

HDFC BANK LTD
Form 6-K
July 21, 2016

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 under the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the month of July, 2016
Commission File Number 001-15216

HDFC BANK LIMITED
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg,
Lower Parel, Mumbai. 400 013, India
(Address of principal executive office)

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If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-Not Applicable.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

HDFC BANK LIMITED

(Registrant)

Date: 20th July, 2016

By /s/ Sanjay Dongre

Name: Sanjay Dongre

Executive Vice President (Legal) & Company

Title: Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

The following documents (bearing the exhibit number listed below) are furnished herewith and are made a part of this Report pursuant to the General Instructions for Form 6-K.

Exhibit I

Description

Communication dated 20th July, 2016 addressed to The New York Stock Exchange, New York, United States of America (USA) intimating a Press Release.

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20th July, 2016

New York Stock Exchange

11, Wall Street,

New Yoork,

NY 10005

USA

Dear Sir,

Re: Press Release.

HDFC Bank has outstanding bonds totaling to approx USD 1.20 bn issued from the Bahrain branch. These bonds have a dual rating from Standard & Poor's (S&P) of BBB- and Moody's of Baa3. In February 2016, consequent to a downgrade in the rating of Bahrain, S&P put the Bonds issued by HDFC Bank, Bahrain branch on CreditWatch with Negative implications. The issuer rating however remained unaffected at BBB-.

Subsequently, the Bank has modified the existing structure of the bonds. Under the revised structure, if any event materializes thereby restraining the Bank's ability to service the bonds from Bahrain branch, the Bank will service the bonds from any branch in India or from the Hong Kong branch. Consequent to these modifications, on 19th July 2016, S&P issued a release removing the CreditWatch and re-affirming the long-term issue ratings on the senior unsecured bonds issued by the Bahrain branch of HDFC Bank Ltd at BBB-

This is for your information and record.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For HDFC Bank Limited

Sd/-

Sanjay Dongre

Executive Vice President (Legal) & Company Secretary

Encl: S&P Release.

BBB- Rating On Senior Bonds By HDFC Bank's Bahrain Branch Affirmed; Off Watch Negative

Primary Credit Analyst:

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SINGAPORE (S&P Global Ratings) July 19, 2016 S&P Global Ratings today affirmed its BBB- long-term issue ratings on the senior unsecured bonds issued by the Bahrain branch of HDFC Bank Ltd. (BBB-/Stable/A-3). We removed the ratings from CreditWatch, where they were placed with negative implications on Feb. 22, 2016.

At the same time, we raised the Greater China regional scale rating on HDFC Bank's Chinese yuan (CNY) 150 million 4.30% bond maturing 2018 to cnA- from cnBBB+ , and removed it from CreditWatch, where it was placed with developing implications on Feb. 22, 2016. The cnA- Greater China regional scale rating on the CNY bonds is in line with S&P Global Ratings' National And Regional Scale Mapping Tables, published June 1, 2016, on RatingsDirect.

Our rating actions follow HDFC Bank's announcement that it has put in place a structure such that, if an event materializes to prevent the bank's Bahrain branch from making payments under the notes, HDFC Bank's Hong Kong branch or a branch in India is obligated to make full and timely payment under these notes. We understand that HDFC Bank has already obtained specific approval from the Reserve Bank of India to make the payment for debt obligations arising on these bonds. With regard to the Hong Kong branch, we are not aware of any regulation that will specifically prohibit the bank from making payment to these bondholders.

As such, we do not consider the ratings on these bonds to be constrained by the rating on the host country (Bahrain). We rate such bonds issued by the Bahrain branch at the same level as the rating on HDFC Bank. Our Assessing Bank Branch Creditworthiness criteria published Oct. 14, 2013, enables us to consider these branches as effective obligors in situations when the Bahrain branch is unable to make payments under the notes.

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BBB- Rating On Senior Bonds By HDFC Bank s Bahrain Branch Affirmed; Off Watch Negative

Ratings List

Upgraded

	To	From
Greater China Regional Scale Issue Ratings HDFC Bank CNY150 mil, 4.30% due 2018	cnA-	cnBBB+/Watch Dev

Ratings Affirmed

Global Scale Issue Ratings

HDFC Bank CNY150 mil, 4.30% due 2018	BBB-	BBB-/Watch Neg
HDFC Bank US\$500 mil, 3.00% due 2018	BBB-	BBB-/Watch Neg
HDFC Bank US\$595 mil, 3.00% due 2016	BBB-	BBB-/Watch Neg
RELATED CRITERIA AND RESEARCH		

Related Criteria

General Criteria: S&P Global Ratings National And Regional Scale Mapping Tables - June 01, 2016

General Criteria: National And Regional Scale Credit Ratings - September 22, 2014

General Criteria: Group Rating Methodology - November 19, 2013

Criteria - Financial Institutions - Banks: Assessing Bank Branch Creditworthiness - October 14, 2013

Criteria - Financial Institutions - Banks: Quantitative Metrics For Rating Banks Globally: Methodology And Assumptions - July 17, 2013

Criteria - Financial Institutions - Banks: Revised Market Risk Charges For Banks In Our Risk-Adjusted Capital Framework - June 22, 2012

Criteria - Financial Institutions - Banks: Banks: Rating Methodology And Assumptions - November 09, 2011

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Criteria - Financial Institutions - Banks: Banking Industry Country Risk Assessment Methodology And Assumptions - November 09, 2011

Criteria - Financial Institutions - Banks: Bank Capital Methodology And Assumptions - December 06, 2010

Criteria - Financial Institutions - Banks: Commercial Paper I: Banks - March 23, 2004

General Criteria: Use Of CreditWatch And Outlooks - September 14, 2009
Related Research

Ratings On Bonds Issued By HDFC Bank s Bahrain Branch Remain On CreditWatch Negative, May 20, 2016

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BBB- Rating On Senior Bonds By HDFC Bank's Bahrain Branch Affirmed; Off Watch Negative

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