

# **Rating Report**

## Fixed Income Investment III (Pvt) Ltd - TBond securitization LKR 5.052Bn

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Dissemination Date	Long Term Rating	Short Term Rating	Outlook	Action	Rating Watch				
25-Aug-2023	A	-	Stable	Preliminary	-				

## **Rating Rationale and Key Rating Drivers**

Fixed Income Investment III (Pvt) Ltd is a Special Purpose Vehicle that securitizes treasury bonds of up to LKR 5,052,163,273.76 Investment Value. The rating reflects the robust securitization structure that ensures regular interest and principle repayments to the investors. The credit risk is considered minimal as the securitization is for Government of Sri Lanka's long-term fixed rate treasury bonds (less than 10 years maturity). The Tbond securitization is resilient to the recent domestic debt optimization in Sri Lanka. The interest rate fluctuation can impact the value of the bond and give rise to market risk. However, this risk, along with early repayment, will be undertaken by the investors as clearly mentioned in the offering document. With declining interest rates, the bonds has strong demand, reducing the market risk. The entire transaction will be routed through a trustee to ensure timely and secured payments. Further, LRA has taken into account the ability of the Tbond securitization promoter (Capital Alliance Holdings Limited Rated A- by LRA). The promoter's past experience in managing funds and Capital Markets will facilitate its smooth execution.

There is a built-in curing period (3 days), in case a payment is missed. The investors will receive fixed return only if they hold their positions until maturity and not in case of early redemption. Every approximate 100 days, the investors will have the option to roll over or pre-terminate the bond at market value. The weighted average return on the trust certificates offered by the T-Bond securitization stands at of 13.27% (net of fees) will be provided only if the instrument is held to maturity and all settlements would be made through the Fixed Income Investment III (Pvt) Ltd account maintained with the Trustee (Peoples Bank). All settlements would be under the direct supervision of the trustee. Until all the agreed payments are made to the trust receipt owners, any excess will not be withdrawn. The Trustee will ensure timely payments and other legal aspects of the transaction.

	Disclosure							
Name of Rated Entity	Fixed Income Investment III (Pvt) Ltd - TBond securitization LKR 5.052Bn							
Type of Relationship	Solicited							
<b>Purpose of the Rating</b>	Debt Instrument Rating							
Applicable Criteria	Methodology   Debt Instrument Rating(Jun-22)							
Related Research	Sector Study   Capital Markets(May-23)							
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## **Issuer Profile**

**Profile** Fixed Income Investment III (Pvt) Ltd (FII III ) is the legal entity that will be borrowing funds from investors by way of trust receipts which are collateralized with treasury bonds. This arrangement is considered as a true securitization.

Ownership FII III is a 100% owned subsidiary of Capital Alliance Holdings Limited (CALH)

Governance Mr. Tharindra Kulasinghe has been appointed as the Director by CALH. KPMG will be the external auditors and Nithya Partners are the lawyers. Peoples Bank will be the trustee/custodian to the issue.

Management Management of the Company will be steered by CALH.

Business Risk During FY23, the interest rates have picked up a reverse trajectory. The bond is expected to receive strong demand considering the declining interest rates has begun. Since there is a voluntary domestic debt optimization program underway, the possible potential haircuts on the Government securities will have an impact on bond's yield and maturity. The management has incorporated measures to minimize the capital loss arising due to this. In case of a restructuring, the offering documents shall also reflect accordingly.

**Financial Risk** The Company bears minimal credit risk as the securitization is for the Government of Sri Lanka's long-term fixed rate treasury bonds, that is around less than 10 years maturity. The interest rate fluctuation can impact the value of the bond and give rise to market risk. The interest rate and market risk will remain with the trust certificate investor in case of early redemption. The tranche's simple annualized return is approximately 13.27% which can be obtained only if the certificates are held to maturity. The existence of curing period provides support to the structure.

## **Instrument Rating Considerations**

**About The Instrument** Fixed Income Investment III will buy T bonds and securitize them. FII III will issue trust receipts to investors against these securitized bonds. The total size of the fund is LKR 5.052Bn with a weighted average gross return of 13.27% on the trust certificates, net of fees, if held to maturity.

Relative Seniority/Subordination Of Instrument The instrument is secured senior debt.

Credit Enhancement There will be no credit enhancement furthered since it is already secured via treasury bonds.

