

**Rating Object:**

Bearer Bonds with the ISIN: XS1925359058 issued by RE Debt Strategy S.A. acting in respect of its Compartment 3

**Rating:**

A-

**Rating Outlook / Addition:**

watch negative

**Rating Information:**

Initial Issue Date	18.12.2018
Jurisdiction Rating Object	German law
Exchange	---
Legal Form	Luxembourg securitisation company in the form of a S.A.
Issue Volumen	EUR 92.614.998
Seniority	Non-subordinated
Collateralisation	Non-collateralized
Credit Enhancement	Available
Legal Maturity	17.12.2025
Coupon	Euribor 3 months + 0.75% p.a.
Coupon Period	Quarterly
Coupon Type	Fix (deferrable) + variable
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**Rating Rationale:**

CRA confirms the rating of A- of the bearer notes with ISIN: XS1925359058 but replaces the negative outlook by a watch negative (WATCH NEW). CRA still identifies low structural risks but sees increased operational risks caused mainly by the COVID-19 pandemic and macroeconomic forces such as growing inflation, rising interest rates, recession concerns and geopolitical complexities. The portfolio and credit risk is increased compared to the last rating action. This is because of an increased valuation and therefore a collateral quality risk for a single tenant and single asset logistic property as the current tenant vacates the property until end of 2022 and the property will be unoccupied if no new tenant will be found in the short term. The base case result of the quantitative analysis still supports the current rating level although the quantitative result deteriorated by one notch compared to last year. If now new tenant will be found for the logistic property until the next loan extension date in February 2023 CRA will use the vacant possession value for the loan to value calculation. This would lead (ceteris paribus) to a worsening of the quantitative result and the overall rating. For this reason CRA added the supplement "watch negative" to the rating.

**Primary Key Rating Factors:**

- (+) Long-standing experience and positive track record of the asset manager
- (+) Investments into senior secured debt financings and currently conservative senior look through LTVs (w. average 53%)
- (+) On a loan by loan basis there are additional contractual enhancements (like covenants and reserve account pledges, etc.), which offer more comfort and security for servicing the notes
- (-) Valuation risk of single asset and single tenant logistic property in Belgium if no new tenant is found in the very short term
- (-) The notes are unsecured, but indirect and proportional participation in the security package of purchased loans and issued bonds
- (-) Limited portfolio effect due to relatively low number of investments and minor interest spread between loans and notes interests
- (-) Increased operational, portfolio and credit risks due to Covid-19 impacts on European economy and real estate market as well as negative effects due to geopolitical risks, inflation and interest environment

**Ratings Sensitivities:**

Best-case scenario: In this scenario, we assumed a full repayment of the logistics loan in February 2023 which leads to an increase of the remaining portfolio property grade (ceteris paribus), resulting in a rating of A+.

Worst-case scenario: In this scenario, we used the vacant possession value for the logistic loan calculation in combination with an extension of the loan until February 2024 (ceteris paribus), resulting in a rating of BBB.

**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 on the rating.

ESG factors with material impact were not identified.

**Latest Rating Date / Disclosure to Rated Entity / Maximum Validity:**

08/12/2022 / 08/12/2022 / 17/12/2025

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:**

09/02/2019 / A / 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:**

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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 telephone call on 21/11/2022. The submitted documents and information provided by LaSalle or rather the Issuer were sufficient to meet the requirements of Creditreform Rating AG's rating methodology.

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This rating was carried out by analysts Simon Cordes (Lead) and Luca Olmes, all located in Neuss/Germany. The function of Person Approving Credit Ratings (PAC) was performed by Sascha Pomorin.

Closing of the transaction occurred on 18/12/2018. The rating is based on the portfolio information and transaction documentation as of 30/11/2022, as provided by LaSalle or the Issuer.

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