

Future Retail Limited

April 25, 2024

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long-term bank facilities	3,778.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Short-term bank facilities	2,500.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Non-convertible debentures	199.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category
Non-convertible debentures	100.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1.

*Issuer did not cooperate; based on best available information.

Rationale and key rating drivers

CARE Ratings Limited (CARE Ratings), vide its press release dated April 28, 2023, had reviewed the rating of Future Retail Limited (FRL) under the 'issuer not-cooperating' category as the company failed to provide information for monitoring of the ratings and had not paid the surveillance fees for the rating exercise as agreed to in its rating agreement. The company continues to be non-cooperative, despite repeated requests for submission of information through e-mails dated March 13, 2024, March 23, 2024, April 02, 2024, April 15, 2024, and April 17, 2024, among others. In line with the extant SEBI guidelines, CARE Ratings has reviewed the rating based on best available information, which however, in CARE Ratings' opinion is not sufficient to arrive at a fair rating.

Users of this rating (including investors, lenders, and the public at large) are hence requested to exercise caution while using the above rating(s).

At the time of last rating on April 28, 2023, the following was the rating weakness (updated for information available from the stock exchange):

Delays in servicing debt obligation

There are continuing delays in debt servicing. The Mumbai bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) had on July 20, 2022, directed initiating CIRP against FRL, admitting a plea filed by a lender and a resolution professional was appointed.

After rounds of invitation of resolution applications, in April 23, 2023, some prospective resolution applicants submitted their applications. As per intimation on stock exchange, last date to complete CIRP was extended till September 30, 2023 with approval from NCLT. On November 09, 2023, RP filed an application with NCLT for initiation of liquidation proceedings of the company.

Analytical approach: Standalone

Applicable criteria

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¹Complete definition of the ratings assigned are available at www.careedge.in and other CARE Ratings Ltd.'s publications.

About the company and industry

Industry classification

Macro-economic indicator	Sector	Industry	Basic industry
Consumer discretionary	Consumer services	Retailing	Distributors

FRL is the flagship company of the Future Group (one of India's leading retailers) and is engaged mainly in home and electronics retailing and value retailing. The company operated Big Bazaar, Easy Day, Foodhall and other small format stores. As on March 31, 2021, FRL operated 1,308 stores with retail space of 15.69msf.

Brief Financials (₹ crore)	March 31, 2020 (A)	March 31, 2021 (A)	9MFY22(UA)
Total operating income	20,118.32	6,264.84	5,547.40
PBILDT	2,155.2	-528.15	-1,090.51
PAT	33.84	-3,180.04	-3,345.12
Overall gearing (times)	2.96	18.44	NA
Interest coverage (times)	2.02	-0.36	NM

A: Audited UA: Unaudited; NM: Not Meaningful NA: Not Available; Note: 'the above results are latest financial results available'

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA:

Acuite Ratings & Research continues to place the ratings assigned to FRL under 'issuer not-cooperating' category vide its press release dated October 27, 2023, due to non-submission of information.

Any other information: Not applicable

Rating history for last three years: Annexure-2

Covenants of rated instrument / facility: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated instruments/facilities is given in Annexure-3

Complexity level of various instruments rated: Annexure-4

Lender details: Annexure-5

Annexure-1: Details of instruments/facilities

Name of the Instrument	Old ISIN	New ISIN post OTR	Date of Issuance (DD-MM-YYYY)	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date (DD-MM-YYYY)	Size of the Issue (₹ crore)	Rating Assigned along with Rating Outlook
Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	INE752P07013 INE752P07021	INE752P07047 INE752P07054	June 03, 2019 June 03, 2019	10.65% 10.65%	March 31, 2023 March 31, 2023	100.00 99.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures		-	Proposed	-	Proposed	100.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - LT-Term Loan			-	-	March 31, 2023	528.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Fund-based - LT-Working Capital Limits			-	-	-	3250.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*
Non-fund-based - ST-BG/LC			-	-	-	2500.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*

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Annexure-2: Rating history for last three years

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument/Bank Facilities	Current Ratings			Rating History			
		Type	Amount Outstanding (₹ crore)	Rating	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2024-2025	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2023-2024	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2022-2023	Date(s) and Rating(s) assigned in 2021-2022
1	Fund-based - LT-Working Capital Limits	LT	3250.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (28-Apr-23)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (03-May-22)	1)CARE D (03-Jan-22)
2	Non-fund-based - ST-BG/LC	ST	2500.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (28-Apr-23)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (03-May-22)	1)CARE D (03-Jan-22)
3	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	528.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (28-Apr-23)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (03-May-22)	1)CARE D (03-Jan-22)

4	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	199.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (28-Apr-23)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (03-May-22)	1)CARE D (03-Jan-22)
5	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	100.00	CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING*	-	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (28-Apr-23)	1)CARE D; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* (03-May-22)	1)CARE D (03-Jan-22)

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LT: Long term; ST: Short term

Annexure-3: Detailed explanation of covenants of rated instruments/facilities: Not applicable

Annexure-4: Complexity level of the various instruments rated

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument	Complexity Level
1	Debentures-Non-Convertible Debentures	Simple
2	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	Simple
3	Fund-based - LT-Working Capital Limits	Simple
4	Non-fund-based - ST-BG/LC	Simple

Annexure-5: Lender details

To view the lender wise details of bank facilities please [click here](#)

Note on the complexity levels of the rated instruments: CARE Ratings has classified instruments rated by it on the basis of complexity. Investors/market intermediaries/regulators or others are welcome to write to care@careedge.in for any clarifications.

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