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### Kerala Financial Corporation (KFC)

July 18, 2024

#### Ratings

Instrument Facility /	Amount (Rs. crore)	Current Ratings	Previous Ratings	Rating Action	<a href="#">Complexity Indicator</a>
Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs)	0.00 (Decreased from 125.00)	-	IVR AA/ Stable (IVR Double A with Stable Outlook)	Withdrawn*	Simple
Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs)	1435.38 (Increased from 1202.70)	IVR AA/ Stable (IVR Double A with Stable Outlook)	IVR AA/ Stable (IVR Double A with Stable Outlook)	Reclassified	Simple
Proposed Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs)	767.32 (Decreased from 1000.00)	IVR AA/ Stable (IVR Double A with Stable Outlook)	IVR AA/ Stable (IVR Double A with Stable Outlook)	Reclassified	Simple
<b>Total</b>			<b>2202.70</b> <b>(Rupees Two Thousand Two Hundred and Two Crore and Seventy Lakh Only)</b>		

\*Rating is withdrawn based on complete redemption of facility and no due certificate received from debenture trustee.

Details of Facilities/Instruments are in Annexure 1. Facility wise lender details are at Annexure 2. Detailed explanation of covenants is at Annexure 3.

#### Detailed Rationale

As on 13 March 2024, corporation has issued NCDs amounting to Rs.307.00 crore, there is also reduction in principle amount of NCDs rated due to redemption of NCDs. Accordingly, the proposed and outstanding instruments have been reclassified.



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However, the reaffirmation of ratings to the Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) of Kerala Financial Corporation (KFC or the “Corporation”) has taken into consideration, the ownership of Government of Kerala and strategic importance of KFC in achieving the socio-economic objectives of the government, comfortable capitalisation, consistent growth in loan portfolio and structured payment mechanism for the NCDs. However, the ratings are constrained by moderate financial profile of Government of Kerala, average, albeit improving asset quality and moderate profitability coupled with high gearing.

The rating for Rs.125.00 crore NCDs has been withdrawn based on the client request and receiving of ‘No Due Certificate’ post redemption as per the due date. The rating withdrawn is in line with Infomerics’ policy on withdrawal.

### **Key Rating Sensitivities:**

#### **Upward Factors**

- Substantial scaling up its operations, improving its profitability, while maintaining healthy asset quality, capital position and liquidity.
- Substantial improvement in the fiscal position of Government of Kerala

#### **Downward Factors**

- Movement in the collection efficiency which impacts the asset quality significantly thereby increasing the credit cost and impacts the profitability for the Company.
- Substantial deterioration in the fiscal position of Government of Kerala

### **List of Key Rating Drivers with Detailed Description**

#### **Key Rating Strengths**

##### **Ownership of Government of Kerala and strategic importance of the corporation**

Kerala Financial Corporation (KFC) was incorporated under the State Financial Corporations Act of 1951, with an objective of development and industrialization of Kerala, extending financial assistance to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in manufacturing and service sector. The Govt of Kerala holds majority shareholding of 99.14%, followed by Small Industries



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Development Bank of India (SIDBI) (0.84%), Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) (0.01%) and State Bank of India (SBI) at (0.003%). KFC also acts as a nodal agency for several policy initiatives of the State Govt and is responsible for implementing the state's policy initiatives announced in the annual state budget. Given the strategic importance of the corporation in overall growth of the state and implementation of its schemes/policies of the state government, the corporation receives regular financial support from the state government.

### **Comfortable Capitalisation**

KFC is comfortably capitalised with total CRAR of 25.52% (25.58% - FY23) as against the minimum regulatory requirement of 15% as on 31 March 2024. The corporation has a tangible net worth of Rs 1063.67 crore (Rs.917.04 crore – FY23).

### **Consistent growth in loan portfolio**

Given its objective to provide financial assistance to the MSME and Service sector which results in overall growth of economy of the state, the loan portfolio has consistently grown over the years on the back of increased sanctions and disbursements. Sanctions have increased from Rs 3207.22 crore in FY23 to Rs 3336.66 crore in FY24 (refers to period April 1st, 2023, to Mar 31, 2024). Disbursements have also increased from Rs 3555.94 crore in FY23 to Rs 4068.85 crore in FY24, Loan Portfolio increased from Rs 6529.50 crore to Rs 7368.33 crore in FY24.

### **Structured payment mechanism**

The bonds issued by KFC have a strong structure and inbuilt payment mechanism apart from the charge on receivables which helps them to raise bonds at competitive rates. Outstanding bonds which are raised till FY22 of Rs. 378.38 Crores and Rs. 1057.00 Crores which are raised in FY23 & FY24 are secured by "Debt Service Reserve Account" where an amount equivalent to 2 quarters debt repayment (Principal and Interest) is maintained throughout the tenure of the bonds, cash collateral in the form of fixed deposit equivalent to 20% (for Bonds raised till FY22) & 10% ( for bonds raised in FY23 & FY24 ) of the outstanding principal and amount equivalent to principal repayment of respective year shall be brought in by T-7 (T is the due date) and the said amount will be invested in permitted investments. The maturity



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proceeds of the said investment will be credited directly to the designated escrow account and will be utilized for principal redemption process.

