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The General Manager,  
Pakistan Stock Exchange Limited,  
Stock Exchange Building,  
Stock Exchange Road,  
Karachi.

Subject: **Material Information.**

Dear Sir,

In accordance with Sec 96 of Securities Act 2015 and clause 5.6.1(a) of code of corporate governance contained in the PSX Rule Book, rule we hereby convey the following information:

**Lahore, Pakistan** - The Pakistan Credit Rating Agency Limited (PACRA) has assigned Avanceon Limited an initial entity rating in its latest report released on June 11, 2021. Avanceon Limited has received an A- in long term, A2 in short term and a 'Stable' outlook from PACRA.

This rating gives a pathway for positive impact on group's business and value for its shareholders.

The complete press release is attached.

Regards,



Ahsan Khalil | Company Secretary

For Immediate Release

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## Consistent Profits, Pandemic Handling, and a Diversified Clientele Earns Avanceon a Positive Credit Rating Outlook

### PACRA Displays Confidence in Avanceon Limited by Affirming its Credit Rating in Latest Report

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PACRA has the distinction of being the first rating agency in Pakistan. Established in 1994 as a joint venture among Fitch Ratings (the world's leading international rating agency, at that time IBCA Ratings), International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the Lahore Stock Exchange (LSE), PACRA has decades of industry experience, functional expertise and specializes in evaluating the capacity and willingness of an entity to honor its financial obligations.

Here are a few salient excerpts from the PACRA report,

- During FY21, Avanceon generated a revenue of PKR 6.4bln at the end of Dec-20 (CY19: PKR 4.9bln) on a consolidated basis.
- Avanceon has less dependence on borrowings which provides comfort to financial risk.
- Company has maintained consistent operating profit margins which reflects the efficient translation of top line into higher net profitability.

To read the complete report, visit [https://www.pacra.com/summary\\_report/RR\\_1894\\_8785\\_11-Jun-21.pdf](https://www.pacra.com/summary_report/RR_1894_8785_11-Jun-21.pdf).

Avanceon is one of the leading system integrators in the region with more than three decades of experience with blue chip clients. Avanceon Limited is currently in the process of launching its newest wholly owned subsidiary Octopus Digital to the capital markets. The Industry 4.0 company aims to digitalize manufacturing, supply chain and financial workflows through strategic and operational maintenance support services.

To know more about Avanceon Limited and Octopus Digital visit [www.avanceon.ae](http://www.avanceon.ae) and octopusdtl.com or send investor related inquiries at [investors@avanceon.ae](mailto:investors@avanceon.ae).

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