**Ashiana Housing Ltd — FY 2022 Annual Report Analysis**

# Annual Report Analysis (Consolidated)

## Investor Snapshot

| # | Analytical point | Sentiment |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Ashiana Housing maintains a high-moat niche in Senior Living and Kid-Centric Homes, evidenced by 609 referral bookings and an 8.7% YoY increase in average realization to □3,883 per sq. ft.** | — |
| 2 | ***Revenue declined 8.36% to  222 Cr due to "point-in-time" accounting recognition, though operational visibility is high with customer advances surging 106% to  820.30 Cr.*** | — |
| 3 | ***Operating Profit Margins remain under pressure, with the company reporting a Net Loss of  7.00 Cr as it transitions through a high-intensity expansion phase.*** | — |
| 4 | ***Interest coverage ratio has deteriorated to -2.0x, and ROCE stands at -1%, reflecting the lag between aggressive capital deployment and revenue recognition.*** | — |
| 5 | **The balance sheet remains under-leveraged with a conservative Debt/Equity ratio of 0.24x, despite total debt increasing 155% to □174 Cr to fund land acquisitions.** | — |
| 6 | ***Cash Flow from Operations (CFO) was negative  85.00 Cr, primarily driven by a massive  506 Cr inventory build-up and  8.00 Cr dividend payout despite negative free cash flow.*** | — |
| 7 | **Capital expenditure on land and development rights surged 394% to □335.94 Cr, expanding the potential saleable area by 61 Lakhs sq. ft. to fuel future growth.** | — |
| 8 | ***Earnings quality is weakened by the capitalization of  10.92 Cr in interest costs and an inventory-to-sales ratio of 5.98x, which creates significant holding cost pressure.*** | — |
| 9 | ***Governance concerns have emerged following a 100% hike in KMP basic salaries during a loss-making year and a  4.26 Cr exceptional loss due to employee embezzlement.*** | — |
| 10 | ***Asset risks persist with  22.88 Cr locked in the stalled Marine Plaza project and potential impairment risks if Bhiwadi land remains slow-moving.*** | — |
| 11 | **Management has issued an aggressive outlook with a sales target of □1,100 Cr for FY23, supported by institutional backing from IFC and strong pricing power.** | — |
| 12 | **Stance: Watch; monitor for OPM recovery to >10% and a reduction in the inventory-to-sales ratio to below 4.0x to validate the turnaround thesis.** | — |

## 1. Business overview (In Bullet Points)

- **Business Model:** Ashiana Housing (AHL) operates a differentiated "lifestyle-led" residential model focusing on three pillars: **Senior Living** (CCRC model), Kid Centric Homes (KCH), and Premium Homes.
- **Revenue Drivers:** Primarily driven by the "handover" (possession) model. While booking volumes were flat at 14.76 Lakhs sq. ft., the **Value of Area Booked rose 7.2% to □573.25 Cr** in FY22, signaling successful pass-through of inflation.
- **Pricing Power:** Average realization improved **8.7% YoY to □3,883 per sq. ft.**, particularly in Senior Living and Gurugram segments.
- **The "Maintenance" Moat:** Subsidiary Ashiana Maintenance Services manages projects for a lifetime, fueling a referral-heavy sales engine (**609 referral bookings** in FY22) and reducing Customer Acquisition Costs.

- **Cost Drivers:** Key drivers include raw materials (steel/cement) and employee costs. The company maintains a conservative **Debt-Equity ratio of 0.22x**.
- **Expansion Strategy:** Pivoted to an aggressive growth phase, acquiring **6 new land parcels** with a potential saleable area of 61 Lakhs sq. ft.
- **Geographical Presence:** Shifting toward high-value markets including **Gurugram** (22.1 acres), Pune & Chennai (37 acres for Senior Living), while maintaining dominance in Jaipur and Jamshedpur.
- **Segment Performance:** Real Estate (Completed Units) contributed **74.10% of revenue (₹151.05 Cr)**, followed by Real Estate Support Operations at 23.35% (₹47.60 Cr).

