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To,

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

SUB: PRESS RELEASE AND INVESTOR PRESENTATION FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Please find enclosed herewith the Press Release and Investor Presentation of CARE Ratings Limited for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2024 as per the requirement of Regulation 30 and Para A of Part A of Schedule III of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

Kindly take the above on record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For CARE Ratings Limited

Manoj Kumar CV Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Encl: As Above

CARE Ratings Limited

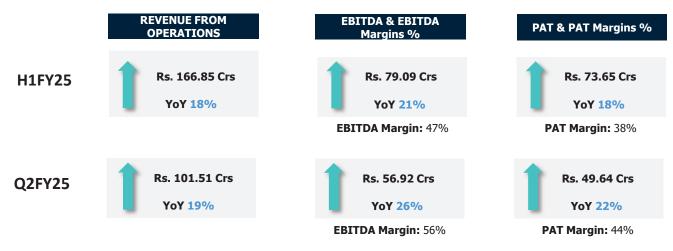


Investor Release: 23rd October 2024, Mumbai

CARE Ratings Limited (NSE: CARE, BSE: 534804)

The Board of Directors of CARE Ratings Limited have declared its unaudited financial results for the quarter & half year ended 30th September 2024.

STANDALONE FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



H1FY25 SEGMENTAL BREAKUP







Rs. 18.66 Crs

YoY

37%



GDP growth slowed to 6.7% in Q1 FY25 due to reduced government spending amid election-related restrictions, but private consumption and investments witnessed growth during the quarter.

Despite healthy growth in Q1, recent high-frequency indicators such as car sales and IIP growth suggest softening in the economy over the past few months. However, a favourable monsoon is expected to support farm income and bring down pressures on food prices. In the Q2, we anticipate the economy to grow by 7%.

Fundraising activity in the economy improved post-election in Q2 FY25. Corporate bond issuances (public issues and private placements) reached Rs 3.11 lakh crore; a 68% increase compared to the same quarter last year. Commercial paper issuances also grew by 14%, totalling Rs 3.74 lakh crore in Q2 FY25 compared to the same period last year.

Overall, bank credit offtake remained healthy, increasing by 15% (y-o-y) as of August FY25, around the same as the previous year.

There was a slowdown in the growth of bank credit to the NBFC segment (11.9% as of August 2024 from 21.3% a year earlier) and the personal loans segment (16.9% versus 18.3%), due to increased risk weightage for these segments.

Meanwhile, industrial credit offtake improved significantly, rising to 9.8% (y-o-y) as of August 2024, compared to 5.3% a year ago. Credit disbursements to large enterprises (constituting a share of \sim 72% in the total industrial credit) improved with a growth of 7.7% as of August 2024 compared to growth of 4.3% a year ago.

Overall, we expect GDP growth to remain healthy at 7% in FY25, supported by improvements in domestic consumption and investment.

For H1FY25, on a consolidated basis, Revenue from Operations reported YoY growth of over 21% and operating profit margin improved to 40%. On a standalone basis, Revenue from Operations reported YoY growth of over 18% and operating profit margin continued to remain healthy at around 47%.

The Board of Directors have declared an interim dividend of Rs. 7/- per share (each having a face value of Rs. 10/- per share) for the second quarter of FY25.

Commenting on the results for Q2 and H1FY25, Mehul Pandya, Managing Director & Group CEO of CareEdge, said:

"The company has shown good performance in ratings as well as non-rating businesses. Reflective of our commitment towards quality led growth, ratings business continued to show momentum in initial ratings of capital market instruments, securitisation and bank debt.

In H1FY25, the contribution of non-ratings business to total consolidated revenue from operations has improved to 9.5% even as the ratings business witnessed a strong growth of 19%.

We are proud to be the first rating agency from India to foray in the sovereign & global scale ratings, with the announcement of sovereign ratings of 39 countries at the launch event of CareEdge Global IFSC Ltd. Further, our step-down subsidiary in South Africa has also received the regulatory approval to offer credit ratings services, including sovereign ratings in that geography.

CareEdge Africa and CareEdge Nepal reported robust growth in their business during the period. CareEdge ESG is on the path to be a catalyst for change towards sustainable future with the release of its first ESG rating recently. CareEdge Analytics and CareEdge Advisory continued to improve their performance during the period.

Overall, CareEdge is well poised for continued success and growth, driven by our strategic pillars and an unyielding commitment to excellence."



