

Piramal Pharma Ltd — 15 Oct 2025 Credit Rating Summary

Based on the ICRA rating actions for **Akara Capital Advisors Private Limited** (Brand: Stashfin) as of February/ March 2026, here is the equity-focused credit analysis.

Credit Rating Summary: Akara Capital Advisors Private Limited

Section	Details
Agency	ICRA
Rating Action	Reaffirmed (Base Rating) / Provisional [ICRA]A(SO) Assigned (PTCs)
Outlook	Stable (Previous: Stable)
Key Drivers of Change	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Rated Amount Enhancement: Indicates scaling of AUM and increased lender confidence. Diversified Funding: Successful issuance of PTCs (Platinum Well-2026) shows robust securitization appetite. Asset Quality Stability: Reaffirmation suggests credit costs are within manageable thresholds despite high-yield personal loan focus. Capital Adequacy: Enhancement of rated limits typically follows a capital cushion assessment to support leverage.
Rated Instruments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTCs (Platinum Well-2026): □[Not Specified]*
Key Observations	<p>Strengths:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Strong execution in the digital lending/Fintech space (Stashfin). Proven ability to tap structured finance markets (PTC rating at 'A' level). Scalability: Enhanced rated amounts signify a growth phase. <p>Risks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Asset Class Risk: High exposure to unsecured personal loans (susceptible to macro shocks). Regulatory Risk: Digital lending guidelines and risk weight increases on unsecured credit. Concentration: Focus on a specific borrower segment (mid-to-low income).
Investor Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Growth: Enhancement of rated limits is a leading indicator of AUM expansion (Projected ~20-30% based on industry trends). Margins: Ability to raise funds via [ICRA]A(SO) PTCs lowers the weighted average cost of debt (WACD) vs. direct bank borrowing. Dilution Risk: Growth is currently debt-funded; however, rapid scaling may necessitate a PE/Equity round in the next 12–18 months.
Agency / Cross Analysis	<p>Same Agency: Reaffirmed on 27-Feb-2026. ICRA has maintained a consistent view on the entity's ability to service debt while allowing for a larger borrowing base ("Rated amount enhanced").</p> <p>New Action: The assignment of a Provisional [ICRA]A(SO) on 02-Mar-2026 for a specific pool (Platinum Well-2026) validates the "Quality of Underwriting" as the pool achieves a higher standalone rating than the corporate entity.</p> <p>Conclusion: Improvement. The combination of reaffirmation and enhancement signals credit stability during growth.</p>
Final Inference	<p>Real Growth Signal. The reaffirmation combined with an "enhanced rated amount" confirms that the business model is scaling without deteriorating the credit profile. For equity investors, this validates the "Stashfin" platform's underwriting efficacy and provides the leverage runway needed for revenue growth.</p>

*Note: Exact Cr figures for the enhanced amount and PTC pool size were not detailed in the summary text provided; figures usually appear in the full rationale PDF.

Macro-Context & Secondary Observations (From Report Excerpts)

- **Sector Sentiment:** The report mentions "Stress in mid-sized firms" and "Sales to ARCs," suggesting a tightening credit environment. Akara's reaffirmation against this backdrop is a **relative positive**.
- **Macro Headwind:** ICRA notes a downward revision in nominal GDP and a fiscal deficit at 63% of target (10M FY2026). This may lead to higher interest rates, potentially squeezing NIMs for NBFCs like Akara.
- **Solar Sector Alert:** A 126% tariff on Indian solar firms (Adani/others) indicates heightened geopolitical/trade risk for industrial holdings, though unrelated to Akara.