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#### RATINGS

#### Kommunalbanken AS

Domicile	Oslo, Norway
Long Term CRR	Aaa
Туре	LT Counterparty Risk Rating - Fgn Curr
Outlook	Not Assigned
Long Term Debt	Aaa
Туре	Senior Unsecured - Fgn Curr
Outlook	Stable
Long Term Deposit	Not Assigned

Please see the <u>ratings section</u> at the end of this report for more information. The ratings and outlook shown reflect information as of the publication date.

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# Kommunalbanken AS

Update to credit analysis

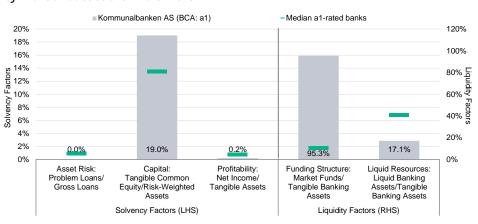
#### Summary

Kommunalbanken AS' (KBN) Aaa senior unsecured debt rating reflects its a1 Baseline Credit Assessment (BCA); our Advanced Loss Given Failure (LGF) analysis that results in a twonotch rating uplift from the a1 BCA, given its significant volume of senior unsecured debt; and our view of a very high likelihood of support from the <u>Government of Norway</u> (Aaa stable) because of its full ownership of KBN and KBN's role as the principal financier of the Norwegian regional and local government (RLG) sector, resulting in a further two notches of rating uplift to Aaa.

We apply our Advanced LGF analysis on the institution's liabilities because they are not guaranteed by the Norwegian public sector, and KBN is also within the scope of the Bank Resolution and Recovery Directive (BRRD).

KBN's a1 standalone BCA is driven by its position in Norway as the largest provider of funding to the RLG sector; its strong asset quality, which is derived from the credit quality of the Norwegian RLGs that the agency serves; and its robust capital levels relative to risks that are well above regulatory requirements, and moderate leverage. The BCA also reflects KBN's modest profitability, in line with its public policy mandate, and strong efficiency; and a high reliance on market funding, with some asset and liability maturity mismatches that are mitigated by a diverse funding profile and strong liquidity.

#### Exhibit 1 Key financial ratios as of 31 March 2023



These are our <u>Banks Methodology</u> scorecard ratios. Asset risk and profitability reflect the weaker of either the three-year average or the latest annual figure. Capital is the latest reported figure. Funding structure and liquid resources reflect the latest fiscal year-end figures.

Source: Moody's Investors Service

# **Credit strengths**

- » Largest lender to the Norwegian public sector, in line with its public policy mandate, underpinning the stability of its operations
- » Excellent asset quality, which rests on RLGs' predictable revenue streams and central government oversight
- » Very strong capital position relative to risks and substantially above regulatory requirements
- » Strong operating efficiency
- » Probability of government support is "very high" for senior creditors

#### Credit challenges

- » Some lending concentrations resulting from a limited customer base
- » Modest profitability that is commensurate with the public policy mandate and low-risk profile
- » High reliance on market funding, with some asset and liability mismatches

#### Outlook

The outlook on KBN's senior unsecured debt ratings is stable, reflecting our expectation that its public policy role will be maintained, along with an unchanged willingness from the Norwegian government to provide support.

# Factors that could lead to an upgrade

» The likelihood of an upgrade of KBN's BCA is limited because it is already at the higher end among its peers' and banks' BCAs globally. Furthermore, a potential upgrade of the BCA will not translate into a higher senior unsecured rating because it is already at Aaa.

# Factors that could lead to a downgrade

- » Downward pressure on KBN's ratings could arise from a dilution of KBN's public policy mandate and lower importance for the RLG sector; any deterioration in asset quality; weaker position in the debt capital markets or reduced liquidity; a sustained weaking in its financial performance or if the sovereign rating is downgraded.
- » KBN's senior and subordinated ratings could also be under pressure if in our view the likelihood of government support for either of these debt classes diminishes.

