

**Rating Action: Moody's upgrades six notes in four Spanish SME ABS Transactions originated by Bancaja**

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Madrid, September 30, 2014 -- Moody's Investors Service has today upgraded the ratings of six notes and affirmed the ratings of three notes in four Spanish asset-backed security (ABS) transactions: BANCAJA LEASING 1, FTA; FTPYME BANCAJA 2, FTA; FTPYME BANCAJA 3, FTA; PYME BANCAJA 5, FTA.

Today's rating action reflects (1) the increase in the Spanish local-currency country ceiling to A1 and (2) sufficiency of credit enhancement in the affected transactions which has increased significantly over the last 12 months.

Today's rating action concludes the review of the notes placed on review on 17 March 2014, following the upgrade of the Spanish sovereign rating to Baa2 from Baa3 and the resulting increase of the local currency country ceiling to A1 from A3 ([http://www.moodys.com/viewresearchdoc.aspx?docid=PR\\_292078](http://www.moodys.com/viewresearchdoc.aspx?docid=PR_292078)). The sovereign rating upgrade reflected improvements in institutional strength and reduced susceptibility to event risk associated with lower government liquidity and banking sector risks.

BANCAJA LEASING 1, FTA is a transaction originated by Caja de Ahorros de Valencia, C y A; (Bancaja), now Bankia S.A. (B1 / NP), in 2009 and backed by leases to small and medium size enterprises in Spain, while the FTPYME BANCAJA 2, FTA; FTPYME BANCAJA 3, FTA and PYME BANCAJA 5, FTA transactions were originated in 2003, 2004 and 2006 respectively and are backed by loans to small and medium sized enterprises.

Please refer to the end of the Ratings Rationale section for a list of affected ratings.

**RATINGS RATIONALE**

-- Reduced Sovereign Risk

The Spanish sovereign rating was upgraded to Baa2 in February 2014, which resulted in an increase in the local currency country ceiling to A1. The Spanish country ceiling, and therefore the maximum rating that Moody's will assign to a domestic Spanish issuer including structured finance transactions backed by Spanish receivables, is A1 (sf).

The increase of credit enhancement combined with stable performance and the reduction in sovereign risk has prompted the upgrade of the notes.

-- Key collateral assumptions

Some of the key collateral assumptions have been updated as part of this review. The performance of the underlying asset portfolios remain broadly in line with Moody's assumptions. Moody's also has a stable outlook ([http://www.moodys.com/viewresearchdoc.aspx?docid=PBS\\_SF373727](http://www.moodys.com/viewresearchdoc.aspx?docid=PBS_SF373727)) for Spanish ABS and RMBS transactions.

In BANCAJA LEASING 1, FTA the unchanged Default Probability (DP) on current balance of 20% (corresponding to a DP on the original balance of 21.4%) together with a unchanged recovery rate of 35% and an updated volatility of 44.8% correspond to an unchanged portfolio credit enhancement of 29.5%.

In FTPYME BANCAJA 2, FTA the unchanged DP on current balance of 20% (corresponding to a DP on the original balance of 5.1%) together with a unchanged recovery rate of 60% and a updated volatility of 71.6% correspond to an updated portfolio credit enhancement of 27.4%.

In FTPYME BANCAJA 3, FTA the unchanged DP on current balance of 23.9% (corresponding to a DP on the original balance of 5.4%) together with a unchanged recovery rate of 45% and a updated volatility of 43.6% correspond to an unchanged portfolio credit enhancement of 30.9%.

In PYME BANCAJA 5, FTA, continued poor performance and high outstanding stock of delinquent loans (60+

standing at 17.7% of current balance and 90+ standing at 15.4%) led Moody's to increase its DP assumption. The updated DP on current balance of 30.0% (corresponding to a DP on original balance of 14.5%) together with a unchanged recovery rate of 45% and a updated volatility of 43.3% correspond to an updated portfolio credit enhancement of 37.2%.

#### -- Exposure to Counterparties

Moody's rating analysis also took into consideration the exposure to key transaction counterparties. In all four transactions Bankia acts as Servicer. Banco Santander S.A (Spain) (Baa1 / P-2) acts as issuer account bank in BANCAJA LEASING 1, FTA while Barclays Bank PLC (A2 / P-1) acts as issuer account bank in the 3 other transactions. Royal Bank of Scotland plc (Baa1 / P-2) acts as swap counterparty in FTPYME BANCAJA 2, FTA and FTPYME BANCAJA 3, FTA and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., London Branch (Aa3 / (P)P-1) acts as swap counterparty in PYME BANCAJA 5, FTA.

Today's rating action takes into account the linkage to those counterparties. In particular the rating of class C notes of BANCAJA LEASING 1, FTA is strongly linked to the account bank's rating given that a significant part of the credit enhancement available to this tranche is comprised of cash held at the account bank. Therefore, a rating change of the account bank could potentially induce a rating change for this tranche.

The principal methodology used in rating FTPYME BANCAJA 2, FTA; FTPYME BANCAJA 3, FTA and PYME BANCAJA 5, FTA was "Moody's Global Approach to Rating SME Balance Sheet Securitizations" published in January 2014. The principal methodology used in rating BANCAJA LEASING 1, FTA was "Moody's Approach to Rating ABS Backed by Equipment Leases and Loans" published in December 2013 . Please see the Credit Policy page on [www.moodys.com](http://www.moodys.com) for a copy of those methodologies.

Factors that would lead to an upgrade or downgrade of the ratings:

Factors or circumstances that could lead to an upgrade of the ratings include (1) further reduction in sovereign risk, (2) performance of the underlying collateral that is better than Moody's expected, (3) deleveraging of the capital structure and (4) improvements in the credit quality of the transaction counterparties.

Factors or circumstances that could lead to a downgrade of the ratings include (1) an increase in sovereign risk, (2) performance of the underlying collateral that is worse than Moody's expects, (3) deterioration in the notes' available credit enhancement and (4) deterioration in the credit quality of the transaction counterparties.

#### LIST OF AFFECTED RATINGS

Issuer: BANCAJA LEASING 1, FTA

...EUR576M A Notes, Affirmed A1 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 Upgraded to A1 (sf)

...EUR96M B Notes, Affirmed A1 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 Upgraded to A1 (sf)

...EUR128M C Notes, Upgraded to Baa2 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 Ba2 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

Issuer: FTPYME BANCAJA 2, FTA

...EUR199.5M A3(G) Notes, Affirmed A1 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 Upgraded to A1 (sf)

...EUR32M B Notes, Upgraded to Baa1 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 Baa3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

...EUR11.8M C Notes, Upgraded to B2 (sf); previously on Mar 22, 2013 Downgraded to Caa2 (sf)

Issuer: FTPYME BANCAJA 3, FTA

...EUR28.9M B Notes, Upgraded to A1 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 A3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

...EUR46.7M C Notes, Upgraded to B2 (sf); previously on Mar 22, 2013 Affirmed Caa2 (sf)

Issuer: PYME BANCAJA 5, FTA

...EUR62.7M B Notes, Upgraded to Ba1 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 Ba3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

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Moody's did not receive or take into account a third-party assessment on the due diligence performed regarding the underlying assets or financial instruments related to the monitoring of these transactions in the past six months.

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