## 2. Management commentary & outlook

- Management has shifted from "cautious navigation" to "aggressive expansion," explicitly citing a "bull run over the next few years."
- Aspirational sales value target set at **₹1,100 Cr for FY23**, nearly double the FY22 performance of ₹573.25 Cr.
- Construction target for FY23 is set at **>20 Lakhs sq. ft.** to meet delivery commitments.
- Strategic focus on increasing the share of Senior Living, targeting **6-7 Lakhs sq. ft.** of sales from this segment alone in the coming year.
- The partnership with **International Finance Corporation (IFC)** remains central, with ₹142.14 Cr utilized to provide low-cost capital and institutional validation.
- Management admitted to minor one-quarter delays in projects like *Ashiana Shubham* and *Ashiana Daksh* but maintains "Timely Delivery" as a core brand promise.
- AHL positions itself as a "Consolidator," aiming to capture the vacuum in the middle-income segment left by players weeded out by RERA and the pandemic.
- Management Tone: Management is aggressively transparent, candidly disclosing project delays and a ₹4.26 Cr internal fraud incident. The tone has evolved from "survival" to "dominance," characterized by high confidence in a multi-year bull run and a willingness to leverage the balance sheet and institutional partnerships to capture Tier-1 market share (LAST bullet point).

# 3. Financial analysis

## 3.1 Financial statements

### P&L statement (□Cr)

| Line item | Mar 2022 | Mar 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| Sales | 222 | 242 |
| Sales Growth % | -8.36 | -20.29 |
| Expenses | 231 | 241 |
| Material Cost % | -70 | -12 |
| Raw material cost | 336 | 68 |
| Change in inventory | -492 | -98 |
| Manufacturing Cost % | 138 | 84 |
| Employee Cost % | 19 | 14 |
| Other Cost % | 18 | 13 |
| Operating Profit | -9 | 1 |
| OPM % | -4 | 0 |
| Other Income | 8 | 17 |
| Exceptional items | -3.90 | 7.91 |
| Other income normal | 11.49 | 9.42 |
| Interest | 5 | 9 |
| Depreciation | 8 | 9 |
| Profit before tax | -15 | 0 |
| Tax % | -52 | -473 |
| Net Profit | -7 | 2 |
| Minority share | 0 | 0 |
| Exceptional items AT | -4 | 8 |
| Profit excl Excep | -3 | -6 |
| Profit for PE | -3 | -6 |
| Profit for EPS | -7 | 2 |
| Profit Growth % | 48 | 63 |
| EPS (□) | -0.69 | 0.17 |
| Dividend Payout % | -131 | 238 |

**Balance sheet (□Cr)**

| Line item | Mar 2022 | Mar 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| Equity Capital | 20 | 20 |
| Reserves | 716 | 730 |
| Borrowings | 174 | 68 |
| Long term Borrowings | 156 | 47 |
| Short term Borrowings | 6 | 6 |
| Lease Liabilities | 12 | 15 |
| Other Borrowings | 0 | 0 |
| Other Liabilities | 954 | 521 |
| Non controlling int | 0 | 0 |
| Trade Payables | 27 | 26 |
| Advance from Customers | 820 | 398 |
| Other liability items | 106 | 97 |
| Total Liabilities | 1,864 | 1,339 |
| Fixed Assets | 93 | 98 |
| Land | 1.02 | 1.02 |
| Building | 36.20 | 37.08 |
| Plant Machinery | 36.54 | 39.01 |
| Equipments | 0 | 2.84 |
| Computers | 4.22 | 3.64 |
| Furniture n fittings | 6.98 | 7.24 |
| Vehicles | 4.86 | 3.64 |
| Intangible Assets | 0.87 | 0.87 |
| Other fixed assets | 46.29 | 42.94 |
| Gross Block | 136.98 | 138.28 |
| Accumulated Depreciation | 44.14 | 40.47 |
| CWIP | 0 | 0 |
| Investments | 138 | 86 |
| Other Assets | 1,633 | 1,155 |
| Inventories | 1,247 | 741 |
| Trade receivables | 25 | 27 |
| Receivables over 6m | 17.53 | 0 |
| Receivables under 6m | 10.51 | 28.60 |
| Prov for Doubtful | -3.22 | -1.48 |
| Cash Equivalents | 127 | 154 |
| Loans n Advances | -3 | 3 |
| Other asset items | 237 | 230 |

| Line item | Mar 2022 | Mar 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| Total Assets | 1,864 | 1,339 |