## Regulatory and Supplementary Disclosure

Nature of Instrument	Size of Issue (LKR)	Tenor	Security	Quantum of Security	Nature of Assets	Trustee	Book Value of Assets (LKR mn)
T-bond Securitization	LKR 4,463,720,000	until 01 May 2027   15 Sep 2027   01 May 2028 (Maturities of the T-bonds)	Treasury bonds (Maturities - 01 May 2027   15 Sep 2027   01 May 2028)	LKR 4 463 720 000	Government of Sri Lanka issued treasury bonds will be the underlying asset to this transaction	People's Bank	LKR 5,052,163,273.76

Name of Issuer	Fixed Income Investment III (Pvt) Ltd
Issue Date	24th August 2023
Maturity	01-05-2027   15-09-2027   01-05-2028
	The papers are in maturity of less than 100 days. At the end of each paper, the investor has the ability to decide whether to sell the T-bonds and get the repayment (at which it will be sold in the market at market rates and the selling value will be paid to the investors net of any due fees), or the investor has the ability to rollover to the next paper.
Repayment	Either after the maturity of each paper (if the invetsor opts to sell the asset), or at 01 May 2027   15 Sep 2027   01 May 2028) (the maturities of the T-bonds)
Option	

FV: 1,430,000,000 Maturity: 15-Sep-27

Fixed Income Investment III (Pvt) Ltd

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Due Date Principal	Opening Principal (LKR)	Coupon Due Date	Gross Rate	Interest earned	Cash inflow from coupons	Costs to be paid out of securitization	Interest earned (to be paid to investors)	Net cashflow	Capital Outstanding at the end of maturity
24-Aug-23	1,780,136,930.00	15-Sep-23	13.1473%	14,106,490.75					
15-Sep-23	1,652,316,380.00	14-Dec-23	14.4958%	59,059,000.00	143,000,000	1,072,959	14,106,490.75	127,820,550.00	1,652,316,380
14-Dec-23	1,711,375,380.00	15-Mar-24	12.5567%	54,164,681.53			59,059,000.00	(59,059,000.00)	1,711,375,380
15-Mar-24	1,630,927,870.00	13-Jun-24	14.3353%	57,649,020.00	143,000,000	8,387,808	54,164,681.53	80,447,510.00	1,630,927,870
13-Jun-24	1,688,576,890.00	15-Sep-24	12.4214%	54,016,480.25			57,649,020.00	(57,649,020.00)	1,688,576,890
15-Sep-24	1,607,963,500.00	14-Dec-24	14.5772%	57,796,310.00	143,000,000	8,370,130	54,016,480.25	80,613,390.00	1,607,963,500
14-Dec-24	1,665,759,810.00	15-Mar-25	12.6253%	52,432,658.28			57,796,310.00	(57,796,310.00)	1,665,759,810
15-Mar-25	1,583,310,300.00	13-Jun-25	14.3350%	55,964,480.00	143,000,000	8,117,832	52,432,658.28	82,449,510.00	1,583,310,300
13-Jun-25	1,639,274,780.00	15-Sep-25	12.4217%	52,440,473.25			55,964,480.00	(55,964,480.00)	1,639,274,780
15-Sep-25	1,556,841,000.00	14-Dec-25	14.5772%	55,958,760.00	143,000,000	8,125,747	52,440,473.25	82,433,780.00	1,556,841,000
14-Dec-25	1,612,799,760.00	15-Mar-26	12.6254%	50,765,971.15			55,958,760.00	(55,958,760.00)	1,612,799,760
15-Mar-26	1,528,425,470.00	13-Jun-26	14.3352%	54,025,400.00	143,000,000	7,859,739	50,765,971.15	84,374,290.00	1,528,425,470
13-Jun-26	1,582,450,870.00	15-Sep-26	12.4217%	50,622,906.74			54,025,400.00	(54,025,400.00)	1,582,450,870
15-Sep-26	1,497,917,850.00	14-Dec-26	14.5768%	53,839,500.00	143,000,000	7,844,073	50,622,906.74	84,533,020.00	1,497,917,850
14-Dec-26	1,551,757,350.00	15-Mar-27	12.6252%	48,844,089.03			53,839,500.00	(53,839,500.00)	1,551,757,350
15-Mar-27	1,465,163,700.00	13-Jun-27	14.0711%	50,835,070.00	143,000,000	7,562,261	48,844,089.03	86,593,650.00	1,465,163,700
13-Jun-27	1,515,998,770.00	15-Sep-27	12.6746%	49,484,281.58			50,835,070.00	(50,835,070.00)	1,515,998,770
15-Sep-27		•			1,573,000,000.00	7,516,948	49,484,281.58	1,515,998,770.00	-

