

## Rating Rationale

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### HDFC Credila Financial Services Limited

*'CRISIL AAA' assigned to Subordinated debt and Placed on 'Watch Negative'; Long-term rating continues on 'Watch Negative'; CP Reaffirmed*

#### Rating Action

Rs.500 Crore Subordinated debt	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative (Assigned; Placed on 'Rating Watch with Negative Implications')
Rs.200 Crore Perpetual Bonds	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative (Continues on 'Rating Watch with Negative Implications')
Rs.100 Crore Perpetual Bonds	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative (Continues on 'Rating Watch with Negative Implications')
Rs.2000 Crore Non Convertible Debentures	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative (Continues on 'Rating Watch with Negative Implications')
Rs.650 Crore Non Convertible Debentures	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative (Continues on 'Rating Watch with Negative Implications')
Rs.1500 Crore Commercial Paper	CRISIL A1+ (Reaffirmed)
Non Convertible Debentures Aggregating Rs.2350 Crore	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative (Continues on 'Rating Watch with Negative Implications')
Subordinated Debt Aggregating Rs.725 Crore	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative (Continues on 'Rating Watch with Negative Implications')

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*1 crore = 10 million*

*Refer to annexure for Details of Instruments*

#### Detailed Rationale

CRISIL Ratings has assigned its long-term rating of **'CRISIL AAA'** on the Rs 500 crore subordinated debt of HDFC Credila Financial Services Limited (HDFC Credila) and placed it on **'Rating Watch with Negative Implications'**. Long term rating of existing debt instruments continues on **'Rating Watch with Negative Implications'**. The short term rating on commercial paper has been reaffirmed at **'CRISIL A1+'**.

HDFC Credila on June 19, 2023, had announced that HDFC has entered into a definitive agreement for sale of approximately 90% of HDFC Credila's total issued and paid-up share capital to BPEA EQT Group owned Kopvoorn B.V. and Chrys Capital group owned entities Moss Investments Limited, Defati Investments Holding B.V., and Infinity Partners. BPEA EQT Group will be majority shareholder with ~70% holding.

The transaction entails consideration of Rs 9060 crore and a primary capital infusion of Rs 2003.6 crore, of which Rs 700 crore has been infused by HDFC Limited in first quarter of 2024 and remaining will be infused by incoming investors on consummation of transaction. The company has received approval from Competition Commission of India on the transaction, whereas approval from RBI is awaited.

BPEA EQT is a global investment organisation, which combines the private equity teams from Baring Private Equity Asia (BPEA) and EQT Asia, with more than USD 25 billion of capital deployed since inception. Chrys Capital is an India focussed investment firm with ~USD 5 billion of asset under management across nine funds. Both BPEA EQT and Chrys Capital have multiple investments in financial services in India.

The existing analytical approach factors in the support expected from the parent HDFC Bank (100% shareholder as on July 31, 2023) and draws benefit from strong managerial and financial support. CRISIL Ratings understands that HDFC Bank is committed to support HDFC Credila in line with the erstwhile support stance of HDFC Limited, till the proposed transaction with BPEA EQT group and Chrys Capital group is consummated.

Once the transaction is consummated, the parent support factored in the existing analytical approach will be discontinued. The revised analytical approach will be based on the standalone credit risk profile of HDFC Credila and benefits, if any, emanating from the incoming consortium of investors. However, CRISIL Rating's believes that upon resolution of the Watch, the rating is unlikely to change by more than 1-2 notches.

CRISIL Ratings will track the progress on the transaction and have discussions with the management and the incoming investor consortium to understand their support stance, commitment, strategic importance and long-term business and financial strategy for the company. The watch will be resolved once all requisite regulatory approvals are in place, and once greater clarity emerges on the said aspects.

The rating on the perpetual bonds reflects the comfortable buffer consistently maintained by HDFC Credila over the regulatory capital adequacy requirements, and high financial flexibility due to HDFC Bank's ownership. HDFC Credila is adequately

capitalised and has maintained a cushion of >2% over the regulatory minimum capital ratio over the last five years. CRISIL Ratings believes that it will maintain a comfortable cushion going forward (see CRISIL publication 'CRISIL Criteria for Rating Hybrid Instruments Issued by NBFCs/HFCs' dated December 2016 for details on CRISIL's approach for rating such instruments). The approach on the ratings of this instrument will also be revisited once clarity emerges on the overall transaction.

The rating also continues to factor HDFC Credila's experienced management with strong processes and systems, and an adequate resource profile. These strengths are partially offset by moderate scale of operations.

### **Analytical Approach**

For arriving at the ratings, CRISIL Ratings has considered the standalone business and financial risk profiles of HDFC Credila and has factored in the support expected from the parent, HDFC Bank.