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# **Key indicators**

#### Exhibit 2

#### Kommunalbanken AS (Consolidated Financials) [1]

	03-23 <sup>2</sup>	12-22 <sup>2</sup>	12-21 <sup>2</sup>	12-20 <sup>2</sup>	12-19 <sup>2</sup>	CAGR/Avg. <sup>3</sup>
Total Assets (NOK Billion)	471.4	453.9	449.2	461.8	449.2	1.5 <sup>4</sup>
Tangible Common Equity (NOK Billion)	15.9	15.3	16.0	14.5	13.3	5.6 <sup>4</sup>
Tangible Common Equity / Risk Weighted Assets (%)	19.0	19.0	19.7	17.8	16.7	18.5 <sup>6</sup>
Net Interest Margin (%)	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.45
PPI / Average RWA (%)	2.4	-0.3	1.9	1.9	2.4	1.76
Net Income / Tangible Assets (%)	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.25
Cost / Income Ratio (%)	13.3	644.8	13.9	14.1	11.9	139.6 <sup>5</sup>
Market Funds / Tangible Banking Assets (%)	95.4	95.3	94.9	95.1	95.1	95.2 <sup>5</sup>
Liquid Banking Assets / Tangible Banking Assets (%)	20.8	17.1	20.3	23.3	24.1	21.1 <sup>5</sup>

[1] All figures and ratios are adjusted using Moody's standard adjustments. [2] Basel III - fully loaded or transitional phase-in; IFRS. [3] May include rounding differences because of the scale of reported amounts. [4] Compound annual growth rate (%) based on the periods for the latest accounting regime. [5] Simple average of periods for the latest accounting regime. [6] Simple average of Basel III periods.

Sources: Moody's Investors Service and company filings

#### Profile

Kommunalbanken AS (KBN) provides loans to Norwegian counties and municipalities, as well as intermunicipal companies and other companies that carry out tasks at a municipal level. The loans are granted against either a municipal or government guarantee. KBN's lending is funded by issuing securities in the international capital markets.

KBN is fully owned by the Norwegian state, with the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development acting as KBN's owner. The ministry appoints KBN's board of directors, supervisory board and the external auditor.

KBN was established in November 1999 by special law as a limited company, taking over all activities from the government-owned Norges Kommunalbank (NKB). NKB was established as a state institution in 1926 with the sole purpose of lending to Norwegian local governments by issuing bonds, all of which were covered by state guarantees. However, NKB's lending was kept within government-fixed lending limits. KBN does not have to obey such limits, which gives it greater freedom in its borrowing and lending operations; however, its funding is not explicitly guaranteed.

KBN strives to be a leader in green finance in Norway and to contribute to the transition to a low-carbon society. In 2013, KBN was the first financial institution in the Nordics to issue a public green bond.

#### **Recent developments**

To curb inflation, Norges Bank has been gradually increasing its reference rate since September 2021; the rate was raised to 3.25% in May 2023, with the expectation of a further increase in 2023. The countercyclical buffer requirement increased to 2.5% effective from the end of March 2023.

Russia's invasion of <u>Ukraine</u> (Ca stable) and the economic sanctions that the <u>US</u> (Aaa stable), European governments and other allies have subsequently imposed on Russia have increased risks to the global economic outlook. Increased geopolitical risks are unambiguously negative for economic activity. The magnitude of the effects will depend on the length and severity of the crisis.

Norway's trade flows with Russia are very limited because they export the same type of goods, most significantly the production of oil and gas. As European countries continue to reduce imports from Russia, Norway benefits from the increased demand in Europe.

On 29 March 2023, we changed our <u>outlook</u> for the Norwegian banking system to stable from positive. The change reflects our expectation that Norway's economy will continue to grow strongly compared with other European countries in the next 12-18 months, although more slowly than in 2022. Consumption will decline in 2023, held back by lower real household income and falling house prices. Higher interest rates will continue to improve banks' profitability in the first half of 2023, despite slower credit growth and higher loan losses. We expect Norwegian banks' asset quality to deteriorate modestly, driven by the small to medium-sized enterprise (SME) sector, but to remain sound. Improving profitability will support their strong capitalisation.

# **Detailed credit considerations**

#### KBN is the largest lender to the Norwegian public sector, underpinning the stability of its operations

KBN benefits from operating in a wealthy and developed country with very high economic, institutional and government financial strength, as well as very low susceptibility to adverse events. KBN's macro profile is aligned with that of Norway at '<u>Very Strong</u>'.

