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Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited: Provisional [ICRA]AAA(SO) assigned to PTC Series A backed by vehicle loan receivables issued by PLATINUM TRUST AUG 2026 - TRANCHE I; Provisional [ICRA]A-(SO) assigned to second loss facility

Summary of rating action

Trust name	Instrument*	Current rated amount (Rs. crore)	Rating action	Financial sector regulator#
PLATINUM TRUST AUG 2026 - TRANCHE I	PTC Series A	1,970.24	Provisional [ICRA]AAA(SO); assigned	RBI
	Second loss facility	24.63	Provisional [ICRA]A-(SO); assigned	RBI

**Instrument details are provided in Annexure I*

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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 vehicle loan receivables originated by Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited (CIFCL/Originator; rated [ICRA]AA+ (Positive)/[ICRA]A1+)[1] with an aggregate principal outstanding of Rs. 1,970.24 crore (pool receivables of Rs. 2,482.12 crore). CIFCL 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 and principal payout (100% of the pool principal billed). Any surplus excess interest spread (EIS), after meeting the promised payouts, will flow back to the Originator on a monthly basis. The cash collateral (CC), if utilised, will not be replenished from the EIS in subsequent months. Any prepayment in the pool would be used for the prepayment of the PTC Series A principal.

The credit enhancement available in the structure is in the form of (i) a cash collateral (CC) of 6.25% of the initial pool principal, amounting to Rs. 123.14 crore, to be provided by the Originator, and (ii) the excess interest spread (EIS) of 10.86% of the initial pool principal for PTC Series A. The CC will be split into a first loss facility (FLF), amounting to Rs. 98.51 crore (5.00% of initial pool principal), and a second loss facility (SLF) of Rs. 24.63 crore (1.25% of initial pool principal).

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[1] *The current rating rationale of the Originator, available at this link, provides its detailed rating history and rating transitions*

Key rating drivers and their description

Credit strengths

Established track record of CIFCL – CIFCL, which would also be servicing the loans in the transaction, has an established track record of more than four decades in the lending business with adequate underwriting policies and collection procedures across a wide geography. The company has adequate processes for servicing the loan accounts in the securitised pool.

Granular pool supported by presence of credit enhancement – The pool is granular, consisting of 31,881 contracts, with the top 10 obligors forming only 0.29% of the pool principal, thereby reducing the exposure to any single borrower. Further, the credit enhancement available in the form of the CC and EIS would absorb some of the losses in the pool and provide support in meeting the PTC payouts.

Seasoned contracts in the pool – The pool had a weighted average seasoning of ~14 months and ~99% of the contracts in the pool had never been delinquent, post loan disbursement, till the cut-off date. This reflects the relatively better credit profile of the borrowers, which is a credit positive.

Credit challenges

High LTV contracts – The proportion of contracts with a loan-to-value (LTV) ratio of more than 80% is ~61% (in terms of the principal amount outstanding on the cut-off date). Borrowers with high LTV loans are more likely to default and are sensitive to economic downturns.

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.

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 2.75% with certain variability around it. The average prepayment rate for the underlying pool is modelled in the range of 4.8% to 18.0% 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 ratings for the instruments.

Liquidity position

For PTC Series A: Strong

The liquidity for PTC Series A is strong after factoring in the credit enhancement available to meet the promised payout to the investor. The total credit enhancement would be ~4.50 times the estimated loss in the pool.

For SLF: Strong

The liquidity for the SLF facility is strong as any shortfall in PTC payouts will be firstly paid by utilising the FLF. SLF could be drawn only after FLF is fully utilised.

Rating sensitivities

Positive factors – Not applicable for PTC Series A

The rating of SLF can be upgraded, provided there is sustained strong collection performance of the underlying pool contracts, resulting in an increase in the credit enhancement cover available for SLF.

Negative factors – Pressure on the ratings could emerge due to sustained weak collection performance of the underlying pool (monthly collection efficiency of <90%), leading to higher-than-expected delinquency levels and credit enhancement utilisation levels. Weakening in the credit profile of the servicer (CIFCL) could also exert pressure on the ratings.

Analytical approach

The rating action is based on the analysis of the performance of CIFCL's portfolio till June 2026, 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	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 ratings are 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 ratings

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 ratings would be withdrawn for the transaction even if the instrument has been issued.

Risks associated with the provisional ratings

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 ratings, the provisional ratings will be withdrawn in accordance with ICRA's Policy on Provisional Ratings available at www.icra.in.

About the originator

CIFCL, a non-banking financial company, is a part of the Chennai-based Murugappa Group of companies. Incorporated in 1978, it operates through 1,761 branches across 26 states and 7 Union Territories (UTs) with net assets under management (AUM) of Rs. 2,24,334 crore as of March 2026. The company's core business segments include vehicle finance (55%) and home equity (HE) loans (18%). CIFCL has forayed into three new business divisions in the consumer and small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) ecosystem, namely Consumer & Small Enterprise Loan (CSEL), Secured Business & Personal Loans (SBPL) and SME, which contributed 17% to AUM, while housing finance (7%) accounted for the rest. As of March 2026, CIFCL had two wholly-owned subsidiaries, Cholamandalam Leasing Limited and Cholamandalam Securities Limited, a joint venture with Payswiff Technologies Private Limited, and an associate entity – Vishvakarma Payments Private Limited.

