



Rating Action: Moody's Ratings upgrades rating on Class D Notes issued by Bauhinia ILBS 1 Limited

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Hong Kong, March 03, 2025 -- Moody's Ratings (Moody's) has today upgraded the rating on the Class D Notes issued by Bauhinia ILBS 1 Limited (the Issuer).

The affected rating is as follows:

Issuer: Bauhinia ILBS 1 Limited

....US\$10,000,000 Class D Senior Secured Floating Rate Notes Due 19 October 2044, Upgraded to Baa1 (sf); previously on Apr 15, 2024 Upgraded to Baa2 (sf)

A comprehensive review of all credit ratings for the transaction has been conducted during a rating committee.

This transaction is a project finance and corporate infrastructure collateralized loan obligation (CLO) cash flow securitization. As of end-December 2024, the notes are collateralized by US\$360.1 million of assets, encompassing cash and a portfolio of bank-syndicated senior secured project finance and corporate infrastructure loans to 23 projects in Asia-Pacific, the Middle East, and South America.

RATINGS RATIONALE

The rating upgrade on the Class D Notes is prompted by an increase in the credit enhancement available to the notes, as well as the credit quality and performance of the collateral to date.

No actions were taken on the remaining rated classes in the deal, as credit enhancement remains commensurate with the current rating for those classes.

The credit enhancement available to the Class D Notes has increased to 11.2% from 10.4% at last rating action in April 2024.

The credit quality of the portfolio has remained stable. Based on the portfolio as of end-December 2024, and taking into account the acquisition of two loans, one in

January 2025 and one in February 2025, the current weighted average rating factor (WARF) of the portfolio, after applying the credit estimate notching adjustments, is 954, and without adjustments is 820. At the last rating action, the WARF with notching adjustments was 936, and without adjustments was 793. All loans are performing, and there have been no defaults.

The assets comprised of project and infrastructure loans, an undrawn commitment amount, and cash currently held which will be distributed on the next payment date in April 2025. The cash is from principal and interest payments from the project and infrastructure loans since the last payment date in October 2024.

We use a loan-by-loan Monte Carlo simulation framework in Moody's CDOROM™ to model the portfolio loss distribution for this CLO.

The key model inputs we use in our analysis, such as par, rating factor, and the recovery rate assumptions, are based on our published methodology and could differ from the trustee's reported numbers. In our base case, we analyzed the underlying loan portfolio as having a performing par of US\$347.2 million, a WARF of 954 after applying the credit estimate notching adjustments over a weighted average life of 4.8 years and a weighted average recovery rate upon default of 64% (inclusive of external credit support for covered loans).

Methodology Underlying the Rating Action:

The principal methodology used in this rating was "Project Finance and Infrastructure Asset CLOs" published in July 2024 and available at <https://ratings.moodys.com/rmc-documents/425583>. Alternatively, please see the Rating Methodologies page on <https://ratings.moodys.com> for a copy of this methodology.

Factors that would lead to an upgrade or downgrade of the rating:

This transaction is subject to the performance of the underlying portfolio and the credit quality of the external credit support providers and counterparties of the participation agreements, which in turn is subject to a high level of macroeconomic uncertainty. The CLO manager's investment decisions and management of the transaction will also affect the performance of the rated securities.

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then modeled individually with a standard multi-factor model incorporating both intra- and inter-industry correlation. The correlation structure is based on a Gaussian copula. Each Monte Carlo scenario simulates defaults and if applicable, recovery rates, to derive losses on a portfolio. For a synthetic transaction, the model then allocates losses to the tranches in reverse order of priority to derive the loss on the tranches. By repeating this process and averaging over the number of simulations, Moody's can derive the expected loss on the tranches. For a cash transaction, the portfolio loss, or default, distribution produced by Moody's CDOROM™ may be input into a separate cash flow model in accordance with its priority of payment to determine each tranche's expected loss.

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