

L&T Finance Ltd. (Erstwhile Family Credit Ltd.) (Revised)

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Ratings

Facilities	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating ¹	Rating Action
Non-Convertible Debenture	1000 (Rs. One thousand crore only)	CARE AAA; Stable	Assigned

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1
Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

The rating factors in the strategic importance of L&TFHL group to the L&T group as the flagship holding company of the group's financial services business, sharing of the L&T brand name, experienced management and L&TFHL's strong resource raising ability. The rating further factors in L&TFHL's well-diversified business profile in the financial sector through its subsidiaries that have a good presence and track record in segments like rural finance, housing finance, wholesale finance and asset management services, profitable track record of its subsidiaries and moderate asset quality. The continued support from L&T, profitability and asset quality are the key rating sensitivities.

Detailed description of the key rating drivers**Key Rating Strengths****Strong parentage and strategic importance for the parent company/group**

L&TFHL is promoted by Larsen and Toubro Ltd (L&T), which is one of India's leading engineering and construction companies, with interests in projects, infrastructure development, manufacturing, IT & financial services. L&TFHL, being the group's flagship holding company in the financial services field, has a strategic importance for the L&T group and L&T is expected to continue to hold a majority stake and provide support in times of stress.

LTF is a wholly-owned subsidiary of L&T Finance Holdings Ltd (LTFHL), the flagship holding company for the L&T Financial services group. Larsen & Toubro Ltd. (L&T) one of India's leading engineering company, is the ultimate parent of LTF. As on March 31, 2018, L&T held 64.01% equity stake in L&TFHL. The credit profile of L&T Finance Ltd (LTF) (erstwhile Family Credit Ltd) derives significant strength from its parentage and the resultant financial, operational and management support. The company also benefits from the integrated treasury operations of L&T Financial Services Group.

Experienced management and brand value of L&T

The board and senior management of L&TFHL has representation from the senior management of L&T group. The company is led by Mr. Dinanath Dubhashi, the Managing Director and CEO of the company, who has extensive experience in the financial services industry. The company has a board comprising eminent industry personnel with extensive Industry Experience, including Mr.S.Haribhakti (Non-Executive Chairman), and Mr. R. Shankar Raman, CFO, L&T Ltd. (Non-Executive Director).

Strong resource raising ability and capital position

During Q4FY18, Rs.3,000 crore of equity was infused in L&TFHL, where Rs 1,000 crore was raised through qualified institutional placement (QIP) and Rs 2,000 crore was infused by L&T Limited. On a consolidated basis, L&TFHL's tangible net-worth stood at Rs.11,538 crore as on March 31, 2018. Post the equity infusion, on a consolidated basis, L&T Finance Holdings Limited (L&TFHL) is one of the few non-banking financial services group in India with such a large capital base. As on March 31, 2018, the overall gearing was 6.29 times (P.Y.: 8.55 times) on a consolidated basis because of rise in borrowings. On a consolidated basis, L&THFL reported net worth of Rs. 11,952 crore as on June 30, 2018. The gearing level stood at 6.46 times as on June 30, 2018.

The capitalization level of L&T Finance Ltd. (erstwhile Family Credit Ltd) has remained adequate. The Total CAR was 18% (FY17-16.42%) and Tier I CAR was 15.7% (FY1713.37%) respectively as on March 31, 2018. Overall gearing of the company was 5.72 times as on March 31, 2018. The company is expected to receive equity infusion as and when required from the parent LTFHL.

Diversified revenue streams through subsidiaries that have established track record

L&TFHL, through its subsidiaries has presence across various financial services like rural finance, housing finance, wholesale finance and asset management services. The company has revised its portfolio strategy with renewed focus on rural, housing and retail loan book.

Financial Performance

¹Complete definition of the ratings assigned are available at www.careratings.com and other CARE publications

On a consolidated basis, the outstanding portfolio of L&TFHL grew by 25% during FY18 to Rs. 83,654 crore as on March 31, 2018. On a consolidated basis, L&TFHL reported PAT of Rs. 1,459 crore on total income of Rs. 10,500 crore in FY18 as compared to PAT of Rs. 1,042 crore on a total income of Rs. 8,572 crore in FY17. Return on Total Assets (RoTA) was 1.81% in FY18 (FY17: 1.54%) on consolidated basis. As on June 30, 2018, the loan portfolio (gross) stood at Rs. 86,571 crore. The amalgamation of L&T Finance Limited and L&T FinCorp Limited with Family Credit Limited was done in March 2017. During FY18, L&T Finance Limited (erstwhile Family Credit) reported PAT of Rs. 290 crore on the total income of Rs. 5246 crore. The NIM was 7.27% in FY18.

