ANS Private Limited

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Rating Action

Total Bank Loan Facilities Rated	Rs. 342.75 Crore (Enhanced from Rs 278.25 Crore)	Regulator^
Long Term Rating	IVR BBB/RWDI* (Rating reaffirmed and continued under watch with Developing Implications)	RBI
Short Term Rating	IVR A3+/ RWDI* (Rating reaffirmed and continued under watch with Developing Implications)	RBI
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Instrument	Amount (Rs. crore)	Ratings	Rating Action	Regulator^
NCD	49.00	IVR BBB/RWDI*	Rating reaffirmed and continued under watch with Developing Implications	SEBI
Proposed NCD	80.00	IVR BBB/RWDI*	Rating Assigned/ Continued on Rating Watch with Developing Implications	SEBI
Total	**129.00 (Rupees One Hundred Twenty-nine Crore only)**			
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**RWDI – Rating Watch with Developing Implications*

Refer Annexures for details of facilities/instruments, facility wise lender details, and detailed explanation of covenants.

Note: *None of the Directors on Infomerics Board are members of rating committee and thus do not participate in discussion or assignment of any ratings. The Board of Directors also does not discuss any ratings at its meetings.*

Rationale

Infomerics Ratings has reviewed and continued the ratings of ANS Private Limited (ANSPL) bank facilities and debt instruments on Rating Watch with Developing Implications.

The ratings continue to derive strength from healthy profitability, comfortable financial risk profile, sound risk management and established track record and experienced promoters. The ratings are however constrained by moderate scale of operations, volatility associated with stock market and intense competition.

Rating Watch: RWDI

The ratings have been placed under rating watch with Developing Implications following the issuance of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Draft Circular dated February 13, 2026, which proposes restrictions on funding for proprietary trading activities with effect from April 01, 2026. However, the Reserve Bank of India later has deferred implementation of the Amendment Directions on Capital Market Exposures from April 1, 2026 to July 1, 2026 following industry representations and operational concerns.

Given that ~20%-30% of ANSPL's revenues are derived from proprietary trading in historical period, the implementation of the draft circular is likely to lead to a significant moderation in trading volumes and a consequent impact on profitability metrics. The higher margin requirements may also exert pressure on liquidity and return indicators, particularly in the near to medium term.

Furthermore, the company has historically relied on bank funding to support its proprietary trading book. In light of the proposed regulatory changes, ANSPL may be required to explore alternative funding arrangements and recalibrate its business mix to mitigate the impact of reduced funding flexibility.

Infomerics will continue to monitor regulatory developments, the company's funding strategy, its ability to diversify revenue streams, and the resultant impact on its financial risk profile before taking final rating action.

Analytical Approach

Approach	Comments
Consolidation/ Standalone	Consolidation
Parent/ Group Support	For arriving at the rating, Infomerics has considered consolidated financials of ANS Private Limited (ANSPL) and its subsidiary Alfa Fiscal Services Private Limited (AFSPL) and associate company Ajay Natavarlal Commodities Private Limited (ANCPL).

List of companies considered for consolidation/combined analysis is given at Annexure 4.

Key Rating Drivers with Detailed Description

Strengths

- **Healthy profitability**
  ANSPL’s EBITDA margin and PAT margin, while still demonstrating strong performance, have moderated to 58.57% and 36.66%, respectively, in FY25, compared to 62.90% and 45.28% in FY24. At standalone level as on 9MFY26 EBITDA margin and PAT margin stood at 58.23% and 30.94% respectively. The decline is largely attributed to notional mark-to-market (MTM) losses in the investment business. However, Infomerics ratings expects the company’s profitability margins to stabilize over the medium term, supported by improved operational efficiency and robust risk management practices.

- **Comfortable financial risk profile:**
  As of March 31, 2025, ANSPL's consolidated financial risk profile remains comfortable, with an overall gearing ratio and total outside liabilities / tangible net worth TOL/TNW of 0.43x and 0.83x, respectively, compared to 0.21x and 0.75x as of March 31, 2024. The moderate increase in leverage is primarily due to the issuance of Rs. 49 crore in zero-coupon NCDs during FY25. The company’s tangible net worth improved to Rs. 176.48 crore in FY25, up from Rs. 150.07 crore in FY24, owing to the accretion of profits to reserves and surplus. ANSPL’s debt protection metrics remain healthy, with a DSCR and ICR of 4.57x and 5.75x, respectively, as of March 31, 2025, although these have moderated from 9.00x and 11.21x as of March 31, 2024. This moderation is primarily attributed to a decline in profitability margins, coupled with higher interest expenses due to increased bank borrowings utilization. The company's debt profile consists of both fund-based and non-fund-based bank facilities, NCDs, and unsecured loans from promoters and body corporates. Infomerics Ratings expects ANSPL’s financial risk profile to remain stable over the medium term, supported by the anticipated generation of healthy net cash accruals.