Due Date Principal	Opening Principal LKR	Coupone Due Date	Gross Rate			Principal O LK			
	LAK			Interest earned	Cash inflow from coupons		Interest council (to be	Net cashflow	Capital Outstanding at the end of maturity
24-Aug-23	160,488,580	1-Nov-23	13.2769%	4,028,071					
1-Nov-23	152,220,040	30-Jan-24	14.4955%	5,440,680	12,600,000	303,389	4,028,071	8,268,540.00	152,220,040
30-Jan-24	157,660,720	1-May-24	12.5568%	4,989,952	-		5,440,680	(5,440,680.00)	157,660,720
1-May-24	150,823,400	30-Jul-24	14.3353%	5,331,200	12,600,000	772,728	4,989,952	6,837,320.00	150,823,400
30-Jul-24	156,154,600	1-Nov-24	12.4216%	4,995,355	-		5,331,200	(5,331,200.00)	156,154,600
1-Nov-24	149,324,000	30-Jan-25	14.5770%	5,367,180	12,600,000	774,045	4,995,355	6,830,600.00	149,324,000
30-Jan-25	154,691,180	1-May-25	12.6254%	4,869,235	-		5,367,180	(5,367,180.00)	154,691,180
1-May-25	147,714,280	30-Jul-25	14.3353%	5,221,300	12,600,000	753,865	4,869,235	6,976,900.00	147,714,280
30-Jul-25	152,935,580	1-Nov-25	12.4214%	4,892,312	-		5,221,300	(5,221,300.00)	152,935,580
1-Nov-25	145,985,980	30-Jan-26	14.5770%	5,247,200	12,600,000	758,088	4,892,312	6,949,600.00	145,985,980
30-Jan-26	151,233,180	1-May-26	12.6254%	4,760,367	-		5,247,200	(5,247,200.00)	151,233,180
1-May-26	144,130,560	30-Jul-26	14.3356%	5,094,740	12,600,000	737,013	4,760,367	7,102,620.00	144,130,560
30-Jul-26	149,225,300	1-Nov-26	12.4215%	4,773,643	-		5,094,740	(5,094,740.00)	149,225,300
1-Nov-26	142,138,640	30-Jan-27	14.3120%	5,016,060	12,600,000	739,697	4,773,643	7,086,660.00	142,138,640
30-Jan-27	147,154,700	1-May-27	12.8869%	4,727,942	-		5,016,060	(5,016,060.00)	147,154,700
1-May-27					152,600,000	717,358	4,727,942	147,154,700.00	-

