

**Otra Información Relevante de****HIPOCAT 8 FONDO DE TITULIZACIÓN DE ACTIVOS**

En virtud de lo establecido en el Folleto Informativo de **HIPOCAT 8 FONDO DE TITULIZACIÓN DE ACTIVOS** (el “Fondo”) se comunica a la COMISIÓN NACIONAL DEL MERCADO DE VALORES la presente información relevante:

- La Agencia de Calificación **Moody’s Investors Service** (“**Moody’s**”), con fecha 20 de abril de 2021, comunica que ha elevado la calificación asignada a la siguiente Serie de Bonos emitidos por el Fondo:

- **Serie D: Baa2 (sf)** (anterior **Ba1 (sf)**)

Asimismo, Moody’s ha confirmado las calificaciones asignadas a las siguientes Serie de Bonos:

- **Serie A2: Aa1 (sf)**
- **Serie B: Aa1 (sf)**
- **Serie C: Aa1 (sf)**

Se adjunta la comunicación emitida por Moody’s.

Madrid, 4 de mayo de 2021.

**Rating Action: Moody's upgrades and affirms ratings of Notes in four transactions of the Hipocat Series, Spanish RMBS**

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Paris, April 20, 2021 -- Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") has today upgraded and affirmed the ratings of Notes in four RMBS transactions in the HIPOCAT FTA series. The upgrades reflect the better than expected performance and increased levels of credit enhancement for the affected Notes.

Issuer: HIPOCAT 7, FTA

...EUR1148.3M Class A2 Notes, Affirmed Aa1 (sf); previously on Feb 26, 2020 Affirmed Aa1 (sf)

...EUR21.7M Class B Notes, Affirmed Aa1 (sf); previously on Feb 26, 2020 Affirmed Aa1 (sf)

...EUR42M Class C Notes, Affirmed Aa1 (sf); previously on Feb 26, 2020 Affirmed Aa1 (sf)

...EUR28M Class D Notes, Upgraded to A1 (sf); previously on Feb 26, 2020 Upgraded to A3 (sf)

Issuer: HIPOCAT 8, FTA

...EUR1155.5M Class A2 Notes, Affirmed Aa1 (sf); previously on Jan 29, 2020 Affirmed Aa1 (sf)

...EUR26.2M Class B Notes, Affirmed Aa1 (sf); previously on Jan 29, 2020 Affirmed Aa1 (sf)

...EUR35.6M Class C Notes, Affirmed Aa1 (sf); previously on Jan 29, 2020 Upgraded to Aa1 (sf)

...EUR32.7M Class D Notes, Upgraded to Baa2 (sf); previously on Jan 29, 2020 Upgraded to Ba1 (sf)

Issuer: HIPOCAT 9, FTA

...EUR500M Class A2a Notes, Affirmed Aa1 (sf); previously on Dec 5, 2019 Affirmed Aa1 (sf)

...EUR236.2M Class A2b Notes, Affirmed Aa1 (sf); previously on Dec 5, 2019 Affirmed Aa1 (sf)

...EUR22M Class B Notes, Upgraded to Aa2 (sf); previously on Dec 5, 2019 Affirmed A1 (sf)

...EUR18.3M Class C Notes, Upgraded to Ba2 (sf); previously on Dec 5, 2019 Affirmed Ba3 (sf)

...EUR23.5M Class D Notes, Upgraded to Ba3 (sf); previously on Dec 5, 2019 Upgraded to B2 (sf)

Issuer: HIPOCAT 11, FTA

...EUR1083.2M Class A2 Notes, Upgraded to Aa2 (sf); previously on Nov 26, 2019 Upgraded to A1 (sf)

The 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 upgrades of the ratings of the Notes are prompted by the better than expected collateral performance and increase in credit enhancements for the affected tranches. For instance, cumulative defaults have remained largely unchanged in the past year, below are the exact figures for each transaction:

(i) HIPOCAT 7, FTA, to 3.89% from 3.87%.