For the proposed NCDs of Rs 767.32 Crores, are secured by “Debt Service Reserve Account” where an amount equivalent to 2 quarters debt repayment (Principal and Interest) is maintained throughout the tenure of the bonds, cash collateral in the form of fixed deposit equivalent to 10% of the outstanding principal and the presence of Structured Payment Mechanism wherein starting from the 1st day of each quarterly servicing cycle, KFC should remit on every working day an amount equivalent to 2.00% of the aggregate servicing requirement for such quarterly servicing cycle to the bond servicing account. The Debenture Trustee shall monitor the same on T-15 day (T is the due date) and any shortfall persisting on T-10th day shall be met through transfer of requisite funds from the DSRA. Both, the Cash Collateral and DSRA would be in the form of cash and cash equivalent, invested in permitted instruments and would remain charged in favour of the debenture trustee. In case of any erosion from the DSRA due to transfer of funds in bond servicing account, the same shall be required to be cured within 30 days (T+30).

### **Key Rating Weaknesses**

#### **Moderate financial profile of Government of Kerala**

The Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of the state for 2024-25 (at current prices) is projected to be Rs 13.11 lakh crore amounting to growth of 11.70% over 2023-24. Fiscal deficit for 2024-25 is targeted at 3.4% of GSDP (Rs 44,529 crore). In 2023-24, as per the revised estimates, fiscal deficit is expected to be 3.45% of GSDP, lower than the budget estimate of 3.5% of GSDP. Revenue deficit in 2024-25 is estimated to be 2.1% of GSDP (Rs 27,846 crore), marginally higher than the revised estimates for 2023-24 (2.09% of GSDP). In 2023-24, the revenue deficit is expected to be higher than the budget estimate (2.7% of GSDP).

#### **Average, albeit improving asset quality**

Given the socio-economic objective of the corporation, where it provides financial assistance to MSME in manufacturing and risk related to MSME sector, the corporation was able to maintain its asset quality due to its recovery efforts and persistent monitoring. GNPA and



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NNPA of the corporation reduced to 2.88% and 0.68% respectively in FY24 from 3.11% and 0.74% respectively in FY23. However, KFC has maintained comfortable levels of provision coverage ratio of ~85.92% for FY24 (84.89%-FY23). Infomerics believes that given the business model of the corporation and its exposure to MSME sector, the asset quality continues to be under pressure.

### **Moderate profitability coupled with high gearing.**

KFC provides loans at subsidised costs, the NIMs of the corporation remain low at 1.59% and given the high impairment cost (Rs 135.45 Crores for FY24 and Rs 155.40 Crores in FY23), the profitability for FY24 remains comfortable with ROTA of 0.93% (0.80% - FY23), RONW of 8.07% (6.14% - FY23), PAT margin has marginally declined to 12.26% for FY24 from 12.39% in FY23. Also, the majority of the loan portfolio growth is funded by external debt and hence the gearing of the corporation remains high at 6.81x in FY24 (6.75x - FY23). Going forward, the ability of the corporation to infuse more capital and bring down the gearing levels will be a key rating monitorable.

### **Analytical Approach: Standalone**

### **Applicable Criteria:**

[Rating Methodology for Non-Banking Finance companies](#)

[Criteria of assigning Rating Outlook.](#)

[Complexity level of rated instruments/Facilities](#)

[Policy on withdrawal of ratings](#)

[Financial Ratios & Interpretation \(Financial Sector\)](#)

[Policy on Default Recognition and Post-Default Curing Period](#)

[Criteria for Government support](#)

### **Liquidity – Strong**

KFC is strongly capitalized with a CAR (%) of 25.52% as on 31 March 2024, and Net worth of Rs 1063.67 crore. Also, it has adequately matched asset liability profile as on 31 March 2024. As on 31 March 2024, the company has cash and bank balances of Rs 477.60 crore, unutilised





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bank limits of Rs.195.00 crore, marked and unmarked FDs of Rs.490.32 crore and Rs.100.00 crore respectively.

### About the Company

Kerala Financial Corporation (KFC) was incorporated under the State Financial Corporations Act of 1951 with an objective of rapid industrialization of the state by extending financial assistance to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in manufacturing and service sector. It was established as the Travancore Cochin Financial Corporation on 01.12.1953. Consequent to the reorganization of states on linguistic basis in November 1956, Kerala State was formed, and the Travancore Cochin Financial Corporation was renamed as Kerala Financial Corporation. KFC has 21 Branch Offices with its Head Quarters at Thiruvananthapuram and Zonal Offices at Kozhikode, Ernakulam and Thiruvananthapuram. Shri Sanjay Kaul, IAS is the current Chairman and Managing Director of KFC. KFC also acts as a state Nodal Agency for several policy initiatives by the State Government of Kerala (GoK) and is responsible to implement the states policy initiatives announced in the annual state budget. The board of KFC includes representation from Government of Kerala. The Board of Directors comprise 3 bureaucrats appointed by the Government of Kerala and the other directors representing SIDBI, LIC of India, and State Bank of India (erstwhile State bank of Travancore). The Government of Kerala holds 99.14% stake in the corporation and is expected to support the corporation as and when required, given its systemic importance to the state.

