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Sub: - Investor Presentation Q4 & FY2024

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Kindly take the above on record.

Regards,

Sincerely,

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# Leveraging Opportunities, Propelling Growth

**Investor Presentation Q4 & FY2024** 

**MAY 2024** 



## **AGENDA**

- ICRA AT A GLANCE
- FINANCIAL SYNOPSIS
- MACRO-ECONOMIC OUTLOOK
- BUSINESS DRIVERS & OUTLOOK
- RESEARCH & OUTREACH
- CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY





# **ICRA AT A GLANCE**

# **ICRA's journey**





# ICRA business segment and legal entity structure



#### **Rating, Research and Other Services**

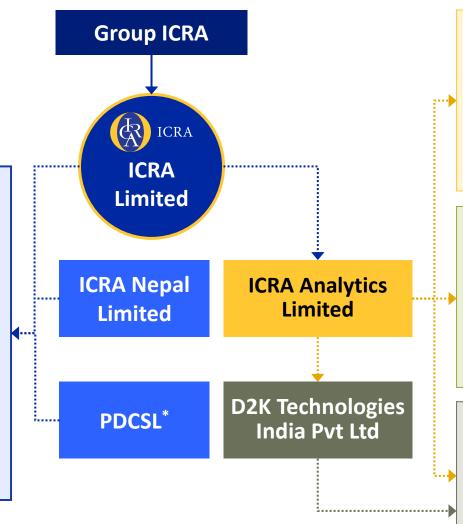
- Ratings for Corporate Debt, Financial Sector, Structured Finance, Infrastructure, InvITs
- Mutual Fund Scheme Ratings
- Public Finance Ratings
- Expected Loss Ratings

#### Research

 Industry Research, Economy Research Credit Perspectives

#### **ESG Ratings**

 Transition Score, Core ESG Rating & Combined Score



#### **Knowledge Services**

- Data Management and Analytics
- Cash Flow Waterfall Modelling
- Model Validation and Testing
- Credit Risk Analysis
- ESG Analytics
- Business Transformation

#### **Market Data**

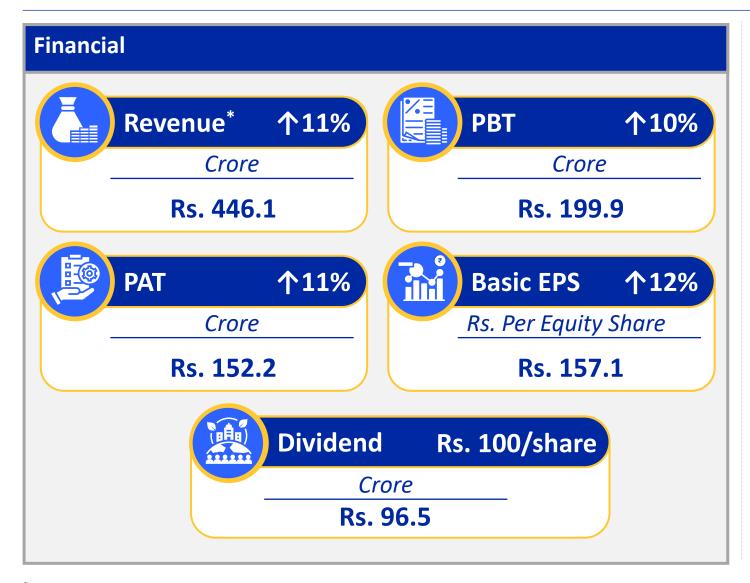
- Fixed Income Valuation
  - Daily SLV for AMCs covering G-Secs, Corporate Bonds, SDL and CPs
- Mutual Fund Performance Tracking & Analytics Solutions
  - MFI 360 Tracker, Treasury Solution Ranking 360, FactSheet, Newsletter, ScoreCard, Risk-o-Meter

