

### Rating Action: Moody's Ratings affirms OTP Bank Nyrt's Baa3 senior unsecured debt rating, changes outlook to negative from stable

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# OTP Bank Nyrt's Baa1 long-term deposit ratings were also affirmed, outlook changed to positive from stable

Limassol, December 04, 2024 -- Moody's Ratings (Moody's) has today affirmed OTP Bank Nyrt's (OTP) Baa1/P-2 long- and short-term deposit ratings and its Baa3 senior unsecured debt rating. Concurrently we changed the outlook on the long-term deposits to positive from stable and on the senior unsecured debt rating to negative from stable. Further, we affirmed OTP's ba1 Baseline Credit Assessment (BCA) and Adjusted BCA, its Ba2 subordinated bond and its Ba3(hyb) junior subordinated bond ratings as well as its Baa1/P-2 long- and short-term Counterparty Risk Ratings (CRR), and its Baa1(cr)/P-2(cr) long- and short-term Counterparty Risk (CR) Assessments.

We also affirmed OTP Jelzalogbank Zrt. (OTP Mortgage Bank)'s (OTP MB, OTP's wholly owned mortgage bank subsidiary) Baa3 backed long-term issuer rating and changed the outlook to negative from stable. OTP MB's Baa1/P-2 long- and short term CRRs and Baa1(cr)/P-2(cr) long- and short-term CR Assessments were also affirmed.

#### **RATINGS RATIONALE**

-OTP BANK NYRT

#### --AFFIRMATION OF THE BASELINE CREDIT ASSESSMENT

The affirmation of OTP's ba1 BCA acknowledges the diversification in its revenues and asset composition as a result of its leading franchise in Hungary as well as in several Central and Southern Eastern European countries. Around two thirds of OTP's operations are outside Hungary, predominantly in countries in the European Union, but also in weaker operating environments such as in the Commonwealth of Independent States. These foreign operations provide significant growth opportunities

and enable the continued and gradual strengthening of OTP's financial performance.

OTP's diversified loan book, both across geographies and industries, supports its credit profile. Despite its relatively high allocation to unsecured consumer loans the bank maintains strict underwriting as evidenced by improving asset quality and contained cost of risk, which also support the affirmation of the BCA.

OTP's credit profile further benefits from its strong profitability, which we expect will remain robust, despite the headwinds to its high net interest margin due to the decline in interest rates mainly affecting OTP's operations in the euro area and euro-linked countries.

The affirmation of the bank's ba1 BCA also reflects its high capitalization supported by strong internal capital generation and low leverage but also expected to soften from current high levels given OTP's acquisitive growth strategy.

The ba1 BCA also considers OTP's funding base, which relies predominantly on stable retail deposits, with limited reliance on confidence sensitive market funding while the bank maintains strong liquidity buffers.

#### --AFFIRMATION OF DEBT AND DEPOSIT RATINGS

The affirmation of OTP's Baa1 long-term deposit ratings, Baa3 senior unsecured debt rating as well as its Ba2 subordinated debt rating and Ba3(hyb) junior subordinated debt rating reflects the affirmation of the bank's ba1 Adjusted BCA and the unchanged results of our Advanced Loss Given Failure (LGF) analysis, which drive three notches of uplift for OTP's deposit ratings and no uplift for the senior unsecured debt. Given the very high severity for the bank's subordinated and junior subordinated debt, these are rated one notch and two notches respectively (also considering the coupon skip mechanism for the latter) below the Adjusted BCA.

Our Advanced LGF analysis incorporates the outstanding volumes of debt as well as OTP's planned issuances for next year and is based on OTP's current common resolution perimeter, which excludes certain operations most important of which is OTP's Slovenian subsidiary.

Because of OTP's domestic importance, we assume a moderate likelihood of support in case of need from the Government of Hungary (Baa2 negative) for deposits and senior creditors, which results in one notch of uplift in the bank's senior unsecured debt rating and no uplift for the deposit ratings because they already exceed the government rating before support considerations.

#### -OTP MB

The affirmation of OTP MB's Baa3 backed long-term issuer rating, its Baa1/P-2 longand short-term CRRs and Baa1(cr)/P-2(cr) long- and short-term CR Assessments is driven by the affirmation of OTP's equivalent ratings and assessments. OTP MB's ratings are aligned with the equivalent ratings of its parent bank, based on OTP's explicit and irrevocable guarantee for OTP MB's unsubordinated liabilities and our assessment that OTP MB is a highly integrated entity of OTP.

#### --OUTLOOKS

The positive outlook on OTP's long-term deposit ratings reflects our expectation that the bank's strong financial performance, particularly profitability and capitalization, as well as the trend of improving asset quality will be maintained over the next 12-18 months driving an upgrade of its BCA and Adjusted BCA.

The negative outlook on the bank's senior unsecured debt rating and on OTP MB's backed long-term issuer rating, is driven by the negative outlook on the sovereign ratings as these ratings could lose the current government support uplift in case of a downgrade of Hungary's Baa2 rating.

## FACTORS THAT COULD LEAD TO AN UPGRADE OR DOWNGRADE OF THE RATINGS

OTP's and OTP MB's ratings could be upgraded following an upgrade of OTP's BCA. The bank's senior unsecured debt rating, as well as its subordinated and junior subordinated debt ratings could also be upgraded following the issuance of more junior instruments resulting in lower losses for the relevant creditors and larger uplift from the application of our Advanced LGF analysis. Given the negative outlook on Hungary's ratings the potential benefit to OTP's deposit ratings from a higher BCA could be offset by a lower rating of the sovereign as under our methodology the deposit ratings are constrained at two notches above the sovereign rating.

OTP's BCA could be upgraded following sustained improvements in solvency, mainly by continued improvement in asset quality while maintaining strong profitability and capitalization.

OTP's and OTP MB's senior unsecured debt and backed long-term issuer ratings respectively could be downgraded following a downgrade of the sovereign rating. The banks' ratings could also be downgraded following a downgrade of OTP's BCA or changes in its liability structure that would result in lower notching following the application of Advanced LGF.

OTP's BCA could be downgraded following a significant deterioration in its solvency and its liquidity profile.

#### PRINCIPAL METHODOLOGY

The principal methodology used in these ratings was Banks published in November 2024 and available at <a href="https://ratings.moodys.com/rmc-documents/432741">https://ratings.moodys.com/rmc-documents/432741</a>.

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