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Rated entity:

Bearer notes with the ISIN XS1718471250 issued by Pension Alternative Markets S.C.S. SICAV-FIS (company), acting for and on behalf of its subfund PAM II (borrower)

Rating:

BBB

Rating outlook / addition:

Outlook stable

Basic rating data:

Initial Issue Date 15/12/2017
Jurisdiction rated entity German law

Exchange

Legal form Société en commandite simple

Issue volumenEUR 56,000,000SeniorityNon-subordinatedCollateralisationNon-collateralizedCredit EnhancementAvailable

Legal Maturity 31/12/2042
Cupon 2.0% p.a.
Cupon period Annually

Cupon type Fix, non-deferrable

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Rating rationale:

Object of this rating are the MSCIF Notes (rating object) issued by Pension Alternative Markets S.C.S. SICAV-FIS, acting for and on behalf of its subfund PAM II. The borrower invests the proceeds indirectly in the form of equity capital in private infrastructure assets. The investments will be made through the Macquarie Super Core Infrastructure Fund S.C.Sp. (investment vehicle). The relevant manager is Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets (Europe) Limited.

Since our last rating review, there has been a material structural change to the transaction documents. The dividend-cap that was previously in place has been replaced by a "clawback" mechanism. Based on the new mechanism, the equity investors commit itself to increase their equity commitment to the borrower in the same amount as they previously received dividends from the same. While the implementation of the "clawback" mechanism has positive effects, a dilution of the credit enhancement due to a capital call has the opposite effect. From an operational perspective, there has been an improvement in that macroeconomic uncertainties have been reduced compared with the previous year. In addition, the asset class has recently been able to demonstrate its strong operational resilience to macroeconomic shock events. From a market perspective, Creditreform Rating (CRA) notes an overall tight supply of investment opportunities, which is particularly reflected in the slow portfolio ramp-up of the investment vehicle. The ramp-up currently lags significantly behind the originally communicated investment pace. Consequently, a slower portfolio ramp-up has been implemented into CRA's quantitative assessment, which continues to assume a portfolio of nine to ten assets. CRA still believe it is likely that a portfolio of nine assets will be built, however, CRAs assumed probability of occurrence for this scenario has decreased overall. If no additional assets can be acquired until the next follow-up rating, CRA will make an adjustment to the base case scenario in terms of the number of expected portfolio investments. This might lead to a downgrade of the rated notes. The remaining input parameters for the quantitative analyses from previous years were largely confirmed by the performance of the investment vehicle, and therefore no further significant changes were required. The quantitative results show an improvement due to the implemented "clawback" mechanism, which is why CRA upgraded the rating for the MSCIF Notes to BBB/sta

Primary key rating driver:

- (+) Initial loss buffer of 20% due to available equity on the borrower level
- (+) Clawback provision to prevent liquidity shortfalls on the borrower level
- (+) Asset manager's track record
- (+) Stable asset class with an overall low level of operational volatility
- (-) Implicit subordination of the rating object

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- (-) Potential asset-liability-mismatch due to diverging extension options of the rating object and the investment vehicle
- (-) Missing limitations for FX exposure
- (-) Expected regulatory yield compression
- (-) Limited investor-friendly investment vehicle terms

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Ratings sensitivities:

Best-case scenario: In this scenario, we stressed (ceteris paribus) the return on equity and the probability of default of the portfolio assets by an amount of + 0.5%-points and + one notch respectively, resulting in a rating of BBB+.

Worst-case scenario: In this scenario, we stressed (ceteris paribus) the return on equity and the return volatility of the portfolio assets by an amount of -1%-point and + 14.6%-points respectively, resulting in a rating of BB-.

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:

22/07/2021 / 22/07/2021 / 31/12/2042

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:

04/04/2018 / BBB-

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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Regulatory Requirements and Legal Disclosures:

Creditreform Rating AG was mandated on 08/08/2017 by Pension Alternative Markets S.C.S. SICAV-FIS, acting for and on behalf of its sub-fund PAM II to conduct a rating for the bearer notes under German law, issued by Pension Alternative Markets S.C.S. SICAV-FIS, PAM II. This is a public rating which is regulatory applicable according to EU Regulation 1060/2009 (CRA-Regulation).

The rating was conducted on the basis of Creditreform Rating's "Issue Ratings" and "Technical Documentation - Portfolio Loss Distribution" 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 meeting via a conference call on 10/06/2021. The submitted documents and information provided by Macquarie 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 Christian Schönherr (Lead) Sreenita Saha and Jan Löckenhoff, all located in Neuss/Germany. The function of Person Approving Credit Ratings (PAC) was performed by Dr. Matthias Peiß.

Closing of the transaction occured on 28/03/2018. The rating is based on the portfolio information and transaction documentation as of 21/07/2021, as provided by Macquarie 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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- 2. Transaction documents
- 3. Issuance documents

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