

Fitch Affirms BBVA-4 PYME FTA Ratings Endorsement Policy

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Fitch Ratings-London-29 May 2014: Fitch Ratings has affirmed BBVA-4 PYME FTA's notes as follows:

Class B notes (ES0370458020): affirmed at 'AA+sf', Outlook Stable Class C notes (ES0370458038): affirmed at 'CCCsf', Recovery Estimate (RE) 90%

BBVA-4 PYME is a cash flow securitisation of loans to small- and medium-sized Spanish enterprises (SMEs) granted by Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria.

KEY RATING DRIVERS

The affirmation of the class B notes reflects increased available credit enhancement (CE), due to the transaction's deleveraging and fairly stable portfolio performance. The class A2 notes have been redeemed in full and the class B notes have amortised to EUR5.8m over the last 12 months. As a consequence, CE has increased to 90.9% from 62.63%.

The class B notes' rating is capped at 'AA+st'. The class was recently upgraded, following Fitch's recent upgrade of the Spanish sovereign (see "Fitch Upgrades Spanish Consumer and SME SF Transactions", dated 30 April 2014 at fitchratings.com).

The rating of the class C notes reflects the high uncertainty on the timing of repayment. The class C notes are exposed to the long weighted average life (WAL) of the performing pool and rely on future recoveries to pay back noteholders. The WAL of the performing pool is 4.8 years with 30% of the performing pool maturing between 2014 and 2016 and 60% on or after 2019. The class C notes are also exposed to high obligor concentration.

Over the past 12 months, 90+ day delinquent loans have decreased to 0.49% from 0.88% and 180+ day delinquent loans to 0.3% from 0.59%. Cumulative defaults have increased to EUR23.18m from EUR22.59m and current defaults now represent 23.9% of the pool. The reserve fund has decreased to EUR2.81m from EUR3.5m during the same period.

RATING SENSITIVITIES

Applying a 1.25x default rate multiplier or a 0.75x recovery rate multiplier to all assets in the portfolio would not result in a downgrade of the notes.

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Source of information: The information used to assess these ratings was sourced from periodic investor reports and the trustee.

Applicable criteria 'Criteria for Rating Granular Corporate Balance-Sheet Securitisations - SME CLO', dated 5 March 2014; 'Global Rating Criteria for Structured Finance CDOs', dated 12 September 2013; 'Criteria for Interest Rate Stresses in Structured Finance Transactions and Covered Bonds', dated 23 January 2014; 'Criteria for Rating Caps and Limitations in Global Structured Finance Transactions', dated 12 June 2013; 'Counterparty Criteria for Structured Finance Transactions and Covered Bonds', dated 13 May 2013; and 'Counterparty Criteria for Structured Finance and Covered Bonds: Derivative Addendum', dated 13 May 2013 are available at www.fitchratings.com.

Applicable Criteria and Related Research:

Criteria for Rating Granular Corporate Balance-Sheet Securitisations (SME CLOs) Global Rating Criteria for Structured Finance CDOs Criteria for Interest Rate Stresses in Structured Finance Transactions and Covered Bonds Criteria for Rating Caps and Limitations in Global Structured Finance Transactions Counterparty Criteria for Structured Finance and Covered Bonds Counterparty Criteria for Structured Finance and Covered Bonds: Derivative Addendum

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