





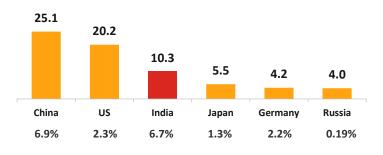
# The SME Lending Market A large yet untapped market opportunity

# India represents a large, significantly underpenetrated market



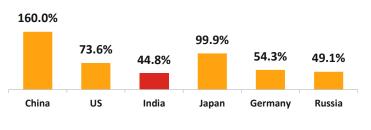
# One of the largest and fastest growing economies in the world

GDP PPP - US\$ Tn, Real GDP Growth



# However, the credit to GDP ratio is still much lower than other markets

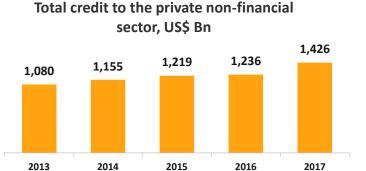
Total credit to non-financial corporations as a % of GDP

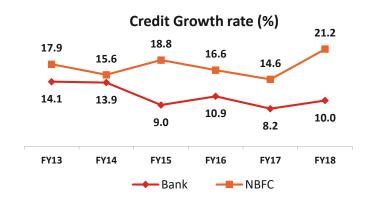


# Significant government impetus for the growth of credit

- Grant of universal banking, payment banking and small finance banking licenses
- Focus on financial inclusion Jan Dhan Yojna,
   Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana
- India Stack Cashless, Paperless, Presence-less
- Credit guarantee scheme for MSMEs

#### Leading to high credit growth in the country led by the NBFC sector



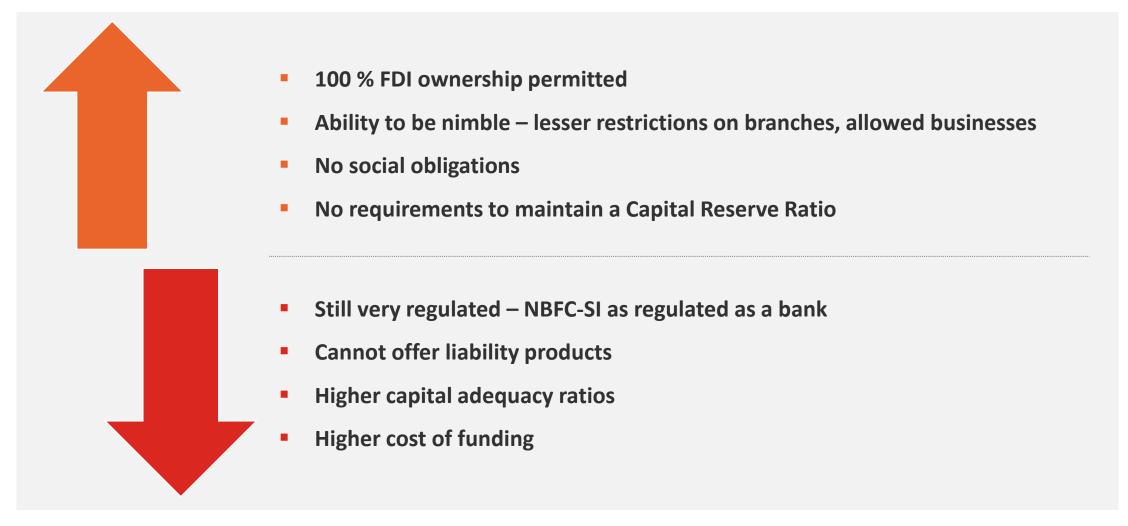


The overall lending market in India is expected to grow at 10-11% with NBFCs growing at 15-17% over the next 5 years

~US\$1 Tn lending opportunity over the next 5-6 years | Significant head-room for many more banks and NBFCs to emerge!

# NBFCs have certain structural advantages and disadvantages vis-à-vis banks...

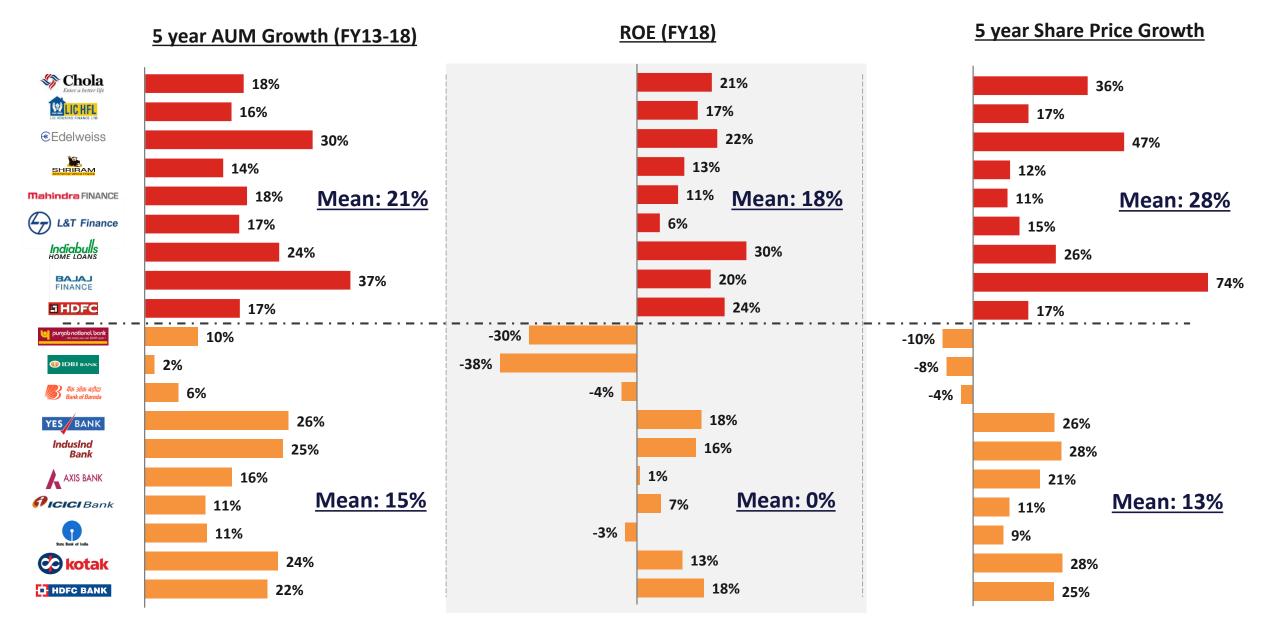




NBFCs have over the years proved themselves to be more nimble and specialized than traditional banks

