



**Rating Action: Moody's upgrades ratings in 10 Spanish ABS SME deals**

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Madrid, November 10, 2015 -- Moody's Investors Service has today upgraded the ratings of 13 subordinated tranches in 10 Spanish asset-backed securities (ABS) transactions. All of the transactions are backed by loans to small and medium-sized enterprises (ABS SMEs) loans located in Spain.

Please click on the following link to access the full list of affected credit ratings. This list is an integral part of this press release and identifies each affected issuer: [http://www.moody.com/viewresearchdoc.aspx?docid=PBS\\_SF420882](http://www.moody.com/viewresearchdoc.aspx?docid=PBS_SF420882).

**RATINGS RATIONALE**

Today's upgrades reflect (1) the affected tranches' increased credit enhancement following the deals' deleveraging; and (2) the stable performance observed.

Moody's has incorporated the results of its sensitivity analysis regarding borrower concentration in the affected deals. In the cases of IM Grupo Banco Popular Empresas 1, FTA, FTPYME TDA CAM 2, FTA and GAT FTGENCAT 2006, FTA, an increase in credit enhancement since January 2015 provides a higher coverage of largest debtors. Borrower concentration has constrained the upgrades in 5 tranches.

**Key collateral assumptions**

Default probabilities (DP) have remained unchanged given the stable performance of the transactions with the exceptions of DP being decreased in CAIXA PENEDES PYMES 1 TDA, FTA and IM Grupo Banco Popular Empresas 1, FTA to reflect the improvement in performance terms.

CAIXA PENEDES PYMES 1 TDA, FTA 90+ days arrears now stands at 1.52% while in the case of IM Grupo Banco Popular Empresas 1, FTA at 0.95%. 90-360 day trend remain below the average index for Spanish SME deals for both transactions.

In addition, the recovery rate (RR) assumption increased in AyT FTPYME II, FTA because of the high recoveries observed. RR has been increased to 50% from 37.5%. Combined with the DP of 13% and unchanged portfolio credit enhancement of 21.5% this results in a volatility of 59.7%.

In CAIXA PENEDES PYMES 1 TDA, FTA, Moody's now assumes a DP of 20% of the current pool balance from 22.6% and portfolio credit enhancement of 27% from 28.4%. Combined with the recovery rate of 52.5% this results in a volatility of 51.9%.

In IM Grupo Banco Popular Empresas 1, FTA, Moody's now assumes a DP of 14% of the current pool balance, from 16.5% as well as portfolio credit enhancement of 21.5% from 22.8%. Combined with the recovery rate of 60% this results in a volatility of 66.9%.

**PRINCIPAL METHODOLOGY**

The principal methodology used in these ratings was "Moody's Global Approach to Rating SME Balance Sheet Securitizations," published in October 2015. Please see the Credit Policy page on [www.moody.com](http://www.moody.com) for a copy of this methodology.

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