KBN's government-related footprint is substantial, reflecting its establishment through legislation, its public policy mandate and full government ownership. In addition, the company benefits from oversight by the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development and supervision by the Norwegian Financial Supervisory Authority (FSA or Finanstilsynet). KBN benefits from a maintenance obligation, according to which the Norwegian central government ensures that KBN can fulfill its mandate to provide low-cost financing to the Norwegian RLG sector.

With a reported market share of 49% as of March 2023, KBN is the largest provider of funding to RLGs and companies owned by RLGs in Norway and therefore plays an important role in the Norwegian economy. KBN's customer base includes all Norwegian municipalities. Some RLGs also use their own funding programmes to raise funds; this is particularly applicable for the larger RLGs because they have a stronger capacity to make direct use of capital markets.

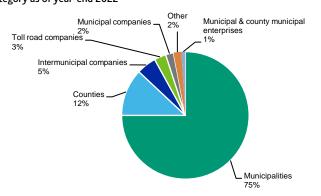
KBN's public policy mandate and the above factors underpin the stability of KBN's operations and our positive adjustment for Business Diversification.

#### Excellent asset quality rests on RLGs predictable revenue streams and central government oversight

We expect KBN's asset quality to remain excellent even during more challenging economic times, as its creditworthiness is based on the high credit quality of the Norwegian RLG sector that the agency serves (see Exhibit 3). This is also demonstrated by KBN's problem loan ratio of 0% and the fact that the institution (and its predecessor NKB) has never recorded a loss on its loan book, which is reflected in our aa1 Asset Risk score.

#### Exhibit 3

KBN lends to the Norwegian RLG sector Outstanding lending by customer category as of year-end 2022



#### Source: Company

We consider the Norwegian RLG sector financially strong because of the supportive and closely supervised system that underpins the sector. Much of Norwegian RLGs' revenue comes from government grants, and the equalisation principle ensures that all RLGs have the financial means to deliver consistent service delivery throughout the country. Furthermore, all budgets are supervised by the central government and RLGs are not allowed to budget for an operating deficit, while RLGs can only borrow for certain purposes. If an RLG experiences a deficit, it is placed under close government oversight until the deficit is eliminated.

Importantly, RLGs cannot be declared insolvent and payments cannot be canceled; payments can only be deferred and interest would accrue normally. Given this background, KBN has not recorded a loss from lending during more than 90 years of operations. Although KBN has never incurred a credit loss, in line with IFRS 9 accounting standards, the lender had made provisions for theoretical losses on

loans and bond investments of NOK56 million as of March 2023, broadly unchanged from year-end 2022. The amount remained small against relevant exposures of NOK284 billion, all of which continue to be considered Stage 1.

However, indebtedness of the Norwegian RLG sector has increased in recent years, along with an increasing standard of public services, and a portion of these borrowings would be sensitive to higher interest rates. Further, similar to its peers, KBN's customer base is small in number, which inherently leads to single-borrower concentrations in its loan book. Nonetheless, KBN complies with all regulations, including those on large exposures.

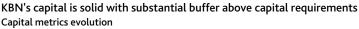
KBN's risk policy allows for minimal exposure to interest rate and currency risk, which are managed through the matching of assets and liabilities, and hedging through derivatives. Counterparty risk is mitigated through standard international swap and derivative association agreements and collateral support annexes with all counterparties.

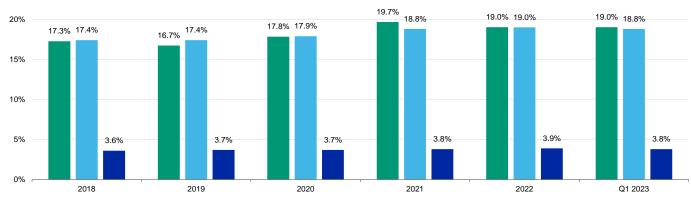
#### Capital position is robust relative to risks and substantially above regulatory requirements; leverage is moderate

We consider KBN's capitalisation commensurate with its low-risk assets, which drives our aa2 Capital score. As of March 2023, the institution's tangible common equity/risk-weighted assets was 19.0% (see Exhibit 4). In April 2020, the Norwegian government executed an equity injection of NOK750 million into KBN to support its role in financing the RLG sector in light of market turmoil. In addition to the equity injection in April 2020, the bank has managed to continue to strengthen its capital through retained earnings.

