

RATING RATIONALE

22 July 2026

Jagaran Microfin Pvt. Ltd.

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Particulars:

Facilities**	Amount Rs Crs		Tenure	Rating*	
	Previous	Present		Previous (12 Sep 2025)	Present
Term Loans (Existing)	25.96	3.33	Long Term	BWR BBB-/Stable / Assigned	BWR BBB-/Stable / Reaffirmation
		0.00	Long Term		Withdrawal
Term Loans (Proposed)	74.04	22.86	Long Term	BWR BBB-/Stable / Assigned	BWR BBB-/Stable / Reaffirmation
Term Loans (availed from the proposed)		51.15	Long Term		
Term Loans (Additional Proposed)	0.00	22.66	Long Term	-	BWR BBB-/Stable/ Assignment
Total	100.00	100.00	(Rupees One Hundred Crores Only)		

*Please refer to BWR website www.brickworkratings.com/ for the definition of the ratings

** Details of the instrument are provided in Annexure-I

RATING ACTION / OUTLOOK: REAFFIRMATION/ASSIGNMENT/ STABLE/ WITHDRAWAL

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The reaffirmation/assignment of the rating of Jagaran Microfin Private Limited (JMPL) continues to derive strength from the company's established operating track record in the microfinance sector, experienced management team, comfortable capitalisation profile, improving asset quality, and adequate liquidity position. The rating also factors in the company's collection efficiency, lender relationships, and stable underwriting practices, enabling it to navigate the challenging operating environment across the microfinance industry over the last two years. During FY26, the company adopted a calibrated disbursement strategy with greater emphasis on portfolio quality over business expansion, resulting in an improvement in key credit metrics despite a moderation in business volumes.

The company's capitalisation remained comfortable with a CRAR of 53.97% as of March 31, 2026, supported by stable net worth and lower gearing. Asset quality also improved during the year, with the GNPA ratio declining to 2.15% as of March 31, 2026, against 3.62% as of March 31, 2025. The collection efficiency remained comfortable at around 99%. The company's ability to withstand potential stress arising from the unsecured nature of the microfinance portfolio will remain monitorable.

The above strengths are partially offset by moderation in the company's business scale during FY26 owing to lower disbursements amidst the sector-wide slowdown, which resulted in contraction in the AUM and own-book portfolio. Profitability also remained moderate due to the reduced earning asset base despite improvement in operating efficiencies. Further, the rating continues to remain constrained by the inherent risks associated with unsecured microfinance lending, including geographical concentration of the portfolio and susceptibility to regulatory and macroeconomic developments. BWR will continue to monitor the company's ability to restore business growth while maintaining stable asset quality, profitability, and capitalisation.

The Company has repaid bank term loans amounting to Rs. 22.63 crores, out of the last rated term loans outstanding of Rs. 25.96 Crores. Brickwork Ratings withdraws the rating of these term loans of Rs. 22.63 crores, present outstanding nil, on account of repayment in full, as confirmed by the lenders and at the request of the company. Withdrawal of Rating is in compliance with the BWR Rating Withdrawal Policy.

OUTLOOK - STABLE

The Stable outlook reflects BWR's expectation that JMPL will continue to maintain its comfortable capitalisation, adequate liquidity, and stable asset quality over the medium term, and satisfactory collection efficiency. The outlook also factors in the company's established operating track record and experienced management, which are expected to support the gradual stabilisation of its business profile. However, the company's ability to improve the scale of operations while maintaining healthy profitability, asset quality, and capitalisation will remain a key monitorable.

KEY COVENANTS OF THE INSTRUMENT/FACILITY RATED:

For the bank loan facilities, the covenants shall be standard in terms of sanction. Details of covenants of the rated instruments/facilities are given in Annexure I.

KEY RATING DRIVERS

Credit Strengths: -

- **Established operating franchise supported by experienced management**

JMPL has an established operating track record of over a decade in the microfinance sector, having commenced operations in 2013. The company has built a stable operating franchise across five states through a network of around 100 branches, primarily extending unsecured Joint Liability Group (JLG) loans to women borrowers in rural and semi-urban areas. The company continues to benefit from an experienced management team with longstanding experience in the microfinance sector, supported by established operational processes, credit appraisal systems, and collection mechanisms.