FV: 1,293,720,000	Maturity: 01-May-28

			Gross Rate			Principal O	utstanding			
				LKR						
Due Date Principal	Opening Principal	Coupone Due Date		Interest earned	Cash inflow from coupons	Costs to be paid out of securitization	Interest earned (to be paid to investors)	Net cashflow	Capital Outstanding at the end of maturity	
24-Aug-23	1,106,076,264	1-Nov-23	12.7549%	26,669,751						
1-Nov-23	1,076,619,553	30-Jan-24	13.9631%	37,067,665	58,217,400.00	2,090,938.69	26,669,751	29,456,710.68	1,076,619,553.08	
30-Jan-24	1,113,687,219	1-May-24	12.0225%	33,748,285	-		37,067,665	(37,067,665.44)	1,113,687,218.52	
1-May-24	1,094,679,884	30-Jul-24	13.8090%	37,273,367	58,217,400.00	5,461,780.38	33,748,285	19,007,334.24	1,094,679,884.28	
30-Jul-24	1,131,953,251	1-Nov-24	11.8932%	34,670,769	-		37,273,367	(37,273,366.92)	1,131,953,251.20	
1-Nov-24	1,114,020,998	30-Jan-25	14.0416%	38,570,968	58,217,400.00	5,614,377.95	34,670,769	17,932,252.92	1,114,020,998.28	
30-Jan-25	1,152,591,966	1-May-25	12.0884%	34,737,109	-		38,570,968	(38,570,968.08)	1,152,591,966.36	
1-May-25	1,134,732,162	30-Jul-25	13.8089%	38,636,948	58,217,400.00	5,620,486.54	34,737,109	17,859,804.60	1,134,732,161.76	
30-Jul-25	1,173,369,110	1-Nov-25	11.8931%	35,938,897	-		38,636,948	(38,636,947.80)	1,173,369,109.56	
1-Nov-25	1,156,910,404	30-Jan-26	14.0417%	40,056,159	58,217,400.00	5,819,797.01	35,938,897	16,458,705.84	1,156,910,403.72	
30-Jan-26	1,196,966,562	1-May-26	12.0880%	36,073,186	-		40,056,159	(40,056,158.64)	1,196,966,562.36	
1-May-26	1,180,659,222	30-Jul-26	13.8090%	40,201,055	58,217,400.00	5,836,873.79	36,073,186	16,307,340.60	1,180,659,221.76	
30-Jul-26	1,220,860,277	1-Nov-26	11.8933%	37,394,238	-		40,201,055	(40,201,055.28)	1,220,860,277.04	
1-Nov-26	1,206,092,463	30-Jan-27	14.0416%	41,758,694	58,217,400.00	6,055,347.84	37,394,238	14,767,813.80	1,206,092,463.24	
30-Jan-27	1,247,851,157	1-May-27	12.0883%	37,607,798	-		41,758,694	(41,758,694.16)	1,247,851,157.40	
1-May-27	1,233,326,563	30-Jul-27	13.8090%	41,994,151	58,217,400.00	6,085,007.59	37,607,798	14,524,594.44	1,233,326,562.96	
30-Jul-27	1,275,320,714	1-Nov-27	11.8929%	39,060,818	-		41,994,151	(41,994,151.20)	1,275,320,714.16	
1-Nov-27	1,262,489,599	30-Jan-28	13.7177%	42,703,110	58,217,400.00	6,325,466.79	39,060,818	12,831,114.96	1,262,489,599.20	
30-Jan-28	1,305,192,709	1-May-28	12.2627%	40,341,902	-		42,703,110	(42,703,109.76)	1,305,192,708.96	
1-May-28					1,351,937,400.00	6,402,788.85	40,341,902	1,305,192,708.96	-	

			Gross Rate	Principal Outstanding  LKR							
Due Date Principal	Opening Principal	Coupone Due Date		Interest earned	Cash inflow from coupons		Interest earned (to be paid to investors)	Net cashflow	Capital Outstanding at the end of maturity		
24-Aug-23	629,881,000	15-Sep-23	12.7283%	4,832,346							
15-Sep-23	585,093,000	14-Dec-23	14.0601%	20,284,500	50,000,000	379,654	4,832,346	(5,212,000.00)	635,093,000		
14-Dec-23	605,377,500	15-Mar-24	12.1198%	18,493,422	-		20,284,500	29,715,500.00	555,377,500		
15-Mar-24	576,839,500	13-Jun-24	13.9045%	19,777,000	50,000,000	2,968,578	18,493,422	(21,462,000.00)	626,839,500		
13-Jun-24	596,616,500	15-Sep-24	11.9894%	18,421,664	-		19,777,000	30,223,000.00	546,616,500		
15-Sep-24	567,997,000	14-Dec-24	14.1392%	19,802,500	50,000,000	2,958,836	18,421,664	(21,380,500.00)	617,997,000		
14-Dec-24	587,799,500	15-Mar-25	12.1858%	17,857,987	-		19,802,500	30,197,500.00	537,799,500		
15-Mar-25	558,523,500	13-Jun-25	13.9045%	19,149,000	50,000,000	2,866,013	17,857,987	(20,724,000.00)	608,523,500		
13-Jun-25	577,672,500	15-Sep-25	11.9897%	17,837,114	-		19,149,000	30,851,000.00	527,672,500		
15-Sep-25	548,374,500	14-Dec-25	14.1389%	19,118,000	50,000,000	2,864,886	17,837,114	(20,702,000.00)	598,374,500		
14-Dec-25	567,492,500	15-Mar-26	12.1861%	17,241,499	-		19,118,000	30,882,000.00	517,492,500		
15-Mar-26	537,501,000	13-Jun-26	13.9043%	18,428,000	50,000,000	2,767,001	17,241,499	(20,008,500.00)	587,501,000		
13-Jun-26	555,929,000	15-Sep-26	11.9895%	17,165,448	-		18,428,000	31,572,000.00	505,929,000		
15-Sep-26	525,851,500	14-Dec-26	14.1391%	18,333,000	50,000,000	2,757,052	17,165,448	(19,922,500.00)	575,851,500		
14-Dec-26	544,184,500	15-Mar-27	12.1860%	16,533,146	-		18,333,000	31,667,000.00	494,184,500		
15-Mar-27	513,371,000	13-Jun-27	13.6557%	17,286,000	50,000,000	2,653,354	16,533,146	(19,186,500.00)	563,371,000		
13-Jun-27	530,657,000	15-Sep-27	12.2276%	16,710,530	-		17,286,000	532,714,000.00	(19,343,000)		
15-Sep-27		•			550,000,000	2,632,470	16,710,530	530,657,000.00	-		

