

Rating Action: UniCredit Mortgage Bank Covered Bonds

Moody's downgrades UniCredit Mortgage Bank's covered bonds to A3

This concludes the review for downgrade of UniCredit Jelzalogbank's mortgage covered bonds

Frankfurt, June 03, 2009 -- Moody's Investors Service has taken the following rating actions on the covered bonds issued by UniCredit Mortgage Bank (UniCredit Jelzalogbank or the Issuer):

- Mortgage covered bonds downgraded to A3 from A1 on review for possible downgrade; previously on 8 April 2009 downgraded to A1 and placed on review for possible downgrade.

Today's rating action concludes the review for possible downgrade of the mortgage covered bonds, which was initiated on 8 April 2009.

The downgrade of the covered bonds is due to (i) the deterioration of the credit strength of the Issuer and (ii) the current structure of the programme. The primary drivers of UniCredit Jelzalogbank's covered bond ratings include:

- i) The credit strength of the Issuer (not rated publicly);
- ii) The Hungarian legal framework for covered bonds, including, inter alia, the requirement of the Hungarian legal framework to provide at all times at least the same amount of cover assets for all outstanding mortgage covered bonds both on a net present value and a nominal basis;
- iii) The quality of the cover pool assets, which serve as security for the outstanding covered bonds;
- iv) Currency and interest rate mismatches between the cover pool and the covered bonds; and
- v) The maintenance of 1.5% "voluntary" over-collateralisation on a nominal basis.

Moody's has not published the Timely Payment Indicator (TPI) for this transaction as the Issuer has chosen not to disclose its rating. However Moody's notes that the TPI does not constrain the covered bond rating.

Moody's initially analysed and monitors these transactions using the rating methodology for EMEA Covered Bond transactions as described in the Rating Methodology reports "Moody's Rating Approach to European Covered Bond", published in June 2005, "Timely Payment in Covered Bonds following Sponsor Bank Default", published in March 2008 and "Assessing Swaps as Hedges in the Covered Bond Market", published in September 2008.

The rating assigned by Moody's addresses the expected loss posed to investors. Moody's ratings address only the credit risks associated with the transaction. Other non-credit risks have not been addressed, but may have a significant effect on yield to investors.

Headquartered in Budapest, Hungary, Unicredit Mortgage Bank reported IFRS net income of HUF1.9 billion in 2008 and total assets of HUF143.9 billion.

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