

Rating Action: Moody's upgrades 5 notes in AyT. 2, FTH & MBS BANCAJA 6, FTA Spanish RMBS Transactions

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London, 15 September 2014 -- Moody's Investors Service has today upgraded the ratings of 5 notes and affirmed the ratings of 1 note in 2 Spanish residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS).

Today's rating action concludes the review of 5 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 (https://www.moodys.com/research/Moodys-upgrades-Spains-government-bond-rating-to-Baa2-assigns-positive--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 end of the Ratings Rationale section for a list of affected ratings.

RATINGS RATIONALE

Today's upgrade reflects (1) the increase in the Spanish local-currency country ceiling to A1 and (2) sufficiency of credit enhancement in the affected transactions; for the revised rating levels

-- 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 sufficiency of credit enhancement combined with stable performance and the reduction in sovereign risk has prompted the upgrade of the notes in AyT. 2, FTH.

The sufficiency of credit enhancement combined with reduction in sovereign risk has prompted the upgrade of the notes in MBS Bancaja 6, FTA.

-- Key collateral assumptions

The key collateral assumptions have not been updated for AyT. 2, FTH as part of this review. The performance of the underlying asset portfolios remain in line with Moody's assumptions. Moody's also has a stable outlook (http://www.moodys.com/viewresearchdoc.aspx?docid=PBS_SF373727) for Spanish RMBS transactions. The rating agency maintained its lifetime loss assumption at 0.20% of the original pool balance.

Regarding MBS Bancaja 6, FTA Moody's has reassessed its lifetime loss expectation taking into account the collateral performance of the transactions to date. The portfolio in MBS Bancaja 6, FTA shows deteriorating default growth rate. The cumulative defaults as a percentage of the original pool balance reached 4.75% versus 2.49% in August 2013. As a result, Moody's increased its expected loss assumption to 5.3% from 4.5% of the original pool balance respectively.

Moody's has also revised MILAN CE assumption to 16% in MBS Bancaja 6, FTA up from 15.3%, reflecting the change in performance.

-- Exposure to Counterparties

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

Today's rating action takes into account commingling exposure to CaixaBank and Bankia, S.A acting as servicers in AyT. 2, FTH. As the Issuer Account Bank is Barclays Bank PLC, rated A2/P-1, we don't have additional counterparty risk in this transaction.

A commingling reserve in MBS Bancaja 6, FTA is mitigating the commingling exposure to Bankia, S.A. However Moody's also assessed the strong linkage to the Issuer Account Bank, Banco Santander S.A. (Spain), also holding the Reserve Fund of 9.19% of the pool balance.

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 for a copy of this methodology.

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

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: AYT.2 FONDO DE TITULIZACION HIPOTECARIA

...EUR191.8M A2 Notes, Affirmed A1 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 Upgraded to A1 (sf)

...EUR8.8M B Notes, Upgraded to A1 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 A3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

Issuer: MBS BANCAJA 6 FTA

...EUR904M A Notes, Upgraded to A1 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 A3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

...EUR37.5M B Notes, Upgraded to A3 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 Baa3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

...EUR28.5M C Notes, Upgraded to Baa2 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 Ba2 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

...EUR30M D Notes, Upgraded to Ba3 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 B2 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

REGULATORY DISCLOSURES

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.

The analysis relies on an assessment of collateral characteristics to determine the collateral loss distribution, that is, the function that correlates to an assumption about the likelihood of occurrence to each level of possible losses in the collateral. As a second step, Moody's evaluates each possible collateral loss scenario using a model that replicates the relevant structural features to derive payments and therefore the ultimate potential losses for each rated instrument. The loss a rated instrument incurs in each collateral loss scenario, weighted by assumptions about the likelihood of events in that scenario occurring, results in the expected loss of the rated instrument.

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