Liquidity profile of L&T Finance Ltd (erstwhile Family Credit Ltd)

The ALM profile as on March 31, 2018 had cumulative positive mismatches in all buckets up to 1 year except 2-3 months' time frame. The company keeps undrawn bank lines on an ongoing basis to meet any liquidity requirement. Also the Company expects inflows due to sell down of assets. Furthermore, the group's resource raising capability through a common treasury provides comfort.

Key Rating Weaknesses

Moderate asset quality

On a consolidated basis, L&TFHL's GNPA and NNPA ratio (90 d-p-d) was 4.80% and 2.34% respectively as on March 31, 2018, as compared to GNPA and NNPA ratio (120 d-p-d) of 4.94% and 2.89% as on March 31, 2017. The NNPA (90d-p-d) to Net-worth ratio was 14.67% as on March 31, 2018 as against 25.19% as on March 31, 2017.

The GNPA and NNPA ratio (90 d-p-d) was 7.93% and 3.17% respectively as on June 30, 2018 as per IND AS.

On a standalone basis the LTF's Gross and Net NPA ratio (90 d-p-d) was 6.07% and 2.82%, respectively as on March 31, 2018 [March 2017: 6.51% and 4.02%(120 d-p-d)]. The overall NPA has marginally improved despite transition to stricter NPA recognition norms. The Net NPA to tangible Net worth ratio was at 17.52% (March 2017: 29.3%).

Industry Prospects

Due to subdued economic environment, last few years have been challenging period for the NBFCs with moderation in growth and rising delinquencies resulting in higher provisioning thereby impacting profitability. However, comfortable capitalization levels and liquidity management continue to provide comfort to the credit profile of NBFCs in spite of impact on profitability. Also with the improvement in economic environment, asset quality pressures should ease which will partially offset the impact of migration towards 90 day NPA recognition norm.

Analytical approach:

L&T Finance Holdings Ltd, the holding company of L&T Financial Services group, owns 100% in most of its subsidiaries and the management/line functions for these businesses is common with significant operational and financial integration among them. Accordingly, CARE has considered a consolidated view for arriving at the ratings.

Applicable Criteria

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About L&T Finance Holdings Ltd. (parent company)

L&TFHL is RBI registered Non-Banking Finance Company - Core Investment Company (NBFC – CIC) and holding company for the financial services entities of the L&T group. The board and senior management of L&TFHL has representation from the senior management of L&T. The company came up with an Initial Public Offer (IPO) during FY12 and as on March 31, 2018, L&T held 64.01% equity stake in L&TFHL. The group has three key business segments, namely rural finance (comprising farm equipment, two wheeler and microloans), housing finance (comprising home loans, LAP and real estate finance) and wholesale lending (comprising infra finance and structured corporate loans). As on March 31, 2018, the gross loan portfolio stood at Rs. 83,654 crore.

L&TFHL (Consolidated)

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	FY17 (A)	FY18 (A)
Total income	8,572	10,500

PAT(after share of profit and minority interest)	1,042	1,459
Overall Gearing (times)	8.55	5.69
Total Assets (adjusted for Deferred Tax assets)	71,759	89,230
Gross NPA (%)	4.94\$	4.80
ROTA (%) (PAT/Average Total Assets)	1.54	1.81

A: Audited \$: 120 d-p-d

About LTF

L&T Finance Ltd. (erstwhile Family Credit Ltd) was originally incorporated as Apeejay Finance Group Ltd. in 1993. In September, 2006, Societe Generale Consumer Finance (SGCF), a division of Societe Generale Group, France, acquired 45% stake in the company and gradually increased its stake to 100% by October 2007. Subsequently, the company's name was changed to Family Credit Limited. In December 2012, L&T Finance Holding Limited (LTFHL) (rated CARE AAA; Stable); the flagship holding company for the financial services of the L&T Group acquired 100% shareholding in FCL. During March'17, L&TFHL has completed amalgamation of L&T Finance Limited and L&T FinCorp Limited with Family Credit Limited. The amalgamated entity is renamed as L&T Finance Limited. As on March 31, 2018, L&T Finance Ltd had a combined loan portfolio of Rs.37,823 crore.