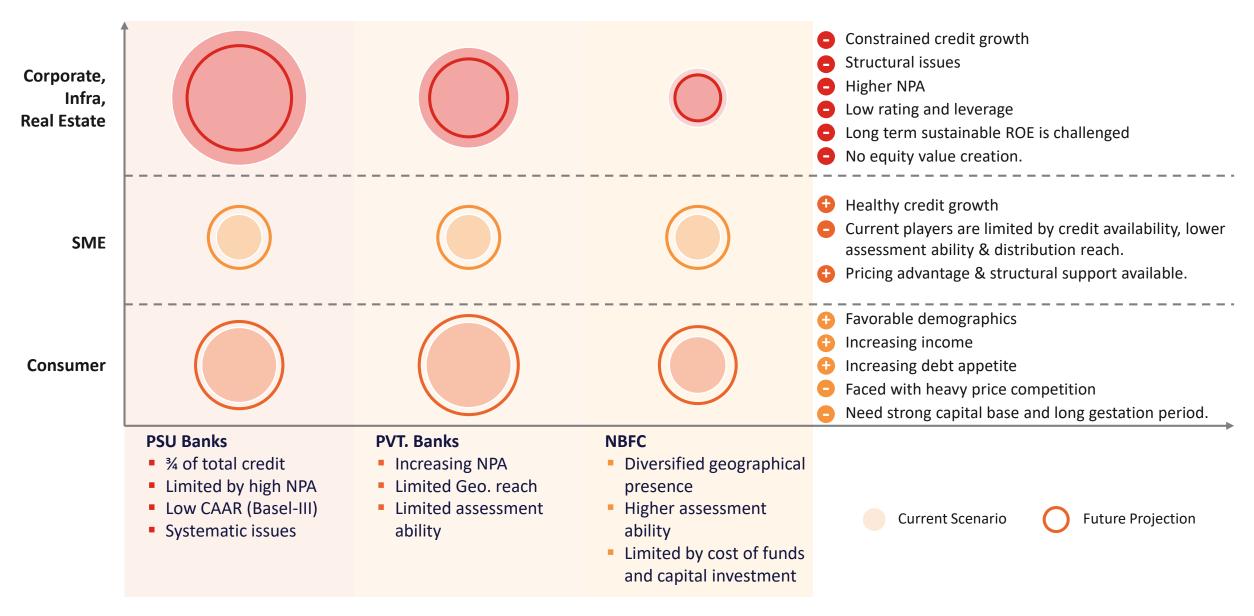
# ...resulting in significantly higher value creation by NBFCs





# The lending market can be broadly divided into three segments





# **Small Business Lending Isn't A Small Business**



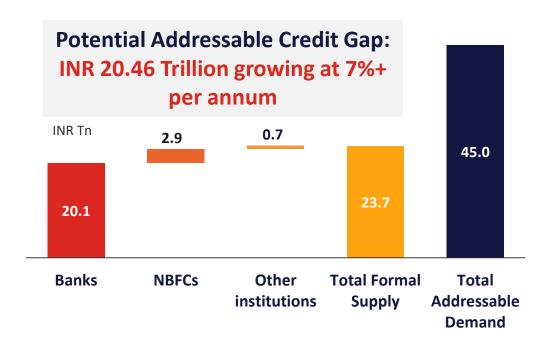


560Bn Gross Value Add (US\$)

29% Contribution to India's GDP

10% MSMEs with access to credit

# US\$300 Bn | SME Credit Gap



Bridging the USD 300bn gap will need USD 60-70bn in incremental equity capital

# **Diversity of Small Businesses Creates Challenges for Traditional Lenders**



## Challenges in lending to the SME segment...











## ...leading to a Frustrating Borrowing Experience for Small Businesses



Time consuming offline process



Non-tailored credit assessment



Rigid collateral requirements



**Product mismatch** 

# New-age, specialized SME lenders better positioned to bridge the SME credit gap



	Specialized SME Lenders	Traditional NBFCs	Banks
Product	Customized products basis nature of business, non financial parameters, end use, paying capacity/ frequency of underlying customer	Loan against property, supply chain financing, unsecured loans	Loan against property, supply chain financing
Distribution	Omnichannel Ecosystem based lending	Branch/DSA led	Branch/DSA led
Credit Appraisal	Sector specific approach, Cash Flow Based Automated Review	One size fits all Collateral/Bureau score	One size fits all Collateral/Bureau score
Turn-Around Time	4-5 days	15-20 days	30-45 days
Documentation	Non-traditional sources. Use of information available from public forums. Digital document submission	Financial statements, P&L Account, Balance Sheets, Bank statements	Project reports . Projected financials , Bank statements.