- **Sound risk management:**
  ANSPL has sound risk management policies in place for the F&O, cash, and intraday trading segments, utilizing advanced IT tools to allocate customer limits based on their cash and security balances. For proprietary trading, ANSPL employs market-neutral arbitrage strategies supported by robust risk management systems, closely monitored by

top management. While proprietary trading is subject to market risks, ANSPL's solid track record and sufficient net worth to absorb potential losses offers comfort in its risk mitigation approach.

Weaknesses

- **Moderate scale of operations:**
  At the consolidated level, ANSPL's total income grew moderately by ~2% year-on-year to Rs. 78.40 crore in FY25 (referring to the period from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025), compared to Rs. 76.84 crore in FY24. The slower growth is primarily attributed to a decline in proprietary trading income, which includes income from shares, securities, arbitrage, commodity derivatives, derivatives instruments at FVTPL, and fair value gains on securities. This income decreased to ~ Rs. 31.03 crore in FY25, from ~ Rs. 35.28 crore in FY24, reflecting a market-wide slowdown in equity trading volumes. Despite this, the company saw a growth in income from its broking and depository activities, which increased to Rs. 30.15 crore in FY25, up from Rs. 27.23 crore in FY24. Interest income also grew to Rs. 17.01 crore in FY25, compared to Rs. 11.62 crore in FY24, partially offsetting the decline in proprietary trading income. Furthermore, based on the standalone numbers for 9MFY26, ANSPL's total income declined to Rs. 48.14 crore from Rs. 60.17 crore in 9MFY25. Going forward, ANSPL's ability to scale its operations amidst ongoing competition and capital market volatility will be a key rating monitorable.

- **Volatility associated with stock market:**
  ANSPL is engaged in the stock broking business and the stock market is volatile in nature, Market index like Sensex and Nifty goes up and down throughout the day. The stock market is vulnerable to both domestic and global events.

- **Intense competition:**
  Broking is a highly volatile and cyclical business with the presence of many established players who provide significant competition to the other fragmented and small players. The competition from large and established players and technology-focused new entrants is expected to continue to impact the revenue profile of players This limits the profitability margins of the industry.

Liquidity –Adequate

ANSPL has maintained adequate liquidity in the form of gross cash accruals of Rs. 28.55 crores against no stipulated repayment schedule of the long-term loan as on 31st March 2025. Additionally, ANSPL's current ratio and quick ratio stood at 3.13x and 3.11x respectively as on 31st March 2025. Furthermore, ANSPL cash and cash equivalents as on 31st March 2025 stood at a healthy Rs. 248.42 crore.

Rating Sensitivities

Upward Factors

- Infusion of additional capital led to maintaining stable revenue growth and profitability, which will be positive factors.

Downward Factors

- Reduction in volume and profitability post implementation of RBI Circular will result in negative rating action.

About the Company

Ajay Natwarlal Securities Private Limited (ANSPL), incorporated on February 23, 1999, by the Sheth family, is the flagship entity of the ANS Group. The company is primarily engaged in stock broking, arbitrage trading, depository participant services, and distribution of financial products. The ANS Group also offers loan against shares and corporate finance services through its wholly owned subsidiary, Alfa Fiscal Services Private Limited (AFSPL). Additionally, the Group undertakes investment and trading activities through its associate company, Ajay Natwarlal Commodities Private Limited (ANCPL).