### Financials (Standalone)\*:

Rs in Crores

For the year ended As on	31-03-2023	31-03-2024
	Audited	Audited
Total Income	694.38	868.72
PAT	50.19	74.04
Tangible Net Worth	917.04	1063.67
Total Debt	6,186.92	7248.16
Total Loan Assets	6,529.40	7368.33
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ROTA (%)	0.80	0.93
Total CAR (%)	25.58	25.52
Gross NPA (%)	3.11	2.88
Net NPA (%)	0.74	0.68
Overall Gearing (Times)	6.75	6.81

**\*Classification as per Infomerics' standards**

**Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA: Not applicable**

**Any other information: NA**

### Rating History for last three years:

Sr. No.	Name of Instrument/Facilities	Current Ratings (Year 2024-25)			Rating History for the past 3 years		
		Type	Amount outstanding (Rs. Crore)	Rating	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2023-24 Dec 13, 2023	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2022-23 Feb 21, 2023	Date(s) & Rating(s) assigned in 2020-21
1.	NCDs	Long Term	0.00	-	-	IVR AA/ Stable	-
2.	NCDs	Long Term	1435.38	IVR AA/ Stable	IVR AA/ Stable	IVR AA/ Stable	-
3.	Proposed NCDs	Long Term	767.32	IVR AA/ Stable	IVR AA/ Stable	IVR AA/ Stable	-

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### Annexure 2: Facility wise lender details (Hyperlink to be added)

(Rs. In Crore)

Name of Facility/ Instrument	ISIN	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate/ IRR %	Maturity Date	Size of Facility (As on 09 July 2024)	Rating
NCDs	INE818F07104	14.09.2020	7.70	14.09.2026	50.00	IVR AA/Stable
NCDs	INE818F07112	14.09.2020	7.70	14.09.2027	50.00	IVR AA/Stable
NCDs	INE818F07120	14.09.2020	7.70	14.09.2028	50.00	IVR AA/Stable
NCDs	INE818F07138	14.09.2020	7.70	14.09.2029	50.00	IVR AA/Stable
NCDs	INE818F07146	14.09.2020	7.70	14.09.2030	50.00	IVR AA/Stable
NCDs	INE818F07062	09.07.2019	8.99	09.07.2025	62.50	IVR AA/Stable
NCDs	INE818F07088	09.07.2019	8.99	09.07.2026	62.50	IVR AA/Stable





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NCDs	INE818F07054	04.04.2018	8.69	04.04.2025	3.38	IVR AA/Stable
NCDs	INE818F07153	24.03.2023	8.90	30.03.2029	95.30	IVR AA/Stable
NCDs	INE818F07161	24.03.2023	8.90	29.03.2030	95.30	IVR AA/Stable
NCDs	INE818F07179	24.03.2023	8.90	31.03.2031	95.30	IVR AA/Stable
NCDs	INE818F07187	24.03.2023	8.90	31.03.2032	95.30	IVR AA/Stable
NCDs	INE818F07195	24.03.2023	8.90	24.03.2033	95.30	IVR AA/Stable
NCDs	INE818F07229	02.05.2023	8.63	30.03.2029	54.70	IVR AA/Stable
NCDs	INE818F07237	02.05.2023	8.63	29.03.2030	54.70	IVR AA/Stable
NCDs	INE818F07211	02.05.2023	8.63	31.03.2031	54.70	IVR AA/Stable
NCDs	INE818F07245	02.05.2023	8.63	31.03.2032	54.70	IVR AA/Stable
NCDs	INE818F07203	02.05.2023	8.63	24.03.2033	54.70	IVR AA/Stable
NCDs	INE818F07252	13.03.2024	8.89	13.03.2030	61.40	IVR AA/Stable
NCDs	INE818F07260	13.03.2024	8.89	13.03.2031	61.40	IVR AA/Stable
NCDs	INE818F07278	13.03.2024	8.89	13.03.2032	61.40	IVR AA/Stable
NCDs	INE818F07294	13.03.2024	8.89	13.03.2033	61.40	IVR AA/Stable
NCDs	INE818F07286	13.03.2024	8.89	13.03.2034	61.40	IVR AA/Stable
Proposed NCDs					767.32	IVR AA/Stable
Total					<b>2202.70</b>	

### Annexure 3: Detailed explanation of covenants of the rated instrument/facilities:

#### **Key Terms for the NCD issue of Rs 14.28 Crores - INE818F07047\* for Rs 10.45 Crores and INE818F07054 for Rs 3.38 Crores**

Instrument name	SECURED, RATED, LISTED, REDEEMABLE, TAXABLE NON-CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES.
Issuer	Kerala Financial Corporation
Issue size	Rs 14.28 Crores (INE818F07047 for Rs 10.45 Crores and INE818F07054 for Rs 3.38 Crores)
Issue date	04/04/2018
Maturity date	04/04/2024 and 04/04/2025 respectively
Coupon (Fixed)	8.69%
Coupon payment frequency	Half yearly
Objects of the issue	Working capital requirements
Redemption structure	Each series would be redeemed in 4 equal instalments of 5% of the aggregate issue size, with redemption of Series A starting from the end of 21 <sup>st</sup> quarter, Series B starting from end of 25 <sup>th</sup> quarter and so on.
Key Covenants	The Corporation shall, prior to the pay-in date, deposit into the DSRA an amount equal to the succeeding coupon payment



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	<p>required to be paid by the corporation in respect of the debentures and shall maintain the same on a rolling basis. The amount equivalent to the principal amounts repayable in each year shall be brought in by T-7 business days, and the said amount will be invested as detailed in the transaction documents, and the same will always be lien-marked to the debenture trustee as explained in transaction documents. The Corporation shall, prior to the pay-in date, create permitted investments in terms of transaction documents for an amount equivalent to 20% of the outstanding principal amount of the debentures.</p> <p>At any time, if the Corporation fails to sufficiently fund the NCD interest payment account on T-7 days, the debenture trustee would initiate the liquidation of the DSRA amount to ensure proceeds are available on T-1 day towards the payment due on the NCDs by the due date, i.e. day T.</p> <p>At any time, if the State Govt of Kerala ceases to own 51% of the Corporation or ceases to control the Corporation without obtaining the prior written consent of the debenture trustee (acting upon the instructions of each of the debenture holders), the debenture trustee shall be entitled to exercise any and all remedies set out in the transaction documents, in accordance with the terms and conditions in the transaction documents including, without limitation, accelerating the redemption of the debentures.</p>
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**\*Redeemed as per the schedule**

