

Lianhe Ratings Global Limited has affirmed ‘A-’ global scale Long-term Issuer Credit Rating to Zhukuan Group Holding Co., Ltd. of Zhuhai City; Issuer Credit Rating Outlook Revised to Positive

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Key Rating Rationales

The Issuer Rating reflects Zhukuan Group’s important strategic position as the window liaison state-owned enterprise stationed in Macau by the People’s Government of Zhuhai (“Zhuhai government”) and the sole enterprise with dual headquarters in Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province (“Zhuhai”) and Macau. Moreover, Zhukuan Group has a long history of conducting business in both Zhuhai and Macau, which has advantages in terms of obtaining external government support and overall business development. However, the rating is constrained by Zhukuan Group’s limited market position and fluctuating profit margins.

The Positive Outlook reflects our expectation that Zhukuan Group will strengthen its strategic role in Zhuhai and Macao following the administrative transfer of a 90.21% equity stake in Zhuhai Da Heng Qin Company Limited by the Zhuhai State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission. This consolidation is anticipated to significantly expand Zhukuan Group’s asset base and bolster its influence, enhancing its capacity to foster deeper economic cooperation between Zhuhai and Macao, particularly in advancing key initiatives such as the Hengqin Guangdong-Macao Deep Cooperation Zone. Furthermore, we expect the Zhuhai government to continue providing ongoing operational and financial support to ensure the company’s stability and reinforce its pivotal role in regional development.

Rating Sensitivities

We would consider downgrading Zhukuan Group’s rating if (1) it were to increase its financial leverage as measured by its EBITDA interest coverage to consistently below 5x or debt over EBITDA leverage consistently to above 5.5x, or (2) it were to suffer a significant deterioration in operating performance in terms of revenue, profit margin or cash flow generation, or its liquidity profile is worsened, or (3) there is a decrease in support from or function for the local government.

We would consider upgrading Zhukuan Group’s rating if (1) it were to significantly improve its operating performance, and/or (2) it were to improve its financial leverage and liquidity consistently, and/or (3) there is an increase in support from or function for the local government.

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Principal Methodology Applied

General Corporate Rating Criteria (published on 31 December 2021)

General Corporate Rating Criteria: Addendum (published on 30 August 2022)

The methodology can be found at the website www.lhratingsglobal.com.

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