Key Financial Indicators (Consolidated):

For the year ended* / As on	31-03-2024	31-03-2025
	Audited	Audited
Total Operating Income	76.84	78.40
EBITDA	48.33	45.92
PAT	34.79	28.74
Total Debt	31.86	75.29
Tangible Net Worth (TNW)	150.07	176.48
EBITDA Margin (%)	62.90	58.57
PAT Margin (%)	45.28	36.66
Overall Gearing (times)	0.21	0.43
Interest Coverage (times)	11.21	5.75

**Classification as per Infomerics' standards; Amount in Rs. Crore; Source: Company*

Key Financial Indicators (Standalone):

For the year ended* / As on	31-03-2024	31-03-2025	9MFY26
	Audited	Audited	Unaudited
Total Operating Income	68.53	73.22	48.14
EBITDA	40.73	41.90	28.03
PAT	28.42	24.61	14.89
Total Debt	37.98	87.50	80.72
Tangible Net Worth (TNW)	112.80	137.43	152.31
EBITDA Margin (%)	59.44	57.23	58.23
PAT Margin (%)	41.47	33.61	30.94
Overall Gearing (times)	0.34	0.64	0.53
Interest Coverage (times)	8.34	4.76	3.84

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Applicable Criteria

Rating Methodology for Financial Institutions/NBFCs

Financial Ratios & Interpretation (Financial Sector)

Criteria for assigning Rating outlook.

Complexity Level of Rated Instrument/Facilities

Policy on Default Recognition and Post-Default Curing Period

Policy on Withdrawal of Ratings

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: None

Any other information: Not Applicable

Rating History for last three years

Sr. No.	Instruments/ Facilities	Current Ratings (Year 2026-27)			Rating History for the past 3 years			
		Type (Long Term/ Short Term)	Amount outstanding (Rs. Crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2025-26		Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2024-25	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2023-24
					Feb 24, 2026	Feb 17, 2026	Feb 19, 2025	March 05, 2024
1.	Fund based facilities	LT/ST	11.00	IVR BBB/ RWDI IVR A3+/ RWDI	IVR BBB/ RWDI IVR A3+/ RWDI	IVR BBB / Stable; IVR A3+	IVR BBB / Stable; IVR A3+	IVR BBB / Stable; IVR A3+

Sr. No.	Instruments/ Facilities	Current Ratings (Year 2026-27)			Rating History for the past 3 years			
		Type (Long Term/ Short Term)	Amount outstanding (Rs. Crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2025-26		Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2024-25	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2023-24
					Feb 24, 2026	Feb 17, 2026	Feb 19, 2025	March 05, 2024
2.	Non-Fund Based Facilities	ST	331.75	IVR A3+/ RWDI	IVR A3+/ RWDI	IVR A3+	IVR A3+	IVR A3+
3.	NCD	LT	49.00	IVR BBB/ RWDI	IVR BBB/ RWDI	IVR BBB / Stable	IVR BBB / Stable	IVR BBB / Stable
4.	Proposed NCD	LT	80.00	IVR BBB/ RWDI				

Annexure 1: Instrument/Facility Details

Name of Facility/ /Security	ISIN	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility (Rs. Crore)	Rating Assigned/ Outlook	Listing Status	Regulator^	Complexity Indicator
Bank Guarantee	--	--	--	--	65.00	IVR A3+/ RWDI	NA	RBI	Simple
Bank Guarantee	--	--	--	--	60.00	IVR A3+/ RWDI	NA	RBI	Simple
Bank Guarantee	--	--	--	--	40.00	IVR A3+/ RWDI	NA	RBI	Simple
Bank Guarantee	--	--	--	--	100.00	IVR A3+/ RWDI	NA	RBI	Simple
Bank Guarantee					60.00	IVR A3+/ RWDI	NA	RBI	Simple
Overdraft	--	--	--	--	3.50	IVR BBB / RWDI; IVR A3+ /RWDI	NA	RBI	Simple
Line of Credit	--	--	--	--	0.00* (Reduced from 3.25)	--	NA	RBI	Simple
Overdraft	--	--	--	--	6.50	IVR BBB / RWDI; IVR A3+ /RWDI	NA	RBI	Simple

Name of Facility/ /Security	ISIN	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate/ IRR	Maturity Date	Size of Facility (Rs. Crore)	Rating Assigned/ Outlook	Listing Status	Regulator^	Complexity Indicator
Overdraft	--	--	--	--	1.00	IVR BBB / RWDI; IVR A3+ /RWDI	NA	RBI	Simple
Proposed Non-fund-based facility	--	--	--	--	6.75	IVR A3+ /RWDI	NA	RBI	Simple
Non-Convertible Debenture	INE0KH208019	13th September 2024	Not Applicable#	13th June 2026	49.00	IVR BBB/ RWDI	Listed	SEBI	Simple
Proposed Non-Convertible Debenture	--	To be decided	To be decided	To be decided	80.00	IVR BBB/ RWDI	Proposed to be listed	SEBI	Simple