**Key Terms for the NCD issue of Rs 187.50 Crores - INE818F07070\*, INE818F07062 and INE818F07088 for Rs 62.50 Crores each**

Instrument name	SECURED, RATED, LISTED, REDEEMABLE, TAXABLE NON-CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES.
Issuer	Kerala Financial Corporation
Issue size	Rs 187.50 Crores (INE818F07070, INE818F07062 and INE818F07088 for Rs 62.50 Crores each)
Issue date	09/07/2019
Maturity date	09/07/2024, 09/07/2025 and 09/07/2026 respectively
Coupon (Fixed)	8.99%
Coupon payment frequency	Half yearly
Objects of the issue	Working capital requirements
Redemption structure	Each series would be redeemed in 4 equal instalments of 5% of the aggregate issue size, with redemption of Series A starting from the end of 21 <sup>st</sup> quarter, Series B starting from end of 25 <sup>th</sup> quarter and so on.



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Key Covenants	<p>The Corporation shall, prior to the pay-in date, deposit into the DSRA an amount equal to the succeeding coupon payment required to be paid by the corporation in respect of the debentures and shall maintain the same on a rolling basis.</p> <p>The amount equivalent to the principal amounts repayable in each year shall be brought in by T-7 business days, and the said amount will be invested as detailed in the transaction documents, and the same will always be lien-marked to the debenture trustee as explained in transaction documents.</p> <p>The Corporation shall, prior to the pay-in date, create permitted investments in terms of transaction documents for an amount equivalent to 20% of the outstanding principal amount of the debentures.</p> <p>At any time, if the Corporation fails to sufficiently fund the NCD interest payment account on T-7 days, the debenture trustee would initiate the liquidation of the DSRA amount to ensure proceeds are available on T-1 day towards the payment due on the NCDs by the due date, i.e. day T.</p> <p>At any time, if the State Govt of Kerala ceases to own 51% of the Corporation or ceases to control the Corporation without obtaining the prior written consent of the debenture trustee (acting upon the instructions of each of the debenture holders), the debenture trustee shall be entitled to exercise any and all remedies set out in the transaction documents, in accordance with the terms and conditions in the transaction documents including, without limitation, accelerating the redemption of the debentures.</p>
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\*Redeemed as per the schedule

**Key Terms for the NCD issue of Rs 250.00 Crores - INE818F07104, INE818F07112, INE818F07120, INE818F07138, INE818F07146 for Rs 50.00 Crores each**

Instrument name	RATED, LISTED, SECURED, REDEEMABLE, NON-CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES.
Issuer	Kerala Financial Corporation
Issue size	Rs 250 Crores (INE818F07104, INE818F07112, INE818F07120, INE818F07138, INE818F07146 for Rs 50.00 Crores each)
Issue date	14/09/2020
Maturity date	14/09/2026, 14/09/2027, 14/09/2028, 14/09/2029 and 14/09/2030 respectively
Coupon (Fixed)	7.70%
Coupon payment frequency	Half yearly
Objects of the issue	Working capital requirements
Redemption structure	Each series would be redeemed in 4 equal instalments of 5% of the aggregate issue size, with redemption of Series A



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	starting from the end of 21 <sup>st</sup> quarter, Series B starting from end of 25 <sup>th</sup> quarter and so on.
Key Covenants	<p>The Corporation shall, prior to the pay-in date, deposit into the DSRA an amount equal to the succeeding coupon payment required to be paid by the corporation in respect of the debentures and shall maintain the same on a rolling basis.</p> <p>The amount equivalent to the principal amounts repayable in each year shall be brought in by T-7 business days, and the said amount will be invested as detailed in the transaction documents, and the same will always be lien-marked to the debenture trustee as explained in transaction documents.</p> <p>The Corporation shall, prior to the pay-in date, create permitted investments in terms of transaction documents for an amount equivalent to 20% of the outstanding principal amount of the debentures.</p> <p>At any time, if the Corporation fails to sufficiently fund the NCD interest payment account on T-7 days, the debenture trustee would initiate the liquidation of the DSRA amount to ensure proceeds are available on T-1 day towards the payment due on the NCDs by the due date, i.e. day T.</p> <p>At any time, if the State Govt of Kerala ceases to own 51% of the Corporation or ceases to control the Corporation without obtaining the prior written consent of the debenture trustee (acting upon the instructions of each of the debenture holders), the debenture trustee shall be entitled to exercise any and all remedies set out in the transaction documents, in accordance with the terms and conditions in the transaction documents including, without limitation, accelerating the redemption of the debentures.</p>

**Key Terms for the NCD issue of Rs 273.50 Crores - INE818F07229, INE818F07237, INE818F07211, INE818F07245, INE818F07203 for Rs 54.70 Crores each**

Instrument name	SENIOR, SECURED, RATED, LISTED, REDEEMABLE, TAXABLE NON-CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES
Issuer	Kerala Financial Corporation
Issue size	Rs 273.50 Crores (INE818F07229, INE818F07237, INE818F07211, INE818F07245, INE818F07203 for Rs 54.70 Crores each)
Issue date	02/05/2023
Maturity date	30/03/2029, 29/03/2030, 31/03/2031, 31/03/2032 and 24/03/2033 respectively
Coupon (Fixed)	8.63%
Coupon payment frequency	Quarterly
Objects of the issue	Working capital requirements