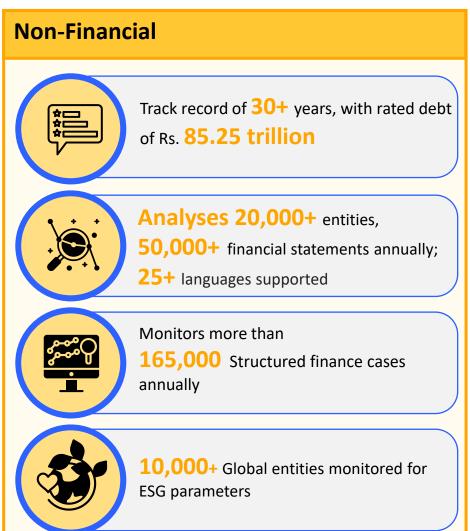
#### **Risk Consulting Services**

- Risk Management and Analytics
  - IRS3.0, iECL, EWS
- Model Validation
- Research Industry Risk Score & Reports
- Grading Services

# **Key call outs FY 2024**



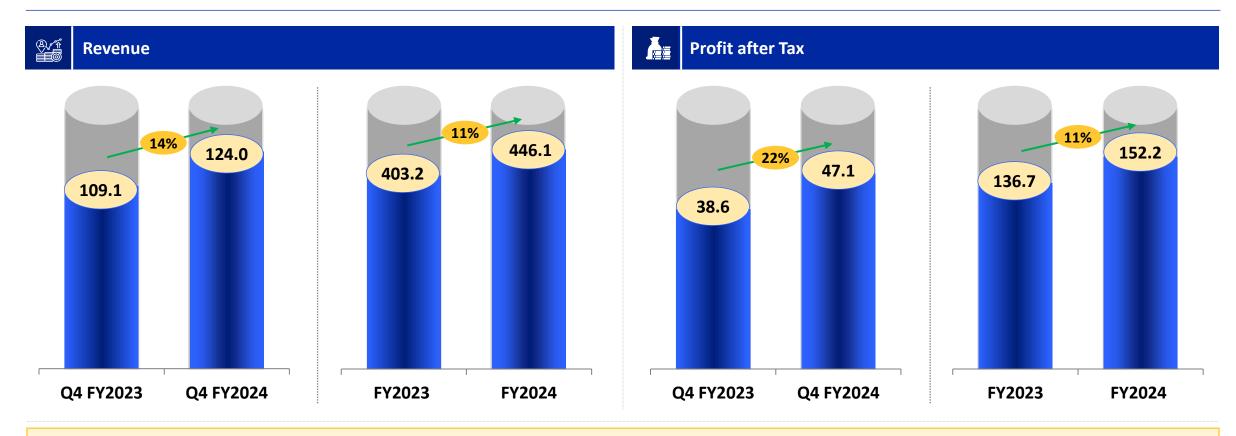






# Strong growth across businesses: Q4 & FY2024

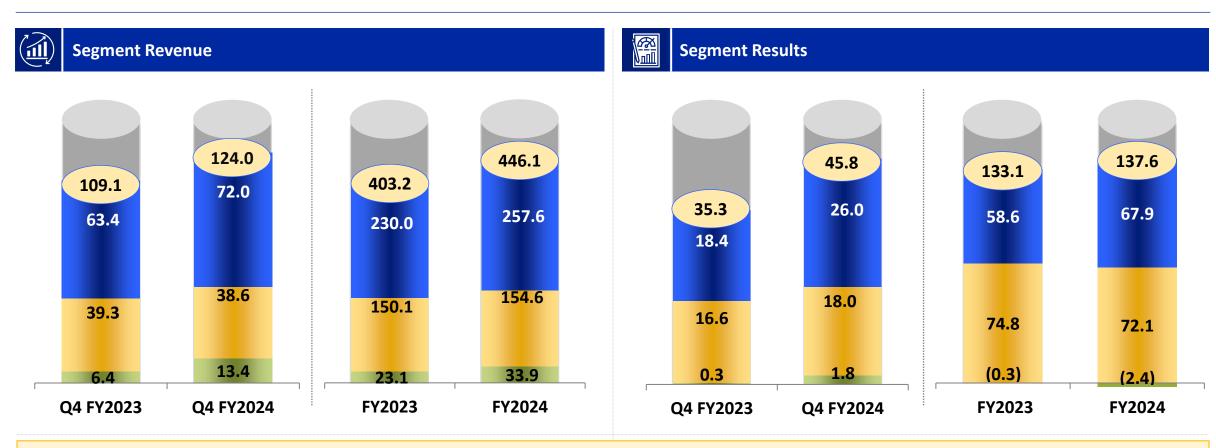




- Revenue growth driven by robust performance in Ratings and consolidation of D2K\* from current year
- Bond issuances and bank credit recorded a strong growth as domestic credit market continued to be benefit from the lower prevailing rates compared with the global scenario
- ICRA Analytics' revenue growth driven by banking and risk business, coupled with the impact of consolidation of D2K. In the Market Data vertical, the journey of tying up key partnership arrangements with leading global data service providers for valuation services continued to gain traction

# Segmental performance: Q4 & FY2024





- Ratings segmental revenue and margins saw strong growth
- Current year financials include impact of amount provided towards arbitral award and transaction costs related to acquisition of D2K
- In the current year, ICRA Limited and ICRA Analytics Limited entered into an agreement for share of common expenses. Consequently, ICRA Ratings yearly segmental margins include 1.9% positive impact of such recharge, whereas ICRA Analytics segmental margins had an adverse impact of 2.6%



# MACRO-ECONOMIC OUTLOOK





### Macro outlook



#### **INFLATION**

**CPI Inflation** 

**WPI Inflation** 

FY2024:+5.4%

FY2024: -0.7%

FY2025e:+4.6% FY2025e: +3.3%

#### **FISCAL DEFICIT**

Fiscal Deficit/GDP ratio

FY2024e: 5.9%

FY2025e: 5.2%











#### **GDP**

Real GDP Growth Real GVA Growth

FY2024e: +7.8%

FY2024e: +7.0%

FY2025e: +6.5% FY20

FY2025e: +6.2%

**REPO RATE** 

Earliest rate cut foreseen in Oct 2024, amid shallow rate cut cycle limited to 50 bps at best

