

Ratings Raised In Spanish RMBS Transaction Bankinter 6 Following Sovereign Upgrade

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OVERVIEW

On Oct. 2, 2015, we raised our long-term rating on Spain to 'BBB+' from 'BBB'.

On Oct. 30, 2015, we consequently placed on CreditWatch positive our ratings on certain classes of Spanish RMBS and ABS notes that could be affected by this upgrade, including our ratings on Bankinter 6's class A, B, and C notes.

Following the application of our updated criteria for rating single-jurisdiction securitizations above the sovereign foreign currency rating, we have today raised and removed from CreditWatch positive our ratings on Bankinter 6's class A, B, and C notes.

Bankinter 6 is a Spanish RMBS transaction, which closed in September 2003.

MADRID (Standard & Poor's) Dec. 22, 2015--Standard & Poor's Ratings Services today raised and removed from CreditWatch positive its ratings on Bankinter 6 Fondo de Titulizacion de Activos' class A, B, and C notes (see list below).

Today's rating actions follow our Oct. 2, 2015 raising of our long-term sovereign rating on Spain to 'BBB+' from 'BBB' and the application of our updated criteria for rating single-jurisdiction securitizations above the sovereign foreign currency rating (RAS criteria) (see "Kingdom of Spain Upgraded To 'BBB+' On Reforms; Outlook Stable (/en_AP/web/guest/article/-/view/sourceId/20014416)" and "Methodology And Assumptions For Ratings Above The Sovereign--Single-Jurisdiction Structured Finance (/en_AP/web/guest/article/-/view/sourceId/9184895)," published on May 29, 2015).

On Oct. 30, 2015, we placed on CreditWatch positive our ratings on certain classes of Spanish residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) and asset-backed securities (ABS) notes that could be affected by our upgrade of Spain, including our ratings on Bankinter 6's class A, B, and C notes (see "Ratings On 88 Spanish RMBS And ABS Tranches Placed On CreditWatch Positive Following Sovereign And Bank Rating Actions (/en_AP/web/guest/article/-/view/sourceId/9392561)").

We have also applied our Spanish RMBS criteria as part of our credit and cash flow analysis (see "Italy And Spain RMBS Methodology And Assumptions (/en_AP/web/guest/article/-/view/sourceId/8693319)," published on Sept. 18, 2014).

Under our RAS criteria, we have applied a hypothetical sovereign default stress test to determine whether a tranche has sufficient credit and structural support to withstand a sovereign default and so repay timely interest and principal by legal final maturity.

These criteria designate the country risk sensitivity for RMBS as moderate. The transaction's notes can therefore be rated four notches above the sovereign rating, if they have sufficient credit enhancement to pass a minimum of a severe stress. However, if all six of the conditions in paragraph 44 of our RAS criteria are met, we can assign ratings up to a maximum of six notches (two additional notches of uplift) above the sovereign rating, subject to credit enhancement being sufficient to pass an extreme stress (see "Understanding Standard & Poor's Rating Definitions (/en_AP/web/guest/article/-/view/sourceId/5435305)," published on June 3, 2009 for our definitions of severe and extreme levels of economic stress).

Following the application of our RAS criteria and our RMBS criteria, we have determined that our assigned rating on each class of notes in this transaction should be the lower of (i) the rating as capped by our RAS criteria and (ii) the rating that the class of notes can attain under our RMBS criteria.

We consider the performance of Bankinter 6 to be stable since our previous performance review (see "Various Rating Actions Taken In Spanish RMBS Transactions Bankinter 3, 4, 6, 11, And 13 Following Criteria Updates (/en_AP/web/guest/article/-/view/sourceId/9034629)," published on Feb. 18, 2015). Severe delinquencies of more than 90 days are at 0.72% of the current non-defaulted collateral balance, compared with 0.67% in our previous review.

Our credit and cash flow analysis indicates that the available credit enhancement for the class A notes is sufficient to support a 'AAA (sf)' rating. However, our RAS criteria cap our rating on this class of notes at 'AA+ (sf)'. We have therefore raised to 'AA+ (sf)' from 'AA (sf)' and removed from CreditWatch positive our rating on the class A notes.

Under our RAS criteria, the class B and C notes cannot be rated above the long-term rating on the sovereign. Additionally, our analysis indicates that the available credit enhancement for the class B and C notes is commensurate with a 'BBB+ (sf)' rating under the credit and cash flow stresses that we apply under our RMBS criteria. We have therefore raised to 'BBB+ (sf)' from 'BBB (sf)' and removed from CreditWatch positive our ratings on the class B and C notes.

Bankinter 6 is a Spanish RMBS transaction, which closed in September 2003 and securitizes mainly first-ranking mortgage loans. Bankinter S.A. originated the pool, which comprises loans granted to prime borrowers secured over owner-occupied residential properties in Spain.

RELATED CRITERIA AND RESEARCH

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Various Rating Actions Taken In Spanish RMBS Transactions Bankinter 3, 4, 6, 11, And 13 Following Criteria Updates (/en_AP/web/guest/article/-/view/sourceld/9034629), Feb. 18, 2015

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Global Structured Finance Scenario And Sensitivity Analysis: Understanding The Effects Of Macroeconomic Factors On Credit Quality (/en_AP/web/guest/article/-/view/sourceld/8675308), July 2, 2014

RATINGS LIST

Class	To	Rating	From
Bankinter 6 Fondo de Titulizacion de Activos €1.35 Billion Mortgage-Backed Floating-Rate Notes			
Ratings Raised And Removed From CreditWatch Positive			
A	AA+ (sf)	AA (sf)	Watch Pos
B	BBB+ (sf)	BBB (sf)	Watch Pos
C	BBB+ (sf)	BBB (sf)	Watch Pos

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