# ... leading to the emergence of niche, focused lenders in India



#### **Sector Focused**



Focus: K12 Segment AUM: INR 10,000+ mn Capital Raised: INR 3,000+ mn







Focus: K12 Segment AUM: INR 30,000 mn Capital Raised: INR 9,000 mn

WARBURG PINCUS



# **Geography/Segment Focused**



Focus: Tamil Nadu/sub-prime

AUM: INR 10,000+ mn Capital Raised: INR 10,000+ mn

Morgan Stanley





Focus: Rajasthan/sub-prime

AUM: INR 3,000+ mn

Capital Raised: INR 2,000+ mn



### **Product Focussed**

**Specialized** 

**NBFCs** 



Focus: Loans against machinery

AUM: INR 4,000+ mn

Capital Raised: INR 1,000+ mn







Focus: POS Lending AUM: ~INR 10,000 mn

Capital Raised: INR 4,000+ mn









# The U GRO Incarnation The Assimilation of Aspirations

# U GRO Capital | Who we are





A highly specialized, technology enabled small business lending platform

# Knowledge

Deep domain expertise of target segments to better understand the customer

# **Technology**

A scalable, data driven approach to ensure dissemination of knowledge

Large Institutional Capital INR 9,530 Mn (~US\$135mn) Of Equity

**Strong Corporate Governance** *Board Controlled, Management Run* 

Experience Management Team 250+ Years of Experience

# One of the only firms in the lending space to start with US\$ 135Mn of capital



# 1994

#### **Formation of Chokhani Securities**

1994: Formation of Chokhani **1995**: Listing on the BSE

2004-Present: 14 year track-record

of profitability

**Preferential Allotment** 

INR 4,350mn raised from global private equity firms - ADV Partners, NewQuest and IndGrowth

2018 Aug, **Qualified Institutional Placement** 

INR 1,120mn raised from public market funds, insurance companies

2017

Acquisition of Chokhani Securities Revamp of the management team Demerger of the lending business of Asia Pragati approved – INR 1,750 mn

2017

Dec,

**Birth of U GRO Capital** 

2018 Мау,

INR 1,920mn raised from large family offices / HNIs through a preferential allotment of shares

**Preferential Allotment** 

**Disbursements** started in January

#### **Private Equity Funds**







#### **Public Market Funds**





**Chhattisgarh Investments** 

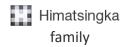
**MK Ventures** 

#### **Insurance Firms**



#### **Family Offices**





Famy Care Ltd.

**Jaspal Bindra** 

Taparia family

# Strong corporate governance framework enshrined in the Articles



### Special Resolution of the shareholders required for effecting any changes to the AoA

- High degree of regulatory oversight and transparency
- Ability to create an institution with a long term mind-set and for perpetuity
- Access to permanent capital

- Mandatory requirement for a Big 4 firm to be appointed as the statutory and internal auditors
- Deloitte appointed as the statutory auditor and PWC appointed as the internal auditor

- Any loan > 1% of net worth or to a related party to require unanimous approval of ALCO and approval of the Board
- Board approved multi-layer credit authority delegation
- Removal of KMP (incl. CRO) to require 3/4th board approval
- Any significant action by the Company to need 3/4<sup>th</sup> approval of the Board



- Key committees to be headed by an independent member with required credentials
- The majority of the NRC, ALCO and the Audit Committee to comprise of independent directors

A true board controlled, management run company No unfettered rights to promoters/management to divert strategy or business attention

**U**GRO

## **Our Board**



#### **Independent Members of the Board**



Specialization: Personnel Mgmt

#### Satyananda Mishra - Head, CSR Committee

- Ex-Chairman, MCX, Ex-CIC, Gol, Ex-Director SIDBI
- Over 40 years with the Indian Administrative Services
- Indian Administrative Services (Batch of 1973)
- M.A., Utkal University, M.Sc., London School of Economics



Specialization: SEBI Regulations

#### Rajeev K. Agarwal - Head, Stakeholder Committee

- Ex-Whole Time Member, SEBI
- Over 30 years with experience with SEBI, FMC, IRS
- Indian Revenue Service (Batch of 1983)
- B. Tech, IIT Roorkee



Specialization: Credit, SME

#### NK Maini - Head, Risk Management Committee

- Ex DMD, SIDBI
- Over 38 years with experience with SIDBI, UCO Bank and IDBI
- PGDM from MDI
- Currently a director with MUDRA, MFIN, NSCCL, Aye Finance, member of the advisory committee at Ivy Cap and Lok Capital



**Specialization:** Audit, Corp Fin

#### **Abhijit Sen - Head, Audit Committee**

- Ex-CFO, Citi-India
- Over 40 years of experience with Citi, Ceat, Tata
- PGDM from IIM, Kolkata and B. Tech from IIT, Kharagpur
- Advisor to EY, Independent Director at Trent, Ujjivan, IDFC, Cashpor Microcredit, Kalyani Forge, India First Life Insurance



Specialization: Audit, Tax

#### Ranjana Agarwal - Head, NRC Committee

- Board Member ICRA, Ex-Senior Partner, Deloitte
- Over 30 years of experience with Deloitte, Vaish and Associates
- CA from ICAI and a BA from Delhi University
- Currently an independent director at ICRA, Shubham Housing, Indo Ram Synthetics, Joyville Shaapoorji Housing



Specialization: RBI Regulations

#### S. Karuppasamy - Head, Compliance Committee

- Ex-Executive Director, RBI
- Over 40 years of experience with the RBI
- PG Diploma in Bank Management, Indian Institute of Banking & Finance, CAIIB (Honorary Fellow) & MA (Economics)
- Currently a member of the RBI services board, and a director at ARCIL and Vidharan (MFI)

Board members selected for the specific skillsets they bring to the table

# Founder with the experience of creating institutions across financial services...





- Core pillar of Religare's successful growth journey
- 6 year stint as the Group-CEO of Religare Enterprise
- Transitioned the company from an operating loss of ~USD 80 million in 2013 to USD 50 million of net profitability in 2016
- Presented the "CEO of the Year" award at the Asia Banking, Financial Services
   Insurance Excellence Awards in August 2015
- Started his entrepreneurial journey in 2016.