About CARE Ratings Limited

CareEdge is a knowledge-based analytical group offering services in Credit Ratings, Analytics, Consulting and Sustainability. Established in 1993, the parent company CARE Ratings Ltd. (CareEdge Ratings) is India's second-largest rating agency, with a credible track record of rating companies across diverse sectors and holding leadership positions in high-growth sectors such as BFSI and Infra. The wholly-owned subsidiaries of CareEdge Ratings are (I) CARE Analytics & Advisory Private Ltd (previously known as CARE Risk Solutions Pvt. Ltd.), (II) CARE ESG Ratings Ltd., (previously known as CARE Advisory Research and Training Ltd.) and (III) CareEdge Global IFSC Ltd. CareEdge Ratings' other international subsidiary entities include CARE Ratings (Africa) Pvt. Ltd. in Mauritius, CARE Ratings South Africa (Pty) Ltd., and CARE Ratings Nepal Ltd.

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Investor Presentation

Q2 & H1FY25

Safe Harbour



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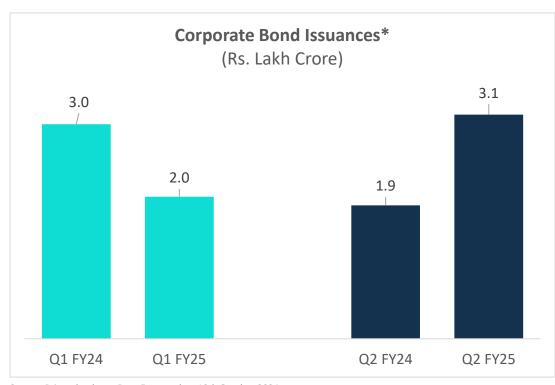
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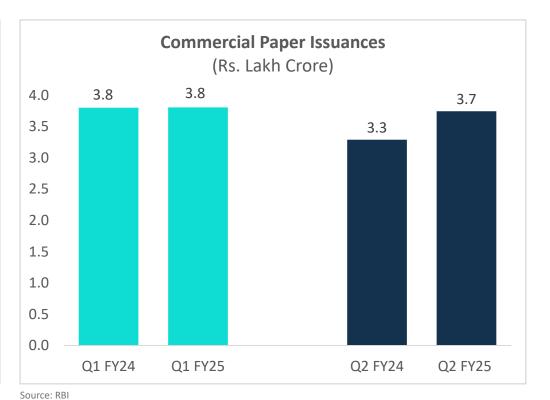
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Fundraising Activity in the Economy





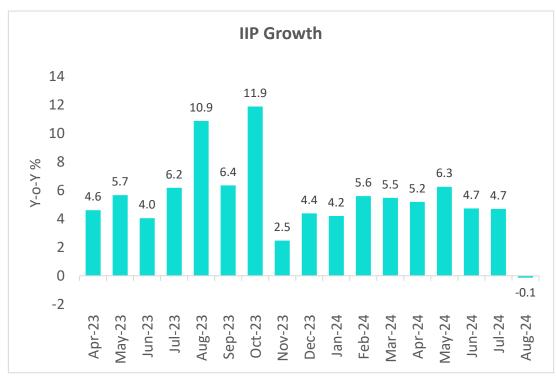


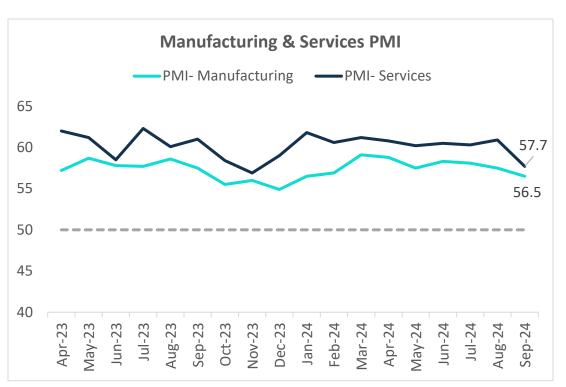
Source: Prime database; Data Extracted on 10th October 2024;

- Corporate bond issuances remained muted in Q1 FY25 due to election related uncertainties. However, it recovered post election.
- Corporate bond issuances surged by 68% (y-o-y) in Q2FY25. While commercial paper issuances increased by 14% (y-o-y) in the same period.

