



**Rating Action: Moody's upgrades 184 tranches and places on review for upgrade 200 tranches in 160 Spanish RMBS and Auto and Consumer ABS deals**

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**Actions follow the raising of the Spanish country ceiling**

Madrid, April 25, 2018 -- Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") has today upgraded the ratings of 184 tranches and placed on review for upgrade 200 tranches in 160 Spanish RMBS and Auto and Consumer ABS deals.

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**RATINGS RATIONALE**

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- Principal Methodologies Used
- Key Rationale for Action
- Constraining factors on the ratings

Today's rating action on various Spanish RMBS and Auto and Consumer ABS transactions follows Moody's upgrade of the Government of Spain's ("Spain") local-currency bond ceiling to Aa1 from Aa2 which in turn follows the upgrade of the Government of Spain's issuer and bond ratings to Baa1 with a stable outlook from Baa2. As a result of this upgrade, the Spanish structured finance ratings are now capped at Spain's local currency bond ceiling of Aa1.

For full details, please refer to the sovereign press release: [http://www.moodys.com/viewresearchdoc.aspx?docid=PR\\_381868](http://www.moodys.com/viewresearchdoc.aspx?docid=PR_381868).

Following the upgrade of Spain's sovereign rating, some Spanish Banks Long Term deposit bank ratings and Counterparty Risk Assessments (CR assessments) were also upgraded (see "Moody's takes rating actions on Spanish banks", published on 17 April 2018). Full details of the banks' ratings upgrades can be found at [http://www.moodys.com/viewresearchdoc.aspx?docid=PR\\_382149](http://www.moodys.com/viewresearchdoc.aspx?docid=PR_382149).

**Counterparty exposure**

Today's rating action took into consideration the notes' exposure to relevant counterparties, such as servicers, account banks or swap providers.

Moody's considered how the liquidity available in the transactions and other mitigants support continuity of notes payments, in case of servicer default, using the CR Assessment as a reference point for servicers.

Moody's also assessed commingling risk in the transactions, taken CR assessment as reference point. Moody's does not incorporate expected commingling loss if the risk is deemed immaterial such as cases where the servicer is rated at or above Baa2 and the exposure is limited to one month of lost collection.

Moody's also assessed the rating cap to apply to the structured finance transactions in relation to account bank exposure by referencing the bank's deposit rating.

Moody's assessed the exposure to the swap counterparties. Moody's considered the risks of additional losses on the notes if they were to become unhedged following a swap counterparty default by using CR Assessment as reference point for swap counterparties.

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) deleveraging of the capital structure, (3) improvements in the credit quality of the transaction counterparties and (4) a decrease in sovereign risk.

Factors or circumstances that could lead to a downgrade of the ratings include (1) an increase in sovereign risk (2) performance of the underlying collateral that is worse than Moody's expected, (3) deterioration in the notes' available credit enhancement and (4) deterioration in the credit quality of the transaction counterparties.

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- Releasing Office
- Lead Analyst

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.

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