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# **COMUNICACIÓN DE HECHO RELEVANTE**

AUTO ABS SPANISH LOANS 2016, FONDO DE TITULIZACIÓN Actuaciones sobre las calificaciones de los bonos por parte de Fitch Ratings.

Titulización de Activos, Sociedad Gestora de Fondos de Titulización, S.A. comunica el siguiente Hecho Relevante:

- I. Respecto al fondo de referencia, adjuntamos nota de prensa publicada por Fitch Ratings con fecha 05 de septiembre de 2018, donde se llevan a cabo las siguientes actuaciones:
  - Clase A, confirmado en AA+ (sf) / Perspectiva estable.
  - Clase B, a AA+ (sf) / Perspectiva estable desde A- (sf).

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# Fitch Upgrades Auto ABS Spanish Loans 2016 Class B to 'AA+sf'

Fitch Ratings-Madrid/London-05 September 2018: Fitch Ratings has upgraded Auto ABS Spanish Loan 2016 class B notes to 'AA+sf' from 'A-sf' while affirming the class A notes at 'AA+sf'. The Outlook on bot classes is Stable. The notes are collateralised by auto loans originated by PSA Financial Services in Spain.

# **KEY RATING DRIVERS**

# Strong Performance Outlook

Fitch has revised its base case default rate expectations to 2.3% from 2.6%; while increasing recovery rate base case to 55.7% from 46.7% due to the strong asset performance observed. Fitch has slightly reduced default rate multiples due to the end of the revolving period, decreasing the overall risk of the transaction. Further the upgrade of Spain's Long-Term Issuer Default Rating to 'A-'/Stable early this year has resulted in an implied softening of stresses at 'AA+sf' and below for Spanish structured finance transactions.

#### Lower Risk for Class B

Risk for the class B notes has been significantly reduced after the revolving period ended in March 2018 removing the risk of credit enhancement being provided primarily in the form of cash deposited at the issuer account bank, Santander Consumer Finance (SCF, A-/F2/Stable). During the revolving period, Fit estimated more than 10% of assets could be held in the form of cash at SCF. This created significant counterparty exposure to SCF, thus capping the class B notes' rating at SCF's. This is no longer a risk a most of the credit enhancement now comes from subordination in the form of the unrated class C notes.

#### Large Excess Spread

Car loans pay a weighted average interest rate of 9.1%, providing significant excess spread to the transaction.

# Account Bank Limits Ratings

Ratings for both the class A and B notes are capped at 'AA+sf' due to SPV account bank replacement triggers being set at a minimum Issuer Default Rating of 'A-' or 'F2'. These replacement triggers support structured finance transactions up to a rating of 'AA+sf', according to Fitch's "Structured Finance and Covered Bonds Counterparty Rating Criteria".

#### **RATING SENSITIVITIES**

Fitch estimates the following sensitivities to an increase in the default rate and a decrease in the recoverate base cases:

Class A current rating: 'AA+sf'

Increase defaults by 50% and reduce recoveries by 50%: 'AA+sf'

Class B current rating: 'AA+sf'

Increase defaults by 50% and reduce recoveries by 50%: 'AA-sf'

#### DATA ADEQUACY

Fitch has checked the consistency and plausibility of the information it has received about the performance of the asset pools and the transactions. There were no findings that affected the rating analysis. Fitch has not reviewed the results of any third-party assessment of the asset portfolio informati or conducted a review of origination files as part of its ongoing monitoring.

Prior to the transaction closing, Fitch reviewed the results of a third-party assessment conducted on the asset portfolio information and concluded that there were no findings that affected the rating analysis.

Prior to the transaction closing, Fitch conducted a review of a small targeted sample of PSA Financial Services' origination files and found the information contained in the reviewed files to be adequately consistent with the originator's policies and practices and the other information provided to the agency about the asset portfolio.

Overall and together with the assumptions referred to above, Fitch's assessment of the information relie upon for the agency's rating analysis according to its applicable rating methodologies indicates that it is adequately reliable.

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION

The information below was used in the analysis:

- -Transaction reporting provided by Titulizacion de Activos SGFT as at 30 July 2018
- -Loan level data provided by European Data Warehouse as at 30 June 2018

#### **MODELS**

EMEA Cash Flow Model. (https://www.fitchratings.com/site/structuredfinance/emeacfm)

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# **Applicable Criteria**

Consumer ABS Rating Criteria (pub. 11 Dec 2017) (https://www.fitchratings.com/site/re/907089)

Fitch's Interest Rate Stress Assumptions for Structured Finance and Covered Bonds - Excel File (pub. 0 Feb 2018) (https://www.fitchratings.com/site/re/10018863)

Global Structured Finance Rating Criteria (pub. 15 May 2018) (https://www.fitchratings.com/site/re /10029600)

Structured Finance and Covered Bonds Counterparty Rating Criteria (pub. 01 Aug 2018) (https://www.fitchratings.com/site/re/10039504)

Structured Finance and Covered Bonds Counterparty Rating Criteria: Derivative Addendum (pub. 01 Au 2018) (https://www.fitchratings.com/site/re/10039505)

Structured Finance and Covered Bonds Country Risk Rating Criteria (pub. 18 Sep 2017)

(https://www.fitchratings.com/site/re/903496)

Structured Finance and Covered Bonds Interest Rate Stresses Rating Criteria (pub. 02 Feb 2018) (https://www.fitchratings.com/site/re/10018549)

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