^{*} Includes public issues as well as private placements





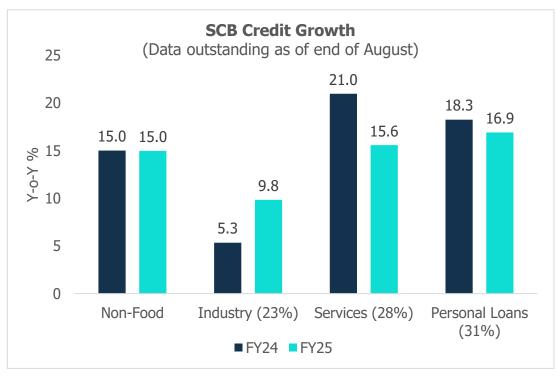


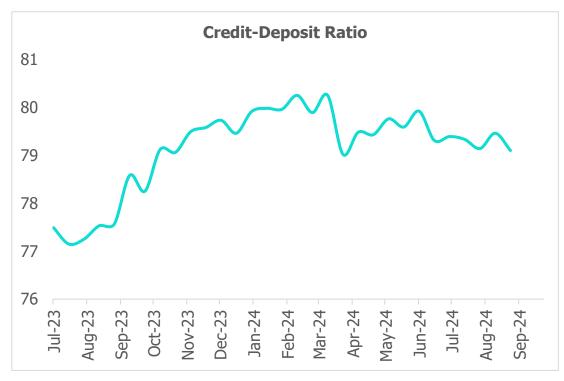
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- IIP growth contracted by 0.1% in August 2024 primarily due to an unfavourable base of last year.
- However, IIP growth averaged at 4.1% in Apr-Aug 2024 compared to 6.2% in the corresponding period of last year.
- Both manufacturing and services PMIs witnessed some moderation, but the indices remain in the expansionary zone

Bank Credit Offtake







Source: RBI; Note: Data for FY24 and FY25 exclude the impact of the merger of a non-bank with a bank; Figures in bracket represent % share in non-food bank credit

Source: RBI

- Overall bank credit off-take showed healthy growth, rising by 15% (y-o-y) as of August 2024 (same as last year).
- Industrial credit growth increased to 9.8% in Aug 2024 from 5.3% in the previous year.
- Credit disbursements to large enterprises (constituting a share of ~72% in the total industrial credit) improved with a growth of 7.7% as of August 2024 compared to growth of 4.3% a year ago.
- There was a slowdown in credit growth to the NBFC segment (11.9% as of August 2024, down from 21.3% a year earlier) and personal loans (16.9% versus 18.3%),
 due to increased risk weightage for these segments.
- Credit-deposit ratio moderated to 79.1 in September 2024 from a peak of 80.1 in March 2024.



Standalone: Q2 & H1FY25 Key Highlights



REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS

EBITDA & EBITDA Margin %

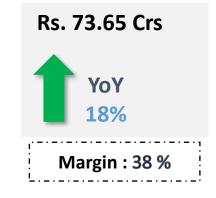
PAT & PAT Margins %

Earning Per Share

H1FY25





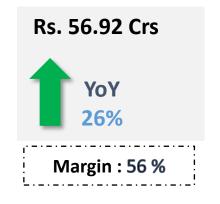


Rs. 24.64

Q2FY25



Rs. 101.51 Crs





Rs. 16.60

Consolidated: Q2 & H1FY25 Key Highlights



REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS

EBITDA & EBITDA Margins %

PAT & PAT Margins %

Earning Per Share

H1FY25







Rs. 22.36

Q2FY25



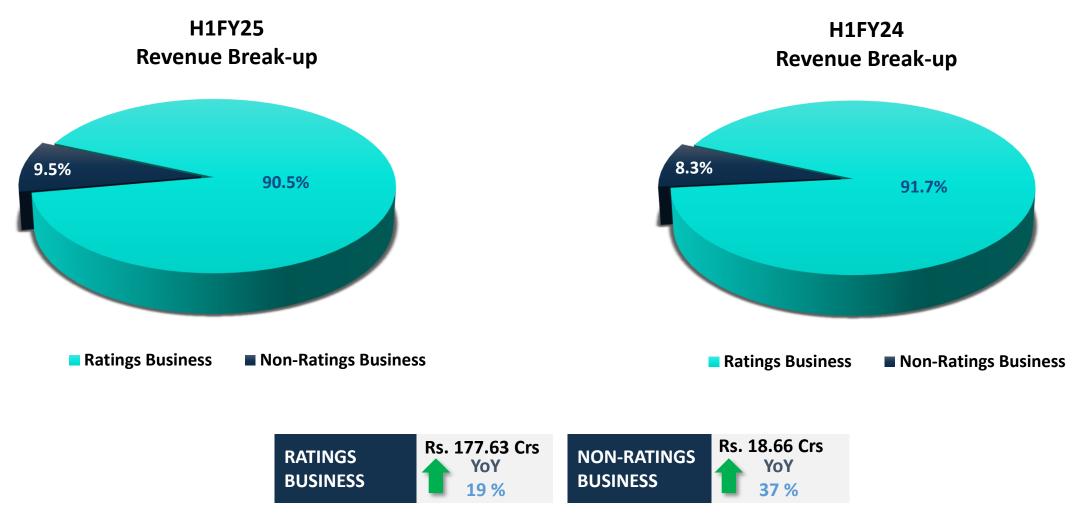




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Consolidated: Segmental Contribution

