

Rating Action: Moody's downgrades six and confirms seven Spanish RMBS tranches

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London, 09 May 2013 -- Moody's Investors Service has today downgraded the ratings of six junior notes and confirmed the ratings of seven notes in four Spanish residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) transactions: AyT Colaterales Global Hipotecario Caja Cantabria I, AyT ICO-FTVPO Caja Vital Kutxa, AyT ICO-FTVPO I, FTA and VAL Bancaja 1, FTA. Insufficiency of credit enhancement to address sovereign risk and the update in Moody's MILAN CE assumption prompted today's downgrades.

Today's rating action concludes the review of eleven notes placed on review on 2 July 2012, following Moody's downgrade of Spanish government bond ratings to Baa3 from A3 on June 2012. This rating action also concludes the review of two notes placed on review on 23 November 2012, following Moody's revision of key collateral assumptions for the entire Spanish RMBS market (http://www.moody's.com/research/Moodys-review-of-Spanish-RMBS-sector-triggers-rating-actions-on--PR_260528).

See towards the end of the ratings rationale section of this press release for a detailed list of affected ratings.

RATINGS RATIONALE

Today's downgrades reflect primarily the insufficiency of credit enhancement to address sovereign risk. Furthermore, Moody's took into consideration the revised MILAN CE assumption in the case of AyT ICO-FTVPO Caja Vital Kutxa based on current portfolio characteristics. Moody's confirmed the ratings of securities whose credit enhancement and structural features provided enough protection against sovereign and counterparty risk.

The determination of the applicable credit enhancement that drives today's rating actions reflects the introduction of additional factors in Moody's analysis to better measure the impact of sovereign risk on structured finance transactions (see "Structured Finance Transactions: Assessing the Impact of Sovereign Risk", 11 March 2013). This report is available on www.moody's.com and can be accessed via the following link (http://www.moody's.com/viewresearchdoc.aspx?docid=PBS_SF319988)

Additional Factors Better Reflect Increased Sovereign Risk

Moody's has supplemented its analysis to determine the loss distribution of securitised portfolios with two additional factors, the maximum achievable rating in a given country (the Local Currency Country Risk Ceiling) and the applicable portfolio credit enhancement for this rating. With the introduction of these additional factors, Moody's intends to better reflect increased sovereign risk in its quantitative analysis, in particular for mezzanine and junior tranches.

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 A3. Moody's Individual Loan Analysis Credit Enhancement (MILAN CE) represents the required credit enhancement under the senior tranche for it to achieve the country ceiling. By lowering the maximum achievable rating for a given MILAN, the revised methodology alters the loss distribution curve and implies an increased probability of high loss scenarios.

-- Revision of Key Collateral Assumptions

Moody's has not revised the lifetime expected loss assumptions in the four transactions and maintained the values at 4.50% in AyT Colaterales Global Hipotecario Caja Cantabria I, 1.27% in AyT ICO-FTVPO Caja Vital Kutxa, 1.93% in AyT ICO-FTVPO I, FTA and 4.42% in VAL Bancaja 1, FTA.

During its review Moody's also reassessed the MILAN CE assumptions of the transactions underlying portfolios based on available loan-by-information. As a result, Moody's increased the MILAN CE in AyT ICO-FTVPO Caja Vital Kutxa to 11.60% from 10.00%. Moody's maintained the MILAN CE assumption at 15.00% in AyT Colaterales Global Hipotecario Caja Cantabria I, 14.00% in AyT ICO-FTVPO I, FTA and 15% in VAL Bancaja 1, FTA.

-- Exposure to Counterparty

Moody's rating analysis took into consideration the exposure of the senior notes in VAL Bancaja 1, FTA to Banco Santander (Spain) (Baa2/P-2) acting as issuer account bank. Moody's concluded that this risk did not have a negative impact on the outstanding ratings.

Moody's rating analysis assessed as well the exposure to Kutxabank, S.A. (Ba1/NP), that acts as swap counterparty in AyT ICO-FTVPO Caja Vital Kutxa and the exposure to CECABANK S.A. (Ba1 under review for DNG/NP) that acts as swap counterparty in AyT ICO-FTVPO I, FTA and AyT Colaterales Global Hipotecario Caja Cantabria I. Moody's concluded that these exposures are not negatively impacting the ratings of the notes.