#### **EXTERNAL ACCOUNT**

**Current Account Balance** 

FY2024e: -0.8% of GDP

FY2025e: -1.2% of GDP

# Back-ended pick-up in economic activity foreseen in H2 FY2025



Rural demand may improve in the second half of FY2025, once there is some visibility on farm cash flows from rabi procurement, monsoon volume and distribution, and the outcome for the next kharif crop



In addition to the slowdown in budgeted growth, the ongoing Parliamentary Elections in early FY2025 would impact the momentum of the Gol's capex during this period. Thereafter, with the monsoon setting in from June, project execution and construction activities are likely to slow down, suggesting that the capex may display a back-ended pick-up in FY2025

Urban consumption is projected to remain upbeat, though uneven in FY2025, with high-income households and new entrants into the formal labour market driving demand. The recent tightening of norms for personal loans and credit cards by the RBI could adversely impact credit growth for these segments, which may weigh on discretionary consumption



The tepidness in India's merchandise exports is expected to continue in H1 FY2025, followed by some improvement in H2, supported by a likely pick-up in global demand after the rate cut cycle begins in the major economies in H2 CY2024. Services exports may outpace merchandise export growth in FY2025

Source: ICRA Research



# **BUSINESS DRIVERS & OUTLOOK**





## Ratings: Business environment and outlook







#### **Environment**

In FY2024, both the bond market and the bank credit market benefitted from tailwinds as the overall cost of borrowing in the global market was dearer



**Bond** 

Q4 FY2024: 15.6% YoY and FY2024: 17.2% growth YoY

- Bond issuances reached an all-time high of Rs. 10.2 trillion in FY2024; all sub-segments – banks, bonds and corporates – grew well
- CP outstanding grew 9.9% as the securities firms funded their margin trading facility and working capital requirement