As of March 2023, KBN reported an 18.8% Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital ratio and a 24.0% total capital ratio. These metrics remain well above a minimum current CET1 requirement of 16.5% and a total capital requirement of 20.0% for that period, which include a pillar 2 add-on of 2.1% specific to KBN that is set by the Norwegian FSA. Capitalisation will remain strong also following the increase in countercyclical buffer requirements.

#### Exhibit 4





Tangible common equity / risk-weighted assets = CET1 / risk-weighted assets = Leverage ratio (reported)

Sources: Company and Moody's Financial Metrics

KBN is required to apply a 20% risk-weight on lending to RLGs, whereas its Nordic peers typically assign a zero risk weight to this type of lending. As a consequence, KBN's risk-weighted capital metrics are below those of its Nordic peers that are government-related issuers. As of March 2023, KBN reported a Basel leverage ratio of 3.8%, compared with 3.9% as of year-end 2022 and 2021. Although moderate, this level is above the 3% minimum leverage ratio requirement for KBN.

#### Modest profitability in line with public policy mandate and low-risk profile; operating efficiency is strong

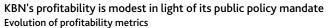
Like other lenders with a public policy mandate, KBN's profitability is modest because it aims to offer cost-effective lending to its customers rather than to maximise profit. Net income/tangible assets increased slightly to 0.3% as of March 2023 from 0.0% in December 2022 (see Exhibit 5).

In the first quarter of 2023, KBN posted a profit of NOK389 million, compared with a loss of NOK352 million in the first quarter 2022. Net interest income rose by NOK72 million or 17% to NOK508 million in Q1 2023 from NOK436 million as in Q1 2022. Since KBN

has a high portion of financial instruments and loans measured at fair value, it is sensitive to market movements. In the first quarter of 2023, KBN reported unrealised gains on financial instruments totaling NOK 114 million, while in the first quarter of 2022 it reported unrealised losses of NOK 821 million.

Despite fluctuations in the fair value of financial instruments, we consider KBN's underlying profitability stable and predictable because the institution is a market leader and the composition of its RLG customer base is likely to remain stable. Moreover, KBN's customers are low risk for the reasons explained in the section above. These drivers are already captured in our ba3 Profitability score for the issuer.





Source: Moody's Investors Service

Exhibit 5

Over the next 12-18 months, we expect KBN's profitability to remain stable. The strain from lower returns on its liquidity portfolio will ease because of recent and planned interest rate hikes in 2022 and 2023. However, we expect continued competition from capital markets to limit the expansion in net interest margin.

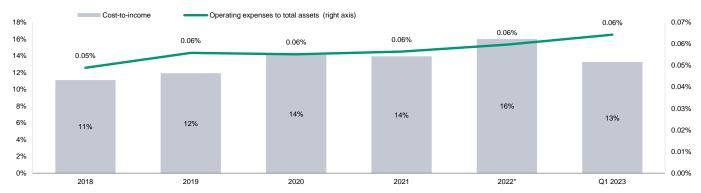
Further, KBN's green loans that are financed from the proceeds of green bond issuances are offered to borrowers at a discount of up to 10 basis points, which could put some pressure on the bank's margins if not fully matched by cheaper funding. Outstanding green loans amounted to 13% of gross loans as of March 2023, and the institution expects this share to increase.

KBN's financial flexibility is helped by strong operating efficiency, with a cost to income ratio of only 13% in Q1 2023, broadly unchanged from previous years, and with operating expenses maintained at a low 0.06% of total assets as of March 2023 (see Exhibit 6). Due to high unrealized losses amounting to NOK1.6 billion in 2022, the bank's cost to income ratio temporarily increased to 645%. Excluding these unrealized losses, the cost to income ratio is in line with previous periods at around 16%.

