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## Creditreform Rating updated methodology

On March 04, 2026 Creditreform Rating AG published for consultation its updated rating methodology “Rating Methodology Corporate Issue Ratings” (Version 3.0). This methodology outlines our approach to the rating of corporate and project finance issuances (e.g., securitised debt or hybrid capital instruments/debt securities such as bonds and participation certificates, as well as loans and promissory note loans) issued by non-financial corporates or pro

The following material changes were made to the methodology:

- Extension of the methodology to include issuances by project companies.
- Substantive changes and additions to structural sections, including partially revised chapter headings and new sections.
- Reorganization of content (including classification of notching criteria) and additional clarifications (e.g., nature of notching).
- Amendments to the “Notching Ranges” guidance for (super-) senior unsecured ranking in the A/BBB and BB categories, including clarification of possible notching and related criteria.
- Editorial and linguistic revisions.

Creditreform Rating AG did not receive any comments during the consultation phase and no changes were made to the document published for this consultation.

Potentially affected ratings will shortly be placed under observation and will be reviewed six months following the publication of the methodology update.

The updated rating methodology “Rating Methodology Corporate Issue Ratings” (Version 3.0)” will take effect on April 15, 2026 and will be applied by Creditreform Rating AG.

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