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# **Tourism Finance Corporation of India Limited**

## **Summary of rated instruments**

Instrument*	Rated Amount (in crore)	Rating Action
Bond Programme	100.00	[ICRA]A- (stable)
Total	100.00	

<sup>\*</sup>Issuer did not co-operate; Based on best available information.

#### **Rating action**

ICRA has a rating outstanding of ICRA]A- (pronounced ICRA A minus) with 'stable' outlook for the Rs. 100 crore<sup>1</sup>, bond programme of Tourism Finance Corporation of India Limited (TFCI)<sup>†</sup>.

#### **Rationale**

The rating for TFCI factors in its established franchise in financing projects in the niche tourism sector, its good market knowledge of hotels financing space and long-track record. The rating also factors in TFCI's adequate capitalization levels. As part of its process and in accordance with its rating agreement with TFCI, ICRA has been trying to seek information from the company so as to undertake a surveillance of the ratings, but despite repeated requests by ICRA, the company's management has remained non-cooperative. In the absence of requisite information, ICRA's Rating Committee has taken a rating view based on best available information. In line with SEBI's Circular No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD4/CIR/2016/119, dated November 01, 2016, the company's rating is now denoted as: "[ICRA]A- (stable) ISSUER NOT COOPERATING". The lenders, investors and other market participants may exercise appropriate caution while using this rating, given that it is based on limited or no updated information on the company's performance since the time it was last rated.

### **Key rating drivers**

#### Credit strengths

- Understanding and market knowledge of the sector, considering the long track record of the company and the significant experience of its management
- Adequate capitalisation levels

#### Credit weaknesses

- To control the asset quality, given the moderate profile of the borrowers of TFCI both in case of loans and equity exposures.
- To diversify the portfolio mix given that the company has higher concentration risk owing to majority exposure being to the tourism sector
- To improve the fee based income and hence overall quality of earnings

<sup>^</sup>Instrument Details captured under Annexure-1

<sup>†</sup> For complete rating scale and definitions please refer to ICRA's Website www. icra.in or other ICRA Rating Publications

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 100 lakh = 1 crore = 10 million



#### **Description of key rating drivers:**

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**Analytical approach:** For arriving at the ratings, ICRA has applied its rating methodologies as indicated below.

## Links to applicable criteria:

ICRA's Credit Rating Methodology for Non-Banking Finance Companies

## **About the company:**

Tourism Finance Corporation of India (TFCI) was set up by IFCI Ltd and other Financial/Investment Institutions to function as a specialised All-India Development Financial Institution to cater to the financial needs of the tourism industry. TFCI was incorporated as a Public Limited Company under the Companies Act, 1956 on January 27, 1989 and became operational with effect from February 1, 1989 on receipt of Certificate of the Commencement of Business from the Registrar of Companies. TFCI has been notified as a public financial institution. The company is listed on the National Stock Exchange and the Bombay Stock Exchange. The shareholding pattern on TFCI as on March 31, 2017:

As on	March 31, 2017
IFCI Limited	29.36%
Life Insurance Corporation of India	6.71%
United India Insurance Company Limited	1.48%
The Oriental Insurance Company Ltd	1.07%
Bank of India	4.70%
Total Promoter Share Holding	43.31%
Public	56.69%
Total	100.0%

Source: BSE website

For the year FY2017, TFCI reported a net profit after tax (PAT) of Rs. 70 crore over an asset base of Rs. 1,700 crore as compared with a PAT of Rs. 54 crore over an asset base of Rs. 1,590 crore for FY2016, registering a growth of 31%. The company reported a networth of Rs. 554 crore as on March 31, 2017.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

**Any other information:** Not applicable



# Rating history for last three years:

## Table:

S. No.	Instrument				Current Rating (FY2018)	Chronolog the past 3	y of Rating l years	History for
		Type	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Amount Outstanding (Rs crore)	Date & Rating	Date & Rating in FY2017	Date & Rating in FY2013	Date & Rating in FY2011
					July 2017	Dec 2016	July 2012	Oct 2010
1	Bonds	Long Term	100	100	[ICRA]A- (Stable)	[ICRA]A- (Stable)	[ICRA]A- (Stable)	[ICRA]A- (Stable)

# **Complexity level of the rated instrument:**

ICRA has classified various instruments based on their complexity as "Simple", "Complex" and "Highly Complex". The classification of instruments according to their complexity levels is available on the website <a href="https://www.icra.in">www.icra.in</a>



# Annexure-1 Instrument Details

Instrument	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Amount Rated (Rs. crore)	Current Rating and Outlook
Bonds	March 31, 2009	9.50%	April 30, 2019	100	[ICRA]A- (Stable)

Source: Information memorandum issued by TFCI



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