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Redemption structure	Each series would be redeemed in 4 equal instalments of 5% of the aggregate issue size, with redemption of Series A starting from the end of 21 <sup>st</sup> quarter, Series B starting from end of 25 <sup>th</sup> quarter and so on.
Conditions for breach of covenants (as specified in Debenture Trust Deed)	Breach of any covenants other than those in respect of payment default and maintenance of security cover would have a cure period of 30 days beyond which it would be construed as an event of default (EOD)
Cash Collateral	The Issuer shall, prior to the Pay-in Date, create permitted investments in terms of the Transaction Documents (“Cash Collateral Permitted Investments”) for an amount equivalent to 10% (Ten percent) of the outstanding principal amount of the Debentures (“Cash Collateral Amount”). The Issuer hereby agrees and undertakes that the Issuer shall, at all times maintain an amount equivalent to the Cash Collateral Amount as permitted investments in terms of the Transaction Documents and the same shall always be lien marked to the debenture trustee as detailed in the Transaction Documents. In case of any erosion in Debt Service Reserve Account as mentioned under structured payment mechanism not getting cured within 30 days after servicing (i.e T+30), the erosion shall be made good by transferring necessary amount of funds / investments to the DSRA. The Debenture Trustee should immediately inform the issuer about this event with an advise to Replenish the Cash Collateral Permitted Investment within the next 30 days (T+60)
Debt Service Reserve Account (DSRA)	The Issuer would be required to open a designated escrow account - “KFC DSRA Account Series II 2023” exclusively for the benefit and charged to the Debenture Trustee (on behalf of the bondholders). In case of further series of issuances, the Issuer shall open similar accounts (Series III, Series IV, etc.) An amount equivalent to the total servicing obligation (Principal & Interest) of the outstanding bonds for the next 2 quarters would need to be maintained by the Issuer in the DSRA account on rolling basis and the initial DSRA amount so calculated would need to be deposited atleast one day prior to the date of pay in.
Structured Payment Mechanism	The Issuer would, starting from the 1st day of each quarterly servicing cycle, remit on every working day an amount equivalent to 2.00% of the aggregate servicing requirement for such quarterly servicing cycle of outstanding bonds issued to KFC Bond Servicing Account Series II 2023. Shortfall of transfer (if any) on any particular day would get cumulative and be carried forward to the next day(s) on a rolling basis. The transfers during a particular quarterly servicing cycle on the above





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mode should continue till the full build-up of the servicing requirement for that particular quarterly servicing cycle is achieved in the KFC Bond Servicing Account Series II 2023. The amount equivalent to the principal amounts repayable in each year shall be brought in by T-7 business days, and the said amount will be invested as detailed in the transaction documents, and the same will always be lien-marked to the debenture trustee as explained in transaction documents.

The Debenture Trustee should independently monitor the adequacy of collection in the KFC BOND SERVICING ACCOUNT SERIES II 2023 on T-15th day and inform KFC through written communication, to fund the short-fall if any by T-10th day. This should also be intimated to the concerned Credit Rating agencies.

In the event of such shortfall in KFC BOND SERVICING ACCOUNT SERIES II 2023 not getting fully bridged through payments by KFC by T-10th day, the Debenture Trustee would on T-9th day meet such shortfall by transferring funds from the KFC DSRA BOND SERIES II 2023 and make the necessary payments to the Bond Holders on the due date.

However, the T-15th day notice to KFC to fund the shortfall would continue to remain active and if such funding is received subsequently, the same shall be transferred to KFC DSRA BOND SERIES II 2023 to make good the impairment.

Further, if any overdues on account of past servicing from KFC DSRA BOND SERIES II 2023 continues to remain till T+30th day, then such overdue amount would be replenished by Cash Collateral available and a notice to issuer to replenish Cash Collateral within next 30 days i.e. T+60th day.

In the event of the above not being adhered, the Debenture Trustee would give a final notice to the Issuer for the full replenishment of DSRA and Cash Collateral Permitted Investment within next 7 days. Failing which would lead to an Event of Default (EOD).

At any time, if the State Govt of Kerala ceases to own 51% of the Corporation or ceases to control the Corporation without obtaining the prior written consent of the debenture trustee (acting upon the instructions of each of the debenture holders), the debenture trustee shall be entitled to exercise any and all remedies set out in the transaction documents, in accordance with the terms and conditions in the transaction documents including, without limitation, accelerating the redemption of the debentures.



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**Key Terms for the NCD issue of Rs 250.00 Crores and green shoe option of INR 226.50 Crores - INE818F07153, INE818F07161, INE818F07179, INE818F07187, INE818F07195 for Rs 95.30 Crores each**