# Mr. Shachindra Nath

Executive Chairman and Managing Director

26 years of experience in creating institutions across the financial services domain

#### Lending

#### **SME Lending**

Built India's 4th largest Non-Banking Finance business, focused on SMEs with a **book size of over USD 2.3 billion** 

#### **Housing Finance**

Started the housing finance arm focused on funding the affordable housing segment

#### **Capital Markets**

#### **Retail Broking**

Created a platform with over 1,350 points of presence across India

#### **Wealth Management**

**JV with Macquarie** providing wealth management solutions to ultra HNI clients

#### **Investment Banking**

Mid-market focused institutional equities and investment banking platform with presence in 8 countries

#### **Asset Management**

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Largest alternative asset management out of India:

Over US\$ 21bn of AUM with presence across the US, Europe, Asia and Africa





LANDMARK PARTNERS



#### Insurance

#### Life Insurance

Life insurance JV with AEGON NV of the Netherlands

#### **Health Insurance**

One of India's first specialized health insurance companies

**Key Exits:** Sale of the life insurance stake to Aegon, sale of the mutual fund business to Invesco, sale of Northgate to TCP, sale of Landmark Partners to the management team

# ... supported by a team with a strong track record of execution





**Abhijit Ghosh Chief Executive Officer** AUM Managed: INR 180Bn









**Anuj Pandey Chief Operating Officer** AUM Managed: INR 120Bn









Kalpesh Ojha **Chief Financial Officer** Liability Raised: INR 700Bn









J Sathiayan **Chief Business Officer** AUM Managed: INR 80Bn









**Manish Agarwal Chief Risk Officer** AUM Managed: INR 1,200Bn









Sandeep Kakkar **Chief Growth Officer** AUM Managed: INR 150Bn









Rajni Khurana **Chief Human Resources Officer** AUM Managed: NA







86 employee count

**Fully** formed team

4/5 Rated employees

Deep and large **ESOP** pool





# **Our Mission**

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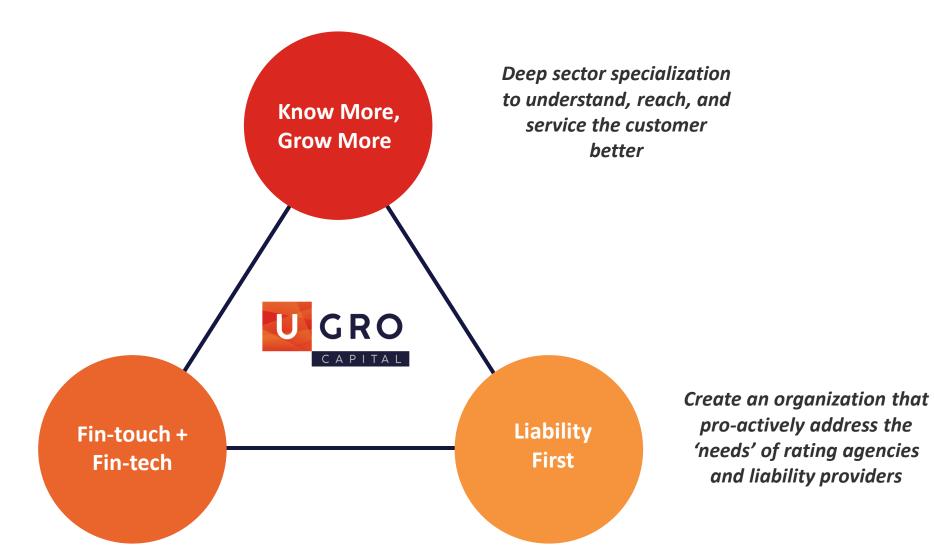
# 'To Solve the Unsolved'

India's US\$ 600Bn+
SME Credit Availability Problem



# How we want to do this...





Leverage the best practices of traditional NBFCs and the modern fin-tech providers to create a technology and data centric organization

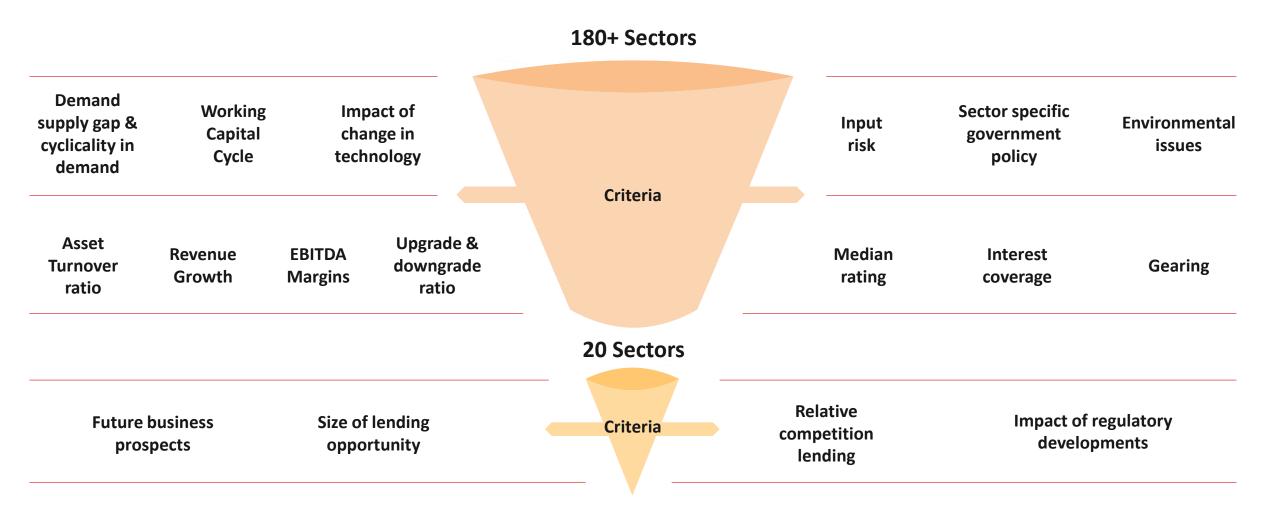




# Know More, Grow More Sector based approach to specialization

# Deep analysis of macro and micro economic factors





# **Targeted 8 Sectors**

An 18 month process involving extensive study of macro and micro economic parameters carried out in conjunction with market experts like CRISIL

