

Japan Credit Rating Agency, Ltd. (JCR) announces the following credit rating.

Yixin Group Limited (security code: -)

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Foreign Currency Long-term Issuer Rating:	BBB+
Outlook:	Stable
Local Currency Long-term Issuer Rating:	BBB+
Outlook:	Stable

Rationale

- (1) Yixin Group Limited ("Yixin") is a holding company incorporated in the Cayman Islands and listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Through its operating subsidiaries, Yixin provides comprehensive automotive finance-related services and offers software solutions to dealers, financial institutions, and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs). The ratings reflect the credit profile of the Yixin Group as a whole, considering the controlling power over the group and the strong operational integration among its subsidiaries. Tencent, a leading Chinese fintech company, is Yixin's largest shareholder, with an equity share of 51.88% as of June 30, 2025. Although Yixin is not a consolidated subsidiary of Tencent, the business and technological ties between the two companies are significant. Yixin focuses on niche markets such as lower-tier cities and used vehicles, which makes its loan portfolio more sensitive to external economic conditions. Additionally, the company is in a transitional phase of restructuring its business model, and its track record of stable financial performance remains relatively short. These factors constrain its credit profile. However, Yixin benefits from a solid business foundation in automotive finance, strong capabilities in developing online credit assessment platforms, and robust business linkages with its major shareholder. Based on these factors, JCR assesses the group's creditworthiness as equivalent to "BBB+".
- (2) Founded in 2014, Yixin was listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in November 2017. Initially, the company operated auto financing business using its own balance-sheet but later expanded into loan facilitation for partner financial institutions, thereby increasing revenue while limiting balance sheet growth. Tencent became the largest shareholder in November 2020, and Yixin maintains deep collaboration with Tencent in data sharing and technology development. Leveraging AI technology, Yixin has accumulated expertise in niche markets such as lower-tier cities and used cars, where major financial institutions and OEM-affiliated dealers have limited presence, thereby differentiating itself from competitors. Yixin has cultivated long-standing cooperative relationships with OEMs, which also serves as a competitive advantage. Its proprietary online credit assessment platform can deliver loan approval results within two minutes on average, a competitive advantage that has enabled Yixin to build a network of about 44,000 dealers. Partnerships have been established with several major Chinese banks, and financial institutions' confidence in Yixin's credit models has strengthened as transaction history accumulated. Accordingly, Yixin is aiming to transition into an asset-light business model by reducing the proportion of guarantees underwritten in loan intermediation and increasing the share of SaaS (software-as-a-service) business, where Yixin receives fees for system technology, marketing assistance, risk management, and post-loan management services.
- (3) Yixin continues to deliver rapid performance growth. For FY2024, operating revenue reached RMB 9,888 million (up 48% year-on-year), and operating profit was RMB 1,134 million (up 64%). In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic significantly weakened consumer repayment capacity, resulting in substantial losses due to increased credit provisions. However, its performance has swiftly improved since then. Although operating profit margins still have room for improvement considering provisioning costs, and ROA remains modest when factoring in off-balance-sheet facilitated loans, profitability is improving due to declining funding costs and strong growth in SaaS revenue. Yixin plans to focus on used-car loans, which offer higher interest margins compared to new-car loans but carry higher delinquency rates. Whether interest margin expansion and SaaS growth can offset credit costs and sustain profitability will be a key point to monitor. The company also plans to expand overseas business in line with Chinese OEMs' global strategies. It has already extended its presence to overseas markets including Singapore, Malaysia and Japan, with plans to further expand into other

countries. While overseas operations entail certain risks, Yixin plans to gradually grow overseas financing transactions over the next three years.

