

Credit Wise Capital Private Limited

March 26, 2025

Facilities/Instruments	Amount (₹ crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Long-term bank facilities	-	-	Rating continues to remain under ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category; Reaffirmed at CARE BB+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING* and withdrawn

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1.

Rationale and key rating drivers

CARE Ratings Limited (CARE Ratings), considering the extant SEBI guidelines, has reviewed the rating based on the best available information, which however, in CARE Ratings opinion is not sufficient to arrive at a fair rating. Hence, the rating on Credit Wise Capital Private Limited's (CWCPL) long-term bank facilities remains at CARE BB+; Stable with ISSUER NOT COOPERATING category.

Hence, users of this rating (including investors, lenders and public at large) are requested to exercise caution while using above rating.

CARE Ratings has withdrawn outstanding ratings of 'CARE BB+; Stable, Issuer not Cooperating' assigned to bank facilities of CWCPL with immediate effect. The rating has been withdrawn in line with CARE Ratings' policy on withdrawal of ratings, on request from CWCPL and based on no objection certificates and no dues certificates received from its lenders that extended the rated facilities.

Analytical approach: Standalone

Outlook: Stable

Detailed description of key rating drivers:

At the time of last rating on September 18, 2024, the following were rating strengths and weaknesses: (Operational information for FY24 and onwards not available)

Key weaknesses

Concentrated geographical presence

As on September 30, 2023, CWCPL had presence in 14 states with major concentration of ~70% towards Maharashtra, Karnataka and Bihar. However, the company has expanded its reach to Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand, and Rajasthan. Going forward, the company's ability to expand its reach is a key monitorable.

Moderate profitability

The company's earnings remained modest, with a profit after tax (PAT) of $\gtrless 2.1$ crore in fiscal 2024, compared to $\gtrless 1.5$ crore in FY23. The company's PAT reached to $\gtrless 2.84$ crore in H1FY25. The earnings profile is currently constrained by high operating expenses due to nascent stage of operations.

Small scale of operations though continuously improving

CWCPL started its two-wheeler lending operations in 2018 with an average ticket size of ₹75,000 for a tenure of 24-26 months. The company's loan book grew by 35%, bringing its asset under management (AUM) to ₹489 crore as on March 31, 2024, from ₹362 crore as of March 31, 2023. AUM has grown by 10% to ₹537 crore.

Key strengths

¹Complete definition of ratings assigned are available at <u>www.careedge.in</u> and other CARE Ratings Limited's publications.



Moderate capitalisation levels

The company reported total capital adequacy ratio (CAR) of 34.5% and gearing of 2.4x as on September 30, 2024, against 35.1% and 2.3x, respectively, as on March 31, 2024. The company's tangible net worth (TNW) rose to ₹99.1 crore by September 30, 2024, from ₹95.8 crore by March 31, 2024.

Experienced and professional management

The company's management carries rich experience in the relevant industry. Aalesh Avlani, Director and CWC's founder, cofounded Samyakth Capital, which is a Mumbai-based VC that invests in startups. Chief Operating Officer, Gurpreet Singh Sodhi has experience of 30 years in two-wheeler finance-sales. He worked as National Sales manager at HDFC Bank and Business Head at HDB financial services. Other management personnel also have relevant experience in their field. The head of sales has over two decades of experience with Home Credit, Bajaj Finance, Citigroup and as a head of collection, previous work experience with Tata capital, IIFL, Kotak Mahindra Bank and ICICI Bank.

Moderate asset quality profile

The company's asset quality is under control with gross non-performing assets (GNPA) at 2.3% as of September 2024, although it increased from 1.46% as of March 2024.

Applicable criteria

Definition of Default Information adequacy risk and Issuer Non-Cooperation Rating Outlook and Rating Watch Financial Ratios - Financial Sector Withdrawal Policy Non Banking Financial Companies

About the company and industry

Industry classification

Macroeconomic indicator	Sector	Industry	Basic industry
Financial services	Financial services	Finance	Non-banking financial company (NBFC)

CWCPL is digital-fintech non-banking finance company (NBFC) having business of two-wheeler finance incorporated in 2018. It was founded and promoted by Aalesh Avlani with multiple renowned business houses, including Greshma Group, Wallfort Group, MJ Shah Group, and the Shanti Group. The company serves majorly in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, and Telangana.

