow back to the Originator on a monthly basis. Any prepayment in the pool would be used for the prepayment of the Series A1 PTCs principal.

However, on the occurrence of predefined trigger events, the entire residual EIS every month shall be utilised for accelerating the principal payment due to Series A1 PTCs till full redemption. The event is triggered by any of the following: (i) 90+ days past due (dpd) of the pool crossing 6.0% of the pool principal in any payout month, (ii) downgrade in the rating of the PTC by one notch, (iii) downgrade in the Originator's rating by two notches, (iv) Originator's capital adequacy ratio goes below 15%, (v)

¹ Cumulative collections/ (Cumulative billings + Opening overdues at the time of securitisation)

² Principal outstanding on contracts aged 0+ dpd / Principal outstanding on the pool at the time of securitisation

³ Principal outstanding on contracts aged 30+ dpd / Principal outstanding on the pool at the time of securitisation

⁴ Principal outstanding on contracts aged 90+ dpd / Principal outstanding on the pool at the time of securitisation

Originator's net non-performing assets (NNPAs) exceeds 4%.

The credit enhancement available in the structure is in the form of (i) a cash collateral (CC) of 7.00%⁵ of the initial pool principal, amounting to Rs. 13.96 crore, to be provided by the Originator, (ii) subordination of 12.50% of the initial pool principal for Series A1 PTCs (including equity tranche of 5.00% and over-collateralisation of 7.50%), and (iii) the EIS of 13.07%⁶ of the initial pool principal for Series A1 PTCs.

Key rating drivers and their description

Credit strengths

Granular pool supported by presence of credit enhancement – The pool is granular, consisting of 53,422 contracts with the top 10 borrowers not exceeding 1% 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 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 had amortised by almost 26% as on the cut-off date with no delinquencies seen in any of the contracts, post loan disbursement, reflecting the borrowers' relatively better credit profile.

Adequate servicing capability of CAGL – CAGL has an established track record of more than a decade in the lending business and has adequate underwriting policies and collection procedures. The company has sufficient processes for servicing the loan accounts in the securitised pool.

Credit challenges

High geographical concentration – The pool has high geographical concentration with the top 3 states, viz. Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, contributing ~57% 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 constituting around 17% of the initial pool amount, which alleviates the concentration risk to some extent.

Risks associated with lending business – The pool's performance would remain exposed to macroeconomic 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.

Higher delinquencies in microfinance sector – The microfinance sector has seen lower collections and elevated delinquencies since April 2024 on account of multiple factors like heat wave, general elections, borrower overleveraging and attrition in collection teams. While portfolio collections have improved in last few months any sustained impact of these factors on the collections from the pool would be monitorable.

Key rating assumption

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

⁵ CC at time of provisional rating was 5.00% of pool principal

⁶ The EIS at time of provisional rating was 12.97% which has changed on account of revision in coupon from 7.90% to 7.75%

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 4.25%, 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 are as follows:

Transaction name	KARBAN PTC Trust Nov 2025
Originator	CreditAccess Grameen Limited
Servicer	CreditAccess Grameen Limited
Trustee	Catalyst Trusteeship Limited
CC holding bank	HSBC Bank
Collection and payout bank	HSBC Bank

Liquidity position: Strong

The liquidity for Series A1 PTCs is strong after factoring in the credit enhancement available to meet the promised payouts to the investor. The total credit enhancement is around 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 (CAGL) 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

CreditAccess Grameen Limited (CAGL) commenced microfinance operations under the leadership of Mrs. Vinatha M Reddy in 1999 as a division under T. Muniswamappa Trust (TMT), a registered public charitable trust/non-governmental organisation (NGO). This microfinance programme was transferred and transformed into an NBFC during 2007-2008. CreditAccess India acquired a majority stake in the company in FY2014 and currently owns 66.3%. CAGL got listed in FY2019 and acquired 76% in Madura Microfinance Limited (MMFL) in FY2020. MMFL was amalgamated with the company effective February 15, 2023. CAGL

is primarily engaged in microlending activities mainly in Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, etc. As of December 2025, it had a portfolio of Rs. 26,566 crore spread across 450 districts.

Key financial indicators (standalone)

CAGL	FY2024	FY2025	9MFY2026*
	(Ind-As)	(Ind-As)	(Ind-As)
Total income	5,125.0	5,727	4,427
Profit after tax	1,445.9	531	438
Total managed assets	30,462.4	29,423	30,288
Gross stage 3 (%)	1.2%	4.8%	4.1%
CRAR	23.1%	25.4%	26.4%

Source: Company data, ICRA Research; Amount in Rs. crore; * Provisional numbers

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: None

Rating history for past three years

Trust name	Instrument	Current rating (FY2027)		Chronology of rating history For the past 3 years			
		Initial amount rated (Rs. crore)	Current amount rated (Rs. crore)	Date & rating in FY2027	Date & rating in FY2026	Date & rating in FY2025	Date & rating in FY2024
				April 22, 2026	December 03, 2025	-	-
KARBAN PTC Trust Nov 2025	Series A1 PTCs	174.44	174.44	[ICRA]AA+(SO)	Provisional [ICRA]AA+(SO)	-	-

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

ICRA rated Instruments fall under regulatory purview of various Financial Sector Regulators (FSR) as under:

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 (%)
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(*) 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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Sr. No.	Activity Name	FSR
1	Credit Ratings for Capital Protection Oriented Schemes (by Mutual Funds and AIFs)	SEBI
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

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(#) Since no instrument is being rated, FSR is not applicable. The rating scale and definitions stipulated in SEBI Master Circular for CRAs are being followed.

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Complexity level of the rated instrument

Instrument	Complexity indicator
Series A1 PTCs	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 II: Instrument details

Trust name	Instrument name	Date of issuance/ Sanction	Coupon rate (p.a.p.m.)	Maturity date	Amount rated (Rs. crore)	Current rating
KARBAN PTC Trust Nov 2025	Series A1 PTCs	November 28, 2025	7.75%	May 20, 2028	174.44	[ICRA]AA+(SO)

Source: Company

Annexure III: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Not applicable

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