Instrument name	SENIOR, SECURED, RATED, LISTED, REDEEMABLE, TAXABLE NON-CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES.
Issuer	Kerala Financial Corporation
Issue size	Rs 250.00 Crores and green shoe option of INR 226.50 Crores - INE818F07153, INE818F07161, INE818F07179, INE818F07187, INE818F07195 for Rs 95.30 Crores each
Issue date	24/03/2023
Maturity date	30/03/2029, 29/03/2030, 31/03/2031, 31/03/2032 and 24/03/2033 respectively
Coupon (Fixed)	8.90%
Coupon payment frequency	Quarterly
Objects of the issue	Working capital requirements
Redemption structure	Each series would be redeemed in 4 equal instalments of 5% of the aggregate issue size, with redemption of Series A starting from the end of 21 <sup>st</sup> quarter, Series B starting from end of 25 <sup>th</sup> quarter and so on.
Conditions for breach of covenants (as specified in Debenture Trust Deed)	Breach of any covenants other than those in respect of payment default and maintenance of security cover would have a cure period of 30 days beyond which it would be construed as an event of default (EOD)
Cash Collateral	The Issuer shall, prior to the Pay-in Date, create permitted investments in terms of the Transaction Documents ("Cash Collateral Permitted Investments") for an amount equivalent to 10% (Ten percent) of the outstanding principal amount of the Debentures ("Cash Collateral Amount"). The Issuer hereby agrees and undertakes that the Issuer shall, at all times maintain an amount equivalent to the Cash Collateral Amount as permitted investments in terms of the Transaction Documents and the same shall always be lien marked to the debenture trustee as detailed in the Transaction Documents. In case of any erosion in Debt Service Reserve Account as mentioned under structured payment mechanism not getting cured within 30 days after servicing (i.e T+30), the erosion shall be made good by transferring necessary amount of funds / investments to the DSRA. The Debenture Trustee should immediately inform the issuer about this event with an advise to Replenish the Cash Collateral Permitted Investment within the next 30 days (T+60)
Debt Service Reserve Account (DSRA)	The Issuer would be required to open a designated escrow account - "KFC DSRA Account Series I 2023" exclusively for the benefit and charged to the Debenture Trustee (on behalf of



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	<p>the bondholders). In case of further series of issuances, the Issuer shall open similar accounts (Series II, Series III, etc.) An amount equivalent to the total servicing obligation (Principal &amp; Interest) of the outstanding bonds for the next 2 quarters would need to be maintained by the Issuer in the DSRA account on rolling basis and the initial DSRA amount so calculated would need to be deposited atleast one day prior to the date of pay in. Prior to commencement of principal redemption (from the end of 21st and 22nd quarter), the DSRA would need to be suitably augmented within 15 days after the expiry of the 19th and 20th quarter to take care of this enhanced servicing liability.</p>
Structured Payment Mechanism	<p>The Issuer would, starting from the 1st day of each quarterly servicing cycle, remit on every working day an amount equivalent to 2.00% of the aggregate servicing requirement for such quarterly servicing cycle of outstanding bonds issued to KFC Bond Servicing Account Series I 2023. Shortfall of transfer (if any) on any particular day would get cumulative and be carried forward to the next day(s) on a rolling basis. The transfers during a particular quarterly servicing cycle on the above mode should continue till the full build-up of the servicing requirement for that particular quarterly servicing cycle is achieved in the KFC Bond Servicing Account Series I 2023. The amount equivalent to the principal amounts repayable in each year shall be brought in by T-7 business days, and the said amount will be invested as detailed in the transaction documents, and the same will always be lien-marked to the debenture trustee as explained in transaction documents.</p> <p>The Debenture Trustee should independently monitor the adequacy of collection in the KFC BOND SERVICING ACCOUNT SERIES I 2023 on T-15th day and inform KFC through written communication, to fund the short-fall if any by T-10th day. This should also be intimated to the concerned Credit Rating agencies.</p> <p>In the event of such shortfall in KFC BOND SERVICING ACCOUNT SERIES I 2023 not getting fully bridged through payments by KFC by T-10th day, the Debenture Trustee would on T-9th day meet such shortfall by transferring funds from the KFC DSRA BOND SERIES I 2023 and make the necessary payments to the Bond Holders on the due date.</p> <p>However, the T-15th day notice to KFC to fund the shortfall would continue to remain active and if such funding is received subsequently, the same shall be transferred to KFC DSRA BOND SERIES I 2023 to make good the impairment.</p>



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	<p>Further, if any overdues on account of past servicing from KFC DSRA BOND SERIES II 2023 continues to remain till T+30th day, then such overdue amount would be replenished by Cash Collateral available and a notice to issuer to replenish Cash Collateral within next 30 days i.e. T+60th day.</p> <p>In the event of the above not being adhered, the Debenture Trustee would give a final notice to the Issuer for the full replenishment of DSRA and Cash Collateral Permitted Investment within next 7 days. Failing which would lead to an Event of Default (EOD).</p> <p>At any time, if the State Govt of Kerala ceases to own 51% of the Corporation or ceases to control the Corporation without obtaining the prior written consent of the debenture trustee (acting upon the instructions of each of the debenture holders), the debenture trustee shall be entitled to exercise any and all remedies set out in the transaction documents, in accordance with the terms and conditions in the transaction documents including, without limitation, accelerating the redemption of the debentures.</p>
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**Key Terms for the NCD issue of Rs 307.00 Crores - INE818F07252, INE818F07260, INE818F07278, INE818F07294, INE818F07286 for Rs 61.40 Crores each**

Instrument name	8.89% SENIOR, SECURED, RATED, LISTED, REDEEMABLE, TAXABLE NON-CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES
Issuer	Kerala Financial Corporation
Issue size	Rs 307.00 Crores (INE818F07252, INE818F07260, INE818F07278, INE818F07294, INE818F07286 for Rs 61.40 Crores each)
Issue date	13/03/2024
Maturity date	13/03/2030, 13/03/2031, 13/03/2032, 13/03/2033 and 13/03/2034 respectively
Coupon (Fixed)	8.89%
Coupon payment frequency	Quarterly
Objects of the issue	Working capital requirements
Redemption structure	Each of sub series would be redeemed in 4 equal instalments of 5% of the aggregate issue size, with redemption of sub series A starting from the end of 21 <sup>st</sup> quarter, Series B starting from end of 25 <sup>th</sup> quarter and so on.
Conditions for breach of covenants (as specified in Debenture Trust Deed)	Breach of any covenants other than those in respect of payment default and maintenance of security cover would have a cure period of 30 days beyond which it would be construed as an event of default (EOD)





