

Rating Action: Moody's downgrades ratings in MBS BANCAJA 6, FTA

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Milan, February 15, 2019 -- Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") has today downgraded the ratings of all Notes in MBS BANCAJA 6, FTA. The rating action reflects the replacement of Banco Santander S.A. (Spain) (A2, LT Bank Deposits (Domestic)) with Bankia, S.A. (Baa2, LT Bank Deposits (Domestic)) as issuer account bank.

Please refer to the end of the Ratings Rationale section for a list of affected ratings.

RATINGS RATIONALE

The rating action is prompted by the change of issuer account bank provider in the transaction from Banco Santander S.A. (Spain) to Bankia, S.A. Bankia, S.A. was appointed as the new issuer account bank via an amendment to the original Treasury Account Agreement, taking over the function of issuer account bank for the transaction substantially under the same terms as agreed with the previous issuer account bank. The transfer trigger remains unchanged at Baa3.

Today's rating actions took into consideration the Notes' exposure to relevant counterparties, such as servicer or account banks. The ratings of the Notes are constrained by the issuer account bank exposure. As a result, Moody's downgraded the deal's tranches.

Principal Methodology

The principal methodology used in these ratings was "Moody's Approach to Rating RMBS Using the MILAN Framework" published in September 2017. Please see the Rating Methodologies page on www.moody.com for a copy of this methodology.

The Credit Ratings for this rating action were assigned in accordance with Moody's existing Methodology entitled "Moody's Approach to Rating RMBS Using the MILAN Framework" dated 11 September 2017. Please note that on 14 November 2018, Moody's released a Request for Comment, in which it has requested market feedback on potential revisions to its Methodology for RMBS Using the MILAN Framework. If the revised Methodology is implemented as proposed, the Credit Ratings may be NEUTRALLY affected. Please refer to Moody's Request for Comment, titled "Proposed Update to Moody's Approach to Rating RMBS Using the MILAN Framework" for further details regarding the implications of the proposed Methodology revisions on certain Credit Ratings.

The analysis undertaken by Moody's at the initial assignment of a rating for an RMBS security 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.

List of Affected Ratings:

Issuer: MBS BANCAJA 6, FTA

...EUR904M Class A Notes, Downgraded to Aa2 (sf); previously on Jul 16, 2018 Affirmed Aa1 (sf)

...EUR37.5M Class B Notes, Downgraded to A1 (sf); previously on Jul 16, 2018 Affirmed Aa1 (sf)

...EUR28.5M Class C Notes, Downgraded to A1 (sf); previously on Jul 16, 2018 Affirmed Aa1 (sf)

...EUR30M Class D Notes, Downgraded to A1 (sf); previously on Jul 16, 2018 Upgraded to Aa3 (sf)

REGULATORY DISCLOSURES

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.

The analysis relies on an assessment of collateral characteristics to determine the collateral loss distribution, that is, the function that correlates to an assumption about the likelihood of occurrence to each level of possible losses in the collateral. As a second step, Moody's evaluates each possible collateral loss scenario using a model that replicates the relevant structural features to derive payments and therefore the ultimate potential losses for each rated instrument. The loss a rated instrument incurs in each collateral loss scenario, weighted by assumptions about the likelihood of events in that scenario occurring, results in the expected loss of the rated instrument.

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