**Bank Credit** 

Q4 FY2024: 3.5% [3.1% PY] growth on-quarter and FY2024: 16.3% [15.4% PY] growth on-year in terms of outstanding



Market volumes are estimated to have grown by approximately 25% in FY2024 on-year (excl one large HFC that exited)

- The incremental credit deposit ratio for the banking system continued to be over 100% for the second consecutive year
- Given the Government's thrust, expectedly, infrastructure and iron and steel sectors led in terms of incremental credit
- Medium and small industrial sector grew at a faster clip than the large
- Existing large issuers securitised higher volumes; new originators also sold pools, driven by their need for diversified and/or cheaper funding
- The dominant asset class shifted from mortgage loans to vehicle loans in FY2024



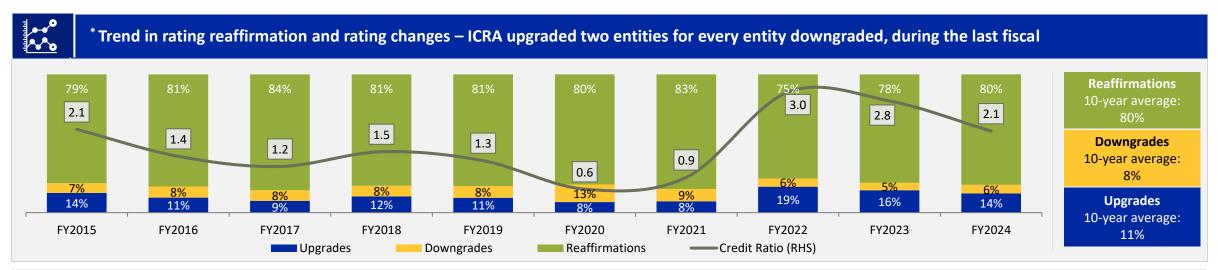
#### **Outlook**

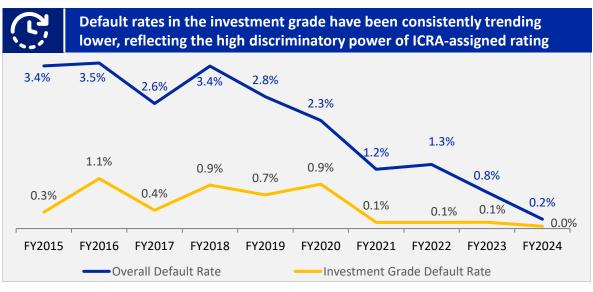
Going ahead, the interest rates in the global markets are likely to remain higher and only companies that need to diversify the funding base or those with a natural hedge in the borrowing currency would opt for ECBs

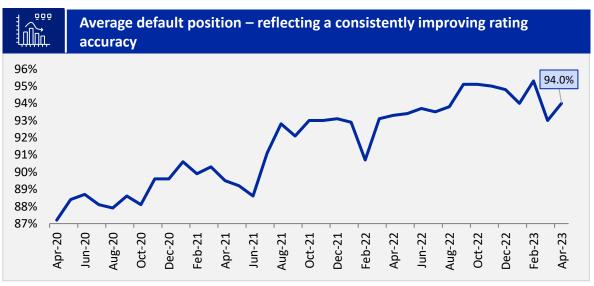
- Prevailing moderate yields would get further support in case of a rate cut which is now expected in Q3
- Expected growth in FY2025 may moderate on a high base but would find support as banks are now allowed to hold corporate bonds in HTM bucket
- Bank credit growth will moderate due to the higher base of the previous year. Expected range of 11.7%-12.6% in FY2025
- Moderation in bank credit-deposit ratio and higher risk weights to NBFC lending and consumer loan segments likely to weigh in
- Growth in the AUMs of NBFCs and HFCs expected to support the demand for securitisation even as co-lending picks up
- Securitisation volumes in FY2025 estimated to be in the range of Rs. ~2-2.1 trillion