FV: 1,000,000,000 Maturity: 15-Sep-2027

			Gross Rate	Principal Outstanding  LKR							
Due Date Principal	Opening Principal	Coupone Due Date		Interest earned	Cash inflow from coupons	Costs to be paid out of securitization	Interest earned (to be paid to investors)	Net cashflow	Capital Outstanding at the end of maturity		
24-Aug-23	1,259,762,000	15-Sep-23	12.7283%	9,664,691							
15-Sep-23	1,170,186,000	14-Dec-23	14.0601%	40,569,000	100,000,000	759,309	9,664,691	(10,424,000.00)	1,270,186,000		
14-Dec-23	1,210,755,000	15-Mar-24	12.1198%	36,986,844	-		40,569,000	59,431,000.00	1,110,755,000		
15-Mar-24	1,153,679,000	13-Jun-24	13.9045%	39,554,000	100,000,000	5,937,156	36,986,844	(42,924,000.00)	1,253,679,000		
13-Jun-24	1,193,233,000	15-Sep-24	11.9894%	36,843,328	-		39,554,000	60,446,000.00	1,093,233,000		
15-Sep-24	1,135,994,000	14-Dec-24	14.1392%	39,605,000	100,000,000	5,917,672	36,843,328	(42,761,000.00)	1,235,994,000		
14-Dec-24	1,175,599,000	15-Mar-25	12.1858%	35,715,973	-		39,605,000	60,395,000.00	1,075,599,000		
15-Mar-25	1,117,047,000	13-Jun-25	13.9045%	38,298,000	100,000,000	5,732,027	35,715,973	(41,448,000.00)	1,217,047,000		
13-Jun-25	1,155,345,000	15-Sep-25	11.9897%	35,674,228	-		38,298,000	61,702,000.00	1,055,345,000		
15-Sep-25	1,096,749,000	14-Dec-25	14.1389%	38,236,000	100,000,000	5,729,772	35,674,228	(41,404,000.00)	1,196,749,000		
14-Dec-25	1,134,985,000	15-Mar-26	12.1861%	34,482,999	-		38,236,000	61,764,000.00	1,034,985,000		
15-Mar-26	1,075,002,000	13-Jun-26	13.9043%	36,856,000	100,000,000	5,534,001	34,482,999	(40,017,000.00)	1,175,002,000		
13-Jun-26	1,111,858,000	15-Sep-26	11.9895%	34,330,895	-		36,856,000	63,144,000.00	1,011,858,000		
15-Sep-26	1,051,703,000	14-Dec-26	14.1391%	36,666,000	100,000,000	5,514,105	34,330,895	(39,845,000.00)	1,151,703,000		
14-Dec-26	1,088,369,000	15-Mar-27	12.1860%	33,066,292	-		36,666,000	63,334,000.00	988,369,000		
15-Mar-27	1,026,742,000	13-Jun-27	13.6557%	34,572,000	100,000,000	5,306,708	33,066,292	(38,373,000.00)	1,126,742,000		
13-Jun-27	1,061,314,000	15-Sep-27	12.2276%	33,421,060	-		34,572,000	1,065,428,000.00	(38,686,000)		
15-Sep-27		-			1,100,000,000	5,264,940	33,421,060	1,061,314,000.00	-		