# ... to arrive at a set of eight sectors...



38 identified sub-sectors within the 8 sectors

Focus on the SME clusters in India

~50% - Contribution of the 8 sectors to the overall SME lending market in India

Validated independently by CRIF, CRISIL and the company distribution and underwriting teams



Large lending opportunity



Lower impact of regulatory changes



Relatively lesser competition from banks



Secular consumption driven growth



Low geographical concentration

# ...to better solve the MSME credit availability problem



#### **Restaurants**



Challenges Faced: Cash based collections reducing eligibility, a new restaurant takes time to reach positive cashflows

#### **U GRO Approach**

Assessment: A combination of Zomato ratings, seats, cuisine served, price points to arrive at eligibility

**Cash Flows:** If a franchise, then a 3 tranche disbursal – payment to franchisor, infra development, working capital.

Payments to start post commencement of operations

Distribution: Tie ups with food aggregators like Zomato, Swiggy and assess eligibility through transactional data

#### Pathological lab



Challenges Faced: Heavy investment in equipment, cash based collections reducing eligibility

#### **U GRO Approach**

**Assessment**: Cash flow assessment through footfall, online booking, booking register, price list published on line

Cash Flows: Leasing module used. Disbursal of funds to the manufacturer by UGRO. Path Lab owner to pay only rental

per month.

**Distribution:** Tie ups with leasing agencies and manufacturers of equipment

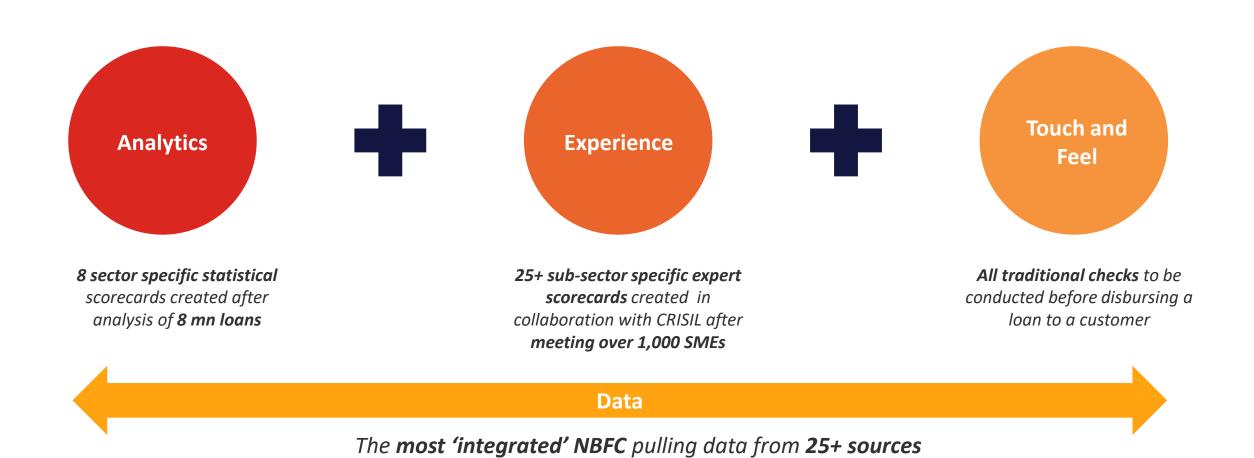




# Credit Appraisal and Portfolio Approach – Understand the Customer!!

# **Our Credit Appraisal Philosophy**





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# Data Analysis led to proprietary 'Statistical Score Cards'





