



**Rating Action: Moody's upgrades 7 notes in 4 Spanish BBVA RMBS Transactions**

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Madrid, October 06, 2014 -- Moody's Investors Service has today upgraded the ratings of 7 notes in 4 Spanish RMBS: BBVA RMBS 5, FTA; BBVA RMBS 9, FTA; BBVA RMBS 10, FTA and BBVA RMBS 11, FTA.

Today's rating action concludes the review of the 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 ([http://www.moodys.com/viewresearchdoc.aspx?docid=PR\\_292078](http://www.moodys.com/viewresearchdoc.aspx?docid=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 rating action reflects (1) the increase in the Spanish local-currency country ceiling to A1 and (2) sufficiency of credit enhancement in the affected transactions.

Today's rating action also reflects the correction of a model input error. In prior rating actions, the recovery rate input in the model was inconsistent with the MILAN input, therefore the tail of the asset loss distribution was generated incorrectly. The model has now been adjusted, and today's rating action reflects this change.

-- 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 increase of credit enhancement combined with stable performance and the reduction in sovereign risk has prompted the upgrade of the notes.

-- Key collateral assumptions

The key collateral assumptions have not been updated 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](http://www.moodys.com/viewresearchdoc.aspx?docid=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.

-- Exposure to Counterparties

Moody's rating analysis also took into consideration the exposure to Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A. (Baa2/P-2) acting as servicer and issuer account bank in the four transactions.

**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.moodys.com](http://www.moodys.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.

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: BBVA RMBS 5, FTA

....EUR4675M A Notes, Upgraded to A2 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 Baa2 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

Issuer: BBVA RMBS 9, FTA

....EUR1295M A Notes, Upgraded to A1 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 A3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

Issuer: BBVA RMBS 10, FTA

....EUR1376M A Notes, Upgraded to A1 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 A3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

....EUR224M B Notes, Upgraded to Baa3 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 B1 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

Issuer: BBVA RMBS 11, FTA

....EUR1204M A Notes, Upgraded to A1 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 Baa1 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

....EUR119M B Notes, Upgraded to Ba1 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 Ba2 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Upgrade

....EUR77M C Notes, Upgraded to Ba3 (sf); previously on Mar 17, 2014 B3 (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.

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.

As the section on loss and cash flow analysis describes, Moody's quantitative analysis entails an evaluation of scenarios that stress factors contributing to sensitivity of ratings and take into account the likelihood of severe collateral losses or impaired cash flows. Moody's weights the impact on the rated instruments based on its assumptions of the likelihood of the events in such scenarios occurring.

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