FV: 100,000,000	Maturity: 01-May-2027
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Due Date Principal	Opening Principal	Coupone Due Date	Gross Rate			Principal O				
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				Interest earned	Cash inflow from coupons	Costs to be paid out of securitization	f Interest earned (to be paid to investors)	Net cashflow	Capital Outstanding at the end of maturity	
24-Aug-23	115,818,500	1-Nov-23	12.8971%	2,823,755						
1-Nov-23	109,861,200	30-Jan-24	14.1083%	3,821,800	9,000,000	218,945	2,823,755	5,957,300.00	109,861,200	
30-Jan-24	113,683,000	1-May-24	12.1687%	3,486,866	-		3,821,800	(3,821,800.00)	113,683,000	
1-May-24	108,727,300	30-Jul-24	13.9525%	3,740,600	9,000,000	557,434	3,486,866	4,955,700.00	108,727,300	
30-Jul-24	112,467,900	1-Nov-24	12.0374%	3,486,562	-		3,740,600	(3,740,600.00)	112,467,900	
1-Nov-24	107,512,200	30-Jan-25	14.1876%	3,761,100	9,000,000	557,738	3,486,562	4,955,700.00	107,512,200	
30-Jan-25	111,273,300	1-May-25	12.2348%	3,394,180	-		3,761,100	(3,761,100.00)	111,273,300	
1-May-25	106,210,000	30-Jul-25	13.9525%	3,654,000	9,000,000	542,520	3,394,180	5,063,300.00	106,210,000	
30-Jul-25	109,864,000	1-Nov-25	12.0376%	3,405,875	-		3,654,000	(3,654,000.00)	109,864,000	
1-Nov-25	104,814,700	30-Jan-26	14.1874%	3,666,700	9,000,000	544,825	3,405,875	5,049,300.00	104,814,700	
30-Jan-26	108,481,400	1-May-26	12.2350%	3,309,092	-		3,666,700	(3,666,700.00)	108,481,400	
1-May-26	103,319,400	30-Jul-26	13.9523%	3,554,500	9,000,000	528,908	3,309,092	5,162,000.00	103,319,400	
30-Jul-26	106,873,900	1-Nov-26	12.0376%	3,313,203	-		3,554,500	(3,554,500.00)	106,873,900	
1-Nov-26	101,717,100	30-Jan-27	13.9365%	3,495,400	9,000,000	529,997	3,313,203	5,156,800.00	101,717,100	
30-Jan-27	105,212,500	1-May-27	12.4828%	3,274,380	-		3,495,400	(3,495,400.00)	105,212,500	
1-May-27					109,000,000	513,120	3,274,380	105,212,500.00	-	



#### Credit Rating

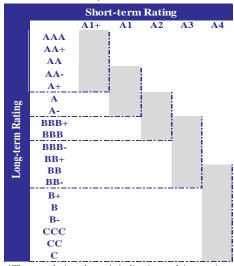
Credit rating reflects forward-looking opinion on credit worthiness of underlying entity or instrument; more specifically it covers relative ability to honor financial obligations. The primary factor being captured on the rating scale is relative likelihood of default.

Definition  ighest credit quality. Lowest expectation of credit risk. Indicate exceptionally strong	
capacity for timely payment of financial commitments	
Very high credit quality. Very low expectation of credit risk. Indicate very strong pacity for timely payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.	
gh credit quality. Low expectation of credit risk. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be vulnerable to changes in circumstances or in economic conditions.	
pod credit quality. Currently a low expectation of credit risk. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is considered adequate, but adverse changes in circumstances and in economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity.	
Ioderate risk. Possibility of credit risk developing. There is a possibility of credit risk	
developing, particularly as a result of adverse economic or business changes over time; however, business or financial alternatives may be available to allow financial	
commitments to be met.	
High credit risk. A limited margin of safety remains against credit risk. Financial commitments are currently being met; however, capacity for continued payment is contingent upon a sustained, favorable business and economic environment.	
Very high credit risk. Substantial credit risk "CCC" Default is a real possibility.	
Capacity for meeting financial commitments is solely reliant upon sustained, favorable business or economic developments. "CC" Rating indicates that default of some kind appears probable. "C" Ratings signal imminent default.	
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	Short-term Rating
Scale	Definition
A1+	The highest capacity for timely repayment.
<b>A1</b>	A strong capacity for timely repayment.
A2	A satisfactory capacity for timely repayment. This may be susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial conditions.
A3	An adequate capacity for timely repayment. Such capacity is susceptible to adverse changes in business, economic, or financial

The capacity for timely repayment is more susceptible to adverse changes in business. economic, or financial conditions. Liquidity may not be sufficient.

conditions.



