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## Media Release:

# Yu Rich Financial Services Co. Ltd. 'twA-/twA-2' Ratings Affirmed On Strong Capitalization; Outlook Stable

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## **Overview**

- A recent capital injection from Yu Rich Financial Services Co. Ltd.'s parent has strengthened Yu Rich's risk adjusted capital (RAC) ratio. We now expect the company to maintain at least strong capitalization over the next three to five years.
- We have affirmed the 'twA-/twA-2' issuer credit ratings on Yu Rich Financial Services.
- The outlook remains stable to reflect outlook on the parent, Yulon Finance Corp.

## **Rating Action**

Taiwan Ratings Corp. today affirm its 'twA-' long-term and 'twA-2' short-term issuer credit ratings on Yu Rich. The outlook on the long-term rating is stable.

## Rationale

Yu Rich's capitalization has improved supported by a capital injection, along with good profitability, and high earnings retention. Following a new Taiwan dollar (NT\$) 2 billion capital injection in April 2023, we forecast Yu Rich's RAC ratio will remain above 15% over the next two years. At the same time, we estimate the company will keep its return on assets ratio at 4.5%-5.0% in 2023, despite higher credit provision costs. Yu Rich is controlling its business growth with more emphasis on quality after reporting deteriorating asset quality in 2022, as with most of its non-banking financial peers.

We now see the company maintaining the RAC ratio above 15% over the next two years amid more prudent growth. Over a slightly longer timeframe, we believe the company will return to its previous double-digit growth strategy with a target leverage ratio at 6x-7x in the future. This ratio measures the ratio of liability to net worth. We also see potential downside risk for the company's capitalization from worse asset quality deterioration than we currently expect, which would bring additional uncertainty for the company to maintain its RAC ratio above 15%. We therefore assess Yu Rich's capital and earnings will likely remain strong over the long term.

Yu Rich plays a core strategic role in the Yulon Finance group's overall business strategy. Yu Rich remains the core operating subsidiary under Yulon Finance and hence the ratings on Yu Rich will move in tandem with the group credit profile. The ratings also continue to reflect Yu Rich's strong capitalization. The company's small business scale and less comprehensive risk framework than those of local banks temper these strengths.

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## **Outlook**

The stable rating outlook on Yu Rich reflects the outlook on the parent, **Yulon Finance Corp.** whose credit profile is linked to its ultimate parent **Yulon Motor Co. Ltd.** Given its core group role, the ratings on Yu Rich will move in tandem with its immediate parent.

#### Downward scenario

We may lower the long-term rating on Yu Rich if Yulon Finance's stand-alone credit profile weakens, as indicated by a consolidated RAC ratio below 10%. This may occur if Yulon Finance exert aggressive growth especially in higher economic risk countries or if deterioration in its asset quality hurts Yulon Finance's overall capitalization. We may also lower the long-term rating if Yulon Motor's credit profile deteriorates, leading us to lower our assessment of the overall Yulon group credit profile.

#### Upward scenario

We may upgrade Yu Rich if Yulon Motor improves its stand-alone credit profile and the group credit profile.

## Related Criteria & Research

## **Related Criteria**

- General Criteria: Group Rating Methodology July 01, 2019
- General Criteria: National And Regional Scale Credit Ratings Methodology June 08, 2023
- Criteria | Financial Institutions | Banks: Banking Industry Country Risk Assessment
  Methodology And Assumptions December 09, 2021
- Criteria | Financial Institutions | General: Financial Institutions Rating Methodology December 09, 2021
- General Criteria: Environmental, Social, And Governance Principles In Credit Ratings October 10, 2021
- Criteria | Financial Institutions | General: Risk-Adjusted Capital Framework Methodology July 20, 2017
- General Criteria: Methodology For Linking Long-Term And Short-Term Ratings April 07, 2017
- General Criteria: Principles Of Credit Ratings February 16, 2011

#### Related Research

Taiwan Ratings' Ratings Definitions – November 11, 2021

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# **Ratings List**

### **Ratings Affirmed**

| Yu Rich Financial Services Co. Ltd. |                   |
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| Issuer Credit Ratings               | twA-/Stable/twA-2 |

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