



RATING ACTION COMMENTARY

Fitch Upgrades Cassa del Trentino to 'A-'; Outlook Stable

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Fitch Ratings - Milan - 20 Dec 2021: Fitch Ratings has upgraded Cassa del Trentino S.p.A.'s (CdT) Long-Term Issuer Default Rating (IDR) to 'A-' from 'BBB+'. The Outlook is Stable. A full list of rating actions is detailed below.

KEY RATING DRIVERS

The upgrade of CdT reflects the upgrade of the ratings of its sponsor, the Autonomous Province of Trento (PAT), to 'A-' from 'BBB+' on 15 December 2021 (see "Fitch Upgrades Autonomous Province of Trento to 'A-' on Sovereign Rating Action, Outlook Stable" on www.fitchratings.com), as CdT is deemed a government-related entity (GRE) of PAT based on Fitch's GRE Rating Criteria. The Outlook is Stable, in line with the Outlook on the sponsor's rating.

Full rationale for CdT's rating alignment with PAT's is outlined in the Rating Action Commentary of 18 May 2021 (see "Fitch Affirms Cassa del Trentino at 'BBB+'; Outlook Stable" on www.fitchratings.com).

DERIVATION SUMMARY

Fitch believes that PAT will provide extraordinary support to CdT, if needed. Our overall evaluation of support translates into a top-down approach, under Fitch's GRE Rating Criteria, which would result in a one-notch differential with PAT's IDRs, absent the assessment of CdT's Standalone Credit Profile. However, CdT's IDRs are equalised with

those of PAT as a high (nearly 100%) share of government-guaranteed debt, as calculated by Fitch, overrides the assessment of GRE support factors.

CdT's 'F1' Short-Term IDR is equalised with the sponsor's Short-Term IDR.

KEY ASSUMPTIONS

Borrowing will continue to be largely assisted by PAT's guarantees.

RATING SENSITIVITIES

Factors that could, individually or collectively, lead to positive rating action/upgrade:

Positive rating action on PAT would be reflected on CdT's rating, if the share of guaranteed debt by the province remains high and above 75%.

Factors that could, individually or collectively, lead to negative rating action/downgrade:

Negative rating action on PAT's IDRs would be mirrored on CdT's IDRs.

Negative rating action could also be prompted by a dilution of support resulting from non-guaranteed financial debt exceeding 25% of CdT's financial debt.

BEST/WORST CASE RATING SCENARIO

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Sources of Information

The principal sources of information used in the analysis are described in the Applicable Criteria.

REFERENCES FOR SUBSTANTIALLY MATERIAL SOURCE CITED AS KEY DRIVER OF RATING

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PUBLIC RATINGS WITH CREDIT LINKAGE TO OTHER RATINGS

CdT's IDRs are credit-linked to PAT's.

ESG CONSIDERATIONS

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RATING ACTIONS

ENTITY / DEBT ⚡	RATING ⚡			PRIOR ⚡
Cassa del Trentino S.p.A.	LT IDR	A- Rating Outlook Stable		BBB+ Rating Outlook Stable
	Upgrade			
	ST IDR	F1	Affirmed	F1
	LC LT IDR	A- Rating Outlook Stable		BBB+ Rating Outlook Stable
	Upgrade			
senior unsecured	LT	A-	Upgrade	BBB+

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[Government-Related Entities Rating Criteria \(pub. 30 Sep 2020\)](#)

[Public Sector, Revenue-Supported Entities Rating Criteria \(pub. 01 Sep 2021\) \(including rating assumption sensitivity\)](#)

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