

Jiangsu Huajing Assets Management Co., Ltd.

Lianhe Ratings Global Limited ("Lianhe Global") has affirmed 'BBB+' global scale Long-term Issuer and Issuance Credit Rating of Jiangsu Huajing Assets Management Co., Ltd.; Issuer Rating Outlook Stable

| Summary | |
|---------------|------------------|
| Issuer Rating | BBB+ |
| Outlook | Stable |
| Location | China |
| Industry | Local Investment |
| | and Development |
| | Companies |
| Date | 01 December 2025 |

Summary

The Issuer Credit Rating reflects a high possibility that the People's Government of Jingjiang City ("the Jingjiang government") would provide very strong support to Jiangsu Huajing Assets Management Co., Ltd. ("JHAM") if needed. This mainly considers its strategic importance as the most important local investment and development company fully owned by the Jingjiang government. The linkage between the Jingjiang government and JHAM is strong, including management supervision, strategic alignment, and ongoing operational and financial support. In addition, the Jingjiang government may face significant negative impact on its reputation and financing activities if JHAM encounters any operational or financial difficulties.

Jingjiang is a county-level city in Jiangsu, managed by Taizhou. It is one of the top 100 counties in China, with a GDP of RMB143.5 billion in 2024. Jingjiang's GDP grew by 6.1% in 2024 and realized budgetary revenue of RMB8.6 billion in 2024, representing a year-over-year growth rate of 4.3%.

The Stable Outlook reflects our expectation that JHAM's strategic importance would remain intact while the Jingjiang government will continue to ensure JHAM's stable operation.

Lianhe Global has also affirmed the global scale Long-term Issuance Credit Rating of the senior unsecured notes issued by JHAM at 'BBB+'. A full list of affirmed issuance ratings is included in this report.

Rating Rationale

Government's Ownership and Supervision: The Jingjiang State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Office ("Jingjiang SASAO") directly holds 100% equity of JHAM, and is the ultimate controller of the company. The Jingjiang government has a strong control over JHAM, including control of the board of directors, senior management appointment and decision-making on major investment and financing plans. In addition, the local government has set up an annual mechanism assessment for JHAM and regularly appoints auditors to review its operating performance and financial position.

Strategic Importance and Strategic Alignment: JHAM is the most important LIDC in Jingjiang. Its business operations and strategic planning have been aligned with the local government's economic and social development policies. The local government has mandated JHAM to undertake most of the city's primary land development projects. The company is also responsible for grain collection and storage in the region to help stabilize local grain prices. In addition, JHAM provides water supply and sewage treatment services to most residential and commercial users and delivers citywide security services.

Strong Government Support: JHAM received total operational subsidies of RMB2.9 billion between 2022 and the first nine months of 2025 to support its activities in relation to providing public services, including urban infrastructure construction, sewage and water treatment as well as water environment governance, etc. We believe JHAM is likely to

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Applicable Criteria

China Local Investment and Development Companies Criteria (31 July 2025)



continue receiving government support in the form of financial subsidies and asset injections, considering its strategic importance in Jingjiang.

JHAM's Financial Matrix and Liquidity Position: JHAM's total assets increased steadily in the past three years, reaching RMB48.5 billion at end-September 2025, up from RMB42.6 billion at end-2022. This was due to the company's active participation in Jingjiang's project development. It mainly relied on borrowings to fund its asset expansion, pushing the financial leverage, as measured by total debt to capitalization, to 64.0% at end-September 2025 from 58.9% at end-2022.

The liquidity of JHAM remained relatively weak. At end-September 2025, JHAM had a total cash balance of RMB2.9 billion, compared with its debt due within one year of RMB12.2 billion. Nevertheless, JHAM has access to multiple financing channels including bank borrowings, corporate bonds and other financing channels to support its operations and debt repayment. At end-September 2025, the company had unused bank credit facilities (including bond investment quota) of RMB10.7 billion.

Rating Sensitivities

We would consider downgrading JHAM's rating if (1) there is perceived weakening in support from the local government, particularly due to its reduced strategic importance, or (2) there is a significant reduction of the local government's ownership of JHAM, or (3) there is a downgrade in our internal credit assessment on the Jingjiang government.

We would consider upgrading JHAM's rating if there is an upgrade in our internal credit assessment on the Jingjiang government.

Any rating action on JHAM's rating would result in a similar rating action on the bonds.

Full List of Issuance Rating

- CNY450 million 4.5% Notes due 2026 affirmed at 'BBB+'.