During FY26, amidst a challenging operating environment for the microfinance industry, the management adopted a calibrated business strategy with greater emphasis on portfolio quality rather than aggressive portfolio expansion. This resulted in lower disbursements during the year but contributed to improved portfolio performance through disciplined underwriting, focused recoveries, and close monitoring of borrower behaviour. BWR believes that the company's established operating franchise, experienced management, and prudent risk management practices will continue to support its business profile over the medium term.

- **Comfortable Capitalization and Leverage Profile**

JMPL's capitalisation profile remained comfortable as of March 31, 2026, supported by a stable net worth and moderation in the risk-weighted asset base following the contraction in the own-book portfolio. Consequently, the Capital Adequacy Ratio (CRAR) improved to 53.97% as on March 31, 2026, from 40.20% as on March 31, 2025, while Tier-I CRAR stood at 53.60%. The company's net worth remained comfortable at Rs. 103.89 crore, while gearing improved to 0.59x from 1.20x and TOL/TNW moderated to 0.65x from 1.46x over the same period.

The comfortable capital position provides an adequate cushion to absorb potential credit losses arising from the unsecured nature of the portfolio and supports future business growth. BWR expects the company to maintain a comfortable capitalisation profile over the medium term while supporting the gradual expansion of the loan portfolio.

- **Improving Asset Quality**

The company's asset quality profile witnessed an improvement during FY26 despite the challenging operating environment in the microfinance sector, reflecting the benefits of its calibrated lending strategy, strengthened underwriting standards, and focused recovery initiatives. As of March 31, 2026, the Gross NPA (GNPA) improved to 2.15% from 3.62% as of March 31, 2025, while the Net NPA (NNPA) declined to 0.30% from 0.95% over the same period. Further, the 30+ DPD portfolio improved to 2.71% from 5.65%, indicating moderation in early-stage delinquencies and an overall strengthening of the portfolio quality. The company also maintained a healthy Provision Coverage Ratio (PCR) of around 86%, reflecting its prudent provisioning policy and adequate cushion against potential credit losses.

The improvement in the company's credit profile was further evidenced by the significant decline in loan write-offs, which reduced to Rs. 7.77 crore during FY26 from Rs. 3.68 crore in FY25, reflecting lower incremental slippages and improved recovery performance. The company also sustained a healthy collection efficiency of around 99% throughout the year despite continued sectoral stress, demonstrating the effectiveness of its field-level monitoring and collection framework. BWR derives comfort from the broad-based improvement across key portfolio quality indicators, including lower delinquencies, reduced write-offs, healthy provisioning coverage, and strong collection efficiency. Going forward, the company's ability to sustain these credit metrics while gradually scaling up its loan portfolio through prudent underwriting practices will remain a key monitorable rating.

Credit Risks: -

- **Moderation in Business Scale**

The company's business profile moderated during FY26, with Assets Under Management (AUM) declining by 22.4% to Rs. 231.09 crore as of March 31, 2026, from Rs. 297.63 crore as of March 31, 2025. The on-book portfolio also declined by 27.9% to Rs. 104.11 crore from Rs. 144.32 crore during the same period. Consequently, total income moderated to Rs. 42.25 crore in FY26 from Rs. 67.58 crore in FY25. The decline in business scale was primarily attributable to the company's calibrated lending strategy amidst the prolonged stress witnessed in the microfinance sector, with greater emphasis on portfolio quality and controlled disbursements rather than aggressive portfolio expansion.

While the cautious lending approach has resulted in moderation in business volumes, it has also contributed to strengthening the company's asset quality and overall credit profile. BWR expects the company's business growth to improve gradually as operating conditions in the microfinance sector stabilise. Nevertheless, the company's ability to restore sustainable portfolio growth while maintaining prudent underwriting standards, healthy collection efficiency, and asset quality will remain a key rating monitorable.