### Cash flow statement (□Cr)

| Line item | Mar 2022 | Mar 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| Cash from Operating Activity | -85 | 121 |
| Profit from operations | -7 | 11 |
| Receivables | -1 | 4 |
| Inventory | -506 | -98 |
| Payables | 2 | 3 |
| Other WC items | 433 | 203 |
| Working capital changes | -71 | 112 |
| Direct taxes | -3 | -2 |
| Other operating items | -4 | 0 |
| Exceptional CF items | 0 | 0 |
| Cash from Investing Activity | -22 | 12 |
| Fixed assets purchased | -5 | -9 |
| Fixed assets sold | 1 | 22 |
| Investments purchased | -26 | -7 |
| Investments sold | 0 | 0 |
| Investment income | 3 | 2 |
| Interest received | 5 | 4 |
| Other investing items | 0 | 0 |
| Cash from Financing Activity | 81 | -73 |
| Proceeds from shares | 0 | 0 |
| Proceeds from borrowings | 109 | 0 |
| Repayment of borrowings | 0 | -53 |
| Interest paid fin | -17 | -14 |
| Dividends paid | -8 | -3 |
| Financial liabilities | -3 | -3 |
| Other financing items | 0 | 0 |
| Net Cash Flow | -27 | 61 |

### Key ratios

| Line item | Mar 2022 | Mar 2021 |
|---|---|---|
| Debtor Days | 41 | 41 |
| Inventory Days | 0 | 0 |
| Days Payable | 0 | 0 |
| Cash Conversion Cycle | 41 | 41 |
| Working Capital Days | 902 | 715 |
| ROCE % | -1 | 0 |

## 3.2 Financial analysis summary

- **Revenue** from operations declined by 8.36% to □222.00 Cr, primarily because Revenue is only booked upon possession; however, Advance from Customers on the Balance Sheet surged 106.03% to □820.30 Cr, indicating strong underlying sales velocity.
- The company reported an **Operating Profit** loss of □9.00 Cr and a PAT loss of □7.00 Cr, pressured by a 393.96% increase in land purchases to □335.94 Cr and a □4.26 Cr Exceptional Item related to employee embezzlement.
- **Finance Cost** reported on the P&L Statement was □5.00 Cr, but the gross cost was □25.33 Cr, with □10.92 Cr capitalized as land-related costs, masking the true interest burden on the Cash Flow Statement where Interest paid fin reached □17.00 Cr.
- **Total Debt** on the Balance Sheet increased by 155.88% to □174.00 Cr, largely due to the issuance of unsecured Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) of □156.23 Cr to fund the "Ashiana Amarah" project, raising the Debt/Equity ratio to 0.24.
- **Inventory** on the Balance Sheet swelled by 68.29% to □1,247.00 Cr (5.6x annual Revenue), causing a □506.00 Cr outflow in the Cash Flow Statement and resulting in a negative CFO of □85.00 Cr.
- **Working Capital** efficiency deteriorated as Working Capital Days stretched to 902 days, driven by a massive build-up in "Work-in-progress" (□444.67 Cr) and "Future projects - Land" (□364.77 Cr).
- **Trade Receivables** remained stable at □25.00 Cr, but Receivables over 6m rose to □17.53 Cr and the Prov for Doubtful debts increased to □3.22 Cr, signaling a slight weakening in collection quality.
- **Fixed Assets** decreased to □93.00 Cr as Depreciation of □8.00 Cr outpaced Capex of □5.00 Cr, while "Other asset items" of □237.00 Cr include □43.24 Cr of "Unaccrued Selling Expenses" (brokerage/marketing) which are contingent on future Revenue.
- **ROCE** and ROE turned negative at -1.00% and -0.95% respectively, reflecting high capital deployment in land (□335.94 Cr) and construction (□245.25 Cr) that has yet to cycle into the P&L Statement.
- **Cash Flow** quality shows a high CFO/PAT ratio of 12.14 despite the loss, as □433.00 Cr from "Other WC items" (customer advances) funded the Inventory expansion, while □53.16 Cr in customer-funded maintenance/water funds provided interest-free liquidity.
- **Other Assets** are impacted by □39.18 Cr in Statutory Charges Recoverable and □22.46 Cr in MAT Credit Entitlement; Other Liabilities are dominated by □820.30 Cr in Customer Advances, which acts as a primary funding source.
- The **Balance Sheet** was bolstered by a Deferred Tax credit of □7.59 Cr, reducing the Net Profit loss, though this relies on the assumption of future taxable profits to utilize □14.36 Cr of unabsorbed fiscal losses.

- The dominant financial theme of the year is a transition to an aggressive expansionary phase, utilizing a "negative working capital" model where surging customer advances fund massive land banking and WIP, leading to temporary P&L losses and negative ROCE due to conservative revenue recognition timing.

