

## Reliance Home Finance in Talks to Raise ₹1,500 cr

Co may offer overseas PE firm 24.99% stake in new shares if talks progress

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**New Delhi:** Reliance Home Finance is in talks with an international private equity firm to raise ₹1,500 crore, people familiar with the plan said.

The home finance company, in which parent Reliance Capital and the promoter group entities of Anil Ambani collectively own 74.99%, could issue fresh shares giving the overseas investor a 24.99% stake, they said.

“Reliance Home Finance has entered into exclusive discussions with an overseas institutional investor for a potential equity investment... along with an appropriate governance framework,” the company said in an exchange filing on Tuesday. “There can be no certainty at this stage that any transaction will result.”

The home finance arm has more than ₹16,000 crore of assets under management. The company provides home loans, loans against property and construction finance.

Reliance Capital hived off the home finance business last year by way of a court-approved demerger. Reliance Capital investors were given one share each in the new entity for every share held in the parent company at the time. Reliance Home Finance was listed in September last year.



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The company is targeting ₹50,000 crore of assets under management by 2021, it said earlier this year. It had a net worth of Rs 1,744 crore as of March 31.

The company plans to expand to 200 branches nationwide over the next three years and will focus on the affordable housing segment, where government initiatives such as the smart city project are expected to create demand.

Home finance businesses are attracting significant institutional investor appetite. Global investors such as Temasek, Blackstone and Apax are competing to purchase PNB Housing Finance, which is currently on the block, ET reported in its edition dated August 6.