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Nido Home Finance Limited (NHFL) April 28, 2025

Ratings

| Instrument / Facility | Amount (Rs. crore) | Current Ratings | Previous Ratings | Rating Action | Complexity Indicator |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Proposed Commercial Paper (CPs) | 100.00 | IVR A1+ (IVR A One Plus) | • | Rating Assigned | Simple |
| Total | | (Rupees One | 100.00 Hundred Crore | e Only) | |

Details of Facilities/Instruments are in Annexure 1. Facility wise lender details are at Annexure 2. Detailed explanation of covenants is at Annexure 3.

Detailed Rationale

Infomerics Ratings has assigned its rating to the proposed commercial paper issue of NHFL based on the comfort derived from established track record of the Edelweiss group (here after referred to as group) with presence across diversified business verticals with sizeable scale of operations, adequate capitalisation of the group with proven track record of monetising group assets. However, the ratings are constrained by average asset quality and pressure on group's profitability.

Key Rating Sensitivities:

Downward Factors

- Substantial decline in the overall financial profile of the group.
- Substantial deterioration in capitalisation, liquidity and profitability of the group and /or delay in planned divestments
- Deterioration in the asset quality from the current levels

List of Key Rating Drivers with Detailed Description

Key Rating Strengths

Established track record of the group



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The Edelweiss group was established in 1995 and is present across various financial services businesses, including loans to individuals, mortgage finance - loans against property and small-ticket housing loans, MSME finance, alternative and domestic asset management, and life and general insurance. In addition, the Balance sheet Management Unit (BMU) focuses on liquidity and asset-liability management. The group had 293 offices (including 10 international offices in 6 locations) in around 136 cities in FY24 (refers to period April 1st, 2023, to Mar 31, 2024). Furthermore, as part of streamlining its operating structure, the group has restructured the businesses into four verticals namely credit (Lending), insurance, asset management and asset reconstruction.

Diversified business verticals with sizeable scale of operations albeit moderation witnessed in recent past.

The Edelweiss group has sizeable operations across various business verticals i.e. Lending (wholesale and retail), insurance (life and general), asset management, and asset reconstruction.

The asset management business comprises mutual fund (Edelweiss Asset Management Ltd) and alternate asset businesses (Edelweiss Alternative Asset Advisors Ltd). The asset management business has substantially grown in last few years and currently the AUM stood at Rs 1,81,700.00 crore as on March 31, 2024, when compared to Rs 1,51,500.00 crore as on March 31, 2023. The AUM has further grown to Rs 1,98,075 crore as on 31 December 2024.

In the asset reconstruction segment, Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited's (EARCL) total AUM has declined to Rs 31,590.00 crore as on March 31, 2024 (Rs 37,100.00 crore and Rs 40,200.00 crore as on March 31, 2023, and March 31, 2022). The AUM has further reduced to Rs 27,850 crore as on 31 Dec 2024 given the restrictions imposed by RBI on fresh asset acquisitions. Since, RBI has lifted restrictions imposed on EARCL on 17 Dec 2024, the acquisition of fresh assets is expected to gain momentum from Q4FY25 onwards.



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EARCLs recoveries and acquisition of assets stood at Rs 9,416.00 crore and Rs 13,187 crore respectively for FY24. In 9MFY25, EARCLs recoveries stood at Rs 4,303.00 crore with no fresh acquisitions.

In the lending business vertical, group has two NBFCs, ECL Finance Ltd which is into wholesale (Construction loans) and retail -MSME lending, Edelweiss Retail Finance Ltd which is into retail – MSME lending and one housing finance company, Nido Home Finance Ltd which is into housing loan segment.

Total AUM of NBFC stood at Rs 6,924.00 crore (comprising of own loan book of Rs 1753.00 crore, group loans of Rs 305.47 crore, investments in SR's of Rs 3,976.83 crore and assigned book of Rs 888.83 crore) as on 31 March 2024 when compared to Rs 7,847.00 crore as on 31 March 2023. The degrowth in AUM is on account of discontinuation of wholesale lending segment. The AUM has further declined to Rs 5,370 crore in 9MFY25. The wholesale book has further reduced to Rs 3,650.00 crore by 31 December 2024 and is expected to run down in the normal course of business.

Total AUM of HFC stood at Rs 3,962.00 crore (Including Housing loans of Rs 2,549 crore, LAP of Rs 1104 crore and construction finance - residential of Rs 308 crore) as on 31 March 2024 when compared to Rs 4,115.00 crore as on 31 March 2023. The AUM of HFC stood at Rs 3,972.00 crore in 9MFY25.

The group is also having its presence in life insurance business (Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance Company Ltd) and general insurance businesses (Zuno General Insurance Limited), which are gaining scale and are expected to breakeven over the medium term.