CIFCL (standalone) reported a net profit of Rs. 5,220 crore on a managed asset base of Rs. 2,55,372 crore in FY2026 compared with Rs. 4,259 crore and Rs. 2,07,874 crore, respectively, in FY2025. CIFCL (consolidated) reported a net profit of Rs. 5,229 crore on a managed asset base of Rs. 2,55,750 crore in FY2026 compared with Rs. 4,260 crore and Rs. 2,08,113 crore, respectively, in FY2025.

Key financial indicators (audited)

CIFCL (standalone)	FY2025	FY2026	Q1 FY2027*
Total income	26,055	31,445	8,933
Profit after tax	4,259	5,220	1,654
Total managed assets^	2,07,874	2,55,372	2,68,352
Gross stage 3	2.8%	3.1%	3.3%
CRAR	19.8%	19.2%	19.8%

*Source: Company, ICRA Research; All ratios as per ICRA's calculations; Amount in Rs. crore; ^ Managed assets = Total assets (as per balance sheet) + Assignment book; *limited review*

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		
	Instrument	Amount rated (Rs. crore)	Date & rating in FY2027	Date & rating in FY2026	Date & rating in FY2025	Date & rating in FY2024
			August 31, 2026	-	-	-
PLATINUM TRUST AUG 2026 - TRANCHE I	PTC Series A	1,970.24	**Provisional [ICRA]AAA(SO)**	-	-	-
	Second loss facility	24.63	**Provisional [ICRA]A-(SO)**	-	-	-

Complexity level of the rated instrument

Instrument	Complexity indicator
PTC Series A	Complex
Second loss facility	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	Date of issuance/ Sanction	Coupon rate (p.a.p.m.)	Maturity date	Current rated amount (Rs. crore)	Current rating	Financial sector regulator#
PLATINUM TRUST AUG 2026 - TRANCHE I	PTC Series A	August 27, 2026	-	January 18, 2033	1,970.24	Provisional [ICRA]AAA(SO)	RBI
	Second loss facility		-		24.63	Provisional [ICRA]A-(SO)	RBI

Source: Company

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Annexure II: List of entities considered for consolidated analysis

Not applicable

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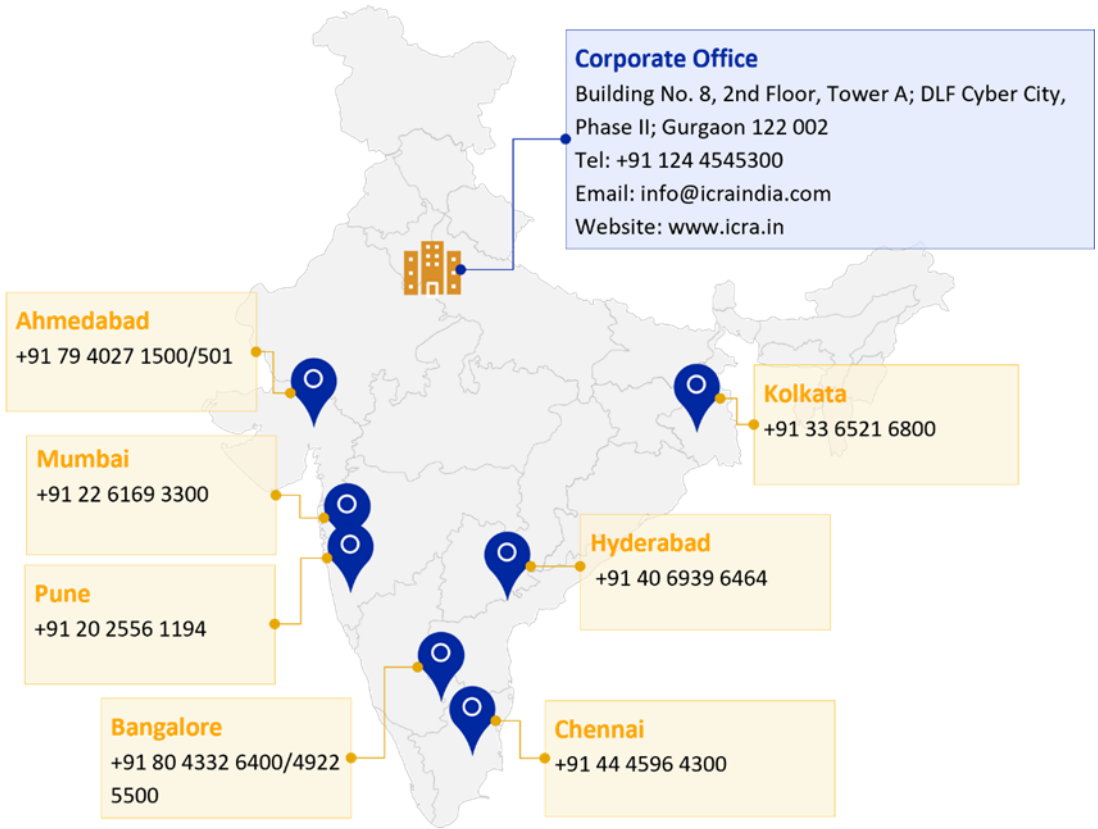

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