

## Rated entity:

Bearer Notes with the ISIN XS2131169596 issued by Real Assets Holding S.C.S. SICAV-RAIF, Sub-Fund IV

## Rating:

BBB

## Rating outlook / addition:

Outlook negative

## Basic rating data:

Initial Issue Date	12/15/2020
Jurisdiction rated entity	Luxembourg law
Exchange	---
Legal form	Société d'investissement à capital variable
Issue volume	USD 48,000,000
Seniority	Non-subordinated
Collateralization	Non-collateralized
Credit Enhancement	Available
Legal Maturity	12/1/2036
Coupon	1.0% p.a.
Coupon period	Annually
Coupon type	Fix, non-deferrable
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## Rating rationale:

Object of this rating are the MIP V Notes (rating object) issued by Real Assets Holding S.C.S. SICAV-RAIF, Sub-Fund IV (borrower). The borrower invests the proceeds indirectly in the form of equity or equity-like instruments in infrastructure assets. The investments will be made through Macquarie Infrastructure Partners V S.C.Sp. (investment vehicle). The relevant manager is Macquarie Infrastructure Partners, Inc. The CRA rating of BBB/stable represents a highly satisfactory level of credit quality and a low to medium investment risk.

CRA continues to see an elevated structural risk for the transaction under review. On the one hand, due to the lack of distributions by the investment vehicle, no further credit enhancement could be built up since our last rating action. On the other hand, high inflation, which has been ongoing for quite some time, as well as the geopolitical uncertainties that have currently arisen, provide ingredients for increasing interest rate risks within the structure. This may have an impact on the success of the transaction. Although CRA continues to view the manager's operational risk as low, we believe the macroeconomic risk drivers currently prevail. From a portfolio perspective, uncertainties related to the blind pool character of the portfolio have significantly reduced from last year. The portfolio currently shows moderate single investment concentration and high sector concentration in "Communications" and "Waste Management". Hence, CRA continues to see portfolio and credit risk as elevated. Due to monitoring updates in our cash flow model, quantitative results improved compared with last year, which confirms our current rating of BBB and would justify an upgrade of the rating outlook. However, CRA sees two major uncertainties at the moment: (i) geopolitical risks and (ii) portfolio ramp-up displays strong core+/growth characteristics for the portfolio assets of the investment vehicle, which potentially cannot confirm our expected asset's credit qualities. As our quantitative results display a high sensitivity on asset's credit qualities, CRA sees a potential risk that the current rating assessment cannot be hold in the future. For this reason, CRA confirmed the outlook of "negative".

## Primary key rating driver:

- (+) Initial equity loss buffer of at least 20%
- (+) Conditional equity commitment reducing liquidity shortfall risks
- (+) Pace of portfolio ramp-up ahead of original expectations
- (+) Asset manager's track record
- (-) Rating object's subordination
- (-) Weak collateralization structure
- (-) High sector concentration within the portfolio of the investment vehicle

- (-) Missing leverage restrictions on the level of the investment vehicle
- (-) Expected assets' credit quality

## **Ratings sensitivities:**

Best-case scenario: In this scenario, we stressed (ceteris paribus) the expected return and credit quality of the portfolio assets by an amount of +1%-point and +1 notch respectively, resulting in a rating of A-.

Worst-case scenario: In this scenario, we stressed (ceteris paribus) the expected return and credit quality of the portfolio assets by an amount of -1%-point and -1 notch respectively, resulting in a rating of 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:**

3/3/2022 / 3/3/2022 / 12/1/2036

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:**

4/29/2020 / BBB / 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:**

This document is a CRA Press Release. The CRA Press Release outlines significant rating-relevant changes compared to CRA's most recent rating action (see rating history in the Appendix). It immediately follows that the assigned rating must not be limited to the motivators mentioned in the CRA Press Release. Instead, a comprehensive acknowledgement of all explanations provided in previous reports, other forms of documentation, rating updates and, in particular, the CRA initial rating report is indispensable. At this point, CRA refers the reader to these forms of documentation, rating updates and reports.

## Regulatory Requirements and Legal Disclosures :

Creditreform Rating AG was mandated on 2/24/2020 by Real Assets Holding S.C.S. SICAV-RAIF, Sub-Fund IV to conduct a rating for the bearer notes under German law, issued by Real Assets Holding S.C.S. SICAV-RAIF, Sub-Fund IV. This is a public rating which is regulatory applicable according to EU Regulation 1060/2009 (CRA-Regulation).

The rating was conducted on the basis of Creditreform Rating's "Issue Ratings" and "Technical Documentation - Portfolio Loss Distribution" 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, several due diligence meetings via conference calls. The submitted documents and information provided by Macquarie 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 Qinghang Lin, all located in Neuss/Germany. The function of Person Approving Credit Ratings (PAC) was performed by Sascha Pomorin.

Closing of the transaction occurred on 4/28/2020. The rating is based on the portfolio information and transaction documentation as of 2/23/2022, as provided by Macquarie 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.

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

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