Adequate capitalisation with proven track record of monetising group assets

The group has maintained adequate capitalisation to support the growth in various business verticals backed by proven track record of capital raise over the years. Edelweiss group has raised Rs 4,400.00 crores from global investors since 2016. On a consolidated basis, the group has a tangible Networth of Rs 5,850.74 crore as on 31 March 2024 as against Rs



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7670.01 crore as on March 31, 2023 (Rs 7386.00 crore as on March 31, 2022). The decline in consolidated Networth is on account of demerger of "Nuvama Wealth Management Ltd", a listed entity and the proceeds were distributed to the EFSL shareholders. EFSL held 44% stake in Nuvama and after the demerger, 30% of Nuvama's shares were distributed to EFSL shareholders, reducing EFSL's net worth by ~ Rs 2,300.00 crore. As on 31 December 2024, the consolidated Networth stood at Rs 6477.00 crore against net debt of Rs 11,590.00 crore.

The group has an established track record of monetizing its assets and unlock their intrinsic values and the latest being monetizing ~30% of its stake in "Nuvama Wealth Management Ltd" for ~Rs 3,260.00 crore, group's wealth management arm. The group plans to monetize assets worth ~Rs 1,500.00 crore in FY26 in the asset management business (EAAA) through an IPO.

Key Rating Weaknesses

Average asset quality

The asset quality of the group in lending business remains average with NBFCs (Consolidated) reporting GNPA of 2.32% and NNPA of 1.46% for 9MFY25 (GNPA of 2.45% and NNPA of 1.42% for FY24) and HFC reporting GNPA of 2.19% and NNPA of 1.79% for 9MFY25 (GNPA of 1.69% and NNPA of 1.19% for FY24). Since majority of the AUM consist of wholesale loans despite discontinuation of fresh disbursements, which are big ticket size construction loans, where the delinquencies are higher when compared to other asset classes. Going forward, the ability to maintain healthy asset quality will be a key rating monitorable.

Pressure on group's profitability.

The group has reported PAT of Rs 528.04 crore in FY24 with major contribution from Asset reconstruction business vertical which stood at Rs 355 crore for FY24, lending business vertical contributing Rs 169 crore and Rs 248 crore from asset management business vertical. The same stands adjusted against losses incurred from other companies and deferred tax credit of Rs 305 crore.

The management has informed that the asset management business and insurance business have grown multi fold in last three years and expected to contribute majorly towards the



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profitability of the group in the medium to long term. Also, the fact that the restrictions on EARC and ECLFL has been lifted, and the business is expected to grow and improve the profitability of the group coupled with reducing debt levels is expected to help the group in improving its profitability. The same is reflected in improved profitability reported by the group in 9MFY25 which stood at Rs 377.50 crore when compared to PAT of Rs 324.96 crore in 9MFY24.

Analytical Approach: Consolidated

Infomerics Ratings has adopted consolidated approach as these entities, collectively referred to as the Edelweiss group, have significant operational, financial and managerial linkages. All these companies have common promoters and share common brand name "Edelweiss."

The Edelweiss group comprises of 28 subsidiaries and associates as on March 31, 2024. "Edelweiss Financial Services Limited" (EFSL) is the holding company of the group, where the financials of all the subsidiaries/associates/group companies gets consolidated.

Applicable Criteria:

Rating Methodology for Financial Institutions/Non-Banking Finance companies

Policy on Default Recognition and Post - Default Curing Period

Criteria of assigning Rating Outlook

Complexity level of rated instruments/Facilities

Financial Ratios & Interpretation (Financial Sector)

Criteria on consolidation of companies

Liquidity: Strong

Edelweiss group has strong liquidity of Rs 4,568.00 crore as on 31 December 2024 against total debt repayments of Rs 4,200.00 crore for next 12 months ending December 2025. The group has adequately matched asset liability profile as on 31 December 2024. The group intends to refile the DRHP for public issue of Rs 1500.00 crore in EAAA which will further boost the liquidity of the group. Infomerics expects that the group will be able to maintain adequate liquidity with the expected cash inflows from the future fund-raising plans.



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About the company - Nido Home Finance Limited (NHFL)

Nido Home Finance Ltd (NHFL) is a housing finance company registered with National Housing Bank (NHB) and was incorporated on May 30, 2008, following the group's strategy of creating a larger retail footprint. The company offers home loans and loans against property.

Financials (Standalone)*: NHFL

(Rs. crore)

| (113: 61016) | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|--|
| For the year ended* / As on | 31-03-2023 | 31-03-2024 | |
| | Audited | Audited | |
| Total Income | 446.69 | 465.71 | |
| PAT | 16.06 | 19.31 | |
| Tangible Net worth | 788.19 | 808.41 | |
| Total Debt | 1847.44 | 1686.48 | |
| AUM | 3854.00 | 3962.00 | |
| Ratios | | | |
| Overall Gearing (Times) | 2.34 | 2.09 | |
| ROTA (%) | 0.42 | 0.52 | |
| Interest Coverage (times) | 1.07 | 1.09 | |
| Gross NPA [Stage III] (%) | 1.91 | 1.69 | |
| Net NPA [Stage III] (%) | 1.46 | 1.19 | |
| Total CRAR (%) | 32.06 | 39.05 | |

^{*} Classification as per Infomerics' standards

About the Group: Edelweiss Group

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Financials (Consolidated)*: EFSL

