

Rating Object:

Bearer Bonds "AEPD III Notes" with the ISIN: DE000A2SA9L9 issued by ALPHA European Private Debt S.A. (company), acting for and on behalf of its compartment 6 (issuer)

Rating:

A-

Rating Outlook / Addition:

Outlook stable

Rating Information:

Initial Issue Date	15/06/2020
Jurisdiction Rating Object	German law
Exchange	Open Market Frankfurt Stock Exchange
Legal Form	S.A. – Société Anonyme
Issue Volumen	Up to 700 Mio. EUR
Seniority	Non-subordinated
Collateralisation	Non-collateralized
Credit Enhancement	Intended
Legal Maturity	15/06/2030
Coupon	Initially up to 4,0% p.a.
Coupon Period	Semi-annually
Coupon Type	Variable
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Rating Rationale:

The structural risks are unchanged compared with the previous year. There is currently no substantial credit enhancement in the form of overcollateralization from early repayments or amortizations. Increased operational risks arise primarily from the general economic downturn, particularly in the form of high inflation rates, as well as an increased interest rate environment and the resulting implications for the credit ratings of borrowers. The asset manager has the know-how and resources to successfully implement the investment strategy. Risks regarding a successful realization of the fund of funds strategy basically result from the dependency and the limited access to the target fund manager. The development of the portfolio to date and the investments in target funds have proceeded according to plan and within the framework of the specified investment criteria, so that no increase in credit and portfolio risks compared with the last rating action can be identified. Risks in connection with the blind pool mainly result from an allocation to future credit investments, which is associated with uncertainties and whose parameters (in particular cash yield) may be below the assumptions expected by Creditreform Rating (CRA). The results of the quantitative analysis are marginally above the previous year's level, but the rating continues to react very sensitively to changes in the key parameters. Based on the quantitative result and taking into account qualitative factors, such as the existing blind pool risk and the increased operating risks, among others, CRA confirms the rating of A- / stable.

Primary Key Rating Factors:

- (+) Broadly diversified portfolio across sectors and countries expected with approx. 300 underlying loans
- (+) Reliable track record of asset manager and target funds, based on the three previous products
- (+) Minimum of 90% of underlying loans will be senior secured
- (+) Issuer set up in line with market practice and designed to be insolvency-free
- (+/-) No initial credit enhancement available, but credit enhancement is planned to be built up over the term of the notes
- (-) Limited enforcement rights for asset manager and issuer towards underlying target funds as well as limited influence on individual target fund managers

- (-) Increased sensitivity of the rating to even minor changes of underlying rating parameters; the quantitative results show no buffer with regard to the rating in case of deviations from assumed rating parameters taking into account stressed scenarios
- (-) Elevated risks from the current economic downturn and increased interest charges for target companies of private debt funds

Ratings Sensitivities:

In the best case scenario, an improvement of +15% in the average cash yield of the underlying loans of the blind pool assets (ceteris paribus) was assumed. The quantitative result in the best case is A+, the corresponding rating is A.

In the worst case scenario, a +50% increase of the probability of default of the underlying borrowers and a +15% deterioration in the average loss given default of the underlying loans (ceteris paribus) were assumed. The quantitative result in the worst case is BB+, the corresponding rating is BB.

ESG-Criteria:

CRA generally considers ESG factors (environment, social and governance) within its rating decisions. In the present case, ESG criteria had no comprehensive impact to the rating.

ESG factors with material impact were not identified.

Latest Rating Date / Disclosure to Rated Entity / Maximum Validity:

27/07/2023 / 27/07/2023 / 15/06/2030

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:

08/06/2020 / A- / 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:

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This rating was carried out by analysts Lars Koehler (Lead), Jan Loeckenhoff and Yannick Sagert, all located in Neuss/Germany. The function of Person Approving Credit Ratings (PAC) was performed by Sascha Pomorin.

Closing of the transaction occurred on 15/06/2020. The rating is based on the portfolio information and transaction documentation as of 25/07/2023, as provided by Alpha Associates AG or the Issuer.

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