

Rating Action: Moody's reviews for downgrade the rating of C(T) notes in Bankinter 9, FTA due to swap counterparty risks

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Madrid, December 04, 2013 -- Moody's Investors Service has today placed on review for downgrade the rating of tranche C(T) in Spanish RMBS deal Bankinter 9, FTA due to swap counterparty exposure. The determination of the linkage between swap counterparty and the credit quality of the notes reflects Moody's updated approach to assessing linkage to swap counterparties in structured finance cash flow transactions: "Approach to Assessing Linkage to Swap Counterparties in Structured Finance Cash Flow Transactions", published in November 2013.

Moody's rating action is as follows:

Issuer: BANKINTER 9, FTA

...EUR7M C (T) Notes, Ba2 (sf) Placed Under Review for Possible Downgrade; previously on Mar 20, 2013 Downgraded to Ba2 (sf)

RATINGS RATIONALE

Today's rating action reflects the impact of exposure to Bankinter S.A. (Ba1/NP) as swap counterparty, following the introduction of the rating agency's updated approach to assessing swap counterparty linkage in structured finance transactions. Please see Press Release https://www.moody.com/research/Moodys-reviews-for-downgrade-EMEA-RMBS-and-ABS-transactions-due-PR_286515

Moody's understands that a swap collateral account has been opened with Bankinter, S.A. (Ba1/NP), but no collateral is currently being posted given that the swap is out of the money for the issuer. Tranche B(P) notes were placed on review for possible downgrade as of 14th of November 2013 due to exposure to swap counterparty. At that time, Moody's interpretation of the communication received from the relevant Management Company was that a higher rated entity was acting as collateral account bank and as a result did not place C(T) notes on review for possible downgrade. C(T) notes are today placed on review for possible downgrade as a result of taking into account that Bankinter, S.A. is acting as collateral account holder for this transaction. No other tranches are impacted by this change.

As part of its review, Moody's will incorporate the risk of additional losses on the notes in the event of them becoming unhedged following a swap counterparty default. Moody's will take into account structural features of the transactions that may reduce the impact of such disruption and any remedies or protection mechanisms implemented during the review period.

Key modelling assumptions and sensitivities for the affected transaction have not been updated as the rating action has been primarily driven by the assessment of counterparty exposure.

Factors that would lead to an upgrade or downgrade of the rating:

Factors or circumstances that could lead to a downgrade of the rating are performance of the underlying collateral that is worse than Moody's expected, a deterioration in the credit quality of the counterparties and an increase in sovereign risk.

Factors or circumstances that could lead to an upgrade of the rating are better performance of the underlying assets than Moody's expects and a decline in sovereign risk and a decline in counterparty risk.

The principal methodology used in this rating was "Moody's Approach to Rating RMBS Using the MILAN Framework" published in November 2013. Please see the Credit Policy page on www.moody.com for a copy of this methodology.

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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 this transaction in the past six months.

Moody's did not use any models, or loss or cash flow analysis, in its analysis.

Moody's did not use any stress scenario simulations in its analysis.

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