Operating Environment

Economic Condition of Jingjiang

Jingjiang is a county-level city in Jiangsu Province and is managed by Taizhou. It is one of the central cities in the economically well-developed Yangtze River Delta region. Jingjiang was ranked 41th among China's top 100 counties in 2024. Jingjiang's GDP reached RMB140.4 billion in 2024, representing a year-on-year growth rate of 6.1%. Its fixed assets investment also showed an upward trend in the past two years. Jingjiang has leveraged its robust industrial foundation and prime Yangtze River location to build four pillar industries (shipbuilding, automotive and parts, electrical machinery, engineering machinery) and four emerging ones (new materials, next-generation IT, aerospace equipment, big health).

| Jingjiang's GDP and Fixed Asset Investment | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|--|--|
| (RMB billion) | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | | |
| GDP | 122.1 | 129.9 | 140.4 | | |
| -Primary industry (%) | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.0 | | |
| -Secondary industry (%) | 55.5 | 54.9 | 56.3 | | |
| -Tertiary industry (%) | 42.5 | 42.9 | 41.7 | | |
| GDP growth rate (%) | 5.3 | 7.5 | 6.1 | | |
| Fixed asset investment growth rate (%) | 24.5 | 11.8 | 15.3 | | |
| Population (million) | 0.66 | 0.66 | 0.66 | | |
| Source: Statistical bureau of Jingjiang and Lianhe Global's calculations | | | | | |



Fiscal Condition of Jingjiang

The budgetary revenue of the Jingjiang government grew by 4.3% in 2024, reaching RMB8.6 billion, and the budgetary deficit narrowed to 12.1% form 25.2%. However, the government fund income, mainly generated from land sales, dropped to RMB7.0 billion in 2024 from RMB8.9 billion in 2023.

The outstanding debt of the Jingjiang government increased to RMB14.8 billion at end-2024 from RMB11.2 billion at end-2023, mainly due to the new issuance of special debts to support local public projects. Its government debt ratio (total outstanding debt/ aggregate fiscal revenue) increased to 74.5% from 51.9% over the same period.

| Jingjiang's Fiscal Condition | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
| (RMB billion) | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | | | |
| Budgetary revenue | 7.5 | 8.3 | 8.6 | | | |
| Budgetary revenue growth rate (%) | 0.7 | 10.4 | 4.3 | | | |
| Tax revenue | 4.3 | 5.1 | 5.4 | | | |
| Tax revenue (% of budgetary revenue) | 57.3 | 61.1 | 62.5 | | | |
| Government fund income | 10.2 | 8.9 | 7.0 | | | |
| Transfer payment | 2.4 | 2.4 | 3.1 | | | |
| Aggregate revenue | 20.4 | 19.9 | 19.8 | | | |
| Budgetary expenditure | 10.3 | 10.4 | 9.7 | | | |
| Budget balance ¹ (%) | -37.8 | -25.2 | -12.1 | | | |
| ¹ Budget balance = (1-budgetary expenditure / budgetary revenue) * 100% | | | | | | |
| Source: Financial Bureau of Jingjiang and Lianhe Global's calculations | | | | | | |

Company Profile

Established in 2001 by the Jingjiang government, JHAM is a major infrastructure development and city operation entity in Jingjiang. Jingjiang SASAO, as the ultimate controller, holds 100% shares of JHAM.

JHAM is responsible for most primary land development project in Jingjiang, and provide water supply and sewage treatment services within the region. In addition, the company participates in grain collection and storage activities. The company realized revenue of RMB6.1 billion, 8.6 billion, 8.9 billion and 5.6 billion in 2022, 2023, 2024 and the first half of 2025, respectively, representing an upward trend. However, its gross margin declined to 5.9% from 12.3% during the same period, mainly due to the increased contribution of the lower-margin grain collection and storage business.

| Key Financial Data | | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|
| (RMB million) | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025.9 | | |
| Total Assets | 42,586 | 46,003 | 46,963 | 48,519 | | |
| Equity | 16,860 | 17,162 | 16,717 | 16,675 | | |
| Debt | 24,114 | 27,377 | 28,132 | 29,636 | | |
| Debt / (Debt + Equity) (%) | 58.9 | 61.5 | 62.7 | 64.0 | | |
| Unrestricted cash/ST Debts (x) | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | | |
| Debt/EBITDA (x) | 16.9 | 20.0 | 21.0 | - | | |
| Revenue | 6,142 | 8,634 | 8,895 | 5,555 | | |
| Operation Profit | 434 | 388 | 350 | 67 | | |
| Gross Margin (%) | 12.3 | 9.6 | 6.4 | 5.9 | | |
| Cash from sales or services/ Revenue (%) | 91.8 | 98.9 | 104.5 | 106.1 | | |
| Source: JHAM and Lianhe Global's calculations | | | | | | |



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