### **Key Rating Drivers & Detailed Description**

#### **Strengths:**

- **Strong managerial, financial and operational support from the parent**

HDFC Group viewed education loans as a segment with high growth potential in the long term; HDFC Credila, India's first dedicated non-banking financial company (NBFC) offering education loans, is the vehicle to target this segment. Although HDFC Credila has an overall moderate scale of operations, the strong involvement of HDFC Group clearly reflects its confidence in the growth potential of the education loan business and plans to ramp-up HDFC Credila's operations commensurately. Currently, there is one director on the company's board from HDFC Bank. The board, takes an active interest in the formulation of the company's business strategies. Moreover, HDFC Credila benefits from its association with HDFC Bank and its established branch network and infrastructure in the sourcing of business.

HDFC has infused around Rs 700 crore in first quarter of fiscal 2024 and Rs 800 crore in fiscal 2023, prior to which it had infused Rs 250 crore in fiscal 2020, Rs 50 crore in fiscal 2019 and Rs 80 crore in fiscal 2018 as additional capital into HDFC Credila.

However, considering the proposed transaction, extent of impact on support stance of incoming investors along with implication on business and financial synergies will be monitored.

- **Experienced management with strong processes and systems**

With HDFC Limited taking over full ownership of HDFC Credila in December 2019, Mr Arijit Sanyal was appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer and took over the reins from the erstwhile promoters, Mr Ajay Bohora and Mr. Anil Bohora. The company has an experienced management team with veterans from the banking and financial services industry. Moreover, it benefits from being the first education loans focused NBFC in a segment that is predominantly dominated by banks. It has also built strong systems and processes over the past many years that help mitigate asset quality risks of this segment. The company has a large database of colleges and over 200,000 courses which it uses for taking decisions on loans. The company has developed credit scoring models for disbursing loans to borrowers of which around 23% are secured loans as on September 30, 2023, and all loans have a co-borrower. The company is likely to remain a strong player in the education loan industry.

- **Adequate resource profile**

The strong parentage helps HDFC Credila access a large pool of investors and raise debt at competitive costs. As on September 30, 2023, the company had total borrowing of Rs 21,423 crore raised at a competitive borrowing cost. It has been able to gradually diversify its resource profile and reduce the dependence on bank borrowing. As on September 30, 2023, bank borrowing constituted 75% (65% as on March 31, 2023) of the total borrowing. It is expected to increase the proportion of capital-market borrowing and continue to diversify the resource mix over the medium term depending on market conditions. Considering the proposed transaction, the company's ability to raise resources will be monitored.

- **Adequate capitalisation**

HDFC Credila had adequate capitalisation with a networth and a gearing of Rs 3362 crore and 6.4 times as on September 30, 2023 (Rs 2,435 crore and 5.6 times as on March 31, 2023). Capitalisation is supported by a series of equity infusions by the erstwhile parent, HDFC Limited.

Historically, HDFC Credila operated at relatively high gearing levels of 7.6 times as on March 31, 2019, and 8.3 times as on March 31, 2018. Nevertheless, supported by capital infusion of Rs 250 crore by HDFC in fiscal 2020, the gearing improved to 5.9 times as on March 31, 2020. The gearing further improved to 4.6 times as on March 31, 2021. This was on account muted loan book growth largely due to lower disbursements and higher prepayments in fiscal 2020 and fiscal 2021 due to the on and off lockdowns and restrictions on international travel during the Covid 19 pandemic. However, with pick-up in disbursements in FY22, the gearing increased to 5.5 times as on March 31, 2022. The company has grown substantially in fiscal 2023 and first half of fiscal 2024, as a result of which with increased funding requirements gearing increased to more than 7 times in mid of fiscal 2023, however with equity infusion by erstwhile promoter HDFC Limited of Rs 800 crore in fiscal 2023 and Rs 700 crore in first quarter of fiscal 2024, the gearing is at 6.4 times as on September 30, 2023.

As part of the definitive agreement signed, HDFC Limited infused Rs 700 crore in HDFC Credila on June 29, 2023 towards growth capital and remaining primary capital of Rs 1303.6 crore is expected to be infused by incoming investors on consummation of the transaction. This will strengthen the capitalisation of the company. Further, adequate internal cash accruals (consistent with a return on equity of more than 14% over the past five fiscals) are expected to support capitalisation.

#### **Weakness:**

- **Moderate scale of operations with limited seasoning of the loan book**

Scale of operations is moderate; however, the business has seen significant growth in fiscal 2023 and fiscal 2022 and in first half of fiscal 2024. On account of lockdowns related to the pandemic, disbursements were impacted in fiscal 2021, however,

disbursements had picked up in fiscal 2022 to Rs 4,309 crore and further to Rs 7,992 crore in fiscal 2023 and Rs 7997 in first half of fiscal 2024. As a result, the loan book grew to Rs 8,838 crore as on March 31, 2022, and further to Rs 15,298 crore as on March 31, 2023. Loan book grew further to Rs 22,636 crore as on September 30, 2023.

