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Spandana Sphoorty Financial Limited: Provisional [ICRA]A(SO) assigned to PTC Series A1 issued by Noblesse Trust 2026, backed by a pool of microfinance loans

Summary of rating action

Trust name	Instrument*	Rated amount (Rs. crore)	Rating action
Noblesse Trust 2026	PTC Series A1	121.77	Provisional [ICRA]A(SO); assigned

*Instrument details are provided in Annexure II

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 pool of microfinance loan receivables originated by Spandana Sphoorty Financial Limited ({SSFL/Originator; rated [ICRA]BBB+(Negative)}) with an aggregate principal outstanding of Rs. 132.36 crore (pool receivables of Rs. 160.54 crore). SSFL would be acting 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 provisional 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. The residual cash flows from the pool, 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 PTC Series A1 principal. The transaction has certain predefined trigger events on the 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 5.00% of the initial pool principal, amounting to Rs. 6.62 crore, to be provided by the Originator, (ii) principal subordination of 8.00% of the initial pool principal for PTC Series A1 and (iii) the excess interest spread (EIS) of 13.45% 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 27,229 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.

Seasoned contracts in the pool – The pool has amortised by almost ~18% 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 originator 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

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.

Higher delinquencies in microfinance sector – The microfinance sector has seen lower collections and elevated delinquencies on account of borrower overleveraging and attrition in collection teams. However, portfolio collections have been improving and are higher from the post guardrail book which is a source of comfort.

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% of the pool principal 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.

Liquidity position: Strong

The liquidity for the PTC Series A1 instrument in the transaction is strong after factoring in the credit enhancement available to meet the promised payouts to the investors. The total credit enhancement for PTC Series A1 is 4.25 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 (Spandana) could also exert pressure on the rating.

Analytical approach

The rating action is based on the analysis of the performance of SSFL's microfinance loan 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

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. 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.

About the originator

Spandana Sphoorty Financial Limited (SSFL) was incorporated in 2003 as an NBFC. It took over the microfinance operations of Spandana, a non-governmental organisation started by Ms. Padmaja Reddy in 1998. The company was classified as an NBFC-MFI in 2015. Following the microfinance crisis in Andhra Pradesh, the company entered into a master restructuring agreement (MRA) as part of the corporate debt restructuring (CDR) with its lenders in September 2011. It exited the CDR in April 2017 after an equity investment led by Kedaara Capital Investment Managers Limited (Kedaara Capital) and fresh funding from banks. SSFL completed its initial public offering (IPO) in August 2019. The company currently has a 10-member board of directors, including five independent directors.

Key financial indicators (audited)

SSFL (standalone)	FY2024	FY2025	9MFY2026
Total income	2,386.7	2,245.2	688.6
Profit after tax	467.9	(956.7)	(629.5)
Total managed assets	13,852.4	9,040.3	6344.2
Gross Stage 3 (%)	1.6%	4.9%	2.6%
CRAR	32.0%	36.3%	30.4%

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

Trust name	Current rating (FY2027)	Chronology of rating history for the past 3 Years
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Instrument	Amount rated (Rs. crore)	Date & rating in FY2027	Date & rating in FY2026	Date & rating in FY2025	Date & rating in FY2024
		May 04, 2026	-	-	-
Noblesse Trust 2026	PTC Series A1	121.77	Provisional [ICRA]A(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 (%)

(*) 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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(@) 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.

(#) 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
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 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
Noblesse Trust 2026	PTC Series A1	April 24, 2026	11.00%	January 19, 2028	121.77	Provisional [ICRA]A(SO)

Source: Company

Annexure III: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Not applicable

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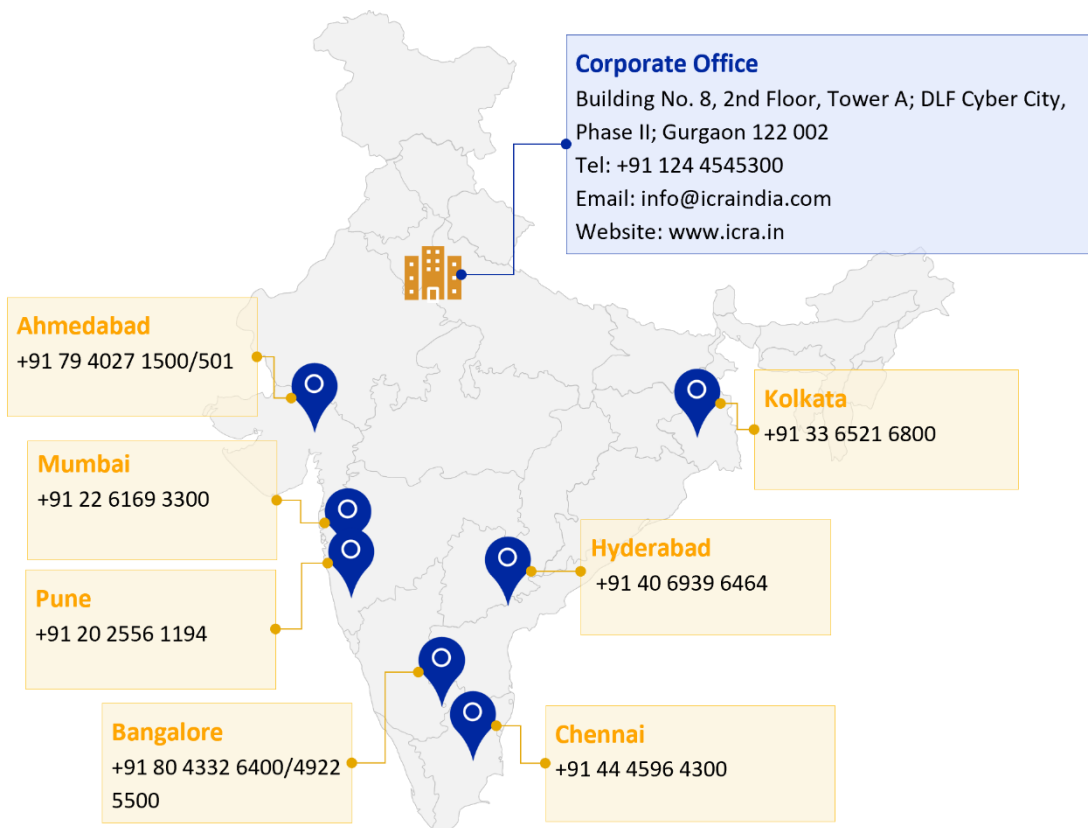
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