(Rs. crore)

| For the year ended* / As on | 31-03-2023 | 31-03-2024 | |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|--|
| | Audited | Audited | |
| Total Income | 8632.59 | 9601.57 | |



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| For the year ended* / As on | 31-03-2023 | 31-03-2024 |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| PAT | 405.56 | 528.04 |
| Tangible Net worth | 7670.01 | 5850.74 |
| Total Debt | 28347.94 | 28551.00 |
| Total Assets | 42676.48 | 41174.55 |
| Ratios | | |
| Overall Gearing (Times) | 3.70 | 4.88 |
| ROTA (%) | 1.01 | 1.31 |
| Interest Coverage (times) | 1.10 | 1.16 |
| Gross NPA [Stage III] (%) | 2.07 | 2.45 |
| Net NPA [Stage III] (%) | 1.29 | 1.42 |

^{*} Classification as per Infomerics' standards

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable

Any other information: NA

Rating History for last three years:

| Sr. | Name of | Current Ratings (Year 2025-26) | | Rating History for the past 3 years | | | | |
|-----|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|---------|
| No. | Instrumen t/ Facilities | Туре | Amount outstandi ng (Rs. crore) | Rating | Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2024-25 | Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2023-24 | Date(s) Rating(s) assigned 2022-23 | & in |
| 1. | Proposed Commerci al Paper | Short Term | 100.00 | IVR A1+ | | - | - | |

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Annexure 1: Instrument/Facility Details

| Instrument | ISIN | Date of Issuance | Maturity Date | Coupon (%) | Amount (Rs in Crores) | Listing Status | Rating |
|------------|-------|------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Proposed | | | | | | To be | IVR A1+ |
| CPs | - | - | - | - | 100.00 | listed | |
| | Total | | | | 100.00 | | |

Annexure 2: Facility wise lender details - Not Applicable

Annexure 3: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated Security/facilities:



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Draft Term sheet for the proposed Commercial Paper issue of Rs 100.00 crore

| Issuer | Nido Home Finance Limited |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| Issue size | Upto Rs 100 crore |
| Face Value | 500,000.00 |
| ROI | 9.10% |
| Issue Date | TBD |
| Maturity Date | TBD |
| No of Days | Upto 364 days |
| Purpose | Rollover of existing CPs |

Annexure 4: List of companies considered for consolidated analysis:

| Name of entities consolidated | Extent of | Rationale for |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| | consolidation | consolidation |
| ECL Finance Limited | Full | Subsidiary |
| Edelcap Securities Ltd | Full | Subsidiary |
| Edelweiss Asset Management Ltd | Full | Subsidiary |
| ECap Securities and Investments Ltd (Formerly known | Full | Subsidiary |
| as ECap Equities Ltd) | | |
| Edelweiss Trusteeship Company Ltd | Full | Subsidiary |
| Nido Home Finance Ltd (Earlier known as Edelweiss | Full | Subsidiary |
| Housing Finance Ltd) | | |
| Edelweiss Investment Adviser Ltd | Full | Subsidiary |
| ECap Equities Ltd (Formerly known as Edel Land Ltd) | Full | Subsidiary |
| Edelweiss Investment Ltd | Full | Subsidiary |
| Edelweiss Rural and Corporate Services Ltd | Full | Subsidiary |
| Comtrade Commodities Services Ltd (Formerly known | Full | Subsidiary |
| as Edelweiss Comtrade Ltd) | | |
| Edel Finance Company Ltd | Full | Subsidiary |
| Edelweiss Retail Finance Ltd | Full | Subsidiary |
| Edelweiss Multi Strategy Fund Advisors LLP | Full | Subsidiary |



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| Zuno General Insurance Limited (Formerly known as | Full | Subsidiary |
|---|------|------------|
| Edelweiss General Insurance Company Ltd | | |
| Edelweiss Securities and Investments Pvt Ltd | Full | Subsidiary |
| EC International Ltd | Full | Subsidiary |
| Nuvama Investment Advisors LLC (Formerly known as | Full | Subsidiary |
| EAAA LLC) | | |
| Edelweiss Alternative Asset Advisors Pte. Ltd | Full | Subsidiary |
| EdelGive Foundation | Full | Subsidiary |
| Edelweiss Alternative Asset Advisors Ltd | Full | Subsidiary |
| Edelweiss Private Equity Tech Fund | Full | Subsidiary |
| Edelweiss Value and Growth Fund | Full | Subsidiary |
| Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd | Full | Subsidiary |
| Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance Company Ltd | Full | Subsidiary |
| Allium Finance Pvt Ltd | Full | Subsidiary |
| Edelweiss Global Wealth Management Limited | Full | Subsidiary |
| Nuvama Custodial Services Ltd (formerly known as | Full | Subsidiary |
| Edelweiss Capital Services Ltd) | | |
| India Credit Investment Fund II | Full | Subsidiary |
| Sekura India Management Ltd | Full | Subsidiary |
| Edelweiss Retail Assets Managers Ltd | Full | Subsidiary |

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