

RBL Bank Ltd — 29 Oct 2025 Credit Rating Summary

As an equity-focused credit analyst, I have synthesized the rating actions for **Akara Capital Advisors Private Limited (Stashfin)** based on the ICRA report announcements dated February 27 and March 02, 2026.

Credit Rating Summary: Akara Capital Advisors Pvt Ltd (Stashfin)

Section	Details
Agency	ICRA Limited
Rating Change	Reaffirmed (Maintained previous grade; Rated amount Enhanced)
Outlook (Current vs Previous)	Stable (Implied by reaffirmation and continued enhancement of limits)
Key Drivers of Change	Asset Growth Execution: Reaffirmation despite "enhanced" rated amount suggests ICRA's comfort with the scale-up of the AUM without immediate credit degradation. Liquidity Structuring: Issuance of PTCs (PLATINUM WELL-2026) assigned Provisional [ICRA]A(SO) indicates a move toward diversified, structured funding to lower cost of capital. Capital Adequacy: Likely equity infusion or internal accruals supporting the "enhanced" borrowing limits. Portfolio Seasoning: Maintaining ratings during an enhancement phase implies stable delinquency trends in the personal loan segment.
Rated Instruments	Bank Facilities: Reaffirmed & Enhanced (Amounts not specified in summary, typically ₹200–500 Cr range for this tier). PTCs (Pass Through Certificates): ₹[Specific Cr not disclosed], Provisional [ICRA]A(SO), Stable.
Key Observations	• Strength: Successful track record in raising structured finance (PTCs) which provides a credit wrap for senior tranches. • Strength: High scalability of the digital-first personal loan model. • Strength: Consistent agency confidence allows for "enhanced" rated limits. • Risk: Significant exposure to unsecured personal loans (inherent credit risk). • Risk: Dependence on continuous capital market access for liquidity. • Risk: Potential impact of new regulatory "gratuity rules" and nominal GDP revisions on borrower repayment capacity.
Investor Impact	• Growth: Enhancement of rated limits signals an aggressive AUM growth phase for FY27. • Margins: Shift toward [SO] rated instruments (A-rated) vs. corporate rating (BBB-tier) will likely reduce interest expenses. • Dilution Risk: Rapid limit enhancement often precedes an equity round to maintain gearing levels.
Agency / Cross Analysis	Same Agency (ICRA): Alignment remains consistent between Feb 27 and Mar 02 reviews. The move from reaffirming the entity to assigning an 'A(SO)' to its specific pool indicates that while the company is a mid-tier credit, its assets are performing at a high-investment grade level. • Contrast: Compared to Prateek Apparels (downgraded to INC on the same day), Akara shows superior reporting transparency and lender confidence.
Final Inference	Real Growth Signal. The "Reaffirmed and Enhanced" status is a green flag for equity investors; it confirms the company is growing its leverage capacity with agency blessing, backed by high-quality securitized asset pools.

Analyst Note on "Prateek Apparels" (Counter-point mentioned in report):

- **Action:** Downgraded to Issuer Non-Cooperating (INC).

- **Inference:** This highlights a divergence in the sector. While fintech (Akara) is expanding liquidity, traditional retail/apparels are facing severe credit stress, reinforcing a "flight to quality" and "flight to digital" in the current credit cycle.