

FITCH TAKES RATING ACTIONS ON RURALPYME 2 FTPYME,FTA

Fitch Ratings-London-02 August 2011: Ratings has upgraded Ruralpyme 2 FTPYME, FTA's class A1 and A2(G) notes and affirmed the class B, C and D notes. A full list of rating actions is at the end of this comment.

The upgrade of the senior notes reflects increased credit enhancement (CE) levels due to structural deleveraging and significant portfolio seasoning. The transaction's performance has stabilised and senior notes are able to withstand Fitch's stresses. The rating actions follow Fitch's annual review of the transaction.

The portfolio has amortised down to 32% of its initial balance. As of June 2011, the 90+ delinquency rate reduced to 4.1% from a peak of 7.8% in April 2010. The transaction has an 18-month default definition with the 12-18 month delinquency rate having receded to 2% of the outstanding balance. Given the reduction in impairment levels the transaction is unlikely to have a substantial increase in defaults over the medium term. The reserve fund is below the required minimum due to provisioning for defaulted loans.

The portfolio exhibits some industry concentration with 18% of the portfolio exposed to the agriculture sector and 22% exposed to industrial and manufacturing sectors. Obligor concentration is steadily increasing with the top 20 obligors accounting for 15.9% of the portfolio. CE for the class A1 and A2(G) notes has more than doubled to 37.6% from 12.9% at closing, providing a robust cushion against a potential deterioration of the portfolio. The affirmation and Negative Outlooks on the class B and C notes reflect concerns over industry and obligor concentration, their subordinated positions in the capital structure and a potential increase in delinquencies. The class D notes have been affirmed due to the limited CE available. Furthermore, the proceeds from the class D notes were used to fund the reserve fund at closing and consequently the repayment of the notes is dependent upon the level of the reserve fund.

Fitch's analysis included assumptions on the probability of default (PD) and loss severity with regards to current delinquencies as well as the performing portfolio. Fitch assumed a PD for the assets commensurate with the delinquency rates of the portfolio over the past 12 months. Delinquent loans were analysed with a higher PD depending on the time the loans have been in arrears. Recoveries for loans secured by first-lien mortgages were adjusted for market value stresses based on the agency's criteria. Loans with second-lien mortgages and other types of collateral were treated as unsecured.

Ruralpyme 2 FTPYME, FTA is a cash flow securitisation of an initial EUR 593m static pool of loans originated by 14 Spanish rural cooperative banks (cajas rurales) to small and medium sized (SME) enterprises. 12 of the 14 originators/services are unrated exposing the notes to a servicer disruption event. However, Fitch believes the transaction has sufficient liquidity to cover the class A1 and A2 interest at a stressed interest rate in the event of a servicer disruption. The class A1 and A2 notes are rated to timely interest and ultimate repayment of principal.

Fitch has assigned an Issuer Report Grade (IRG) of Two Stars to the transaction reflecting the 'basic' investor reporting. Fitch notes that the reporting format is consistent over time providing details on account balances, impairments, prepayments, detailed portfolio stratifications and cash flow summary.

The rating actions are as follows:

EUR 85,235,422 class A1 notes (ISIN ES0374352005): upgraded to 'AAAsf' from 'AAsf'; Outlook Stable

EUR 53,700,000 class A2(G) notes (ISIN ES0374352013): upgraded to 'AAAsf' from 'AA+sf'; Outlook Stable
EUR 29,100,000 class B notes (ISIN ES0374352021): affirmed at 'BBB+sf'; Outlook Negative
EUR 23,200,000 class C notes (ISIN ES0374352039): affirmed at 'BB-sf'; Outlook Negative
EUR 24,500,000 class D notes (ISIN ES0374352047): affirmed at 'CCsf' assigned Recovery Rating RR 4

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Applicable criteria, 'Global Structured Finance Rating Criteria', dated 13 August 2010, 'Criteria for Rating European Granular Corporate Balance-Sheet Securitisations', dated 06 June 2011, 'Criteria for European Structured Credit Issuer Report Grades', dated 16 February 2010, 'Criteria for Structured Finance Recovery Ratings', dated 12 July 2011, 'Servicer Continuity Risk Criteria for Structured Finance Transactions', dated 17 March 2010, and 'Counterparty Criteria for Structured Finance Transactions', dated 14 March 2011 are available at www.fitchratings.com.

Applicable Criteria and Related Research:

Global Structured Finance Rating Criteria

http://www.fitchratings.com/creditdesk/reports/report_frame.cfm?rpt_id=547326

Criteria for Rating European Granular Corporate Balance-Sheet Securitisations (SME CLOs)

http://www.fitchratings.com/creditdesk/reports/report_frame.cfm?rpt_id=622549

Criteria for European Structured Credit Issuer Report Grades (EMEA CDO)

http://www.fitchratings.com/creditdesk/reports/report_frame.cfm?rpt_id=500088

Criteria for Structured Finance Recovery Ratings

http://www.fitchratings.com/creditdesk/reports/report_frame.cfm?rpt_id=644902

Servicing Continuity Risk Criteria for Structured Finance Transactions

http://www.fitchratings.com/creditdesk/reports/report_frame.cfm?rpt_id=504712

Counterparty Criteria for Structured Finance Transactions

http://www.fitchratings.com/creditdesk/reports/report_frame.cfm?rpt_id=605425

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