

India Ratings Discontinues Voluntary Issuer Rating Disclosure due to Regulatory Requirements; All Outstanding Instrument Rating Remain Unaffected for Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

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India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) has discontinued voluntary disclosure of issuer ratings in its rating action commentaries (RACs), due to the regulatory requirement. It may be noted that all outstanding instrument ratings remain unaffected and this action should not be construed as a change to the credit profile.

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The Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) had introduced a specific 'Issuer Ratings' rating scale, which is available in the Master Circular for Credit Rating Agencies dated 3 July 2023 at section 5.3, page 12. With a specific rating scale for issuer rating now being available, Ind-Ra will no longer be able to maintain the voluntary issuer rating disclosure without an agreement for specifically assigning issuer rating. Hence, in line with SEBI’s guidelines on assigning credit ratings, Ind-Ra has decided to discontinue issuer rating disclosures. It should be noted that Ind-Ra will continue to offer issuer ratings as a rating service on SEBI specified issuer rating scale, in line with the extant guidelines.

Following the revision in assigning issuer rating practice, the outstanding voluntary issuer rating disclosure of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited at IND AAA stands withdrawn. Ind-Ra again wishes to highlight that all outstanding instrument ratings remain unaffected and the rating action on issuer ratings should not be construed as a change to the credit profile. Please refer to the following link for the last published rating action commentaries which contains a list of outstanding ratings and key rating drivers, among other details: [Clickhere](#)

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