-- Other Developments May Negatively Affect the Notes

In consideration of Moody's new adjustments, any further sovereign downgrade would negatively affect structured finance ratings through the application of the country ceiling or maximum achievable rating, as well as potentially increase portfolio credit enhancement requirements for a given rating.

As the euro area crisis continues, the ratings of structured finance notes remain exposed to the uncertainties of credit conditions in the general economy. The deteriorating creditworthiness of euro area sovereigns as well as the weakening credit profile of the global banking sector could further negatively affect the ratings of the notes.

The methodologies used in these ratings were Moody's Approach to Rating RMBS Using the MILAN Framework, published in March 2013 and The Temporary Use of Cash in Structured Finance Transactions: Eligible Investment and Bank Guidelines published in March 2013. Please see the Credit Policy page on www.moodys.com for a copy of these methodologies.

Other Factors used in this rating are described in Approach to Assessing Linkage to Swap Counterparties in Structured Finance Cashflow Transactions: Request for Comment published in July 2012.

In reviewing these transactions, Moody's used ABSROM to model the cash flows and determine the loss for each tranche. The cash flow model evaluates all default scenarios that are then weighted considering the probabilities of the lognormal distribution assumed for the portfolio default rate. In each default scenario, the corresponding loss for each class of notes is calculated given the incoming cash flows from the assets and the outgoing payments to third parties and noteholders. Therefore, the expected loss or EL for each tranche is the sum product of (i) the probability of occurrence of each default scenario; and (ii) the loss derived from the cash flow model in each default scenario for each tranche.

As such, Moody's analysis encompasses the assessment of stressed scenarios.

In the context of the rating review, the transactions have been remodeled and some inputs have been adjusted to reflect the new approach described above. In addition, for AyT Colaterales Global Hipotecario Caja Cantabria I the inputs for priority of payment trigger and the reserve fund amortisation trigger have been corrected during the review.

LIST OF AFFECTED SECURITIES

Issuer: AyT Colaterales Global Hipotecario Caja Cantabria I

....EUR203.5MA Notes, Confirmed at A3 (sf); previously on Jul 2, 2012 Downgraded to A3 (sf) and Remained On Review for Possible Downgrade

....EUR12.7MB Notes, Confirmed at B2 (sf); previously on Jul 2, 2012 B2 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade

....EUR10.3MC Notes, Confirmed at Caa1 (sf); previously on Jul 2, 2012 Caa1 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade

Issuer: AyT ICO-FTVPO Caja Vital Kutxa

....EUR140.4MA Notes, Confirmed at A3 (sf); previously on Jul 2, 2012 Downgraded to A3 (sf) and Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade

....EUR7.7MB Notes, Downgraded to Baa1 (sf); previously on Jul 2, 2012 Downgraded to A3 (sf) and Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade

....EUR6.9M C Notes, Downgraded to Ba1 (sf); previously on Nov 23, 2012 Downgraded to Baa1 (sf) and Remained On Review for Possible Downgrade

Issuer: AyT ICO-FTVPO I, FTA

....EUR303MA(G) Notes, Confirmed at A3 (sf); previously on Jul 2, 2012 Downgraded to A3 (sf) and Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade

....EUR11.45M B Notes, Downgraded to Ba1 (sf); previously on Nov 23, 2012 Downgraded to Baa1 (sf) and Remained On Review for Possible Downgrade

....EUR12.45M C Notes, Downgraded to B2 (sf); previously on Jul 2, 2012 Baa3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade

Issuer: VAL BANCAJA 1, FTA

....EUR88.3MA1 Notes, Confirmed at A3 (sf); previously on Jul 2, 2012 Downgraded to A3 (sf) and Remained On Review for Possible Downgrade

....EUR170MA2 Notes, Confirmed at A3 (sf); previously on Jul 2, 2012 Downgraded to A3 (sf) and Remained On Review for Possible Downgrade

....EUR26.7M B Notes, Downgraded to Baa2 (sf); previously on Jul 2, 2012 Downgraded to A3 (sf) and Remained On Review for Possible Downgrade

....EUR15M C Notes, Downgraded to Ba2 (sf); previously on Jul 2, 2012 Baa3 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade

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