### 3.3 Contingent liabilities & commitments

- **Stalled Project (Marine Plaza):** ₹22.88 Cr capitalized in a commercial project in Jamshedpur currently stalled due to a government enquiry.
- **Land Acquisition:** 15.02 hectares of land in Bhiwadi is under acquisition by the Government of Rajasthan; currently stayed by the High Court.
- **Bank Guarantees:** ₹14.47 Cr outstanding.
- **Development Agreements:** Commitments for 10 projects under revenue/area sharing bases, creating long-term contractual obligations to share future top-line/units with landowners.

## 3.9 Earnings quality & forensic checks

| # | Check | Impact | Status | Notes detail |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | PAT vs CFO trend | Profit ↓ — earnings overstate cash; ₹506 Cr inventory build drives ₹85 Cr CFO outflow. | — | Inventory surge of 67.59% funded by customer advances rather than P&L earnings. |
| 2 | Receivables & channel-stuffing signal | Revenue ↑↓ — inventory build risk; inventory + receivables grew ₹504 Cr vs sales decline of 8%. | — | Note 9.3: WIP and Land bank growth indicates expansion, but high inventory-to-sales ratio (5.98x). |
| 3 | Revenue timing | Revenue ↑ — conservative recognition; ₹820 Cr customer advances signal future revenue upon possession. | — | Note 16(iv): Revenue recognized at "point-in-time" (possession), preventing front-loading of profits. |
| 4 | Revenue from related parties % | Neutral — low concentration risk; no single customer exceeds 10% of total revenue. | — | Note 13.C: Granular retail customer base reduces counterparty and RPT revenue risk. |
| 5 | Inventory vs revenue growth | Profit ↓ — high holding costs; inventory grew 68% while revenue declined by 8.36%. | — | Note 9.3: Massive shift to WIP and future land projects increases capital lock-up. |
| 6 | Inventory valuation method change | Neutral — consistent policy; valued at lower of cost or NRV per Ind AS. | — | Note 28: Management concluded no impairment necessary after NRV testing. |
| 7 | Exceptional items in operating profit | Profit ↓ — internal control lapse; ₹4.26 Cr embezzlement loss recognized in current period. | — | Note 20: Employee embezzlement discovered at one location; 100% provisioned but flags control risk. |
| 8 | Depreciation rate vs useful life policy | Profit ↑ — capitalization impact; ₹10.92 Cr finance costs capitalized into land inventory. | — | Note 9.7: Capitalizing interest on land not under active development inflates current period PAT. |
| 9 | Provision reversals boosting PAT | Profit ↑ — credit quality risk; provision for doubtful debts increased to ₹3.22 Cr. | — | Note 4.2.3: Provision increased from ₹1.48 Cr, suggesting slight deterioration in collection quality. |
| 10 | Tax rate consistency | Profit ↑ — non-cash tax support; negative 52% tax rate due to DTA recognition. | — | Note 10: DTA of ₹18.89 Cr recognized, primarily from unabsorbed fiscal losses. |
| 11 | CWIP age and stalling projects | Profit ↓ — impairment risk; ₹22.88 Cr capitalized in stalled Marine Plaza project. | — | Note 12.e: Project stalled due to government enquiry; poses future write-down risk. |
| 12 | Deferred tax asset recognition adequacy | Profit ↑ — future profit reliance; ₹14.36 Cr DTA recognized on unabsorbed losses. | — | Note 10: Assumes sufficient future taxable profits to utilize losses; boosts BS strength. |
| 13 | RPT quantum and trend | Neutral — JV support; ₹10.80 Cr invested in JV debentures to facilitate development. | — | Note 18: Financial support to JV partners; Kairav Dev. converted from subsidiary to JV. |
| 14 | Dividend paid vs FCF adequacy | Profit ↓ — capital erosion; ₹8 Cr dividend paid despite negative FCF and net loss. | — | P&L: Dividend payout of -131% on a net loss indicates payment from reserves. |
| 15 | Auditor Rotation & Internal Control | Profit ↓ — governance risk; auditor change coincides with ₹4.26 Cr embezzlement. | — | Standard rotation but occurs alongside a material weakness in internal financial controls. |
| 16 | Subsidiary De-consolidation | Neutral — structural shift; Kairav Developers converted from 100% sub to 50% JV. | — | Moving project-specific debt off-balance sheet while maintaining operational control. |
| 17 | Soft Asset Capitalization | Profit ↑ — deferred expense risk; ₹43.24 Cr in unaccrued selling expenses. | — | |

| # | Check | Impact | Status | Notes detail |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Brokerage/marketing costs capitalized as assets; realization depends on future completions. |

