

**Rating Action: Moody's upgrades 11 Notes in 4 Bankinter Spanish RMBS**

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London, 10 September 2014 -- Moody's Investors Service has today upgraded the ratings of 11 notes, confirmed the ratings of 3 notes and affirmed the rating of 1 note in 4 Spanish residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) transactions: Bankinter 6, FTA (BKI 6), Bankinter 7, FTH (BKI 7), Bankinter 8, FTA (BKI 8) and Bankinter 9, FTA (BKI 9).

Today's rating action concludes the review of 14 notes placed on review for upgrade 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 ([https://www.moodys.com/research/PR\\_292078](https://www.moodys.com/research/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.

Please refer to the 'list of the affected ratings' at the end of this press release, before the regulatory disclosure section. The list is an integral part of this press release.

**RATINGS RATIONALE**

Today's upgrades reflect (1) the increase in the Spanish local-currency country ceiling to A1, (2) sufficiency of credit enhancement (CE) in the affected transactions; for the revised rating levels, Moody's has confirmed the ratings of the B(P), C(P) and C(T) notes in BKI 9 because of their exposure to swap counterparty risk.

-- 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).

-- Credit Enhancement

The reserve funds are at the floor level for BKI 6, BKI 7 and BKI 8. The continuous deleverage in these transactions contributed to the build-up in available credit enhancement.

- Key collateral assumptions

The key collateral assumptions have not been updated as part of this review. The performance of the underlying asset portfolios remains in line with Moody's assumptions. Moody's also has a stable outlook ([https://www.moodys.com/research/PBS\\_SF373727](https://www.moodys.com/research/PBS_SF373727)) for Spanish ABS and RMBS transactions.

Sensitivity of the ratings to increases in key collateral assumptions has been incorporated into the quantitative analysis. The increases included stresses of 1.3x Expected Loss and 1.2x MILAN. Sensitivity analysis would typically expect to see the ratings reduce by no more than two to three notches using these stressed assumptions. The results of this analysis did not limit the potential upgrade of the ratings on the notes upgraded in all 4 transactions.

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

-- Exposure to Counterparties

Moody's rating analysis also took into consideration the exposure to key transaction counterparties, including the roles of servicer, account bank and swap provider.

The conclusion of today's rating review reflects the exposure to Bankinter, S.A. (Bankinter, Baa3/P-3) acting as servicer and collection account bank in all 4 transactions, and as swap counterparty in BKI 7 and BKI 9. Moody's concludes that the exposure to Bankinter as swap counterparty constrains the ratings on class C in BKI 7 and

classes B(P), C(P), C(T) in BKI 9. Moody's further concludes that the CE available to B(P), C(P) and C(T) in BKI 9 is not sufficient for rating upgrades, resulting in their rating confirmations.

#### Principal Methodology

The principal methodology used in these ratings was "Moody's Approach to Rating RMBS Using the MILAN Framework" published in March 2014. Please see the Credit Policy page on [www.moody.com](http://www.moody.com) for a copy of this methodology.

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.

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List of Affected Ratings:

Issuer: BANKINTER 6, FTA

...EUR 1295.3M Class A Notes, Upgraded to A2 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 Baa1 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

...EUR 27.7M Class B Notes, Upgraded to Baa3 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 Ba1 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

...EUR 27M Class C Notes, Upgraded to Ba2 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 B1 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

Issuer: BANKINTER 7, FONDO DE TITULIZACIÓN HIPOTECARIA

...EUR 471.8M Class A Notes, Upgraded to A2 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 Baa1 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

...EUR 13M Class B Notes, Upgraded to Ba2 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 Ba3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

...EUR 5.2M Class C Notes, Upgraded to B2 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 B3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

Issuer: BANKINTER 8, FONDO DE TITULIZACION DE ACTIVOS

...EUR 1029.3M Class A Notes, Upgraded to A2 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 Baa1 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

...EUR 21.4M Class B Notes, Upgraded to Baa3 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 Ba1 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

...EUR 19.3M Class C Notes, Upgraded to Ba2 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 B1 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

Issuer: BANKINTER 9, FONDO DE TITULIZACION DE ACTIVOS

...EUR 656M Class A2 (P) Notes, Upgraded to A3 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 Baa1 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

...EUR 244.2M Class A2 (T) Notes, Affirmed A1 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 Upgraded to A1 (sf)

...EUR 15.3M Class B (P) Notes, Confirmed at B1 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 B1 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

...EUR 17.2M Class B (T) Notes, Upgraded to Baa1 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 Baa3 (sf) Placed Under

## Review for Possible Upgrade

...EUR 7.1M Class C (P) Notes, Confirmed at B3 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 B3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

...EUR 7M Class C (T) Notes, Confirmed at Ba2 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 Ba2 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

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For further specification of Moody's key rating assumptions and sensitivity analysis, see the sections Methodology Assumptions and Sensitivity to Assumptions of the disclosure form.

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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