Hecho Relevante de BANKINTER 9 FONDO DE TITULIZACIÓN DE ACTIVOS

En virtud de lo establecido en el apartado 4.2 del Capítulo III del Folleto Informativo de **BANKINTER 9 FONDO DE TITULIZACIÓN DE ACTIVOS** (el "**Fondo**") se comunica a la COMISIÓN NACIONAL DEL MERCADO DE VALORES el presente hecho relevante:

- La Agencia de Calificación Fitch Ratings ("**Fitch**") comunica en relación a la calificación crediticia asignada a **Bankinter S.A.** ("**Bankinter**") que, con fecha 6 de julio de 2011, ha bajado la calificación a largo plazo a **BBB+** desde **A**, con perspectiva estable, y la calificación a corto plazo a **F2** desde **F1**.

- Simultáneamente, Fitch ha retirado todas las calificaciones asignadas a Bankinter.

- Esta circunstancia se informa en la medida que Bankinter es contraparte del Fondo en los siguientes contratos:
  - Contrato de Administración de los Préstamos Hipotecarios y Depósito de las Participaciones Hipotecarias y los Certificados de Transmisión de Hipoteca.
  - Contrato de Agencia de Pagos de los Bonos,
  - Contrato de Apertura de Cuenta a Tipo de Interés Garantizado (Cuenta de Tesorería),
  - Contrato de Permuta de Intereses.

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Fitch Ratings

Fitch Downgrades Bankinter to 'BBB+'; Outlook Stable; Withdraws Ratings

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Fitch Ratings-London-06 July 2011: Fitch Ratings has downgraded Bankinter's Long-term Issuer Default Rating (IDR) to 'BBB+ from 'A', Short-term IDR to 'F2' from 'F1' and Individual Rating to 'C' from 'B/C. The Outlook on the Long-term IDR is Stable. Fitch has simultaneously withdrawn all the ratings assigned to Bankinter and will no longer provide rating or analytical coverage for this issuer. Bankinter is no longer considered by Fitch to be relevant to the agency's coverage. A full rating breakdown is at the end of this comment.

The downgrades reflect Fitch's view that financing conditions for Bankinter will remain difficult given uncertainties in the capital markets for Spanish issuers. The bank's business model is reliant on wholesale funding and, although this dependence has declined as a result of rising customer deposits, the bank has important maturities to meet in the medium term. Furthermore, higher costs for retail and wholesale funding will continue to place pressure on the bank's net interest margin, affecting its cost efficiency and pre-impairment profitability. Conversely, the ratings also reflect Bankinter's relatively low risk profile with exposure to the Spanish real estate development sector below most peers, better-than-sector-average asset quality indicators and improved regulatory core capital levels.

In 2010 and Q111 pre-impairment operating profitability declined, mainly due to the narrowing of margins as funding costs increased and mortgages re-priced at lower interest rates. However, operating profitability benefited in both periods from comparatively low credit impairment charges.

Bankinter's risk profile is fairly low and its asset quality has held up well despite the downturn in the Spanish property sector. This is supported by the large proportion of lending to individuals (61% of total loans), which are mainly high quality residential mortgages, and lower than sector loan exposure to real estate development (6% of loans). Bankinter's impaired/total loans ratio remained better than the sector average at 3.2% at end-Q111 (3.6% with foreclosures) and coverage levels are reasonable at 64% for loans and 27% for foreclosed assets.

Despite high customer deposit growth and lower short-term funds, wholesale funding reliance remains. The bank has maturities of EUR3.3bn in 2012 and EUR3.7bn in 2013, which it will need to fund. However, Bankinter has tapped the markets in 2010 and 2011, albeit at higher costs, and mainly through covered bond issuances of shorter maturities than under normal market conditions. Conversely, the bank has EUR7.5bn of available ECB-eligible assets and is able to issue an additional EUR1.5bn of state-guaranteed debt, which helps ease funding and liquidity pressure.

Bankinter's regulatory core capital ratio has been boosted by mandatory convertible subordinated notes issued in May 2011 to above 8%. However, under Fitch's Hybrid Capital Securities Criteria, convertible bonds are only considered as core capital when the conversion has been exercised.

Bankinter, Spain's 11th-largest banking group, has a retail multi-channel approach with 367 branches and 196 business units. Credit Agricole has a 23.4% stake.

The rating actions are as follows:

Bankinter:
Long-term IDR: downgraded to 'BBB+' from 'A'; Outlook changed to Stable from Negative, rating withdrawn
Short-term IDR: downgraded to 'F2' from 'F1', rating withdrawn
Individual rating: downgraded to 'C' at 'B/C', rating withdrawn
Support Rating: affirmed at '3', rating withdrawn
Support Rating Floor: affirmed at 'BB+', rating withdrawn
Senior unsecured debt: downgraded to 'BBB+' from 'A', rating withdrawn

The rating impact, if any, from the above rating action on Bankinter's mortgage covered bonds will be detailed in a separate comment.

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Applicable criteria, 'Global Financial Institutions Rating Criteria', dated 16 August 2010; 'Short-term Ratings Criteria for Corporate Finance', dated 2 November 2010 and 'Equity Credit for Hybrids & Other Capital Securities - Amended', dated 29 December 2009 are available at www.fitchratings.com.

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