# Rating performance metrics continue to be robust









Source: ICRA

<sup>\*</sup>Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

# **Analytics: Business environment and outlook**





#### **Environment**



#### **Outlook**



**Knowledge Services** 

- Strong domain expertise and partnership will continue to drive growth
- Inflationary pressures continue and spending remains cautionary
- Strong tilt towards insourcing and increased use of AI may taper down higher growth seen in the past
- With deep focus on digitisation and Al-driven automation, focus remains on value-added work related to business transformation, data analysis and technology services
- Business transformation projects, traction in issuer-side support in structured finance and post-review work in ratings support to provide impetus



Market Data

- Increased regulatory push for stress testing, risk management, data transparency and reporting
- Strong growth in demand from organised sectors AIFs, banks, mutual funds and pension funds
- Collaboration with leading global data providers for value-added services, which will expand service coverage
- Regulatory focus on risk will increase demand for Market Data services
- Engagement with reputed global data service providers will play a key role in servicing larger markets and enhance data monetisation
- Push towards cloud-based information tool and related data products



- Increasing regulatory oversight covering
  - Consumer loans/bank lending to NBFCs with significant unsecured lending portfolio
  - NBFCs Automation of credit lifecycle; risk assessment under ICAAP; monitoring of sensitive sector exposures
- ECL norms for banks likely over next 12-18 months
- Climate-related risks to significantly impact regulated entities

- Increased opportunities for IAL products/API-led integration owing to enhanced regulatory focus on automation of credit life cycle for banks and NBFCs
- Risk and analytics will continue to play key role in large banks and NBFCs, providing ample growth opportunities for risk analytics
- D2K acquisition will strengthen IAL product portfolio to offer comprehensive solutions to banks



# **RESEARCH & OUTREACH**





### **Research and Outreach**



# **1** WEBINARS & EVENTS



## 2 RESEARCH PUBLISHED



## 3 MEDIA COVERAGE

### Indian Airlines may Cut Net Loss to ₹7,000cr in FY24: ICRA

NBFCs' AUM to rise 13-15% in FY24, led by 18-20% retail loan growth: ICRA

Icra: Centre's fund releases may lead to divergence in borrowing by states in Q2

# IT Sector's Revenue Likely to Grow 3-5% in FY25: Icra

# Initial cost of e2W may rise 10% due to reduced subsidy: ICRA

Indian pharma to grow at 7-9% in FY24: ICRA

CBAM to hit 15-40% of steel export: Icra

Telcos Likely to Report Revenue Growth of 7-9% in FY24: ICRA

Collection efficiency for personal loans fell in Dec 2023: ICRA

# **Social listening**

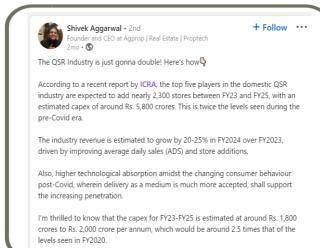
















# **CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**





# **ICRA Cares - Change begins here!**



**500** 

WOMEN SUPPORTED & EMPOWERED



919

HOURS VOLUNTEERED BY EMPLOYEES



3503

STUDENTS EDUCATED



**166** 

EMPLOYEES TRAINED ON CSR & SUSTAINABILITY



**555** 

YOUTH SUPPORTED IN LEARNING SKILLS



340

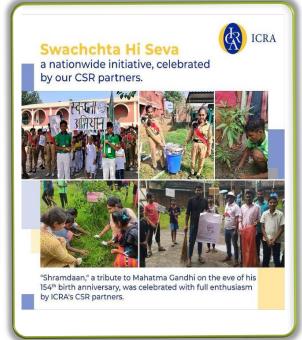
SPONSORING CHILDREN WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES



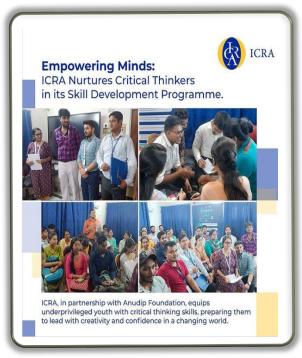
# **Employee engagement in CSR initiatives**











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