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Cash Collateral	<p>The Issuer shall, prior to the Pay-in Date, create permitted investments in terms of the Transaction Documents (“Cash Collateral Permitted Investments”) for an amount equivalent to 10% (Ten percent) of the outstanding principal amount of the Debentures (“Cash Collateral Amount”). The Issuer hereby agrees and undertakes that the Issuer shall, always maintain an amount equivalent to the Cash Collateral Amount as permitted investments in terms of the Transaction Documents and the same shall always be lien marked to the debenture trustee as detailed in the Transaction Documents. In case of any erosion in Debt Service Reserve Account as mentioned under structured payment mechanism not getting cured within 30 days after servicing (i.e T+30), the erosion shall be made good by transferring necessary amount of funds / investments to the DSRA. The Debenture Trustee should immediately inform the issuer about this event with an advice to Replenish the Cash Collateral Permitted Investment within the next 30 days (T+60)</p>
Debt Service Reserve Account (DSRA)	<p>The Issuer would be required to open a designated escrow account - “KFC DSRA Account Series I 2024” exclusively for the benefit and charged to the Debenture Trustee (on behalf of the bondholders). In case of further series of issuances, the Issuer shall open similar accounts (Series IV, Series V, etc.) An amount equivalent to the total servicing obligation (Principal &amp; Interest) of the outstanding bonds for the next 2 quarters would need to be maintained by the Issuer in the DSRA account on rolling basis and the initial DSRA amount so calculated would need to be deposited at least one day prior to the date of pay in.</p>
Structured Payment Mechanism	<p>The Issuer would, starting from the 1st day of each quarterly servicing cycle, remit on every working day an amount equivalent to 2.00% of the aggregate servicing requirement for such quarterly servicing cycle of outstanding bonds issued to KFC Bond Servicing Account Series I 2024. Shortfall of transfer (if any) on any particular day would get cumulative and be carried forward to the next day(s) on a rolling basis.</p> <p>The transfers during a particular quarterly servicing cycle on the above mode should continue till the full build-up of the servicing requirement for that quarterly servicing cycle is achieved in the KFC Bond Servicing Account Series I 2024. The amount equivalent to the principal amounts repayable in each year shall be brought in by T-7 business days, and the said amount will be invested as detailed in the transaction documents, and the same will always be lien-marked to the debenture trustee as explained in transaction documents.</p>





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	<p>The Debenture Trustee should independently monitor the adequacy of collection in the KFC BOND SERVICING ACCOUNT SERIES I 2024 on T-15th day and inform KFC through written communication, to fund the short-fall if any by T-10th day. This should also be intimated to the concerned Credit Rating agencies.</p> <p>In the event of such shortfall in KFC BOND SERVICING ACCOUNT SERIES I 2024 not getting fully bridged through payments by KFC by T-10th day, the Debenture Trustee would on T-9th day meet such shortfall by transferring funds from the KFC DSRA BOND SERIES I 2024 and make the necessary payments to the Bond Holders on the due date.</p> <p>However, the T-15th day notice to KFC to fund the shortfall would continue to remain active and if such funding is received subsequently, the same shall be transferred to KFC DSRA BOND SERIES I 2024 to make good the impairment.</p> <p>Further, if any overdue on account of past servicing from KFC DSRA BOND SERIES I 2024 continues to remain till T+30th day, then such overdue amount would be replenished by Cash Collateral available and a notice to issuer to replenish Cash Collateral within next 30 days i.e. T+60th day.</p> <p>In the event of the above not being adhered, the Debenture Trustee would give a final notice to the Issuer for the full replenishment of DSRA and Cash Collateral Permitted Investment within next 7 days. Failing which would lead to an Event of Default (EOD).</p> <p>At any time, if the State Govt of Kerala ceases to own 51% of the Corporation or ceases to control the Corporation without obtaining the prior written consent of the debenture trustee (acting upon the instructions of each of the debenture holders), the debenture trustee shall be entitled to exercise any and all remedies set out in the transaction documents, in accordance with the terms and conditions in the transaction documents including, without limitation, accelerating the redemption of the debentures.</p>
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### Draft Term Sheet for Proposed Rs. 767.32 Cr NCDs.

Instrument	SECURED, RATED, LISTED, REDEEMABLE, TAXABLE NON-CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES / BONDS
Issuer	Kerala Financial Corporation
Issue Size	Rs 767.32 Crore
Nature of Instrument	Secured
Coupon rate (Fixed)	TBD



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Coupon payment frequency	TBD
Tenor	Series A to E (Each for Rs 153.46 Crores), for tenor of 6 years to 10 years, with quarterly redemption in each series, with 1 <sup>st</sup> redemption scheduled at 21 <sup>st</sup> quarter.
Redemption structure	Each series would be redeemed in 4 equal instalments of 5% of the aggregate issue size, with redemption of Series A starting from the end of 21 <sup>st</sup> quarter, Series B starting from end of 25 <sup>th</sup> quarter and so on.
Objects of the issue	Working capital requirements
Security	The bonds would be secured by way off: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Exclusive charge on the KFC Bond Servicing Account series II 2024 and on the amount transferred therein to be utilised only for servicing of the bonds on quarterly servicing dates</li><li>2. Exclusive charge on the KFC DSRA Bond Series II 2024 and funds lying therein.</li><li>3. Exclusive charge on Cash collateral always permitted investment available equivalent to 10% of face value of principal amount outstanding.</li></ol>
KFC Bond Servicing account	The issuer would be required to open a designated escrow account – “KFC Bond Servicing Account series II 2024” exclusively charged to Debenture trustee.