\*The correlation shown is indicative and, in certain cases, may not hold.

Outlook (Stable, Positive, Negative, Developing) Indicates the potential and direction of a rating over the intermediate term in response to trends in economic and/or fundamental business/financial conditions. It is not necessarily a precursor to a rating change. 'Stable' outlook means a rating is not likely to change. 'Positive' means it may be raised. 'Negative' means it may be lowered. Where the trends have conflicting elements, the outlook may be described as 'Developing'.

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Rating Watch Alerts to the possibility of a rating change subsequent to, or, in anticipation of some material identifiable event with indeterminable rating implications. But it does not mean that a rating change is inevitable. A watch should be resolved within foreseeable future, but may continue if underlying circumstances are not settled. Rating watch may accompany rating outlook of the respective opinion.

Obligations are currently in default.

Suspension It is not possible to update an opinion due to lack of requisite information. Opinion should be resumed in foreseeable future. However, if this does not happen within six (6) months, the rating should be considered withdrawn.

Withdrawn A rating is withdrawn on a) termination of rating mandate, b) the debt instrument is redeemed, c) the rating remains suspended for six months, d) the entity/issuer defaults. or/and e) PACRA finds it impractical to surveill the opinion due to lack of requisite information.

Harmonization A change in rating due to revision in applicable methodology or underlying scale.

Surveillance. Surveillance on a publicly disseminated rating opinion is carried out on an ongoing basis till it is formally suspended or withdrawn. A comprehensive surveillance of rating opinion is carried out at least once every six months. However, a rating opinion may be reviewed in the intervening period if it is necessitated by any material happening.

**Note.** This scale is applicable to the following methodology(s):

- a) Broker Entity Rating
- b) Corporate Rating
- c) Debt Instrument Rating
- d) Financial Institution Rating
- e) Holding Company Rating
- Independent Power Producer Rating
- g) Microfinance Institution Rating
- h) Non-Banking Finance Companies Rating

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(Credit Rating Companies Regulations, No. 19 of 2021)

#### **Rating Team Statements**

(1) Credit Rating Agency means a body corporate engaged in the business of assessing and evaluating the credit- worthiness of any issuer or a specific issue of securities. (https://www.sec.gov.lk/index.php/credit-rating-agency/)

#### 2) Conflict of Interest

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#### **Conduct of Business**

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#### **Independence & Conflict of interest**

- (7)LRA receives compensation from the entity being rated or any third party for the rating services it offers. The receipt of this compensation has no influence on LRA's opinions or other analytical processes. In all instances, LRA is committed to preserving the objectivity, integrity and independence of its ratings.
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- (9) LRA structures its rating teams and processes to promote continuity, consistency and avoid bias in the rating process. (Section 45 Draft Rules Credit Rating Agency -2021)

## Monitoring and review

- (10) For purposes of transparency, LRA publishes sufficient information about an entity/security rated, frequency of default and whether a rating grade assigned has changed over time. The definitions and computation methods for the default rates stated in the default studies are also be disclosed. (Section 42- Draft Rules Credit Rating Agency -2021) LRA monitors below factors specifically, (a) all internal records to support our credit rating opinions; (b) all particulars relating to Clients at our office which shall include the name and registered address and contact numbers of such Client's, names and addresses of their Directors as at the date of rating, its issued share capital and the nature of business; and (c) a comprehensive written record of all complaints received from Clients and action taken thereon by LRA.
- (11) LRA ensures confidentiality of all information at all times relating to Clients including such Client's identity and transactions carried out for such Client unless and to the extent such disclosure is required by law. (Section 48 Draft Rules Credit Rating Agency -2021)
- (12) LRA does not destroy, conceal or alter any records, property or books relating to the business of the LRA which are in its possession or under its control with the intention of defeating, preventing, delaying or obstructing the carrying out of any examination. (Section 51 Draft Rules Credit Rating Agency 2021).

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