- (4) The company's asset quality is sound. Operating assets primarily consist of retail auto loans, which are well-diversified excluding receivables from financial institutions related to loan facilitation. Auto loans are full-payout receivables without residual value risk. Although credit costs surged during the pandemic, delinquency ratios and provisioning burdens relative to operating assets have since stabilized. Loans are classified from Stage 1 to Stage 3 based on delinquency periods, and necessary provisions are maintained, including for off-balance-sheet facilitated loans. Recovery rates through collateral disposal have shown no material issues.
- (5) The equity ratio has been trending downward due to asset growth, but Yixin plans to maintain the ratio above 30%. Considering risks associated with off-balance-sheet loans, there is room for improvement in capital strength. However, the increasing share of SaaS business is expected to mitigate incremental off-balance-sheet risk. Funding capacity is improving. The company primarily relies on ABS and bank borrowings but has recently diversified its funding sources through bond issuance. The proportion of unsecured borrowings is also rising. Given its broad network of financial institution counterparties, liquidity risk is considered limited.
- (6) Tencent's shareholding in Yixin was 51.88% as of June 30, 2025. Yixin is not consolidated into Tencent's financial statements, and its scale remains limited compared to Tencent's overall business. However, Yixin plays a functionally important role within Tencent's ecosystem, and the two companies collaborate on data utilization and AI technology development, reflecting a close business relationship.

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Rating Assignment Date: January 6, 2026

The assumptions for the credit ratings and the definitions of the rating symbols are published as "Types of Credit Ratings and Definitions of Rating Symbols" (January 6, 2014) in Information about JCR Ratings on JCR's website (<https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/>).

Outline of the rating methodology is shown as "JCR's Rating Methodology" (October 1, 2024), "Credit Cards and Credit Sales" (June 21, 2022), "Rating Methodology for a Holding Company" (April 2, 2025) and "Rating Methodology for Group Companies of Corporate Group" (September 1, 2022) in Information about JCR Ratings on JCR's website (<https://www.jcr.co.jp/en/>).

The rating stakeholder participated in the rating process of the aforementioned credit ratings.

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Disclosure Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of Rule 17g-7

Issuer:	Yixin Group Limited
Rating Publication Date:	January 8, 2026

1 The Symbol, Number, or Score in the Rating Scale used to Denote Credit Rating Categories and Notches and, the Identity of the Obligor or the Identity and a Description of the Security or Money Market Instrument as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(A) of Rule 17g-7

- Please see the news release. If the credit rating is a private rating, please see the report for private rating.

2 The version of the procedure or methodology used to determine the credit rating; as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(B) of Rule 17g-7

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3 The Main Assumptions and Principles used in Constructing the Procedures and Methodologies used to Determine the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(C) of Rule 17g-7

- The credit rating methodology assumes, in principle, to be applied to assess the likelihood of a given debt payment in light of its issuer's condition and business environment, etc. in the relevant future. There is certain limitation, however, in the time horizon that the rating foresees.
- The credit rating methodology assumes, in principle, that the factors posted in the below are particularly important for such likelihood to be determined, and that the rating determination is made by evaluating each of them not only quantitatively but also employing qualitative analyses.

A) Business Bases

The likelihood of a given debt payment is highly conditional to its issuer's business bases - how they can be maintained/ expanded into the future and thereby secure earnings and cash flows in adequacy and in a sustainable way.

B) Financial Grounds and Asset Quality

The likelihood of debt payment is highly dependent on the degree of the issuer's indebtedness and loss absorption capacity in terms of equity capital. Also notable is that a financial institution might see a significant loss of financial grounds as a result of changes in value of the assets under its possession.

C) Liquidity Positions

The likelihood of debt payment is highly dependent on the adequacy of the issuer's cash and other sources of repayment (liquidity positions).

D) Related Parties' Status and Stance of Support/ Assistance for the Issuer

The likelihood of debt payment is affected one way or the other by the issuer's related parties such as parent company, subsidiary, guarantor, and the government of the issuer's business domicile, etc. - by their own conditions and/ or position of support/ assistance for the issuer.

E) Order of Seniority in Debt Payment

The likelihood of debt payment can be different between given debts of the same issuer. The likelihood of debt payment for an individual debt is dependent on the issuer's discretion, and/ or its rank relative to other debts of the same issuer in the order of seniority in principal/ interest payment which is determined by design as financial product or by laws, etc.

