

India Ratings Places Corporation Bank on RWE

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India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) has placed Corporation Bank's (CB) Long-Term Issuer Rating of 'IND AA-' on Rating Watch Evolving (RWE). The instrument-wise rating actions are as follows:

Instrument Type	ISIN	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of Issue	Rating/Rating Watch	Rating Action
			(%)		(billion)		
Basel III Compliant Tier 2 Bonds	INE112A08044	14 November 2017	8.02	14 November 2027	INR5	IND AA-/RWE	Placed on RWE
Basel III Compliant Tier 2 Bonds*	-	-	-	-	INR10	IND AA-/RWE	Placed on RWE

^{*}Yet to be issued

KEY RATING DRIVERS

Ind-Ra has placed the ratings on RWE following the finance ministry's announcement dated 30 August 2019 on the proposed amalgamation of Union Bank of India ('IND AA+'/RWE) with Andhra Bank (Andhra) and CB with Union Bank of India been the absorbing bank post the amalgamation.

As the announcements are followed by multiple approvals at various levels including the boards of these banks, the agency has placed Union Bank of India, Andhra Bank and CB's ratings on RWE. The key reasons for placing the ratings on RWE are the scale of the mergers and the potential integration-related challenges that may be encountered in the process; the banks may not be ready within the stipulated time (as may be determined later). The RWE indicates that the rating may be affirmed, downgraded or upgraded. Ind-Ra expects to resolve the RWE on the outcome of the merger and the availability of first set of consolidated quarterly financial results.

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COMPANY PROFILE

CB had an operational branch network of 2,432 branches (FY18: 2,440 branches) and 3,015 ATMs (3,122) at FYE19. At FYE19, the bank had gross advances share of about 1.4% and deposit share of about 1.5%.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Particulars	FY19	FY18	
Total assets (INR billion)	2,135.77	2,218.91	
Total equity (INR billion)	165.65	108.46	
Net income (INR billion)	-63.33	-40.54	
Return on assets (%)	-2.91	-1.73	
Common equity tier 1 (%)	10.39	5.68	
Capital adequacy ratio (%)	12.30	9.23	
Source: Company, Ind-Ra			

RATING HISTORY

Instrument Type	Current F	Rating/Rati	ng Watch	Historical Rating/Outlook			
	Rating Type	Rated Limits (billion)	Rating	19 July 2019	26 June 2018	17 October 2017	
Issuer Rating	Long-term	-	IND AA-/RWE	IND AA-/Stable	IND AA-/Stable	IND AA/Stable	
Basel III Tier 2 Bonds	Long-term	INR15	IND AA-/RWE	IND AA-/Stable	IND AA-/Stable	IND AA/Stable	

COMPLEXITY LEVEL OF INSTRUMENTS

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Applicable Criteria

<u>Financial Institutions Rating Criteria</u>
<u>Rating of Bank Legacy Hybrids and Sub-Debt</u>

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