

**Rating Action: Moody's upgrades 29 tranches' ratings in 23 Spanish ABS deals; 2 tranches confirmed**

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**Upgrades reflect Counterparty Risk Assessment following bank upgrades**

Madrid, July 03, 2015 -- Moody's Investors Service has today upgraded the ratings of 29 tranches and confirmed 2 tranches in 23 Spanish asset-backed securities (ABS) transactions. Today's rating actions conclude the review that Moody's initiated on 20 March 2015 (see "Moody's takes actions on multiple EMEA RMBS and ABS notes' ratings").

Please click on the following link to access the full list of affected credit ratings. This list is an integral part of this press release and identifies each affected issuer: [http://www.moody.com/viewresearchdoc.aspx?docid=PBS\\_SF412257](http://www.moody.com/viewresearchdoc.aspx?docid=PBS_SF412257).

**RATINGS RATIONALE**

Today's rating actions reflect (1) the update of several of Moody's cross-sector, primary and secondary rating methodologies for structured finance securities, to incorporate the new Counterparty Risk (CR) Assessment that it introduced for banks as part of its revised bank rating methodology (see "Banks," published on March 16, 2015); (2) the upgrades of the relevant Spanish banks acting as counterparties to the affected transactions, following the application of Moody's bank methodology; and (3) the deleveraging of some deals.

**APPLICATION OF MOODY'S STRUCTURED FINANCE RATING METHODOLOGIES**

Moody's updated several of its cross-sector methodologies to incorporate the CR Assessments in its analysis of structured finance transactions in March 2015 (see "Banks"). Moody's now matches banks' exposure in structured finance transactions to one of three reference points: the CR Assessment, bank deposit rating or senior unsecured rating.

Moody's has used CR Assessments in its analysis to measure the risk of default for (1) operational risk exposures (specifically exposures to servicers); (2) exposures to swap counterparties; and (3) exposures to servicers in relation to commingling risk.

Moody's has used the bank deposit rating to measure the default risk for exposures associated with account banks. Additionally, for bank-related exposures (e.g., deposits held at a defaulting bank) Moody's has assumed a recovery rate of 45% in instances when the risk is measured or modelled.

Additionally, for some of the affected tranches, an increase in credit enhancement since Moody's previous rating action for the related deal has contributed to the upgrades. Borrower concentration has limited the upgrades of some tranches (see the "Key Rationale" column in the aforementioned "List of Affected Credit Ratings").

Moody's has incorporated the results of its sensitivity analysis regarding borrower concentration in the affected deals, and considered the credit-enhancement coverage of the largest debtors in the asset pools.

**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) lower sovereign risk; (2) better-than-expected performance of the underlying collateral; (3) deleveraging of the capital structure; and (4) improvements in the credit quality of the transaction's counterparties.

Conversely, factors or circumstances that could lead to a downgrade of the ratings include (1) higher sovereign risk; (2) worse-than-expected performance of the underlying collateral; (3) deterioration in the notes' available credit enhancement; and (4) deterioration in the credit quality of the transaction's counterparties.

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- Key Rationale for Action
- Principal Methodology
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