Gross stage 3 assets have improved to 0.09% (Rs 21.39 crore) as on September 30, 2023 against 0.17% (Rs 25.4 crore) as on March 31, 2023, from 0.57% (Rs 50.6 crore) as on March 31, 2022. Further, as on September 30, 2023 restructured accounts have reduced to 0.01% (Rs 2.23 crore) from 0.08% (Rs 12.51 crore) and 0.62% (Rs 55.02 crore) as on March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2022. Of restructured book, Rs 1.52 crore as on September 30, 2023, Rs 6.9 crore and Rs 31.4 crore as on March 31, 2023, and March 31, 2022, were classified as gross stage 3. Further, given high growth in recent years, a significant part of the loans disbursed are in the moratorium period and hence, the seasoning of the loan portfolio is limited at this stage. However, the overall gross stage 3 assets remain low and comfortable.

Nevertheless, the ability to successfully recover the loans across business cycles is yet to be tested for the newer markets like Canada and UK.

### **Liquidity: Superior**

The company has adequate cash and liquid investments of Rs 1960 crore and unutilised bank lines of Rs 225 crore as on November 30, 2023. This is sufficient to meet upcoming debt repayments (including interest expense) till and beyond March 31, 2024. Liquidity position is further supported by the parentage of HDFC Bank.

### **Rating Sensitivity factors**

#### **Downward factors**

- Downward change in the credit risk profile of HDFC Bank by 1 notch could lead to a similar rating change on HDFC Credila
- Any material change in the shareholding or support philosophy of HDFC Bank impacting the quantum and timing of support.

### **About the Company**

HDFC Credila was incorporated on February 1, 2006, promoted by Mr Anil Bohora and Mr Ajay Bohora. The company is registered as a non-deposit taking NBFC with the Reserve Bank of India. It is in the business of originating, funding, and servicing educational loans. With HDFC buying out the promoters' stake in fiscal 2020, the company became a wholly owned subsidiary of HDFC since December 12, 2019. The company has been converted to a public limited company with effect from October 8, 2020.

HDFC Credila has eight major offices, and a network of 17 branches from where it conducts its business activities. The company uses various channels for sourcing and marketing, which include the internet, branch network of HDFC and a few private sector banks, partnering with colleges, education consultants, and test preparation centres, advertising, and direct marketing.

The loan book (gross) was at Rs 22,636 crore as on September 30, 2023 and Rs 15,298 crore as on March 31, 2023 (Rs 8,838 crore as on March 31, 2022).

For fiscal 2023, profit after tax (PAT) was Rs 276 crore on total income of Rs 1352 crore, against a PAT of Rs 206 crore on total income of Rs 824 crore for the previous fiscal. For first half of fiscal 2024, profit after tax (PAT) was Rs 233 crore on total income of Rs 1144 crore.

### **Key Financial Indicators**

As on/for the period ended		Sept 2023	Mar-23	Mar-2022
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>Rs crore</b>	<b>25,247</b>	<b>16,446</b>	<b>9,107</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>Rs crore</b>	<b>1144</b>	<b>1352</b>	<b>824</b>
<b>PAT</b>	<b>Rs crore</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>206</b>
<b>Gross stage 3 assets</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>0.57</b>
<b>Gearing</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>Return on assets (annualised)</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.6</b>

**Any other information:** Not applicable

### **Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument:**

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### **Annexure - Details of Instrument(s)**

ISIN	Name of instrument	Date of allotment	Coupon rate (%)	Maturity date	Issue size (Rs. Cr)	Complexity level	Rating outstanding with Outlook
NA	Subordinated debt*	NA	NA	NA	500	Simple	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative
NA	Non-convertible debentures*	NA	NA	NA	1700	Simple	CRISIL AAA/Watch