## 4. Management & governance

A. Auditor Report & Key Audit Matters * **Revenue Recognition:** Auditor focused on the transition to Ind AS 115 and the "point-in-time" recognition policy. Management verified possession letters and "deemed date of possession" triggers to ensure revenue is not front-loaded. * **Inventory Valuation:** Auditor concern regarding the NRV of ₹1,219.26 Cr in inventory. Management performed impairment tests and concluded no write-downs were necessary, despite lumpy sales. * **Audit Opinion:** Unqualified. * **Material Weaknesses:** An exceptional loss of ₹4.26 Cr was recognized due to employee embezzlement at a branch, indicating a specific lapse in internal financial controls. * **Auditor Change:** M/s. B. Chhawchharia & Co. appointed for a 5-year term starting FY 2022-23, replacing M/s. VMSS & Associates.

B. Related Party Transactions | Party | Relationship | Nature | Amount (₹Cr) | Concern | | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | | Kairav Developers Ltd | JV (formerly Sub) | Investment in Debentures | 10.80 Cr | Financial support to JV partner; off-balance sheet debt shift | | KMP Remuneration | Management | Compensation | 5.86 Cr | Family-heavy board pay; 100% growth in basic salary | | Arihant Foundations | JV Partner | Share Transfer | Not Disclosed | De-consolidation of debt via JV structure |

- **RPT Risk Checks:** RPT as % of Revenue is 7.50% (₹16.66 Cr / ₹222.00 Cr).
- **Trend:** Increasing; investment in JV debentures rose from 0 to ₹10.80 Cr.

C. Shareholding * **Promoter Holding:** 61.22% (No change during the year). * **Pledged Shares:** 0.00%.

D. Board Composition + KMP Compensation * **Total Directors:** 8 | **Independent:** 62.50% | **Women Directors:** 2. * **KMP Compensation:** * **Vishal Gupta (MD):** ₹1.20 Cr (YoY +100%) * **Ankur Gupta (Jt. MD):** ₹1.20 Cr (YoY +100%) * **Varun Gupta (WTD):** ₹1.20 Cr (YoY +100%) * **Analysis:** Aggregate KMP pay for the three Gupta brothers (who are siblings) rose sharply as monthly basic salary doubled from ₹5 Lakhs to ₹10 Lakhs. This 100% increase occurred despite an Operating Loss of ₹9.00 Cr and a Net Loss of ₹7.00 Cr. The board sought special resolutions to pay remuneration exceeding 5% of net profits.

F. Capital Allocation & Capex | Action | FY current (₹Cr) | FY prior (₹Cr) | Signal | | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | | Dividends | 8.00 Cr | 3.00 Cr | — | | Capex | 5.00 Cr | 9.00 Cr | — | | Net Debt Change | 106.00 Cr | -53.00 Cr | — | | Working Capital Investment | 71.00 Cr | -112.00 Cr | — |

- **CAPEX Analytical Notes:**
  - **CFO Coverage of Capex:** Ratio is -17.00x; funding gap bridged by debt and customer advances.
  - **Nature of Capex:** Primarily growth-oriented land banking; **Purchases of Land/Development Rights surged 393.96% to ₹335.94 Cr.**
  - **Deployment Efficiency:** Revenue declined 8.36% while inventory grew 67.59%.
  - **Verdict:** Value-destroying in the current cycle due to negative ROCE (-1.00%) and debt-funded dividends (₹8.00 Cr) during a period of negative CFO.

H. Risks * **Internal Control (High):** Employee embezzlement of ₹4.26 Cr discovered at a branch; direct hit to PAT and signals systemic weakness in local oversight. * **Stalled Project (High):** Marine Plaza project (₹22.88 Cr) stalled due to govt enquiry; risk of total impairment. * **Inventory Overhang (Medium):** Inventory (₹1,219.26 Cr) is 5.98x annual revenue, leading to high holding costs. * **Land Acquisition (Medium):** 15.02 hectares in Bhiwadi under govt acquisition; risk to future pipeline in core geography. * **Interest Rate (Medium):** Gearing ratio increased from 0.07 to 0.22; rising debt (₹174 Cr) in a hardening rate environment.

