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Galaxy Automobiles Private Limited

July 25, 2024

Ratings

Instrument / Facility	Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Ratings	Previous Ratings	Rating Action	Complexity Indicator
Long Term Bank Facilities	350.50	IVR BBB+/ Stable (IVR Triple B Plus; with Stable Outlook)	IVR BBB+/ Stable (IVR Triple B Plus; with Stable Outlook)	Reaffirmed	Simple
Total	350.50	Rupees Three Hundred Fifty Crore and Fifty Lakh Only			

Details of Facilities/Instrument are in Annexure 1

Facility wise lender details are at Annexure 2

Detailed explanation of covenants is at Annexure 3

Detailed Rationale

Infomerics Ratings (IVR) has reaffirmed long-term rating to IVR BBB+ with a Stable outlook for the bank loan facilities of Galaxy Automobiles Private Limited (GAPL).

The rating continues to draw comfort from the experience of the promoters in automobile dealership business along with wide dealership network & company's established market position with long standing relationship with Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) and GAPL's diversified revenue profile, comfortable debt protection metrics and financial risk profile during FY2023 and 9MFY24. However, these strengths are partially offset by thin profitability margins inherent to dealership business, working capital intensive nature of operations, susceptibility to intense competition with dealers of other OEMs in the passenger segment and cyclical nature of the automobile industry.

The outlook is 'Stable' on account of long-standing relationship Toyota Kirloskar Motors Private Limited (TKMPL) and improved demand of passenger vehicles by the customer's, which provides revenue visibility in the medium term.

IVR has principally relied on the standalone audited financial results of GAPL upto 31 March 2023 (refers to period April 1st, 2022, to March 31, 2023), 9MFY24 provisional results and projected financials for FY24, FY25 and FY26, and publicly available information/clarifications provided by the company's management.



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Key Rating Sensitivities:

Upward Factors

- Substantial improvement in the scale of operations and operating profitability margins above 4.15%
- Improvement in debt protection metrics
- Sustenance of the overall gearing below 1.10x

Downward Factors

- Significant reduction in the scale of operations and profitability margins,
- Deterioration in debt protection metrics and overall gearing

List of Key Rating Drivers with Detailed Description

Key Rating Strengths

- **Established track record of operations and experienced management:**
The company commenced its operations in 1999 and has a successful track record of more than two decades in the existing line of business. Overall activities of GAPL are managed by three directors with Mr. Ashok Sachdev being the Chairman cum Managing Director. He has experience of more than 30 years in the automobile dealership business. He is ably supported by other two directors namely, Mr. Hans Sachdev and Mr. Harpreet Sachdev who have effective experience in automobile dealership business as well as supported by qualified and well experienced management team.
- **Established market position with long standing association with its principal-TMKPL coupled with diversified revenue profile:**
GAPL is engaged in the automobile dealership business and has long standing association with its principal Toyota Kirloskar Motors Private Limited (TMKPL) since 1999. It currently operates 5 showroom's and 6 well equipped workshops/service centers across Delhi NCR i.e., Moti Nagar, Dwarka, Shalimar Place, Chhatarpur and Lajpat Nagar, Okhla and Azadpur. It also operates 3 Toyota U- Trust (pre-owned car) outlets at Moti Nagar, Dwarka and Shalimar Place which are located within the existing showroom premises. It operates its showroom under the brand name of "Galaxy Toyota" and is a well-recognized car dealership brand across Delhi NCR. The company thus have diverse revenue profile with income coming from sale of cars, used cars, service and sale of spare parts. The company garners higher margin in the used cars and service segment when compared to new cars segment.



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- **Comfortable debt protection metrics and financial risk profile:**
In terms of the debt coverage indicators, the interest service coverage ratio (ISCR) and debt service coverage ratio (DSCR) remained at comfortable levels of 1.91x and 1.11x respectively in FY2023. The tangible net worth remained comfortable at Rs. 155.24 crore in FY2023 with overall gearing at 1.35x in FY2023. The total operating income (TOI) improved by ~78.67% to Rs. 1265.20 crore in FY2023 from Rs. 708.13 crore in FY2022. In 9MFY24 TOI stood at Rs. 1105.87 crore.

Key Rating Weaknesses

- **Thin profitability margins inherent to dealership business**
The dealership business is characterized by thin margins and low bargaining power of the dealer, as margins on vehicles are determined by the principal. Operating profit margins decreased to 3.93% in FY2023 from 6.42% in FY2022, due to higher contribution of car sales in total operating income which have thin margins while the revenue from other contributors like after sale services and commission/incentives have better margins, has lower contribution to total operating income. PAT margins also decreased to 0.87% in FY2023 from 0.98% in FY2022. GAPL also faces revenue concentration risk, as its entire revenues are solely dependent on a single principal, TMKPL.
- **Working capital intensive nature of operations:**
Inventory management is crucial for GAPL as it needs to maintain optimal inventory of vehicles and spare parts to meet the customer demand and unforeseen supply shortage. The operations of GAPL are working capital intensive given the need to maintain inventory. The average fund based working capital utilization stood moderate at ~70% for last 12 months ending 31st December 2023.
- **Intense competition and regional concentration of sales:**
The company faces competition from dealers of other original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), along with dealers from the same principal resulting in increased pressure to pass on price discounts to customers. The sales are regionally concentrated with its revenue derived from Delhi NCR region.
- **Cyclical nature of automobile industry:**
The auto industry is inherently vulnerable to the economic cycles and is highly sensitive to the movement in interest rates and fuel prices. A hike in interest rate, increases the costs associated with the purchase leading to purchase deferral. Fuel prices have a direct impact on the running costs of the vehicle and any hike in the same would lead to reduced disposable income of the consumers, influencing the purchase decision. The company thus faces significant risks associated with the dynamics of the auto industry.



