Creditreform C Rating

Rated entity:

Bearer Notes with the ISIN XS2131169596 issued by Real Assets Holding S.C.S. SICAV-RAIF, Sub-Fund IV

Rating:

BBB-

Rating outlook / addition:

Outlook negative

Basic rating data:

Initial Issue Date 12/15/2020
Jurisdiction rated entity Luxembourg law

Exchange

Legal form Société d'investissement à capital variable

Issue volumeUSD 48,000,000SeniorityNon-subordinatedCollateralizationNon-collateralizedCredit EnhancementAvailableLegal Maturity12/1/2036

Coupon 1.0% p.a.
Coupon period Annually

Coupon type Fix, non-deferrable

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Rating rationale:

Object of this rating are the MIP V Notes (rating object) issued by Real Assets Holding S.C.S. SICAV-RAIF, Sub-Fund IV (borrower). The borrower invests the proceeds indirectly in the form of equity or equity-like instruments in infrastructure assets. The investments will be made through Macquarie Infrastructure Partners V S.C.Sp. (investment vehicle). The relevant manager is Macquarie Infrastructure Partners, Inc.

CRA continues to see an elevated structural risk for the transaction under review. On the one hand, no distribution have been made by the investment vehicle to investors since our last rating action. On the other hand, the macroeconomic factors that have prevailed for more than a year have led to a change in monetary policy worldwide, resulting in rising interest rates. Although rising interest rates have not had an obvious negative impact on portfolio valuation, we expect this to become more visible in the mid-term. Although CRA continues to view the manager's operational risk as low, we still believe that macroeconomic risk drivers are currently dominating businesses activity. From a portfolio perspective, uncertainties related to the blind pool character of the portfolio remain reduced as we expect the remaining commitments of the investment vehicle to be reinvested in existing portfolio assets. The portfolio remains moderately concentrated in individual investment and highly concentrated in "Communications" and "Waste Management" sectors. As a result, CRA continues to view the portfolio and credit risk as elevated. CRA has updated its cash flow model for the transaction with most recent input parameters. The quantitative base case result has deteriorated compared to last year, mainly due to a deterioration in the credit quality of the investment vehicle's portfolio investments. Following the delivery of all requested documentation, the absence of which led to a rating suspension in January 2023, CRA is able to reassign a rating for the current transaction. As a result of deterioration in the quantitative results compared to last year's rating action, we downgrade the rating to BBB- from our previous assessment of BBB. The outlook remains negative due to economic uncertainties and the past performance of the issuer's AIFM.

Primary key rating driver:

- (+) Initial equity loss buffer of at least 20%
- (+) Conditional equity commitment reducing liquidity shortfall risks
- (+) Pace of portfolio ramp-up ahead of original expectations
- (+) Asset manager's track record
- (+/-) Valuation gains on the portfolio level
- (-) Lack of sufficient flow of information by the AIFM of the issuer
- (-) Rating object's subordination
- (-) Weak collateralization structure
- (-) Assets' credit qualities lag last year's expectations
- (-) High sector concentration within the portfolio of the investment vehicle

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Ratings sensitivities:

Best-case scenario: In this scenario, we stressed (ceteris paribus) the expected return and credit quality of the portfolio assets by an amount of +1%-point and +1 notch respectively, resulting in a rating of A-. This results in a rating of BBB+, taking into account both qualitative and quantitative aspects.

Worst-case scenario: In this scenario, we stressed (ceteris paribus) the expected return and credit quality of the portfolio assets by an amount of -1%-point and -1 notch respectively, resulting in a rating of BB+. This results in a rating of BB, taking into account both qualitative and quantitative aspects.

ESG-Criteria:

CRA generally takes ESG-relevant factors (environment, social and governance) into account when assessing the rating object. In the present case, ESG criteria, taken as a whole, had no comprehensive impact on the rating.

The subsequent ESG factors had had been considered:

Previous level of data transparency and accuracy: material negative influence due to lack of sufficient flow of information

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

4/14/2023 / 4/14/2023 / 12/1/2036

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:

4/29/2020 / 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 (see rating history in the Appendix). 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 2/24/2020 by Real Assets Holding S.C.S. SICAV-RAIF, Sub-Fund IV to conduct a rating for the bearer notes under German law, issued by Real Assets Holding S.C.S. SICAV-RAIF, Sub-Fund IV. 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, management calls with the AIFM on 1/18/2023 and 1/20/2023. 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) and Qinghang Lin, all located in Neuss/Germany. The function of Person Approving Credit Ratings (PAC) was performed by Sascha Pomorin.

Closing of the transaction occurred on 4/28/2020. The rating is based on the portfolio information and transaction documentation as of 4/13/2023, 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.

Ancillary services were provided. A pre-rating was conducted.

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

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