(ii) HIPOCAT 8, FTA, to 6.41% from 6.39%.

(iii) HIPOCAT 9, FTA, to 11.14% from 11.12%.

(iv) HIPOCAT 11, FTA, to 25.03% from 24.99%.

Moody's affirmed the ratings of the classes of Notes that had sufficient credit enhancements to maintain their current ratings.

#### Key Collateral Assumption Revised

As part of the rating actions, Moody's reassessed its lifetime loss expectations and recovery rates for the portfolios reflecting their collateral performances to date.

Moody's revised its expected loss assumptions as follows:

- (i) HIPOCAT 7, FTA, to 2.10% from 2.36%.
- (ii) HIPOCAT 8, FTA, to 3.33% from 3.63%.
- (iii) HIPOCAT 9, FTA, to 5.63% from 5.96%.
- (iv) HIPOCAT 11, FTA, to 15.03% from 15.37%.

All as a percentage of the original pool balance for each transaction.

Moody's has also assessed loan-by-loan information as a part of its detailed transaction review to determine the credit support consistent with target ratings levels and the volatility of future losses. As a result, Moody's has revised the MILAN CE assumptions of each transaction as follows:

- (i) HIPOCAT 7, FTA, to 11.0% from 13.0%.
- (ii) HIPOCAT 8, FTA, to 11.0% from 13.5%.
- (iii) HIPOCAT 9, FTA, to 12.0% from 17.0%.
- (iv) HIPOCAT 11, FTA, to 22.5% unchanged.

The coronavirus pandemic has had a significant impact on economic activity. Although global economies have shown a remarkable degree of resilience to date and are returning to growth, the uneven effects on individual businesses, sectors and regions will continue throughout 2021 and will endure as a challenge to the world's economies well beyond the end of the year. While persistent virus fears remain the main risk for a recovery in demand, the economy will recover faster if vaccines and further fiscal and monetary policy responses bring forward a normalization of activity. As a result, there is a heightened degree of uncertainty around our forecasts. Our analysis has considered the effect on the performance of consumer assets from a gradual and unbalanced recovery in the Spanish economic activity.

We regard the coronavirus outbreak as a social risk under our ESG framework, given the substantial implications for public health and safety.

#### PRINCIPAL METHODOLOGY

The principal methodology used in these ratings was "Moody's Approach to Rating RMBS Using the MILAN Framework" published in December 2020 and available at [https://www.moody's.com/researchdocumentcontentpage.aspx?docid=PBS\\_1248130](https://www.moody's.com/researchdocumentcontentpage.aspx?docid=PBS_1248130). Alternatively, please see the Rating Methodologies page on [www.moody's.com](http://www.moody's.com) for a copy of this methodology.

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: (i) performance of the underlying collateral that is better than Moody's expected; (ii) an increase in the Notes' available credit enhancement; (iii) improvements in the credit quality of the transaction counterparties; and (iv) a decrease in sovereign risk.

Factors or circumstances that could lead to a downgrade of the ratings include: (i) an increase in sovereign risk; (ii) performance of the underlying collateral that is worse than Moody's expected; (iii) deterioration in the

Notes' available credit enhancement; and (iv) deterioration in the credit quality of the transaction counterparties.

## REGULATORY DISCLOSURES

For further specification of Moody's key rating assumptions and sensitivity analysis, see the sections Methodology Assumptions and Sensitivity to Assumptions in the disclosure form. Moody's Rating Symbols and Definitions can be found at: [https://www.moody.com/researchdocumentcontentpage.aspx?docid=PBC\\_79004](https://www.moody.com/researchdocumentcontentpage.aspx?docid=PBC_79004).

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.

Moody's quantitative analysis entails an evaluation of scenarios that stress factors contributing to sensitivity of ratings and take into account the likelihood of severe collateral losses or impaired cash flows. Moody's weights the impact on the rated instruments based on its assumptions of the likelihood of the events in such scenarios occurring.

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At least one ESG consideration was material to the credit rating action(s) announced and described above.

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