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The Potential Limitations of the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(D) of Rule 17g-7

- The credit rating herewith presented by JCR is its summary opinion with regard to the likelihood of given debt payment and hence not necessarily a perfect representation of such likelihood. The credit rating is not intended to estimate the probability of default or the loss on given default, either.
- The objective of the credit rating herewith presented does not include any concerns other than the likelihood of debt payment, such as risks of price changes, market liquidity, etc.
- The credit rating herewith presented is necessary to be reviewed along with possible changes of the issuer of rated objects in its business performance and/ or circumstances which include regulatory environment, and hence subject to possible alteration.

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Information on the Uncertainty of the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(E) of Rule 17g-7

- The information used for the determination of credit rating as herewith presented is obtained by JCR from the issuer of rated objects and other sources that JCR trusts in terms of accuracy and reliability but possibly contains errors due to human, non-human or other causes. Consequently, the credit rating determined on the grounds of such information does not constitute, explicitly or implicitly, any representation or warrant of JCR on the information itself or any consequences of its use in terms of accuracy, relevance, timeliness, wholeness, market value, or usefulness for any specific purposes.

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Use of Due Diligence Services of a Third Party in Taking the Rating Action as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(F) of Rule 17g-7

- There is no use of any third-party due diligence service in the determination of the credit rating herewith presented.

7

Use of Servicer or Remittance Reports to Conduct Surveillance of the Credit Rating Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(G) of Rule 17g-7

- There is no use of any servicer or remittance report to conduct surveillance of the credit rating herewith presented.

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The Types of Data Relied Upon for the Purpose of Determining the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(H) of Rule17g-7

- The information posted in the below, which includes data, is used for the determination of the credit rating herewith presented.
 - A) Audited financial statements presented by the rating stakeholders
 - B) Explanations of business performance, management plans, etc. presented by the rating stakeholders

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Overall assessment of the Quality of Information Available and Considered in Determining the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(I) of Rule 17g-7

- JCR holds its basic policies for securing the quality of information as a base of due diligence for the determination of credit ratings. The information used as a base for the determination of credit rating herewith presented satisfies such policies, which include the audit by an independent auditor, the warranty made by the issuer, the publication by the issuer, some independent media or, otherwise, JCR analyst's scrutiny, etc.
- JCR sees no particular weakness in the quality of information used for the determination of the credit rating herewith presented as compared to the information used in other cases of the credit rating for comparable issuers or ratable objects.
- If the credit rating is an Indication, please see the report for Indication.

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Information Relating to Conflicts of Interest as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(J) of Rule 17g-7

- JCR receives payment of compensation for the determination of the credit rating herewith presented from either one of those parties who are issuer, underwriter, depositor or sponsor.
- JCR did not receive in the last fiscal year in the past payment of compensation from the same party for any kind of JCR's service other than the determination of public or private credit rating, such as one in the ancillary business.

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Explanation or Measure of the Potential Volatility of the Credit Rating as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(K) of Rule 17g-7

A) Business Bases

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is improvement or deterioration of the issuer's business bases, since its revenue, etc. may improve or deteriorate by the change in its business management policies, clients' preferences, competitive situation, or a technological innovation. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change in the business bases is large.

B) Financial Grounds and Asset Quality

The credit rating is subject to alteration if the issuer increases/ decreases its debt/ capital or vice versa and thereby makes its individual debt payment liability less or more bearable and its loss absorption capacity into the future decreased or increased. Also, the changes in the quality of asset under the issuer's holding may affect the credit rating, since such changes could raise or lower the likelihood of future loss of the issuer's financial grounds. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change in the financial grounds and/ or asset quality is large.

C) Liquidity Positions

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a change in the issuer's financial management policy or in the relations with fund procurement sources and the change thereby makes its liquidity positions improve or deteriorate. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is large.

D) Related Parties' Status and Stance of Support/ Assistance for the Issuer

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a change in the issuer's parent company or subsidiary, guarantor or other provider of credit enhancement, or the government of the issuer's business domicile, or other related parties' own conditions and/ or position of support/ assistance for the issuer, and the change thereby makes its business bases, financial grounds and/ or liquidity positions improve or deteriorate, and/ or making the effectiveness of guarantee and other credit enhancement improve or deteriorate. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is large.

