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### Findoc Investmart Private Limited (FIPL)

### February 27, 2025

Ratings						
Instrument /	Amount	Current	Previous	Rating	<b>Complexity</b>	
Facility	(Rs. Crore)	Ratings	Ratings	Action	<b>Indicator</b>	
Long Term Bank Facilities	125.00	IVR BBB+/ Stable [IVR Triple B Plus with Stable Outlook]	IVR BBB+/ Stable [IVR Triple B Plus with Stable Outlook]	Rating Reaffirmed	Simple	
Short Term Bank Facilities	385.00 (Enhanced from Rs.310.00)	IVR A2 [IVR A Two]	IVR A2 [IVR A Two]	Rating Reaffirmed	Simple	
Total		510.00 (Rupees Five Hundred and Ten Crore 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 reaffirmed its ratings assigned to the bank facilities of FIPL as it continues to derive comfort from the experienced management, comfortable capitalization and healthy scale of operations with improved margins. However, these strengths are partially offset by susceptibility to uncertainties inherent in capital market business along with Intense competition.

The stable outlook reflects consistent improvement in the trading volumes which has resulted in improved financial profile of the company and expected improvement in trading volumes given the established track record of the group and comfortable capitalisation.

Key Rating Sensitivities: Upward Factors

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• Substantial and sustained improvement in scale of operations and profitability margins while maintaining comfortable capitalisation and liquidity.

#### **Downward Factors**

- Substantial decline in trading volumes and profitability.
- Substantial increase in gearing levels.
- Changes in the regulatory environment impacting the operations of the company.

#### List of Key Rating Drivers with Detailed Description

#### **Key Rating Strengths**

#### Healthy scale of operations with improved margins

Total operating income of FIPL has increased by ~14% YoY to Rs.377.68 crore in FY24 (refers to period April 1st, 2023, to Mar 31, 2024) as against Rs.331.05 crore in FY23 on account of increase in trading volumes in FY24. FIPL has successfully managed to maintain & improve its profitability margins over the years. EBITDA & PAT margins of FIPL have improved to 48.99% & 32.61% respectively in FY24 as against 42.88% & 28.97% respectively in FY23.

#### **Comfortable capitalization**

FIPLs tangible net worth increased to Rs.498.35 crore as on March 31, 2024, as against Rs.374.82 crore as on March 31, 2023, on account of retention of profits. The gearing stood low at 0.01 times as on March 31, 2024. The company has its major borrowings through overdraft & bank guarantee for meeting the working capital requirement and has security deposits in favor of various exchanges. The company's major bank facilities are non-fund based in nature and hence despite the increase in borrowings, Interest coverage ratio stood healthy at 8.97x in FY2024.

#### **Experienced management**

FIPL was incorporated in the year 2010 and has over a decade of presence in the broking industry. The company is led by Mr. Hemant Sood, Managing Director and Founder of FIPL. He has over a decade of experience in capital markets. FIPL is a member of various stock exchanges like NSE, BSE, MCX, among others. It has a basket of diversified products being offered which includes proprietary trading services, broking services in all segments (equity, derivatives, commodities and currency).

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#### **Key Rating Weaknesses**

#### Susceptibility to uncertainties inherent in capital market business

FIPL is engaged in the stock broking business and the stock markets are volatile in nature, Market indexes like Sensex and Nifty goes up and down throughout the day and the company's operating performance is linked to the capital markets, which are inherently volatile as they are driven by economic and political factors as well as investor sentiments.

#### **Intense Competition**

Broking is a highly volatile and cyclical business with the presence of many established players who provide significant competition to the other fragmented and small players. The competition from large and established players and technology-focused new entrants is expected to continue to impact the revenue profile of players. This limits the profitability margins of the industry.

Analytical Approach: Standalone

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)

#### Liquidity – Adequate

FIPL has maintained adequate liquidity in the form of gross cash accruals of Rs. 139.24 crore, and cash and bank balance of Rs. 563.43 crore, as on 31 March 2024. The current ratio for FY2024 stood comfortable at 2.00x and the quick ratio stood at 1.99x, indicating adequate liquidity.

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#### About the Company

Incorporated in August, 2010 Findoc Investmart Private Limited (FIPL), a Ludhiana-based equity broking firm, is a corporate member of both the National Stock Exchange of India and Bombay Stock Exchange. It offers full spectrum equity, derivatives, currency broking, and commodity derivative services, and provides depository services and professional services. FIPL provides depository services, professional services, loan syndication, consultancy, broking, and trading in various segments, including BSE-CASH, NSE-CASH, CD-NSE, and NSE-Commodity derivatives.

FIPL, part of the Findoc Group of Punjab, engages in various sectors including financial retailing, NBFC, commodity broking, outdoor advertising, real estate development, and trading electronics and healthcare devices. During FY24, FIPL relocated from Chandigarh to Gift City Gujarat, benefiting from monthly stamp duty savings, and its group company, Findoc Investmart (IFSC) Private Limited, is also located in Gift City Gujarat.

#### Financials (Standalone)\*:

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2024 ed)
68
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73
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35
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51
1
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\*Classification as per Infomerics standards

#### Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: None

Any other information: None



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Rating History for last three years:

		Current Ratings (Year 2024- 25)			Rating History for the past 3 years			
Sr. No.	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Туре	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2023- 24	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2024- 25	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2024- 25	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2024-25	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2023-24	
	Press Release				25-Nov- 2024	15-Oct-2024	15-Sep-2023	
1.	Fund Based – Intraday Limit	Long Term	125.00	IVR BBB+/ Stable	IVR BBB+/ Stable	IVR BBB+/ RWDI	IVR BBB+/ Stable	
2.	Non-Fund Based – Bank Guarantee	Short Term	385.00	IVR A2	IVR A2	IVR A2/RWDI	IVR A2	
3.	Non-Fund Based – Proposed	Short Term	0.00		IVR A2	IVR A2/RWDI	IVR A2	

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Annexure	1:	Details	of	Facilities

Name of Facility	Date of Issuanc e	Coupon Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility (Rs. Crore)	Listing status	Rating Assigned/ Outlook
Long Term – Fund Based – Intraday Limits	-	_	-	125.00	-	IVR BBB+/ Stable
Short Term – Non-Fund Based – Bank Guarantee	-	-	-	385.00		IVR A2

Annexure 2: Facility wise lender details https://www.infomerics.com/admin/prfiles/len-findoc-feb25.pdf

Annexure 3: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated Security/facilities: Not applicable

Annexure 4: List of companies considered for consolidated 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 <u>www.infomerics.com</u>.