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Key Covenants	<p>The Issuer would be required to open a designated escrow account "KFC DSRA Account Series II 2024" exclusively for the benefit and charged to the Debenture Trustee (on) behalf of the bondholders). In case of further series of issuances, the Issuer shall open similar accounts (Series III. Series IV, etc.)</p> <p>An amount equivalent to the total servicing obligation (Principal &amp; Interest) of the outstanding bonds for the next 2 quarters would need to be maintained by the Issuer in the DSRA account on rolling basis and the initial DSRA amount so calculated would need to be deposited at least one day prior to the date of pay in.</p> <p>The issuer shall, prior to the pay-in-date, create permitted investments in terms of the transaction documents for an amount equivalent to 10% of the outstanding principal amount of the debentures.</p> <p>In case of any erosion in Debt Service Reserve Account as mentioned under structured payment mechanism not getting cured within 30 days after servicing (i.e T+30), the erosion shall be made good by transferring necessary amount of funds / investments to the DSRA.</p> <p>The Debenture Trustee should immediately inform the issuer about this event with an advise to Replenish the Cash Collateral Permitted Investment within the next 30 days (T+60).</p>
Cash Collateral	<p>The Issuer shall, prior to the Pay-in Date, create permitted investments in terms of the Transaction Documents ("Cash Collateral Permitted Investments") for an amount equivalent to 10% (Ten percent) of the outstanding principal amount of the Debentures ("Cash Collateral Amount"). The Issuer hereby agrees and undertakes that the Issuer shall, at all times maintain an amount equivalent to the Cash Collateral Amount as permitted investments in terms of the Transaction Documents and the same shall always be lien marked to the debenture trustee as detailed in the Transaction Documents. In case of any erosion in Debt Service Reserve Account as mentioned under structured payment mechanism not getting cured within 30 days after servicing (i.e T+30), the erosion shall be made good by transferring necessary amount of funds / investments to the DSRA. The Debenture Trustee should immediately inform the issuer about this event with an advise to Replenish the Cash Collateral Permitted Investment within the next 30 days (T+60)</p>



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<p>Debt Service Reserve Account (DSRA)</p>	<p>The Issuer would be required to open a designated escrow account - "KFC DSRA Account Series II 2024" exclusively for the benefit and charged to the Debenture Trustee (on behalf of the bondholders). In case of further series of issuances, the Issuer shall open similar accounts (Series III, Series IV, etc.)</p> <p>An amount equivalent to the total servicing obligation (Principal &amp; Interest) of the outstanding bonds for the next 2 quarters would need to be maintained by the Issuer in the DSRA account on rolling basis and the initial DSRA amount so calculated would need to be deposited atleast one day prior to the date of pay in.</p>
<p>Structured Payment Mechanism</p>	<p>The Issuer would, starting from the 1st day of each quarterly servicing cycle, remit on every working day an amount equivalent to 2.00% of the aggregate servicing requirement for such quarterly servicing cycle of outstanding bonds issued to KFC Bond Servicing Account Series II 2024. Shortfall of transfer (if any) on any particular day would get cumulative and be carried forward to the next day(s) on a rolling basis. The transfers during a particular quarterly servicing cycle on the above mode should continue till the full build-up of the servicing requirement for that particular quarterly servicing cycle is achieved in the KFC Bond Servicing Account Series II 2024. The amount equivalent to the principal amounts repayable in each year shall be brought in by T-7 business days, and the said amount will be invested as detailed in the transaction documents, and the same will always be lien-marked to the debenture trustee as explained in transaction documents.</p> <p>The Debenture Trustee should independently monitor the adequacy of collection in the KFC BOND SERVICING ACCOUNT SERIES II 2024 on T-15th day and inform KFC through written communication, to fund the short-fall if any by T-10th day. This should also be intimated to the concerned Credit Rating agencies.</p> <p>In the event of such shortfall in KFC BOND SERVICING ACCOUNT SERIES II 2024 not getting fully bridged through payments by KFC by T-10th day, the Debenture Trustee would on T-9th day meet such shortfall by transferring funds from the KFC DSRA BOND SERIES II 2024 and make the necessary payments to the Bond Holders on the due date.</p> <p>However, the T-15th day notice to KFC to fund the shortfall would continue to remain active and if such funding is received subsequently, the same shall be transferred to</p>



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	<p>KFC DSRA BOND SERIES II 2024 to make good the impairment.</p> <p>Further, If any overdues on account of past servicing from KFC DSRA BOND SERIES II 2024 continues to remain till T+30th day, then such overdue amount would be replenished by Cash Collateral available and a notice to issuer to replenish Cash Collateral within next 30 days i.e. T+60th day.</p> <p>In the event of the above not being adhered, the Debenture Trustee would give a final notice to the Issuer for the full replenishment of DSRA and Cash Collateral Permitted Investment within next 7 days. Failing which would lead to an Event of Default (EOD).</p>
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**Annexure 4: List of companies considered for consolidated analysis: Not Applicable**

**Note on complexity levels of the rated instrument:** Infomerics has classified instruments rated by it on the basis of complexity and a note thereon is available at [www.infomerics.com](http://www.infomerics.com).