

December 22, 2023

<b>National Stock Exchange of India Limited</b> <b>Exchange Plaza</b> <b>Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC)</b> <b>Bandra (east)</b> <b>Mumbai - 400051</b>	<b>BSE Limited</b> <b>Phiroze Jeejeeboy Towers</b> <b>Dalal Street</b> <b>Mumbai - 400001</b>
<b>Symbol: EQUITASBNK</b>	<b>Scrip Code No: 543243</b>

Dear Sir

**Sub: Intimation under Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 – Assignment/Affirmation of Credit Ratings**

Pursuant to Regulation 30 and other applicable clauses of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we would like to inform you that India Ratings and Research Private Limited (Ind-Ra) vide its ratings letter dated December 22, 2023 (received by Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited (“the Bank”) today at 07:26 P.M.) has intimated of the following rating action on the Bank:

<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Size of Issue</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Rating Action</b>
Long-Term Issuer Rating	-	IND AA-/Stable	Assigned
Certificate of Deposits	Rs.1000 Crores	IND A1+	Affirmed

The ratings letter from Ind-Ra is enclosed herewith.

This is for your information and record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For **Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited**

**N Ramanathan**  
**Company Secretary**  
**Encl: a/a**

**Mr. Natarajan Muthusubramanian,  
President & Head- Treasury  
Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited Phase II,  
4th Floor, Spencer Plaza, No.608, Anna Salai,  
Chennai – 600 002**

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*Dear Sir/Madam,*

**Re: Rating Letter of Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited**

India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) has taken following rating actions on Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited (Equitas):

Instrument Type	Date Issuance	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	Size of Issue (million)	Rating	Rating Action
Long-Term Issuer Rating	-	-	-	-	IND AA- /Stable	Assigned
Certificates of Deposit (CDs)	-	-	-	INR10,000	IND A1+	Affirmed

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We are pleased to have had the opportunity to be of service to you. If we can be of further assistance, please email us at [infogrp@indiaratings.co.in](mailto:infogrp@indiaratings.co.in)

Sincerely,

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**Sunil Kumar Sinha**  
Senior Director