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Analytical Approach: For arriving at the ratings, IVR has analysed GAPL's credit profile by considering the standalone financial statements of the company.

Applicable Criteria:

[Rating Methodology for Trading Companies](#)

[Financial Ratios & Interpretation \(Non-Financial Sector\)](#)

[Criteria for Assigning Rating Outlook](#)

[Policy on Default Recognition](#)

[Complexity Level of Rated Instruments/Facilities](#)

Liquidity – Adequate

The company has an adequate liquidity position. There are long-term secured borrowings from banks, amounting to Rs. 62.94 crore, as on 31 March 2023. Against a current portion of long-term debt (CPLTD) of Rs 15.15 crore in FY2023, the company had a cash accrual of Rs. 20.25 crore in FY2023. The company projected to generate cash accruals of Rs. 27.17 crore in FY2024 against a CPLTD of Rs. 20.03 crore. With adequate expected cash accruals against repayments, the liquidity position will remain adequate.

About the Company

Galaxy Automobiles Private Limited (GAPL) was incorporated on 24 February 1999 under the leadership of Mr. Ashok Sachdev and was awarded the dealership of Toyota Kirloskar Motors Private Limited (TKMPL) for New Delhi. He is ably supported by his two sons, Mr. Harpreet Sachdev and Mr. Hans Sachdev. Over the years, GAPL has grown its size by opening outlets across Delhi NCR and currently owns 5 showrooms and 6 well equipped workshops/service stations at Moti Nagar, Dwarka, Shalimar Place, Chhatarpur and Lajpat Nagar, Okhla and Azadpur. It also operates 3 (pre-owned car) outlets at Moti Nagar, Dwarka and Shalimar Place which are located within the existing showroom premises. It sells used cars under the name Toyota U- Trust Program. It operates its showroom under the brand name of "Galaxy Toyota" and is a well-recognised car dealership brand across Delhi NCR. It has a combined showroom space of 60,000 sq. ft. and workshop area exceeding 2,00,000 sq. ft.



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Financials (Standalone):

(Rs. crore)

For the year ended as on	31-03-2022	31-03-2023
	Audited	Audited
Total Operating Income	708.13	1265.20
EBITDA	45.47	49.76
PAT	6.92	10.96
Total Debt	212.86	209.28
Tangible Networth	143.45	155.24
EBITDA Margin (%)	6.42	3.93
PAT Margin (%)	0.98	0.87
Overall Gearing Ratio (x)	1.49	1.35
Interest Coverage Ratio (x)	1.65	1.91

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not Applicable

Any other information: Not Applicable

Rating History for last three years:

Sr. No.	Type of Facilities	Current Ratings (Year 2024-25)			Rating History for the past 3 years		
		Tenure	Amount outstanding (Rs. Crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2023-24 22 nd February 2024	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2022-23 28 th February 2023	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2021-22 10 th February 2022
1.	Fund Based	Long Term	350.50	IVR BBB+/Stable	IVR BBB+/Stable	IVR BBB+/Stable	IVR BBB/Stable

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Annexure 1: Details of Facilities

Name of Facility	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility Rs. Crore	Rating Assigned/ Outlook
Cash Credit	-	-	-	93.58	IVR BBB+/Stable
Inventory Funding	-	-	-	202.90	IVR BBB+/Stable
Term Loan	-	-	Dec 2024	0.41	IVR BBB+/Stable



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Term Loan	-	-	June 2027	4.22	IVR BBB+/Stable
Term Loan	-	-	August 2026	17.29	IVR BBB+/Stable
GECL	-	-	December 2025	4.20	IVR BBB+/Stable
GECL	-	-	May 2026	2.25	IVR BBB+/Stable
GECL	-	-	May 2027	9.12	IVR BBB+/Stable
GECL	-	-	March 2028	3.37	IVR BBB+/Stable
GECL	-	-	May 2028	7.66	IVR BBB+/Stable
GECL	-	-	March 2029	5.50	IVR BBB+/Stable

Annexure 2: Facility wise lender details

<https://www.infomerics.com/admin/prfiles/len-Galaxy-Automobiles-july24.pdf>

Annexure 3: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated securities/facilities: Not Applicable

Annexure 4: List of companies considered for consolidated/combined analysis: Not Applicable

Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument: Infomerics has classified instruments rated by it on the basis of complexity and a note thereon is available at www.infomerics.com.