Brief Financials (₹ crore)	March 31, 2023 (A)	March 31, 2024 (A)	H1FY25 (UA)
Total operating income	61.52	95.60	51.41
PAT	1.54	2.02	2.84
Interest coverage (times)	1.08	1.07	1.25
Total Assets	332.57	328.67	352.32
Net NPA (%)	0.71	1.31	2.02
ROTA (%)	0.57	0.61	1.67

A: Audited UA: Unaudited; Note: these are latest available financial results

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: Not applicable

Rating history for last three years: Annexure-2

Detailed explanation of covenants of rated instrument / facility: Annexure-3

Complexity level of instruments rated: Annexure-4

Lender details: Annexure-5



Annexure-1: Details of instruments/facilities

Name of the Instrument	ISIN	Date of Issuance (DD-MM- YYYY)	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date (DD- MM-YYYY)	Size of the Issue (₹ crore)	Rating Assigned and Rating Outlook
Fund-based - LT-Term Loan		-	-	January 15, 2027	0.00	Withdrawn

Annexure-2: Rating history for last three years

			Current Ratings		Rating History			
Sr. No	Name of the Instrument/Ban k Facilities	Typ e	Amount Outstandin g (₹ crore)	Ratin g	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- Term Loan	LT	-	-	1)CARE BB+; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (18-Sep-24)	1)CARE BBB-; Stable; ISSUER NOT COOPERATING * (19-Mar-24)	1)CARE BBB-; Positive (09-Mar- 23) 2)CARE BBB-; Stable (08-Jul- 22)	-

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

LT: Long term; ST: Short term; LT/ST: Long term/Short term

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

Annexure-4: Complexity level of instruments rated

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument	Complexity Level		
1	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	Simple		

Annexure-5: Lender details

To view lender-wise details of bank facilities please <u>click here</u>

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



Contact us

Media Contact

Mradul Mishra Director **CARE Ratings Limited** Phone: +91-22-6754 3596 E-mail: mradul.mishra@careedge.in

Relationship Contact

Pradeep Kumar V Senior Director **CARE Ratings Limited** Phone: 044-28501001 E-mail: <u>pradeep.kumar@careedge.in</u>

Analytical Contacts

Priyesh Ruparelia Director **CARE Ratings Limited** Phone: +91-22-6754 1593 E-mail: Privesh.ruparelia@careedge.in

Jatin Arora Assistant Director **CARE Ratings Limited** Phone: +91-0120-4452000 E-mail: Jatin.arora@careedge.in

Jaya Gupta Analyst CARE Ratings Limited E-mail: jaya.gupta@careedge.in

About us:

Established in 1993, CARE Ratings is one of the leading credit rating agencies in India. Registered under the Securities and Exchange Board of India, it has been acknowledged as an External Credit Assessment Institution by the RBI. With an equitable position in the Indian capital market, CARE Ratings provides a wide array of credit rating services that help corporates raise capital and enable investors to make informed decisions. With an established track record of rating companies over almost three decades, CARE Ratings follows a robust and transparent rating process that leverages its domain and analytical expertise, backed by the methodologies congruent with the international best practices. CARE Ratings has played a pivotal role in developing bank debt and capital market instruments, including commercial papers, corporate bonds and debentures, and structured credit.

Disclaimer:

The ratings issued by CARE Ratings are opinions on the likelihood of timely payment of the obligations under the rated instrument and are not recommendations to sanction, renew, disburse, or recall the concerned bank facilities or to buy, sell, or hold any security. These ratings do not convey suitability or price for the investor. The agency does not constitute an audit on the rated entity. CARE Ratings has based its ratings/outlook based on information obtained from reliable and credible sources. CARE Ratings does not, however, guarantee the accuracy, adequacy, or completeness of any information and is not responsible for any errors or omissions and the results obtained from the use of such information. Most entities whose bank facilities/instruments are rated by CARE Ratings have paid a credit rating fee, based on the amount and type of bank facilities/instruments. CARE Ratings or its subsidiaries/associates may also be involved with other commercial transactions with the entity. In case of partnership/proprietary concerns, the rating/outlook assigned by CARE Ratings is, inter-alia, based on the capital deployed by the partners/proprietors and the current financial strength of the firm. The ratings/outlook may change in case of withdrawal of capital, or the unsecured loans brought in by the partners/proprietors in addition to the financial performance and other relevant factors. CARE Ratings is not responsible for any errors and states that it has no financial liability whatsoever to the users of the ratings of CARE Ratings. The ratings of CARE Ratings do not factor in any rating-related trigger clauses as per the terms of the facilities/instruments, which may involve acceleration of payments in case of rating downgrades. However, if any such clauses are introduced and triggered, the ratings may see volatility and sharp downgrades.

For detailed Rationale Report and subscription information,

please visit www.careedge.in