L&T Finance Ltd (erstwhile Family Credit Ltd)

Brief Financials (Rs. crore)	FY17 (A)	FY18(A)
Total income	4,145	5,246
PAT	16	290
Overall Gearing (times)	7.16	5.72
Total Assets (adjusted for Intangible assets and Deferred Tax assets)	32,982	37,823
Gross NPA (%)	6.51	6.07
ROTA (%) (PAT/Average Total Assets)	0.05	0.77

A: Audited

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

Any other information: Not Applicable

Rating History for last three years: Please refer Annexure-2

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument: CARE has classified instruments rated by it on the basis of complexity. This classification is available at www.careratings.com. Investors/market intermediaries/regulators or others are welcome to write to care@careratings.com for any clarifications.

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Annexure-1: Details of Instruments/Facilities

Name of the Instrument	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. crore)	Rating assigned along with Rating Outlook
Non-Convertible Debenture (Proposed)	-	-	-	1000	CARE AAA; Stable

Annexure-2: Rating History of last three years

Sr. No.	Name of the Instrument/Bank Facilities	Current Ratings			Rating history			
		Type	Amount Outstanding (Rs. crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2018-2019	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2017-2018	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2016-2017	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2015-2016
1.	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	300.00	CARE AAA; Stable	-	1)CARE AAA; Stable (26-Feb-18) 2)CARE AA+; Positive (09-Oct-17) 3)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	1)CARE AA+; Stable (30-Dec-16) 2)CARE AA+ (04-Nov-16)	1)CARE AA+ (17-Nov-15)
2.	Commercial Paper	ST	18500.00	CARE A1+	-	1)CARE A1+ (26-Feb-18) 2)CARE A1+ (09-Oct-17) 3)CARE A1+ (07-Jul-17) 4)CARE A1+ (17-Apr-17)	1)CARE A1+ (21-Mar-17) 2)CARE A1+ (30-Dec-16) 3)CARE A1+ (04-Nov-16) 4)CARE A1+ (30-Jun-16)	1)CARE A1+ (17-Nov-15) 2)CARE A1+ (22-Jul-15)
3.	Borrowings-Secured Long Term Borrowings	LT	2300.00	CARE AAA; Stable	-	1)CARE AAA; Stable (30-Mar-18) 2)CARE AAA; Stable (26-Feb-18)	1)CARE AA+; Stable (30-Dec-16) 2)CARE AA+ (04-Nov-16)	1)CARE AA+ (17-Nov-15)

						3)CARE AA+; Positive (09-Oct-17) 4)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)		
4.	Debt-Subordinate Debt	LT	100.00	CARE AAA; Stable	-	1)CARE AAA; Stable (26-Feb-18) 2)CARE AA+; Positive (09-Oct-17) 3)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	1)CARE AA+; Stable (30-Dec-16) 2)CARE AA+ (04-Nov-16)	1)CARE AA+ (17-Nov-15)
5.	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	300.00	CARE AAA; Stable	-	1)CARE AAA; Stable (26-Feb-18) 2)CARE AA+; Positive (09-Oct-17) 3)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	1)CARE AA+; Stable (30-Dec-16) 2)CARE AA+ (04-Nov-16)	1)CARE AA+ (17-Nov-15)
6.	Debt-Subordinate Debt	LT	50.00	CARE AAA; Stable	-	1)CARE AAA; Stable (26-Feb-18) 2)CARE AA+; Positive (09-Oct-17) 3)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	1)CARE AA+; Stable (30-Dec-16) 2)CARE AA+ (04-Nov-16)	1)CARE AA+ (17-Nov-15)
7.	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	400.00	CARE AAA; Stable	-	1)CARE AAA; Stable (26-Feb-18) 2)CARE AA+; Positive (09-Oct-17) 3)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	1)CARE AA+; Stable (30-Dec-16) 2)CARE AA+ (04-Nov-16)	1)CARE AA+ (17-Nov-15)
8.	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	350.00	CARE AAA; Stable	-	1)CARE AAA; Stable (26-Feb-18) 2)CARE AA+; Positive (09-Oct-17) 3)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	1)CARE AA+; Stable (30-Dec-16) 2)CARE AA+ (04-Nov-16)	1)CARE AA+ (17-Nov-15)
9.	Debentures-Non Convertible	LT	750.00	CARE AAA; Stable	-	1)CARE AAA; Stable (26-Feb-18) 2)CARE AA+; Positive (09-Oct-17) 3)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	1)CARE AA+; Stable (30-Dec-16) 2)CARE AA+ (04-Nov-16)	1)CARE AA+ (17-Nov-15)

