L&T Finance Ltd. (erstwhile Family Credit Ltd)

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Ratings

Instrument	Amount (Rs. crore)	Rating[1]	Rating Action
Commercial Paper issue	16,500 (enhanced from Rs 13,500)	**CARE A1+ (A One Plus)**	**Reaffirmed**

Details of instruments/facilities in Annexure-1

Detailed Rationale & Key Rating Drivers

The ratings factor in strong parentage of L&T Finance Ltd. (erstwhile Family Credit Ltd) by virtue of the fact that L&T Finance Holdings Limited (LTFHL), the flagship financial services business holding company of the L&T group, holds 100% stake in it. By virtue of strong parentage, the company benefits from group synergies in the form of business support from the L&T ecosystem, integrated group treasury, as well as capital, managerial and operational support. Moreover, LTF's board and senior management comprises senior executives of the L&T Financial Services group. The ratings also factor in adequate capitalization levels, average profitability and moderate asset quality. Continued support from parent, ability to generate new business, profitability and asset quality are the key rating sensitivities.

Detailed description of the key rating drivers

Key Rating Strengths

Strong parentage in the form of L&T Financial Services Group

L&T Finance Ltd (LTF). (erstwhile Family Credit Ltd) 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, 2017, L&T held 66.62% 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 team

The company has an experienced team to manage the operations of the company. All the Board members are eminent professionals with long and distinguished careers in the country's leading financial and commercial organizations. The board of L&T Finance Ltd. (erstwhile Family Credit Ltd) also includes Mr.Dinanath Dubhashi who is the current MD& CEO of L&T Finance Holdings Limited. Mr.Dubhashi has more than 25 years of experience across multiple domains in financial services industry.

Adequate capitalization levels

The capitalisation level of L&T Finance Ltd. (erstwhile Family Credit Ltd) has remained adequate. The Total CAR and Tier I CAR was 16.42% and 13.37% respectively as on March 31, 2017.Overall gearing of the company was 7.16 times as on March 31, 2017. The company is expected to receive equity infusion as and when required from the parent LTFHL.

Liquidity profile

As a prudent strategy, company keeps sufficient amount of undrawn bank lines on an ongoing basis to meet any liquidity requirement. Further, the L&T Financial Services Group maintains adequate liquidity at holding company level for any liquidity requirements. The group's resource raising capability through a common treasury also provides comfort.

Average Profitability*

[1]*Complete definitions of the ratings assigned are available at www.careratings.com and in other CARE publications.*

The amalgamation of L&T Finance Limited and L&T FinCorp Limited with Family Credit Limited was done in March 2017.During FY16 (refers to the period April 1-March 31) the company reported an estimated Profit after Tax (PAT) of Rs.479 crore on a total income of Rs. 3917 crore. During FY17, L&T Finance Limited (erstwhile Family Credit) reported PAT of Rs.16 crore on the total income of Rs.4145 crore. The company has made a goodwill amortization of Rs.650 crore in FY17 which has resulted in decline in PAT.
* Financial figures of FY16 are estimates and do not include intercompany adjustments.

Key Rating Weakness

Moderate Asset quality
Asset quality parameters saw deterioration during FY17. The Gross and Net NPA ratio (120 d-p-d) was 6.51% and 4.02%, respectively as on March 31, 2017 (Mar'16.: 4.53% & 2.98% (150 d-p-d)], in part driven by the transition to revised NPA recognition in line with RBI requirements. The company's Net NPA to tangible Net worth ratio was at 29.29% (Mar'16: 21.91%).

Analytical approach: L&T Finance Holdings Ltd the flagship company of the L&T 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 rating.

Applicable Criteria
Criteria on assigning Outlook to Credit Ratings
CARE Policy on Default Recognition
Non Banking Financial Companies
Financial ratios - Financial Sector
CARE's Policy on Short term Instruments

About the Company

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 AA+); the flagship holding company for the financial services of the L&T Group acquired 100% shareholding in FCL. During FY 2016-17, L&TFHL has completed amalgamation of L&T Finance Limited and L&T FinCorp Limited with Family Credit Limited. The amalgamated entity was subsequently renamed as L&T Finance Limited.
As on March 31, 2017, L&T Finance Ltd. (erstwhile Family Credit Ltd) had a combined loan portfolio of Rs.29,245.5 crore; mainly comprising corporate finance (37.57% of loan portfolio), farm equipments (14.97% of loan portfolio), micro finance (12.14% of loan portfolio), other retail loans (8.79% of loan portfolio),housing finance (12.06% of loan portfolio) supply chain (7.26% of loan portfolio) and two wheelers (7.22% of loan portfolio).

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 I- Instrument Details

Name of the Instrument	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. crore)	Rating assigned along with Rating Outlook
Commercial Paper	-	-	7-364 days	16500.00	CARE A1+

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 2017-2018	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2016-2017	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2015-2016	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2014-2015
1.	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	300.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)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)	1)CARE AA+ (27-Aug-14)
2.	Commercial Paper	ST	16500.00	CARE A1+	1)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)	1)CARE A1+ (27-Aug-14)
3.	Borrowings-Secured Long Term Borrowings	LT	2300.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	1)CARE AA+; Stable (30-Dec-16)	1)CARE AA+ (17-Nov-15)	1)CARE AA+ (27-Aug-14) 2)CARE AA

						2)CARE AA+ (04-Nov-16)		(30-Jun-14)
4.	Debt-Subordinate Debt	LT	100.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)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)	1)CARE AA+ (27-Aug-14)
5.	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	300.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)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)	1)CARE AA+ (27-Aug-14)
6.	Debt-Subordinate Debt	LT	50.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)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)	1)CARE AA+ (27-Aug-14) 2)CARE AA (30-Jun-14)
7.	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	400.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)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)	1)CARE AA+ (27-Aug-14) 2)CARE AA (30-Jun-14)
8.	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	350.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)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)	1)CARE AA+ (27-Aug-14) 2)CARE AA (01-Jul-14)
9.	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	750.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)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)	1)CARE AA+ (22-Jan-15)
10.	Debt-Subordinate Debt	LT	75.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)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)	1)CARE AA+ (22-Jan-15)
11.	Debt-Subordinate Debt	LT	100.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)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 (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 AA+; Stable	1)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	1)CARE AA+; Stable (21-Mar-17)	-	-
14.	Debt-Subordinate Debt	LT	350.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	1)CARE AA+; Stable (21-Mar-17)	-	-
15.	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	600.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	1)CARE AA+; Stable (21-Mar-17)	-	-
16.	Debt-Perpetual Debt	LT	250.00	CARE AA; Stable	1)CARE AA; Stable (17-Apr-17)	1)CARE AA; Stable (21-Mar-17)	-	-
17.	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	11650.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	-	-	-
18.	Debt-Perpetual Debt	LT	150.00	CARE AA; Stable	1)CARE AA; Stable (17-Apr-17)	-	-	-
19.	Fund-based - LT-Term Loan	LT	350.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	-	-	-
20.	Debt-Subordinate Debt	LT	625.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	-	-	-
21.	Debentures-Non Convertible Debentures	LT	3625.00	CARE AA+; Stable	1)CARE AA+; Stable (17-Apr-17)	-	-	-

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