KBN's low costs are consistent with its peers, and expenses will remain low because of KBN's unchanged business model and efficient distribution. The increase in expenses in recent years was associated with IT development costs and the increased hiring of staff for the compliance function.

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Exhibit 6



#### KBN demonstrates strong operating efficiency with a low level of operating expenses

KBN recorded unusually high unrealized losses on its financial instruments in 2022. Cost to income ratio for 2022 is adjusted to improve comparability across periods. Source: Moody's Investors Service

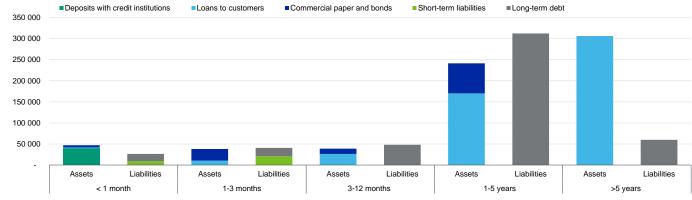
#### Diverse funding and adequate liquidity, but with some asset and liability mismatches

Similar to most peers in the Nordics and Europe, KBN is entirely wholesale funded. Also in line with peers, KBN employs a diversified funding strategy, whereby it issues debt in several markets and currencies, subscribed to by a wide variety of investors.

KBN has some contractual mismatches between assets and liabilities (see Exhibit 7), but is match-funded based on an anticipated average maturity on the assets according to historical data. Similar to peers, KBN issues debt with option-like features, and such structured funding could suddenly shorten KBN's liability profile. However, for funding and liquidity management purposes, KBN assumes its structured funding will be called on the first possible call date. All these elements are taken into account in our baa2 Funding score.

#### Exhibit 7

#### KBN has some asset and liabilities maturity mismatches mitigated by a strong liquidity position Exposure by contractual time to maturity and exposure type



Source: Company

KBN's liquidity portfolio totaled NOK110 billion as of March 2023 and was principally made up of assets of strong credit quality. Our liquid assets to total assets ratio was 20.8% at the end of the period. This is equivalent to 33% of total loans as of March 2023.

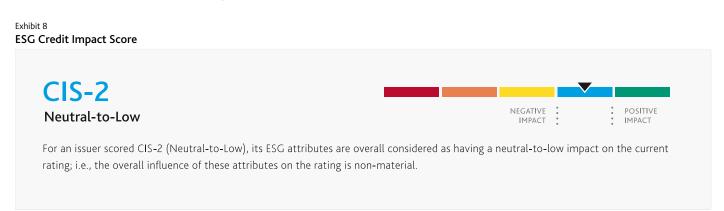
KBN's aim is to maintain liquid assets that would allow it to sustain operations for the next 12 months if funding markets become unavailable. However, KBN does not have access to regular central bank liquidity facilities, unlike some of its peers. KBN's overall liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) was 258% as of March 2023 (year-end 2022: 261% and Q1 2022: 240%).

#### Sources of facts and figures cited in this report

Issuer-specific figures originate from its financial reports. All figures are based on our own chart of accounts and may be adjusted for analytical purposes. Please refer to the document <u>Financial Statement Adjustments in the Analysis of Financial Institutions</u>, published on 9 August 2018.

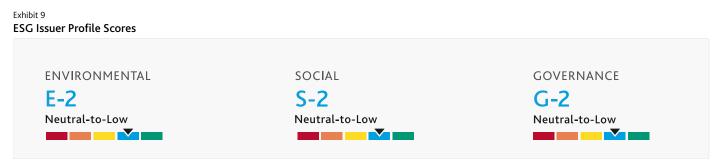
# **ESG considerations**

#### Kommunalbanken AS' ESG Credit Impact Score is Neutral-to-Low CIS-2



#### Source: Moody's Investors Service

KBN's ESG Credit Impact Score is neutral-to-low (**CIS-2**). This reflects the low credit impact of environmental and social risk factors on the rating, and low governance risks.



Source: Moody's Investors Service

#### **Environmental**

We view KBN's environmental risks as low, but municipalities, KBN's principal borrowers, are exposed to climate risk, such as severe weather phenomena, although KBN's green bond programme aims to finance the sector's transition to be more climate resilient.

