

Scope upgrades BBVA-10 PYME FT to AAA (SF) – Spanish SME ABS

Scope Ratings upgrades the senior tranche of BBVA-10 PYME FT to AAA (SF) from AA- (SF) as a result of robust collateral performance and faster-than-expected amortisation. EUR 562.3m of debt is affected.

The rating actions on the notes issued by BBVA-10 PYME, FT are as follows:

Series A (ISIN: ES0305110001), upgrade to AAA_{SF} from AA-_{SF}

Series B (ISIN: ES0305110019), affirmation at B+_{SF}

Rating rationale

The Series A upgrade to AAA reflects the good collateral performance and the faster-than-expected portfolio amortisation. The amortisation of the strictly sequential notes resulted in an increase of the tranche's credit enhancement to 39.5% from 28.5% at closing. Scope maintains a positive outlook on the economic recovery in Spain. The tranche's short weighted average life of 1.7 years (initially 2.2 years) reflects positively on the rating. Total delinquencies (i.e. more than 1 day) are low, at 1.5% of the current portfolio balance; '90+ days past due' delinquencies are low at 0.18%, as of 31 October 2016. In addition, the rating factors in the counterparty risk exposure to BBVA SA (A/S-1/Stable Outlook) as servicer, account bank and paying agent. Counterparty risk is mitigated by the credit quality of the bank, the effective replacement of the bank at the loss of BBB, and the notes' short remaining life.

The affirmation of the rating on the Series B notes primarily reflects the good performance of the underlying collateral and the credit enhancement of 6.9% of the outstanding portfolio balance, up from 5% at closing. BBVA holds the fully funded reserve fund, the only source of credit enhancement of the tranche. Scope assumes the Spanish economic recovery will continue in the short term, although long-term uncertainty remains, mainly because of labour market and fiscal imbalances.

Portfolio performance

Fast amortisation. The portfolio has amortised to 72.1% of the initial balance during the first 11 months of the transaction's life, which includes a prepayment rate from closing of 13.1%. The outstanding portfolio remains granular with 3,358 exposures. Scope expects the amortisation to slow down.

Low delinquencies. Total delinquencies (i.e. more than one day in arrears) are low at 1.5% of the outstanding balance as of 31 October 2016, of which 50.6% are delinquent for less than 30 days and have a high likelihood of being cured. No defaults have been recorded to date due to the long default definition of 18 months; there are no subjective defaults.

Scope has received monthly transaction-performance reporting for the 11 months since closing.

Quantitative assumptions

Scope analysed the transaction with the same modelling assumptions as at closing, but adjusted for portfolio amortisation and the reduction in average portfolio interest. Transaction modelling details are provided in the rating report, which was published at closing and is freely available at our website, www.scoperatings.com.

Notes

BBVA-10 PYME, FT is a EUR 780.0m cash flow securitisation of secured and unsecured credits to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). BBVA SA originated the assets to finance the regular business needs of customers in Spain. The transaction closed on 16 December 2015 and has a legal maturity of 20 January 2048.

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Rating history

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