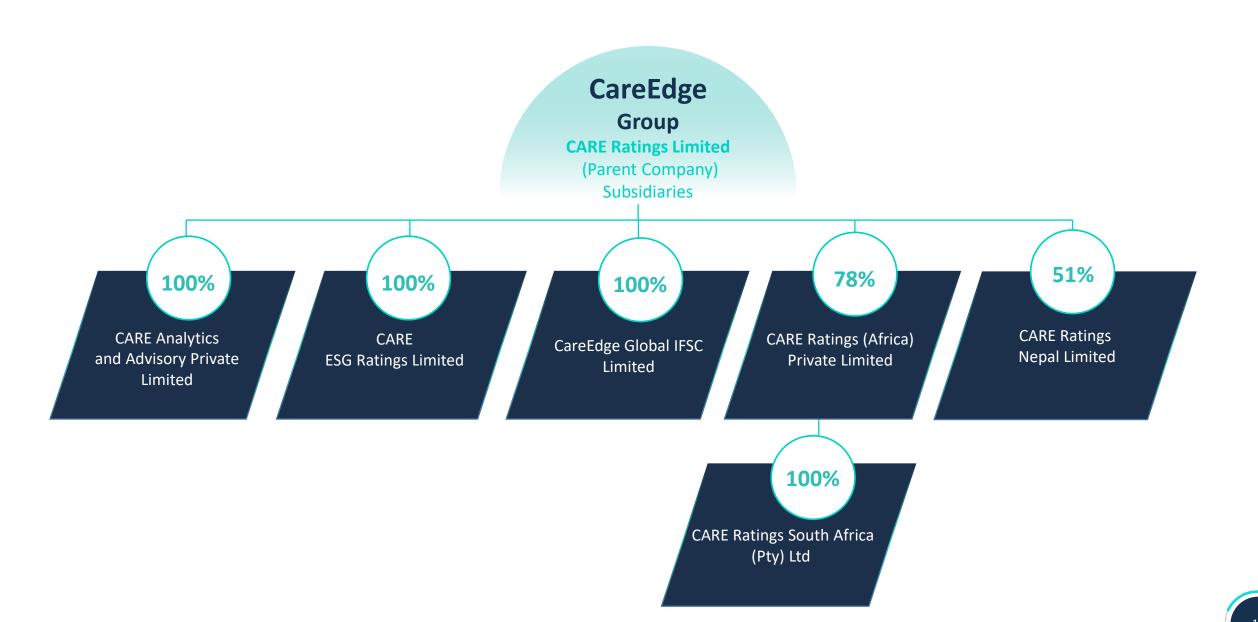




This increasing in Non-Ratings contribution of 9.5% is on the backdrop of strong growth of 19% for Ratings segment in H1.









Overall Ratings Business



CareEdge Ratings - India

- Incorporated in 1993, India's second largest credit rating agency licensed by SEBI & accredited by RBI
- Dominant position in BFSI and Infrastructure sector ratings

Ratings Business

CareEdge Global IFSC Limited (Subsidiary of CARE Ratings Ltd. with 100% stake)

- Licence received from IFSCA
- CareEdge to offer Sovereign Credit Ratings & Global Scale Rating of Issuer and Debt securities through its entity incorporated in IFSC GIFT City

CARE Ratings (Africa) Private Limited (Subsidiary of CARE Ratings Ltd. with 78% stake)

- Incorporated in 2014, Multilateral and Institutional Shareholding AFDB, MCB Eq. Fund, SBM (NFC) etc.
- Established CARE Ratings South Africa (Pty) Ltd. received the regulatory approval to offer Credit Ratings services including Sovereign Ratings

CARE Ratings Nepal Limited (Subsidiary of CARE Ratings Ltd. with 51% stake)

- Incorporated and registered in Nepal, Licensed by SEBON, Institutional Shareholding
- Significant coverage of Nepal's financial services landscape

Other Ratings

CARE ESG Ratings Limited (100% Subsidiary of CARE Ratings Ltd.)