## 5. Scorecard & verdict

### Part a: scorecard

| Dimension | Rating (1–5) | Delta | Key evidence | One-line rationale |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Business quality | 4 | → | 8.7% realization growth; 609 referral bookings | Strong niche in Senior Living/KCH with high referral-led pricing power. |
| Financial health | 3 | ↓ | D/E 0.24x; CFO -₹85 Cr; Interest Coverage -2.0x | Low leverage but negative cash flow and earnings coverage due to expansion. |
| Earnings quality | 2 | ↓ | CFO < PAT; ₹4.26 Cr fraud; ₹10.92 Cr interest capitalized | Significant inventory build and internal control lapse impact quality. |
| Management & governance | 3 | ↓ | 100% KMP pay hike during loss; 62.5% Ind. Board | Transparent disclosures offset by aggressive family-heavy compensation. |
| Capital allocation & earnings visibility | 3 | → | ₹820 Cr customer advances; ROCE -1% | High visibility via advances, but current capex is yet to yield returns. |

**Business positives (for this company this year)** * **Strong Sales Visibility: Advance from Customers** surged 106% to ₹820.30 Cr, providing a massive pipeline for future revenue recognition. * **Pricing Power:** Average realization increased **8.7% YoY to ₹3,883 per sq. ft.**, proving the ability to pass on input cost hikes. * **Aggressive Land Banking:** Acquired **61 Lakhs sq. ft.** of potential saleable area, nearly 4x the current annual booking rate. * **Institutional Backing:** Continued partnership with **IFC**, with ₹142.14 Cr utilized, validating ESG and governance standards. * **Low Leverage:** Despite a 155% increase in debt, the **Debt/Equity ratio remains conservative at 0.24x**.

**Business negatives / concerns (for this company this year)** * **Internal Control Failure:** Reported an exceptional loss of **₹4.26 Cr** due to employee embezzlement at a branch. * **Misaligned Compensation:** KMP basic salaries doubled (**100% growth**) despite the company reporting a Net Loss of ₹7.00 Cr. * **Negative Cash Flow:** Reported a negative **CFO of ₹85.00 Cr**, primarily due to a ₹506.00 Cr inventory build-up. * **Stalled Assets:** **₹22.88 Cr** remains locked in the stalled Marine Plaza project with no immediate resolution. * **Capital Erosion:** Paid **₹8.00 Cr** in dividends despite negative FCF and a net loss, effectively funding payouts from debt/reserves.

**Overall scorecard summary** Ashiana Housing is currently in a high-intensity expansion phase, characterized by robust sales bookings and customer advances that provide strong medium-term revenue visibility. However, the current financial state is pressured by negative earnings and cash flows as the company aggressively builds inventory and land banks. While the balance sheet remains healthy with low leverage, governance concerns have emerged regarding the sharp increase in promoter remuneration during a loss-making year and a localized internal control failure. The business is on a stable but high-execution-risk trajectory, where the primary challenge is converting massive inventory and advances into P&L profits.

## Part b: governance check matrix

| # | Check | Status |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Audit opinion clean? | — |
| 2 | Promoter pledge = 0? | — |
| 3 | KMP pay < 5% of PAT? | — |
| 4 | RPT quantum < 5% of revenue? | — |
| 5 | Board > 50% independent? | — |
| 6 | At least 1 woman director? | — |
| 7 | No statutory dues outstanding? | — |
| 8 | No fraud reported? | — |
| 9 | Audit trail enabled? | — |
| 10 | Frequent Auditor change | — |

Final line: "Total: 7/10 — Governance Rating: 3"

## Part c: investor verdict

Thesis: A high-moat niche developer in Senior Living and Kid-Centric homes undergoing an aggressive, debt-funded land-banking phase that masks underlying sales strength.

## Overall stance: Watch

Rationale: Strong operational bookings (₹820 Cr advances) are offset by temporary P&L losses, governance flags regarding KMP pay, and internal control lapses. Re-evaluate when: Operating Profit Margin (OPM) returns to >10% on a sustained basis. BULL CASE: Successful execution in Gurugram and Chennai leads to sales value exceeding ₹1,100 Cr in FY23, driving a sharp P&L turnaround. BEAR CASE: Continued stalling of Marine Plaza and Bhiwadi land leads to impairments exceeding ₹40 Cr, combined with rising interest costs on unsecured NCDs. Key monitorable: Inventory-to-Sales Ratio: 5.98x → Watch for reduction to <4.0x.