	Debentures					(26-Feb-18) 2)CARE AA+; Positive (09-Oct-17) 3)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	(30-Dec-16) 2)CARE AA+ (04-Nov-16)	
10.	Debt-Subordinate Debt	LT	75.00	CARE AAA; Stable	-	1)CARE AAA; Stable (26-Feb-18) 2)CARE AA+; Positive (09-Oct-17) 3)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	1)CARE AA+; Stable (30-Dec-16) 2)CARE AA+ (04-Nov-16)	1)CARE AA+ (17-Nov-15)
11.	Debt-Subordinate Debt	LT	100.00	CARE AAA; Stable	-	1)CARE AAA; Stable (26-Feb-18) 2)CARE AA+; Positive (09-Oct-17) 3)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	1)CARE AA+; Stable (30-Dec-16) 2)CARE AA+ (04-Nov-16) 3)CARE AA+ (06-Apr-16)	-
12.	Debt-Perpetual Debt	LT	100.00	CARE AA+; Stable	-	1)CARE AA+; Stable (26-Feb-18) 2)CARE AA; Positive (09-Oct-17) 3)CARE AA; Stable (17-Apr-17)	1)CARE AA; Stable (30-Dec-16) 2)CARE AA (04-Nov-16) 3)CARE AA (06-Apr-16)	-
13.	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	4400.00	CARE AAA; Stable	-	1)CARE AAA; Stable (26-Feb-18) 2)CARE AA+; Positive (09-Oct-17) 3)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	1)CARE AA+; Stable (21-Mar-17)	-
14.	Debt-Subordinate Debt	LT	350.00	CARE AAA; Stable	-	1)CARE AAA; Stable (26-Feb-18) 2)CARE AA+; Positive (09-Oct-17) 3)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	1)CARE AA+; Stable (21-Mar-17)	-
15.	Debentures-Non	LT	600.00	CARE AAA;	-	1)CARE AAA;	1)CARE AA+;	-

	Convertible Debentures			Stable		Stable (26-Feb-18) 2)CARE AA+; Positive (09-Oct-17) 3)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	Stable (21-Mar-17)	
16.	Debt-Perpetual Debt	LT	250.00	CARE AA+; Stable	-	1)CARE AA+; Stable (26-Feb-18) 2)CARE AA; Positive (09-Oct-17) 3)CARE AA; Stable (17-Apr-17)	1)CARE AA; Stable (21-Mar-17)	-
17.	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	18450.00	CARE AAA; Stable	-	1)CARE AAA; Stable (30-Mar-18) 2)CARE AAA; Stable (26-Feb-18) 3)CARE AA+; Positive (09-Oct-17) 4)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	-	-
18.	Debt-Perpetual Debt	LT	150.00	CARE AA+; Stable	-	1)CARE AA+; Stable (26-Feb-18) 2)CARE AA; Positive (09-Oct-17) 3)CARE AA; Stable (17-Apr-17)	-	-
19.	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	350.00	CARE AAA; Stable	-	1)CARE AAA; Stable (30-Mar-18) 2)CARE AAA; Stable (26-Feb-18) 3)CARE AA+; Positive (09-Oct-17) 4)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	-	-
20.	Debt-Subordinate Debt	LT	625.00	CARE AAA; Stable	-	1)CARE AAA; Stable (26-Feb-18) 2)CARE AA+;	-	-

						Positive (09-Oct-17) 3)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)		
21.	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	3625.00	CARE AAA; Stable	-	1)CARE AAA; Stable (26-Feb-18) 2)CARE AA+; Positive (09-Oct-17) 3)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	-	-
22.	Commercial Paper- Commercial Paper (IPO Financing)	ST	0.00	Withdrawn	1))Withdrawn (28-Aug-18) 2)CARE A1+ (25-Jul-18) 3)Withdrawn (23-Jul-18) 4)Withdrawn (21-Jun-18) 5)CARE A1+ (21-Jun-18)	1)CARE A1+ (16-Mar-18) 2)Withdrawn (08-Mar-18) 3)CARE A1+ (16-Jan-18) 4) Withdrawn (07-Dec-17) 5)CARE A1+ (06-Oct-17)	-	-
23.	Debentures-Market Linked Debentures	LT	500.00	CARE PP-MLD AAA; Stable	-	1)CARE PP- MLD AAA; Stable (26-Feb-18) 2)CARE PP- MLD AA+; Positive (05-Dec-17)	-	-
24	Non-Convertible Debentures	LT	1000.00	CARE AAA; Stable	-	-	-	-

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