



Rating_Action: Moody's upgrades ratings of three notes in VALENCIA HIPOTECARIO 3, FTA

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Milan, April 03, 2023 -- Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") has today upgraded the ratings of three notes in VALENCIA HIPOTECARIO 3, FTA. The rating action reflects the increased levels of credit enhancement of the affected Notes and better than expected performance of the collateral.

....EUR780.7M Class A2 Notes, Upgraded to Aa1 (sf); previously on Aug 4, 2020 Affirmed Aa2 (sf)

....EUR20.8M Class B Notes, Upgraded to Baa1 (sf); previously on Aug 4, 2020 Affirmed Baa3 (sf)

....EUR9.1M Class C Notes, Upgraded to Ba2 (sf); previously on Aug 4, 2020 Downgraded to B2 (sf)

Maximum achievable rating is Aa1 (sf) for structured finance transactions in Spain, driven by the corresponding local currency country ceiling of the country.

RATINGS RATIONALE

The rating action is prompted by decreased key 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:

As part of the rating action, Moody's reassessed its lifetime loss expectation for the portfolio reflecting the collateral performance to date.

The performance of the transaction has continued to be strong since the last rating action. Total delinquencies have remained stable in the past year, with 90 days plus arrears currently standing at 0.59% of current pool balance. Cumulative defaults currently stand at 3.97% of original pool balance and remain broadly unchanged from a year earlier.

Moody's decreased the expected loss assumption to 2.06% as a percentage of current pool balance, due to the good performance. The revised expected loss assumption corresponds to 2.00% expressed as a percentage of original pool balance down from the previous assumption of 2.15%.

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 to 7.3% from 9.0%.

Increase in Available Credit Enhancement

The non-amortizing reserve fund led to the increase in the credit enhancement available in the transaction. For instance, the credit enhancement for the most senior tranche affected by today's rating action increased to 10.89% from 9.46% 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 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>.

The analysis undertaken by Moody's at the initial assignment of ratings for RMBS securities may focus on aspects that become less relevant or typically remain unchanged during the surveillance stage. Please see "Moody's Approach to Rating RMBS Using the MILAN Framework" for further information on Moody's analysis at the initial rating assignment and the on-going surveillance in RMBS.

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) performance of the underlying collateral that is better than Moody's expected, (2) an increase in available credit enhancement, (3) improvements in the credit quality of the transaction counterparties and (4) a decrease in sovereign risk.

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