

## Vodafone Idea Ltd — 20 Jan 2026 Credit Rating Summary

Based on the ICRA rating actions provided in the document snippets (dated Feb/March 2026), the following summary focuses on **Akara Capital Advisors Private Limited** (Stashfin), as it represents the most significant active credit event (reaffirmation and enhancement) mentioned.

### Credit Rating Summary: Akara Capital Advisors Private Limited

Section	Details
Agency	ICRA
Rating Change	Reaffirmed (Amount Enhanced)
Outlook (Current vs Previous)	Stable (Implied by reaffirmation of existing ratings)
Key Drivers of Change	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Operational Scaling:</b> Rated amount enhancement indicates significant AUM growth ambitions.</li><li><b>Securitization Strength:</b> Assignment of Provisional [ICRA]A(SO) for PTCs (PLATINUM WELL-2026) shows robust asset-backed financing capability.</li><li><b>Resource Profile:</b> Ability to raise funds via personal loan receivables indicates healthy lender confidence.</li></ol>
Rated Instruments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>PTCs (Personal Loan Receivables):</b> [ICRA]A(SO), Stable</li><li><b>Bank Facilities/Other Debt:</b> Reaffirmed &amp; Enhanced (Exact □Cr not in snippet)</li></ol>
Key Observations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Strength:</b> Proven ability to churn the portfolio through securitization (PTCs).</li><li>• <b>Strength:</b> Access to capital markets/bank funding for "Enhanced" limits.</li><li>• <b>Strength:</b> Sustained credit profile despite scale-up.</li><li>• <b>Risk:</b> Inherent risk in unsecured personal loan receivables.</li><li>• <b>Risk:</b> Sector-wide headwinds noted in macro reports (e.g., potential GDP estimate revisions).</li></ul>
Investor Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Growth:</b> High (Rated amount enhancement signals aggressive book expansion).</li><li>• <b>Margins:</b> Neutral (Securitization helps lower cost of funds).</li><li>• <b>Leverage:</b> Increasing (Higher debt limits being utilized to fund growth).</li><li>• <b>Dilution Risk:</b> Low in the short term as debt/securitization is the primary growth engine.</li></ul>
Agency / Cross Analysis	<p><b>Same Agency:</b> Ratings were reaffirmed within 3 days of a new PTC assignment, showing high internal consistency. The "Enhancement" vs the last review suggests a positive shift in ICRA's view of the company's capital absorption capacity.</p> <p><b>Market Context:</b> While Akara shows improvement, ICRA simultaneously downgraded <b>Prateek Apparels</b> to INC (Non-Cooperating), highlighting a widening credit gap between performing fintechs and struggling traditional textile players.</p>
Final Inference	<p><b>Real Growth Signal:</b> The enhancement of rated limits combined with successful securitization (A(SO) rating) confirms that the company is transitioning from a niche player to a scaled lender with stable market access.</p>

### Equity Analyst's Note on Macro Context (Included in Report):

- **Sector Risk:** Note the 126% US tariff on Indian solar firms and fiscal deficit at 63% of target—while not directly impacting Akara, these reflect a tightening macro environment where credit quality for leveraged firms will be tested.
- **Growth Outlook:** ICRA's forecast of 7.1% GDP growth for FY2027 provides a favorable tailwind for Akara's personal loan segment.