INE539K07254	Non-convertible debentures	29-Mar-23	8.25%	29-Mar-28	300	Simple	Negative CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative
INE539K08237	Perpetual bonds	31-Jan-23	8.15%	Perpetual^	200	Highly complex	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative
INE539K07239	Non-convertible debentures	14-Oct-22	8.17%	14-Oct-32	500	Simple	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative
INE539K07247	Non-convertible debentures	24-Nov-22	7.95%	24-Nov-32	150	Simple	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative
INE539K08229	Perpetual bonds	30-Aug-22	8.36%	Perpetual^	100	Highly complex	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative
INE539K08211	Subordinated debt	25-Jul-22	8.25%	23-Jul-32	175	Complex	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative
INE539K08203	Subordinated debt	04-Jul-22	8.40%	30-Jun-32	200	Complex	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative
INE539K07221	Non-convertible debentures	07-Jul-22	8.15%	07-Jul-32	300	Simple	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative
INE539K07213	Non-convertible debentures	25-Feb-22	7.30%	23-Feb-29	200	Simple	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative
INE539K07205	Non-convertible debentures	01-Feb-22	7.50%	30-Jan-32	200	Simple	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative
INE539K07197	Non-convertible debentures	25-Nov-21	3M T-Bill Linked	25-Nov-24	300	Simple	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative
INE539K07189	Non-convertible debentures	02-Aug-21	7.23%	01-Aug-31	250	Simple	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative
INE539K07171	Non-convertible debentures	13-Nov-20	7.00%	12-Nov-27	200	Simple	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative
INE539K07148	Non-convertible debentures	31-Jan-20	8.00%	31-Jan-25	200	Simple	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative
INE539K07114	Non-convertible debentures	17-June-19	8.62%	17-June-24	100	Simple	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative
INE539K07122	Non-convertible debentures	08-July-19	8.85%	06-July-29	200	Simple	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative
INE539K07130	Non-convertible debentures	01-Aug-19	8.70%	01-Aug-29	200	Simple	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative
INE539K08195	Subordinated debt	6-June-19	9.12%	6-June-29	150	Complex	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative
INE539K08146	Subordinated debt	9-Oct-15	9.30%	9-Oct-25	100	Complex	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative
INE539K08153	Subordinated debt	24-Jul-17	8.20%	23-Jul-27	50	Complex	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative
INE539K08161	Subordinated debt	16-Nov-17	8.10%	16-Nov-27	50	Complex	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative
NA	Commercial paper programme	NA	NA	7 to 365 days	1500	Simple	CRISIL A1+

\*Yet to be issued

^Not applicable as perpetual debt instrument

**Annexure - Rating History for last 3 Years**

	Current	2023 (History)	2022	2021	2020	Start of 2020

Instrument	Type	Outstanding Amount	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Date	Rating	Rating
<b>Commercial Paper</b>	ST	1500.0	CRISIL A1+	26-09-23	CRISIL A1+	17-08-22	CRISIL A1+	23-08-21	CRISIL A1+	17-09-20	CRISIL A1+	CRISIL A1+
			--	17-07-23	CRISIL A1+	01-08-22	CRISIL A1+	12-02-21	CRISIL A1+	24-01-20	CRISIL A1+	--
			--	28-06-23	CRISIL A1+	19-07-22	CRISIL A1+		--		--	--
			--	28-04-23	CRISIL A1+	27-06-22	CRISIL A1+		--		--	--
			--	20-01-23	CRISIL A1+	18-02-22	CRISIL A1+		--		--	--
<b>Non Convertible Debentures</b>	LT	5000.0	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative	26-09-23	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative	17-08-22	CRISIL AAA/Stable	23-08-21	CRISIL AAA/Stable	17-09-20	CRISIL AAA/Stable	CRISIL AAA/Stable
			--	17-07-23	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative	01-08-22	CRISIL AAA/Stable	12-02-21	CRISIL AAA/Stable	24-01-20	CRISIL AAA/Stable	--
			--	28-06-23	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative	19-07-22	CRISIL AAA/Stable		--		--	--
			--	28-04-23	CRISIL AAA/Watch Developing	27-06-22	CRISIL AAA/Stable		--		--	--
			--	20-01-23	CRISIL AAA/Stable	18-02-22	CRISIL AAA/Stable		--		--	--
<b>Perpetual Bonds</b>	LT	300.0	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative	26-09-23	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative	17-08-22	CRISIL AAA/Stable		--		--	--
			--	17-07-23	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative	01-08-22	CRISIL AAA/Stable		--		--	--
			--	28-06-23	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative		--		--		--	--
			--	28-04-23	CRISIL AAA/Watch Developing		--		--		--	--
			--	20-01-23	CRISIL AAA/Stable		--		--		--	--
<b>Subordinated Debt</b>	LT	1225.0	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative	26-09-23	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative	17-08-22	CRISIL AAA/Stable	23-08-21	CRISIL AAA/Stable	17-09-20	CRISIL AAA/Stable	CRISIL AAA/Stable
			--	17-07-23	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative	01-08-22	CRISIL AAA/Stable	12-02-21	CRISIL AAA/Stable	24-01-20	CRISIL AAA/Stable	--
			--	28-06-23	CRISIL AAA/Watch Negative	19-07-22	CRISIL AAA/Stable		--		--	--
			--	28-04-23	CRISIL AAA/Watch Developing	27-06-22	CRISIL AAA/Stable		--		--	--
			--	20-01-23	CRISIL AAA/Stable	18-02-22	CRISIL AAA/Stable		--		--	--

All amounts are in Rs.Cr.

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