



Rating Action: Moody's takes action in RURAL HIPOTECARIO GLOBAL I, FTA and RURAL HIPOTECARIO VIII, FTA transactions

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Madrid, April 14, 2023 – Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") has today upgraded and affirmed the ratings of Notes in RURAL HIPOTECARIO GLOBAL I, FTA and RURAL HIPOTECARIO VIII, FTA. The upgrades reflect better than expected collateral performance and increased levels of credit enhancement for the affected Notes. Moody's affirmed the ratings of the notes that had sufficient credit enhancement to maintain their current ratings.

Issuer: RURAL HIPOTECARIO GLOBAL I, FTA

....EUR1008.1M Class A Notes, Affirmed Aa1 (sf); previously on Jun 21, 2022 Affirmed Aa1 (sf)

....EUR36.3M Class B Notes, Upgraded to Aa3 (sf); previously on Jun 21, 2022 Upgraded to A3 (sf)

....EUR8M Class C Notes, Upgraded to Baa1 (sf); previously on Jun 21, 2022 Upgraded to Ba1 (sf)

....EUR12.8M Class D Notes, Upgraded to Ba1 (sf); previously on Jun 21, 2022 Upgraded to Ba3 (sf)

Issuer: RURAL HIPOTECARIO VIII, FTA

....EUR802.4M Class A2a Notes, Affirmed Aa1 (sf); previously on May 22, 2019 Affirmed Aa1 (sf)

....EUR350M Class A2b Notes, Affirmed Aa1 (sf); previously on May 22, 2019 Affirmed Aa1 (sf)

....EUR27.3M Class B Notes, Affirmed Baa1 (sf); previously on May 22, 2019 Downgraded to Baa1 (sf)

....EUR15.6M Class C Notes, Upgraded to Ba1 (sf); previously on May 22, 2019 Affirmed Ba2 (sf)

....EUR7.2M Class D Notes, Upgraded to B1 (sf); previously on May 22, 2019 Affirmed Caa2 (sf)

RATINGS RATIONALE

The rating action is prompted by key decreased collateral assumptions, namely the portfolio Expected Loss (EL) and MILAN CE assumptions due to better than expected collateral performance, and an increase in credit enhancement for the affected tranches.

Revision of Key Collateral Assumptions:

The performance of the transactions has continued to be stable since the last rating action. Total delinquencies have decreased in the past year, with 90 days plus arrears of RURAL

HIPOTECARIO Global I, FTA and RURAL HIPOTECARIO VIII, FTA currently standing at 0.58% and 0.36% of current pool balance. Cumulative defaults currently stand at 2.30% and 2.20% of original pool balance respectively and remain broadly unchanged from a year earlier.

Moody's decreased the expected loss assumption of RURAL HIPOTECARIO Global I, FTA and RURAL HIPOTECARIO VIII, FTA to 1.98% and 1.94% as a percentage of current pool balance due to the good performance. The revised expected loss assumption for both deals corresponds to 1.06% as a percentage of original pool balance for both transactions.

Moody's also assessed loan-by-loan information as part of its detailed transaction review to determine the credit support consistent with target rating levels and the volatility of future losses. As a result, Moody's has decreased the MILAN CE assumption of RURAL HIPOTECARIO GLOBAL I, FTA to 7.1% from 8.9% and of RURAL HIPOTECARIO VIII, FTA to 7.2% from 10.0%.

Increase in Available Credit Enhancement

For RURAL HIPOTECARIO GLOBAL I, FTA, sequential amortization and the non-amortizing reserve fund led to the increase in the credit enhancement available in this transaction. For instance, the credit enhancement for Class A notes increased to 20.54% from 18.5% since the last rating action.

For RURAL HIPOTECARIO VIII, FTA, the non-amortizing reserve fund led to the increase in the credit enhancement available since the last rating action. For instance, the credit enhancement for Class A increased to 12.01% from 11.79% since the last rating action. While the notes are currently paid pro rata, upon the pool factor decreasing below 10% of original pool balance, this will trigger sequential amortization.

The Class B and D notes ratings in RURAL HIPOTECARIO VIII, FTA are constrained by the exposure under the swap.

The principal methodology used in these ratings was "Moody's Approach to Rating RMBS Using the MILAN Framework" published in July 2022 and available at <https://ratings.moodys.com/api/rmc-documents/390481>. Alternatively, please see the Rating Methodologies page on <https://ratings.moodys.com> for a copy of this methodology.

A Request for Comment was published in which Moody's requested market feedback on potential revisions to its RMBS methodology framework. However, at this time no associated country-specific supplement has been published which would be relevant for the Credit Ratings referenced in this press release.

Request for Comments can be found on the rating methodologies page on <https://ratings.moodys.com>.

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Factors or circumstances that could lead to an upgrade of the ratings include (1) performance of the underlying collateral that is better than Moody's expected, (2) an increase in available credit

enhancement and (3) improvements in the credit quality of the transaction counterparties and (4) a decrease in sovereign risk.

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