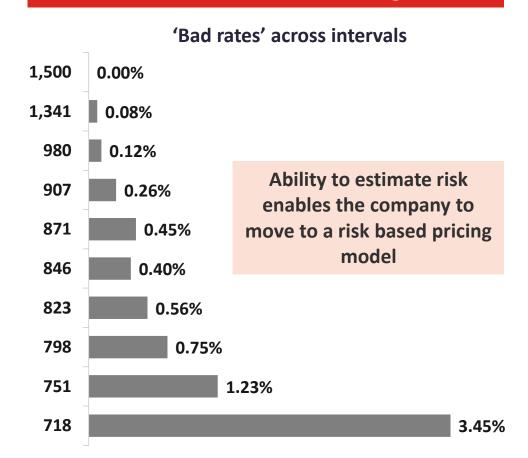
**850** parameters per loan

GINI coefficient

70% 'bads' eliminated by removal of bottom 20% by score



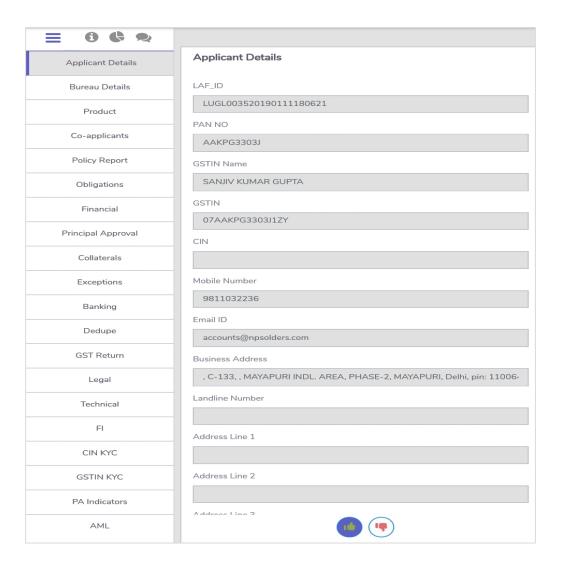
## **Default rate across score ranges**



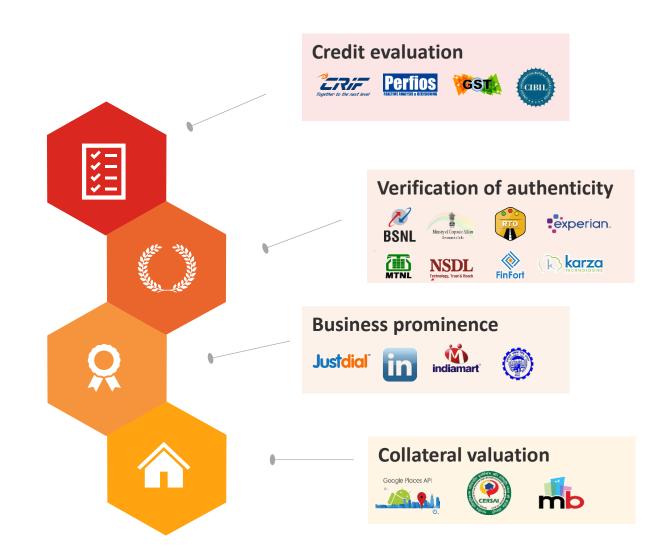
# Data integrations & technology to facilitate a 60 minute in principal approval



## **360 degree view through 30+ API Integrations**



### Ability to front-load the entire credit assessment cycle



# Supplemented by an Industry First – 'Expert Scorecards' – for all sub - sectors



Case A: Less than 20 bedded nursing home



Case B: 20-50 bedded nursing home



Case C: 50-100 bedded nursing home



Parameters	Factors	Case A	Case B	Case C
Facility related	Vintage of the entity	20%	15%	10%
	Doctor's Experience	20%	15%	10%
	Arrangement with pharmacy unit	30%	30%	40%
	NAHB accreditation	30%	40%	40%
Operational	Share of IPD revenues in overall nursing home revenue	15%	20%	20%
	Share of insurances cases in overall IPD admissions	15%	20%	20%
	Govt empanelled cases in overall insurance admissions	10%	10%	10%
	Occupancy rate	30%	20%	20%
	Revenue per occupied bed	30%	30%	30%
Financial	Operating margins	15%	15%	15%
	Return on Capital Employed	20%	20%	20%
	Interest coverage	30%	30%	30%
	Asset turnover ratio	20%	20%	20%
	Receivable days	15%	15%	15%

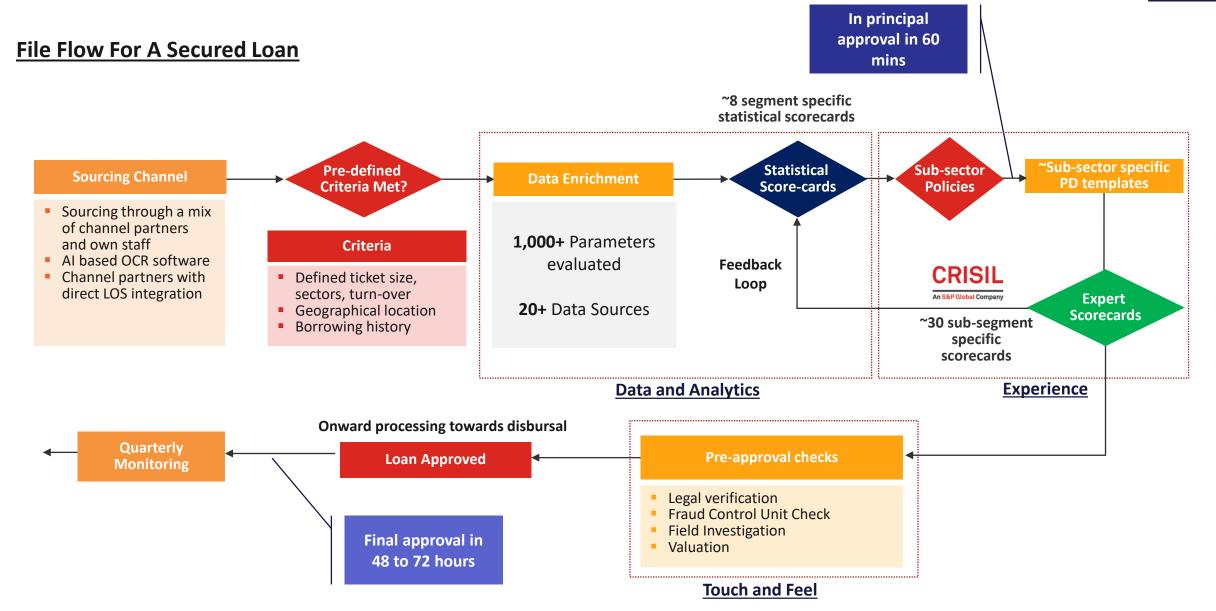
- Combination of operating and financial parameters
- Scorecards developed in consultation with CRISIL market experts
- Methodology
  - 1,000+ personal interviews across 9 locations
  - Responses for over 50+ curated questions for each sub-sector

Sector: Healthcare

Sub Sector: Nursing Homes

# **Credit Appraisal Process | A Three Pronged Approach**









# Sectoral Credit Understanding: Leading to – tailor made Product Solutions

# **Our Product Philosophy**



Moving beyond conventional products offered by most NBFCs in the market...