- **Moderate Profitability Profile**

The company's profitability remained moderate during FY26 owing to the decline in the earning asset base following lower disbursements and contraction in the loan portfolio. Consequently, total income declined to Rs. 42.25 crore in FY26 from Rs. 67.58 crore in FY25. Nevertheless, the company reported a PAT of Rs. 1.28 crore during FY26, supported by lower credit costs, improved recoveries, and prudent cost management. The Return on Assets (RoA) improved to 0.82% from 0.58%, while Return on Net Worth (RoNW) stood at 1.24%. Further, the Net Interest Margin (NIM) improved to 6.44% from 6.01%, reflecting an improvement in the earning yield despite a moderation in the loan portfolio.

Although profitability indicators witnessed marginal improvement, they continue to remain moderate relative to the company's scale of operations. BWR expects profitability to improve with a gradual recovery in the earning asset base and business volumes. The company's ability to improve profitability while maintaining healthy asset quality and operating efficiency will remain an important rating monitorable.

- **Exposure to Geographic Concentration and Inherent Risks Associated with the Microfinance Sector**

The company continues to remain exposed to the inherent risks associated with unsecured microfinance lending, including borrower indebtedness, regulatory changes, and adverse macroeconomic developments. Further, the company's operations remain concentrated across its key operating geographies, exposing the portfolio to region-specific economic, political, and climatic developments that could impact borrower repayment behaviour. While the company has expanded its presence across five states through a network of around 100 branches, a significant proportion of the portfolio continues to be concentrated in its key operating markets.

The company has, however, demonstrated improvement in its credit profile during FY26, with the Gross NPA declining to 2.15% from 3.62%, Net NPA improving to 0.30% from 0.95%, 30+ DPD reducing to 2.71%, and collection efficiency remaining healthy at around 99%. Nevertheless, given the unsecured nature of the portfolio and the evolving operating environment for the microfinance sector, the company's ability to sustain healthy collection efficiency, maintain asset quality, and gradually diversify its business profile will remain a key rating monitorable.

ANALYTICAL APPROACH AND APPLICABLE RATING CRITERIA: STANDALONE

For arriving at its ratings, BWR (Brickwork Ratings) has considered the company's standalone financials. BWR has applied its rating methodology as detailed in the Rating Criteria detailed below (hyperlinks provided at the end of this rationale).

RATING SENSITIVITIES

Positive:

- Sustained growth in AUM reaching above Rs. 600 crore and profitability over the medium term with ROA above 2%, while maintaining comfortable capitalization.
- Sustained improvement in asset quality, vis-à-vis the industry average.

Negative:

- A sustained decline of more than 10% in the company's own book portfolio from FY26 levels,
- Decline in income and net profits by more than 10% over FY26 levels.
- Deterioration in asset quality and gearing, with GNPA ratios exceeding 5.0% and gearing above 6x levels on a sustained basis.

LIQUIDITY INDICATORS: ADEQUATE

The liquidity position of the company is adequate, supported by the current collections adequate to meet the existing debt repayment obligations. As of March 31, 2026, the company had debt obligations of approximately Rs. 38.92 crore falling due over the next twelve months. These obligations are expected to be serviced through average monthly collections of ~Rs. 11 crore. Although the collection efficiency was at ~99% during FY26, the absolute collections are on a decline due to lower disbursements. The ALM statement as of 31 March 2026 did not indicate any cumulative negative mismatches. The company's cash and bank balances were at Rs.26.21 crore as of March 31, 2026, against Rs 65.32 crore as at March 31, 2025.

ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIAL GOVERNANCE - NA

COMPANY PROFILE

Jagaran Microfin Private Limited (JMPL) is a non-banking financial company (NBFC) registered with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and is a subsidiary company of GTFS Multi Services Limited. It started operations in 2010 by acquiring the NBFC license of SBT Consultants Pvt. Ltd. The Kolkata-based company secured an NBFC-microfinance institution (MFI) license in 2013. It disburses loans to socially and economically disadvantaged women, empowering them to become socially and economically self-sufficient. Jagaran's micro-lending activities are aimed at creating better access to finance for low-income women entrepreneurs and providing funds to urban and rural producers, traders, small-scale farmers, and the self-employed. It has been an Oiko credit partner since 2016. It has its registered office in Kolkata and operates across 5 States - West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha & Assam. As of March 2026, the company has 100 branches across 36 districts with 93 thousand active borrowers and 581 employees. It consists of 9 Directors (including the Managing Director, Non- Independent Director, and Independent Director). The Company, being an NBFC – MFI, operates in a single segment, i.e. business of micro financing activities, and all other activities revolve around the same.

KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS- (STANDALONE)

Key Indicators	Units	FY24	FY25	FY26
Result Type		Audited	Audited	Provisional
AUM	Rs. in Crs.	400.40	297.63	231.09
Own book	Rs. in Crs.	296.82	144.32	104.11
Managed Book	Rs. in Crs.	103.58	153.31	126.98
Total Income	Rs. in Crs.	77.67	67.58	42.25
Profit After Tax	Rs. in Crs.	-35.55	1.28	1.28
Networth	Rs. in Crs.	81.96	103.13	103.89
Gearing	Times	4.13	1.20	0.59
CRAR	%	17.17	40.20	53.97
GNPA	%	2.23	3.62	2.15
NNPA	%	0.00	0.95	0.30

NON-COOPERATION WITH PREVIOUS CREDIT RATING AGENCY IF ANY: There is no non-cooperation from other CRAs

RATING HISTORY FOR THE PREVIOUS THREE YEARS [including withdrawal and suspended]

S No	Facilities**	Current Rating			Rating History		
		Tenure	Amount	Rating July 2026	2025	2024	2023
			(Rs Crs)		(12 Sep 2025)		
1	Term Loans	Long Term	3.33	BWR BBB-/Stable / Reaffirmation	BWR BBB-/ Stable / Assigned 12 Sep 2025 (Rs. 25.96 Crs)	-	-
			0	Withdrawn		-	-
2	Term Loans	Long Term	22.86	BWR BBB-/Stable / Reaffirmation	BWR BBB-/ Stable / Assigned (12 Sep 2025) (Rs74.04 Crs)	-	-
			51.15			-	-
3	Term Loans	Long Term	22.66	BWR BBB-/Stable/ Assignment	-	-	-
	Total		100	Rupees One Hundred Crores Only			

COMPLEXITY LEVELS OF THE INSTRUMENTS: SIMPLE

For more information, visit www.brickworkratings.com/download/ComplexityLevels.pdf

Hyperlink/Reference to applicable Criteria

- [General Criteria](#)
- [Approach to Financial Ratios](#)
- [NBFC Criteria](#)
- [Rating Withdrawal Policy](#)

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Annexure - I
Details of Bank Loan Facilities rated by BWR:

Sr. No.	Name of Bank / Financial Institution	Type of Loan	Sanctioned Amount Rs Crs	Amt Availed Rs Crs	O/s as on 30-06-2026 (Rs. Crs)	Date of sanction	ROI %	Date of Maturity	ISI N	Complexity #
1	Arohan Financial Services	TL	15.00	15.00	1.43	8/27/2024	16.00	8/29/2026	NA	Simple
2	Union Bank of India	TL	20.00	20.00	3.33	12/26/2023	11.55	12/27/2026	NA	Simple
3	Nabfin	TL	6.00	6.00	4.72	11/24/2025	16.50	12/15/2027	NA	Simple
4	Oiko Credit	TL	5.00	5.00	3.33	11/28/2025	16.25	6/16/2027	NA	Simple
5	Jana Bank	TL	20.00	20.00	16.67	1/13/2026	13.00	3/20/2028	NA	Simple
6	Axis Bank CGS	TL	20.00	20.00	20.00	6/9/2026	10.70	6/30/2029	NA	Simple
7	IDBI CGS	TL	5.00	5.00	5.00	6/19/2026	10.70	6/30/2029	NA	Simple
	Grand Total		91.00	91.00	54.48					
				Proposed	45.52					
				TOTAL	100.00					