- Approval received from SEBI to function as a Category I ESG Ratings Provider on May 2, 2024.
- CareEdge ESG on the path to be catalyst for change towards sustainable future with the release of its first ESG ratings recently

CareEdge Global IFSC Limited Launch Event – GIFT City



CareEdge has made history as the first Indian credit rating agency to enter the Global Scale Ratings space, through its subsidiary CareEdge Global IFSC Ltd.



















CareEdge assigns BBB+ rating to India

CareEdge Global IFSC, a subsidiary of CARE Ratings, on Thursday assigned a long-term foreign currency (LTFC) rating of CareEdge BBB+ to India, citing India's resilient post-pandemic recovery and its focus on infrastructure investment, the company said in a release. CareEdge has released its inaugural report on sovereign ratings, covering 39 global economies.

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Advisory Services

Advisory & Consulting Practice

- Bespoke Consulting
- · Feasibility Studies
- Financial appraisals
- Techno-Economic Viability (TEV) studies

Sustainability Practice

- ESG Strategy and Integration
- Green/Social Bond SPOs
- BRSR/ESG/GRI Reporting
- Climate Change & Decarbonization Strategy

Grading Services

- AIF /MFI / COCA/ NGO/ LPG Grading
- Corporate Governance

Research Services

- Customized Sectoral Research
- Industry Risk Scores
- Research for Global Fund Houses

Analytics Services

Risk Consulting

- Valuation Services
- Scorecard & Model creation/validations
- Policy & SOP Reviews

Digital Banking Solutions

- Customer Journey enhancements
- Platform evaluation support
- Project Management services for implementations

Risk Analytics

- Risk Score Cards (Application, Behavioral, Fraud & Internal Rating)
- IFRS (PD, LGD, EAD Models)
- Credit Monitoring Early Warning and Fraud Management
- Basel III Compliance Products (Credit Risk , Market Risk and Operational Risk)



Outreach Activities – Q2 FY25 - Summary



Flagship Events

Webinars Conducted

Participation in Knowledge **Sharing & Speaker Forums**

84

1288

Opinion pieces published in Media

14

Media Mentions & Coverages

3943

CareEdge Global Media Mentions & Coverages

Global Coverages

Domestic Coverages



Outreach Activities: Q2 FY25



CareEdge Conversations 2024 - Pune

Chief Guest: Shri Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa, Former CEO-Niti Aayog, Govt. of India.



CareEdge Conversations 2024 - Mumbai

Chief Guest: Shri M. Rajeshwar Rao, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India (RBI)





Knowledge Sharing Forums & Speaker Invitations















CSR Activities





Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3- GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

- Palliative care provided to 1300+ cancer patients through project 'Humsafar'
- Health Kit distributed to 500 Anemic pregnant women to decrease maternal Mortality Rate
- Supported 20+ pediatric cardiac surgeries

SDG 4- QUALITY EDUCATION

- Supported Education of 434 girl students through Nanhi Kali
- 1300+ books issued to students through the Book Bank project
- Overall development of 59 slum kids of wage laborers and migrant workers supported through 'Samutkarsh' project







SDG 8- DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH & SDG 11- SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

25 women trained through 'Sustainable Livelihood and Entrepreneurship Development on Millet
 Value Chain project



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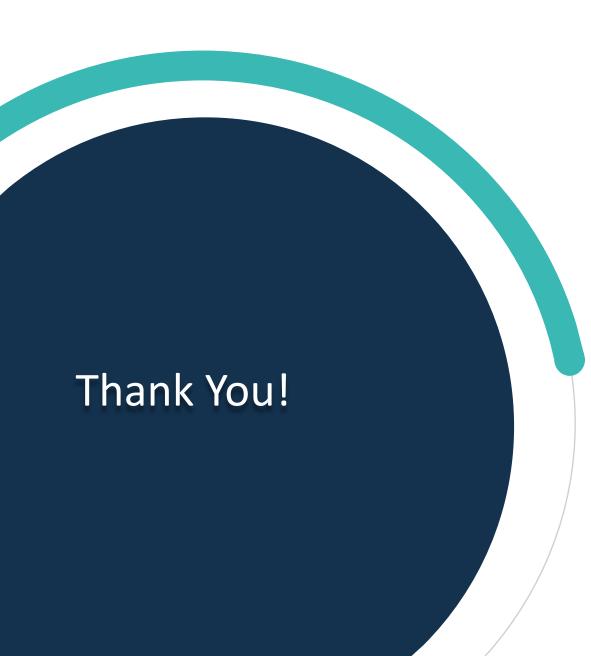
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