**Secured Loans** 

Mostly long tenor, loan against property

**Unsecured Loans** 

Short term working capital loans

Supply Chain Financing

30-90 day loans against invoices

To create sub-sector specific products by modulating the following attributes to meet customer requirements...



Collateral



Assessment Parameters



**Tenor** 



Loan Structuring



Pricing

# **Tailored Products for Small Businesses**



Based on our sectoral capabilities, we would deliver customized solutions, faster TAT, better yields through a combination of higher loan to value and exposure limits, vis-à-vis being a pure play LAP focused lender

Sector	Sub-sector	Products (basis cash flow)	Assessment Parameters	Collateral	
Healthcare	Hospitals	Term loan for capacity expansion/upgradation.  Medical equipment financing  Working capital term loans	Number of patients per day, Doctor's experience, Bed capacity, Share of IPD revenues	Combination of property (business + personal), inventory, receivables Medical equipment	
	General Practitioners/ Diagnostic labs	Equipment financing, working capital loan	Vintage of practice, Quality of equipment, Degree of practitioner		
	Medical Devices	Receivables discounting, supplier chain finance, working capital loan	Area covered, Client concentration, Length of relationships with customers		
Education	Schools - K12	Term loan for capacity expansion, working capital loan	Promoter's experience, Number of existing branches, Type of locality	Combination of property,	
	Vocational Institutes	Primarily working capital loan	Number of branches, premises owned or leased, Increase in salaries	fees receivable	
Auto	Auto components	Receivable discounting, supply chain finance, term loan, working capital	Ability to pass on price hikes, Average credit period, Discounts offered		
	Auto dealers	Primarily work capital loan, working capital term loan	Location of the entity, type of dealer (distributor, stockiest)	Combination of property, inventory, cash flows	
	Auto shop traders	Primarily working capital	Area covered, turnaround time, proportion of slow moving inventory		



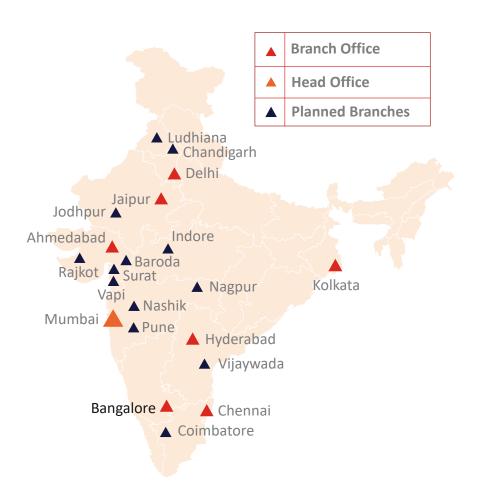


# Sectoral Understanding – leading to sharper distribution model

# Traditional Channels | A new approach to the old



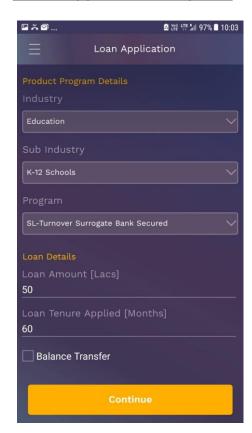
# A technology led, partnership based approach to DSAs



#### **Rigorous DSA Selection Criteria**

- An initial list of 100+ channel partners arrived at post rigorous vetting of 1,200+ partners
- Selection criteria:
  - Track-record of 3+ years
  - Infrastructure Readiness
  - Portfolio performance
- Partners selected have a trackrecord of acquiring INR 50,000+ Mn on a monthly basis
- An onboarding fee charged from each channel partner – A first in the industry

#### **A DSA App: An Industry First**



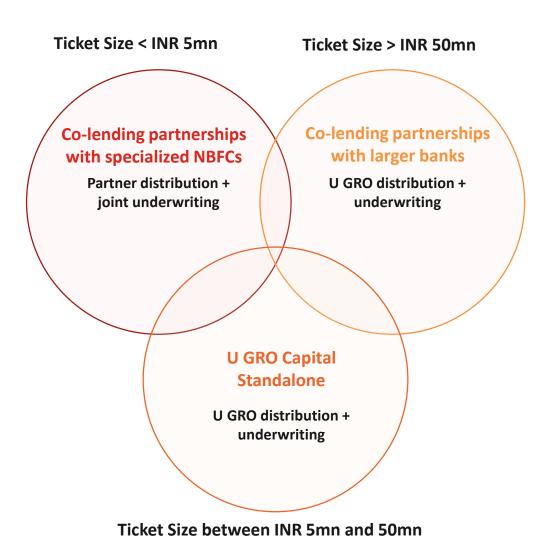
Locations identified through extensive analysis of portfolio and SME cluster performance

A 60 minute in principal approval significantly improves DSA productivity and enhances customer experience

# **Partnership Channels | Ability to reduce sourcing costs**



#### Symbiotic approach to lending to cater to the value chain



#### **Analytics led sourcing arrangements**

# Leverage third party origination platforms (traditional/digital) for lead sourcing

- Analytics led pre qualification basis data available from partner platform
- Upfront application of underwriting rules using data-driven indicators
- Partner-led customer campaign with pre-populated eligibility amount/ rates
- Personal discussion by credit manager to be done before disbursal