*The Line of Credit from Aditya Birla Capital, rated during the previous rating exercise, has been fully repaid and accordingly withdrawn. The No Dues Certificate (NDC) has been furnished by ANSPL vide email dated May 01, 2026. The rating withdrawal has been undertaken at the request of the company and is in accordance with Infomerics policy on withdrawal of ratings.

Zero Coupon Non-Convertible Debentures

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Annexure 2: Facility wise lender details: https://infomericstorage.blob.core.windows.net/uploads/Len_ANS_14_May26_7025c96e58.pdf

Annexure 3: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated Security/facilities: None

Annexure 4: List of companies considered for Consolidated:

Name of the company/Entity	Consolidation Approach
Alfa Fiscal Services Private Limited	100% Owned by ANSPL
Ajay Natavarlal Commodities Private Limited	44.69% Owned by ANSPL

Annexure 5: List of activities / instruments and names of regulators

Sr. No.	Instrument / activity Name	Regulator of the instrument
1	Listed/Proposed to be listed Bonds/Debentures/Preference Shares	SEBI
2	Unlisted/Proposed to be unlisted Bonds/Debentures/ Preference Shares	MCA
3	Listed PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities regulated by RBI) *	SEBI
4	Listed PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities not regulated by RBI) *	SEBI
5	Unlisted PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities regulated by RBI) *	RBI
6	Listed Commercial Paper and NCDs with original maturity less than 1 year	RBI
7	Unlisted Commercial Paper and NCDs with original maturity less than 1 year	RBI
8	Loan Facilities (Fund/Non-Fund Based) from Bank / NBFCs/ NHB/ FIs ^	RBI
9	External Commercial Borrowings/Loans from overseas lenders/Loans from Multilaterals	RBI
10	Certificates of Deposit	RBI
11	Fixed Deposits raised by NBFCs, Banks, HFCs, FIs	RBI
12	Fixed Deposits raised by corporates other than NBFCs, Banks, HFCs, FIs	MCA
13	Inter Corporate Deposits/Loans extended by Corporates	MCA
14	Borrowing programme ~	Refer foot note
15	Issuer Ratings #	Refer foot note
16	Credit Ratings for Capital Protection Oriented Schemes (by Mutual Funds and AIFs)	SEBI
17	Credit quality ratings (CQRs) for Mutual Fund Schemes and Schemes of AIFs	SEBI
18	Listed Security Receipts	SEBI
19	Unlisted Security Receipts	RBI
20	Independent Credit Evaluation (ICE)	RBI
21	Expected Loss Ratings (For Loan Facilities [Fund/Non-Fund based] from Banks/NBFCs/NHB/FIs)	RBI
22	Expected Loss Ratings (Listed / Proposed to be listed Bonds / Debentures / Preference Shares (all securities))	SEBI
23	Expected Loss Ratings (Unlisted / Proposed to be unlisted Bonds/ Debentures / Preference Shares (all securities))	MCA
24	Unlisted PTCs / Securitisation Notes (originated by entities not regulated by RBI) @	Investor-side Regulator such as IRDAI, PFRDA

Footnotes:

** Includes securitisation transactions involving assignee payout, acquirer's payout.*

~ The rated instrument may involve issuance of different instruments such as debt securities (listed or otherwise), bank loans, commercial paper (listed or otherwise), etc. The regulator of the instrument may accordingly be SEBI, RBI or MCA and can only be determined upon issuance. In Press Release(s) subsequent to issuance(s), CRA shall separately capture the rated quantum details along with names of respective regulators.

 # There is no instrument being rated and hence, Regulator of the Instrument is not applicable. The rating scale and definitions are being followed as stipulated in SEBI Master Circular for CRAs.

^ Includes bank facilities such as liquidity facility, second loss facility that are part of securitisation transactions.

@ These ratings were assigned during regulatory regime prior to the introduction of SEBI CRA Circular dated Feb 10, 2026 and accordingly, investor side regulators have been included.

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