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Bank loans rated in the last review (Sep 2025) are as follows: Of these facilities, all except Union Bank of India's loans is outstanding, which is included in the above table

Bank	Facilities	Sanction limit	Date of Disbursement	Interest Rate	Date of Maturity	Last rated Amount Rs crs	Present O/s as of 30 Jun 2026 Rs Crs	ISIN	Complexity	Current Status and O/s Rs crs
State Bank of India	Term-Loan	40.00	29-09-2022	11.65%	28-09-2025	5.17	0.00	NA	Simple	Withdrawn
Indian Overseas Bank	Term-Loan	20.00	31-03-2024	12.90%	30-03-2026	8.00	0.00	NA	Simple	Withdrawn
Union Bank of India	Term-Loan	20.00	28-12-2023	11.00%	27-12-2026	10.00	3.33	NA	Simple	3.33
UCO Bank	Term-Loan	7.50	31-12-2022	11.30%	30-03-2026	1.54	0.00	NA	Simple	Withdrawn
Dhanlaxmi Bank	Term-Loan	5.00	31-03-2023	10.50%	30-03-2026	1.25	0.00	NA	Simple	Withdrawn
Total Fund-Based Facilities		97.50				25.96	3.33			
					Proposed	74.04				
					Total	100.00				

ANNEXURE – II
INSTRUMENT (NCD/Bonds/CP/FDs) DETAILS: NA

ANNEXURE – III
List of Entities Consolidated: NA

List of instruments and regulators

As required by SEBI CRA Circular dated Feb 10, 2026, a list of activities or instruments falling under the purview of various FSRs, along with the names of respective FSRs, is being disclosed below:

Instrument/Activity	Regulator
Listed/Proposed to be listed bonds/debentures/preference share (all securities)	SEBI
Unlisted/Proposed to be unlisted Bonds/Debentures/ Preference share (all securities)	MCA
Listed PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities regulated by RBI) ¹	SEBI
Listed PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities not regulated by RBI) ¹	SEBI
Unlisted PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities regulated by RBI) ¹	RBI
Listed Commercial Paper and NCDs with original maturity less than 1 year	RBI
Unlisted Commercial Paper and NCDs with original maturity less than 1 year	RBI
Loan Facilities (Fund/Non-Fund Based) from Bank/NBFCs/NHB/Fis ²	RBI
External Commercial Borrowings and other similar borrowings	RBI
Certificates of Deposit	RBI
Fixed Deposits raised by NBFC's, Banks, HFCs, Fis	RBI
Fixed Deposits raised by corporates other than NBFCs, Banks, HFCs, Fis	MCA
Inter Corporate Deposits/Loans extended by Corporates	MCA
Borrowing programme ³	-
Issuer Ratings ⁴	-
Credit Ratings for Capital Protection Oriented Schemes (by Mutual Funds and AIFs)	SEBI
Credit quality ratings (CQRs) for Mutual Fund Schemes and Schemes of AIFs	SEBI
Listed Security Receipts	SEBI
Unlisted Security Receipts	RBI
Independent Credit Evaluation (ICE)	RBI
Expected Loss Ratings (for Loan Facilities (Fund/Non-Fund Based) from Bank/NBFCs/NHB/Fis)	RBI
Expected Loss Ratings (Listed/Proposed to be listed bonds/debentures/preference share (all securities))	SEBI
Expected Loss Ratings (Unlisted/Proposed to be unlisted Bonds/Debentures/Preference share (all securities))	MCA
Unlisted PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities not regulated by RBI) ¹	Investor-side Regulator such as IRDAI, PFRDA ⁵
Monitoring Agency	SEBI
Research activities, incidental to rating, such as research for Economy, Industries and Companies ⁶	NA

- Includes securitisation transactions involving assignee payout, acquirer's payout.
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