

Rating Object:

Bearer notes (ABCRED III Notes) with ISIN XS1704854089 issued by AB Commercial Real Estate Debt German Feeder Fund S.C.S. SICAV-RAIF, AB Commercial Real Estate Debt German Feeder Fund III

Rating:

BBB+

Rating Outlook / Addition:

Outlook stable

Rating Information:

Initial Issue Date	6/20/2018
Jurisdiction Rating Object	German law
Exchange	---
Legal Form	S.C.S. SICAV-RAIF
Volume	USD 153,000,000
Seniority	Non-subordinated
Collateralisation	Unsecured
Credit Enhancement	Available
Legal Maturity	20/06/2030
Coupon	2.5% p.a.
Coupon Period	Quarterly
Coupon Type	Fix, non-deferrable
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Rating Rationale:

Object of this rating are the ABCRED III Notes (rating object) issued by AB Commercial Real Estate Debt German Feeder Fund III, AB Commercial Real Estate Debt German Feeder Fund III (borrower). The borrower invests the proceeds indirectly in the form of debt in commercial real estate loans. The investments are made through the AB Commercial Real Estate Debt Fund III, SICAV-SIF S.C.Sp., Compartment 1 (investment vehicle, IVV). The relevant manager is AllianceBernstein.

Since our last rating action, there have been no structural changes to the transaction. Operational risk remains elevated due to changes in market interest rates and additional challenges in the office sector. Over the past four quarters, four loans were successfully repaid, while two loans experienced defaults during the same period. Given the current track record of the manager in ABCRED III, CRA is confident that portfolio losses will continue to align with our original expectations. The quantitative base case result has improved compared to the previous year. However, the improved quantitative outcome is mitigated by the current heightened risks in the real estate sector. Consequently, the rating remains unchanged at BBB+/stable.

Primary Key Rating Factors:

- (+) Loss buffer in the form of accumulated equity contribution and net increase from operations
- (+) Rating object indirectly participates in a substantial collateral package at the underlying investments level
- (+) Well-diversified portfolio without currency risks
- (+) Track record of the manager AllianceBernstein
- (+/-) Liquidity risk at the level of the borrower, which is mitigated through a voluntary liquidity reserve
- (-) Investment vehicle invests in higher risk spectrum strategies (refurbishments, repositioning, etc.)
- (-) Recessionary tendencies and rising market interest rates increase the operational and credit risk at the underlying investments level
- (-) Impairments in the form of loan defaults with (partially) realized losses and additional sub-performing loans as of the rating date

Ratings Sensitivities:

Best-case scenario: In this scenario, we stressed (ceteris paribus) the equity ratio and property grades of the portfolio assets by an amount of +8.5% and +1 grade respectively, resulting in a rating of AA.

Worst-case scenario: In this scenario, we stressed (ceteris paribus) the properties' stabilized values and property grades of the portfolio assets by an amount of -15% and -1 grade respectively, resulting in a rating of BB+.

ESG-Criteria:

CRA generally takes ESG-relevant factors (environmental, social and governance) into account when assessing the rating object. 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:

11/2/2023 / 11/2/2023 / 6/20/2030

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:

7/23/2017 / BBB+

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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The rating was conducted on the basis of Creditreform Rating's "Issue Ratings" in conjunction with Creditreform's basic document "Rating Criteria and Definitions".

Important sources of information in the context of the rating were, in addition to the submitted documents, a due diligence meeting was conducted on October 26, 2022. The submitted documents and information provided by AllianceBernstein or rather the Issuer were sufficient to meet the requirements of Creditreform Rating AG's rating methodology.

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This rating was carried out by analysts Christian Schönherr (Lead) and Agne Bacionyte, all located in Neuss/Germany. The function of Person Approving Credit Ratings (PAC) was performed by Sascha Pomorin.

Closing of the transaction occurred on 5/18/2018. The rating is based on the portfolio information and transaction documentation as of 11/1/2023, as provided by AllianceBernstein or the Issuer.

The issuer or all relevant parties have examined the rating report prior to publication and were provided with at least one full working day to appeal the rating committee decision and provide additional information. The rating decision was not amended following this examination.

Ancillary services were provided. A pre-rating was conducted.

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1. Transaction structure and participants
2. Transaction documents
3. Issuance documents

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