E) Order of Seniority in Debt Payment and Non-Payment Forgiven by Contract

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a change in the rated debt's status in the order of seniority relative to other debts caused by the improvement/ deterioration of the issuer's financial condition. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is large. Also, in case of the financial products for which non-payment of interest/ principal is contractually permissible, the credit rating is subject to alteration if and when the likelihood of such non-payment is projected to increase or decrease. The resultant alteration of the credit rating could be by a notch but often as much as a few notches.

F) Rise and Fall in General Economy and Markets

The credit rating is subject to alteration if there is a rise/ fall in the general economy and/ or the markets inducing the issuer's revenues/ expenses to increase/ decrease and vice versa, etc. The resultant alteration of the credit rating is usually by a notch, with possibility of a few notches if and when the change is exceptionally large.

G) Various Events

The credit rating is subject to alteration on occurrence of various events, such as change in the issuer's major shareholders, M&A and other organizational change, accident, violation of the law, litigation, legal/ regulatory change, natural disaster, etc., which are unforeseeable at the time when the credit rating is determined, causing a significant change on the issuer's business bases, financial grounds, etc. The resultant alteration of the credit rating could be by a notch but more often than not as much as a few notches.

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Information on the Content of the Credit Rating, Including the Historical Performance of the Credit Rating and the Expected Probability of Default and the Expected Loss in the Event of Default as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(L) of Rule 17g-7

- The credit rating herewith presented by JCR is its summary opinion with regard to the likelihood of given debt payment and hence not necessarily a perfect representation of such likelihood. The credit rating is not intended to estimate the probability of default or the loss on given default, either.
- Facts of the probability of default are posted as Form NRSRO Exhibit 1 on the JCR website under the URL:

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Information on the Sensitivity of the Credit Rating to Assumptions Made as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(M) of Rule 17g-7

A) Business Bases

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the issuer's business bases and powers of earning or cash flow generation, etc. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR speculates, but possibly as much as a few notches if the development is rapid in improvement or deterioration of the issuer's business bases on some drastic change in the operational environments, etc.

B) Financial Grounds and Asset Quality

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the issuer's financial grounds and asset quality. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR speculates, but

possibly as much as a few notches if the development is rapid in improvement or deterioration of the issuer's financial grounds and/ or asset quality on some drastic change in its business bases.

C) Liquidity Risks

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the issuer's liquidity positions. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR speculates, but possibly as much as a few notches if the development is rapid in improvement or deterioration of the issuer's liquidity positions on some drastic change in its financial management policy or relations with fund procurement sources, etc.

D) Related Parties' Status and Stance of Support/ Assistance for the Issuer

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the issuer's parent company or subsidiaries, guarantor or other providers of credit enhancement, the government of the issuer's business domicile or other related parties' status and stance of support/ assistance for the issuer. The resultant change of the credit rating is most likely by a notch, as JCR speculates, but possibly as much as a few notches if there is a major change on the part of related parties, such as replacement, disappearance, some drastic improvement/ deterioration of financial grounds/ balances, etc.

E) Rise and Fall in General Economy and Markets

The credit rating herewith presented could be changed if and when the assumptions made at the time of its determination turn out to be inaccurate with regard to the prospects of general economy and markets. JCR expects the change should be most likely by a notch but could be as much as a few notches, should the economy or the markets change so greatly.

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Information on the Representations, Warranties, and Enforcement Mechanisms of an Asset-backed Security as Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(N) of rule 17g-7

- The credit rating herewith presented is not for an ABS product, and hence no relevant issue.

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Attestation Required by Paragraph (a)(1)(iii) of Rule 17g-7

I, Kiichi Sugiura, have responsibility to this Rating Action and to the best of my knowledge:

- A) No part of the credit rating was influenced by any other business activities.
- B) The credit rating was based solely upon the merits of the obligor, security, or money market instrument being rated.
- C) The credit rating was an independent evaluation of the credit risk of the obligor, security, or money market instrument.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "杉浦輝一" (Kiichi Sugiura).

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