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Rated entity:

Bearer Notes (Fund X notes) with the ISIN: DE000A2RUR32 issued by Paramount Group Real Estate Investments S.A., Compartment 6

Rating:

BB-

Rating outlook / addition:

Outlook stable

Basic rating data:

Initial Issue Date January 9, 2020 Jurisdiction rated entity German law

Exchange -

Legal formSociété AnonymeIssue volumenUSD 150,000,000SeniorityNon-subordinatedCollateralisationNon-collateralized

Credit Enhancement Available
Legal Maturity January 9, 2045
Cupon 4.0% p.a.
Cupon period Quarterly
Cupon type Fix, deferrable

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Rating rationale:

CRA identifies a consistently high structural, operational, portfolio and credit risk compared to the assessment of the previous rating action. Even though the markets are showing clear signs of improvement, the impairment caused by COVID-19 to the underlying portfolio assets and thus to the creditworthiness of the notes is still present and further hinders an already halting ramp-up of the investment vehicle's portfolio. Based on present information and the results of the cash flow analysis, CRA deems the borrower's ability still sufficient to fulfil its obligations arising from the rating object. Nevertheless, CRA deviates from the quantitative base case result by two notches down acknowledging the increased credit risk due to unrealized portfolio diversification at this stage in combination with substantially increased operational risk at the level of the underlying assets.

Primary key rating driver:

- (+) Possibility of early amortization payments to build up credit enhancement
- (+) Deferrable coupon
- (+) No currency risks within the structure
- (-) Soft investment criteria
- (-) Continued increased structural, operational, portfolio and credit risk following COVID-19
- (-) Relatively low cash yield and low diversification of the portfolio
- (-) Low ramp-up speed of the IVV's portfolio

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Ratings sensitivities:

Best-case scenario: CRA assumes in its best-case scenario a one-grade improvement of the average collateral quality (via CRA's Property Grade assumption) of the portfolio's loans following a ramp up with loans collateralized by high-quality properties, and derives a BBB quantitative result and a rating of BB+.

Worst-case scenario: CRA assumes in its worst-case scenario a deterioration of the average collateral quality (via CRA's Property Grade assumption) of the portfolio's loans following a ramp up with loans collateralized by below-average properties in addition to higher than expected recovery delays (18 months) in case of loan default. Here, CRA derives a B quantitative result and a rating of CCC.

ESG-Criteria:

CRA generally considers ESG factors (environment, social and governance) within its rating decisions. In the present case, ESG criteria had no comprehensive impact to the rating.

ESG factors with material impact were not identified.

Latest rating date / Disclosure to rated entity / Maximum validity:

October 28, 2021 / October 28, 2021 / January 9, 2045

Between the disclosure of the credit rating to the rated entity and the public disclosure, no amendments were made to the credit rating.

Initial rating date:

January 31, 2019 / BBB+ / Outlook stable

Status of solicitation:

The rating is a solicited rating. The degree of participation was as follows:

With Rated Entity or Related Third Party Participation: Yes

With Access to Internal Documents: Yes

With Access to Management: Yes

Notes:

This document is a CRA Press Release. The CRA Press Release outlines significant rating-relevant changes compared to CRA's most recent rating action. It immediately follows that the assigned rating must not be limited to the motivators mentioned in the CRA Press Release. Instead, a comprehensive acknowledgement of all explanations provided in previous reports, other forms of documentation, rating updates and, in particular, the CRA initial rating report is indispensable. At this point, CRA refers the reader to these forms of documentation, rating updates and reports.

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The rating was conducted on the basis of Creditreform Rating's "Issue Ratings" in conjunction with Creditreform's basic document "Rating Criteria and Definitions".

Important sources of information in the context of the rating were, in addition to the submitted documents, a due diligence call on October 4, 2021. The submitted documents and information provided by Paramount Group or rather the Issuer were sufficient to meet the requirements of Creditreform Rating AG's rating methodology.

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https://creditreform-rating.de/en/about-us/regulatory-requirements.html

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https://creditreform-rating.de/en/about-us/regulatory-requirements.html

This rating was carried out by analysts Dr. Matthias Peiß (Lead) and Agne Bacionyte all located in Neuss/Germany. The function of Person Approving Credit Ratings (PAC) was performed by Stephan Giebler.

The rating is based on the portfolio information and transaction documentation as of October 28, 2021, as provided by Paramount Group or the Issuer.

The issuer or all relevant parties have examined the rating report prior to publication and were provided with at least one full working day to appeal the rating committee decision and provide additional information. The rating decision was not amended following this examination.

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- 1. Transaction structure and participants
- 2. Transaction documents
- 3. Issuance documents

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