India's largest online loan broker

India's largest
DSA

India's largest classifieds

**Qualified Offers to increase sales productivity** 

# **Growth Channels | Ecosystem based lending**



#### **Dedicated "Growth Team"** to build industry partnerships

Independent vertical headed by the Chief Growth Officer

- Each sector to be led by a 'sector head'
- **Develop partnerships in prioritized segments** with key participants e.g. sector specific lenders, industry bodies
- E.g. Anchor led supply chain financing, partnerships with equipment suppliers



























**Indicative List Of Potential Partners** 

#### Partnership with a large food aggregator

- Pre-approved program based on data analytics for Unsecured & Secured Loans to Restaurants
- Performance data of restaurants partners with UGRO to be shared by the aggregator
  - Vintage, location, ratings/reviews, transactions
- Pay-outs to restaurants routed through escrow account created for the program

#### Partnership with an auto-comp provider

- Anchor led Supply chain financing to vendors, distributors/dealers basis data from the anchor
- Ability to finance the entire value chain including Tier 2/3 vendors
- Cross-sell of secured/unsecured loans using supply chain financing as a foot in the door strategy

# **Distribution Network**



	Branches
	States
~	Channel Partners
	Corporate Partners
\$	Co-lending Partners

1 <sup>st</sup> Year
7
7
100
3
3

In 5 Years	
27	
10-12	
350-400	
25-30	
10-15	





# Fin-touch + Fin-tech Building a Technology enabled organization

# **Hybrid Lending Model**



#### **Traditional – Fin-Touch**



Traditional credit assessment models like CIBIL scores

Physical processes such as visits to customers

Focus on collateral driven lending

Limited to term loans



Adopting a hybrid model comprising best practices of traditional lenders and modern fin-tech companies

#### Alternative - Fin-Tech



Alternate credit assessment models leveraging analytics + publicly available data

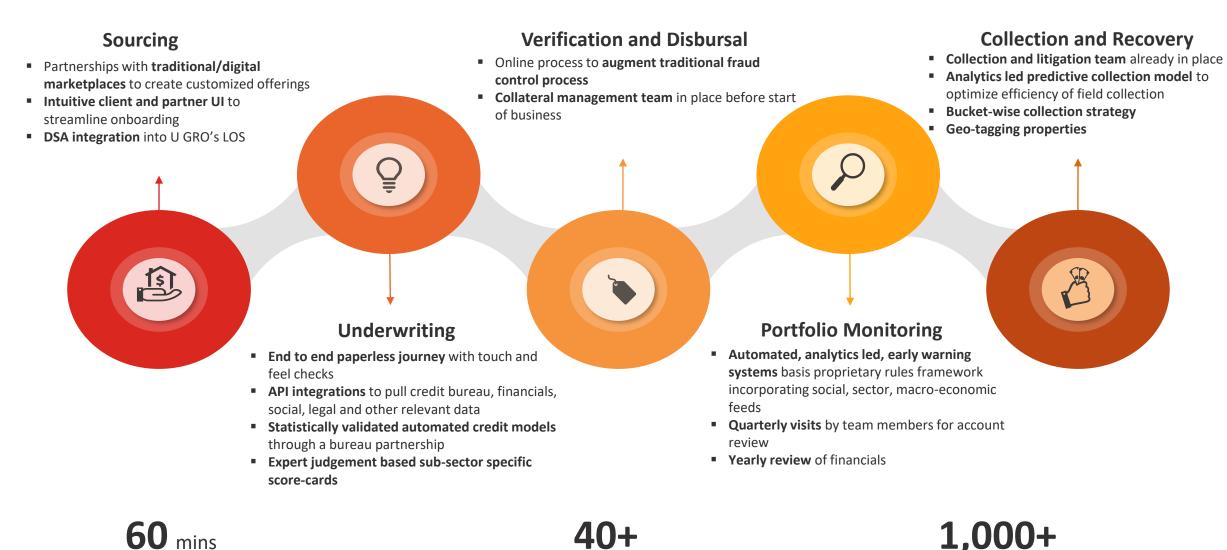
Leverage technology to automate processes thus reducing manual errors

**Unsecured credit solutions** 

**Variety in loan products** 

# ..to complement traditional "touch and feel" across the value chain





In-principal Loan Approval

**API Integrations** 

40+

1,000+

Parameters assessed





# Liability First The Missing Link

# Liability is an 'Art' - U GRO is designed to perfect this Art..



### U Gro's asset strategy would lead to low cost of capital

#### Key tenets of our liability strategy

#### **Liability led asset strategy**

- Build a diversified, granular book catering to prime/near prime customers
- Start with a primarily secured book and slowly build the unsecured part
- Unsecured book to not exceed 10% of the overall book in the first year
- 95% of the book to be Priority sector/Impact lending

#### **Active engagement with stakeholders**

- Enhance ratings through close partnerships with rating agencies and by creating a diverse and secure lending book
- Early conversations with banks to secure debt and co-lending partnerships

#### **Diversified Liability Base**

- Diverse liability mix to include all major banks, debentures, capital market and insurance companies
- Access funding from new sources of funding such as multilateral agencies, impact funds (CDC, IFC, DEG), development banks (SIDBI) etc.

| Build loan book starting from high equity/low leverage to higher leverage over a period of time | Achieve low cost of borrowing basis high credit rating over a period of time |

# Ability to cater to the needs of all liability providers



**Public Sector Banks** 









- 90%+ of the book constitutes priority sector lending
- 10+ year track-record of profitable operations
- Largely secure book

**Private Sector Banks** 









- Granular, largely secured book
- High corporate governance standards
- Strong credit and risk management

**DFIs/Impact Funds** 









- Largely impact book financing SMEs, healthcare, women entrepreneurs, education
- High corporate governance standards

Insurance **Cos/Mutual Funds** 













- A certain percentage of the books to be shorter tenor to match shorter tenor CPs
- Granular, largely secured book