#### Social

KBN's government-related footprint is substantial, reflecting its establishment though legislation, its public policy mandate and full government ownership. KBN's public policy mandate and the above factors underpin the stability of KBN's operations and our positive adjustment to the rating for Business Diversification.

#### Governance

KBN faces low governance risks and its risk management, policies and procedures are in line with industry best practices. Despite sectoral concentration, the bank benefits from strong underwriting standards which mitigate these concerns. The bank has a track record of sound capital and liquidity management and earnings stability while it has never recorded a credit loss.

ESG Issuer Profile Scores and Credit Impact Scores for the rated entity/transaction are available on Moodys.com. In order to view the latest scores, please click <u>here</u> to go to the landing page for the entity/transaction on MDC and view the ESG Scores section.

# Support and structural considerations

#### Loss Given Failure (LGF) analysis

Norway has transposed the EU BRRD into local legislation effective from January 2019, and therefore, we consider the country an operational resolution regime. Despite its ownership and public mandate, KBN is not excluded from the scope of Norway's BRRD implementation. Therefore, in accordance with our methodology, we apply our Advanced LGF analysis, considering the risks faced by different debt classes across the liability structure in the unlikely event that KBN would enter resolution.

In our Advanced LGF analysis, we use our standard assumptions and assume residual tangible common equity of 3% and losses postfailure of 8% of tangible banking assets.

Under these assumptions, for KBN's senior unsecured debt, our LGF analysis indicates a very low loss given failure because of the loss absorption provided by the significant amount of senior unsecured debt outstanding. This leads to two notches of rating uplift for senior unsecured debt from KBN's a1 Adjusted BCA.

Our Advanced LGF analysis also shows that KBN's subordinated debt would absorb losses in a currently unlikely failure scenario, resulting in a Preliminary Rating Assessment before government support of a2, one notch below the Adjusted BCA.

#### **Government support considerations**

The Aaa rating on KBN's senior unsecured debt reflects our assessment of a very high probability of government support, resulting in two notches of government support uplift. Our views on government support derive from the following factors: KBN's full state ownership and control; its role as the government's tool to enact policies related to local governments; and its public policy mandate to provide low-cost financing to the Norwegian local government sector where its market share is close to 50%. The government's willingness and ability to provide support to KBN to cover any capital shortfall is likely to be maintained following the adoption of the BRRD.

We also apply a two-notch rating uplift to KBN's subordinated debt based on our assumption of a high probability of government support, resulting in a (P)Aa3 rating.

#### **Counterparty Risk Ratings**

Counterparty Risk Ratings (CRRs) are opinions of the ability of entities to honour the uncollateralised portion of non-debt counterparty financial liabilities (CRR liabilities) and also reflect the expected financial losses in the event such liabilities are not honored. CRRs are distinct from ratings assigned to senior unsecured debt instruments and from issuer ratings because they reflect that, in a resolution, CRR liabilities might benefit from preferential treatment compared with senior unsecured debt. Examples of CRR liabilities include the uncollateralised portion of payables arising from derivatives transactions and the uncollateralised portion of liabilities under sale and repurchase agreements.

#### KBN's CRRs are at Aaa/Prime-1

The CRR, before government support, is three notches above the a1 Adjusted BCA, reflecting the extremely low loss given failure from the high volume of instruments that are subordinated to CRR liabilities. Further, KBN's CRR also benefits from one notch of rating uplift from our assumption of a very high likelihood of government support, in line with our support assumption for senior debt.

#### **Counterparty Risk Assessment**

Counterparty Risk (CR) Assessments are opinions of how counterparty obligations are likely to be treated if a bank fails and are distinct from debt and deposit ratings in that they consider only the risk of default rather than both the likelihood of default and the expected financial loss suffered in the event of default; and apply to counterparty obligations and contractual commitments rather than debt or deposit instruments. The CR Assessment is an opinion of the counterparty risk related to a bank's covered bonds, contractual performance obligations (servicing), derivatives (for example, swaps), letters of credit, guarantees and liquidity facilities.

#### KBN's CR Assessment is Aaa(cr)/Prime-1(cr)

For KBN, our Advanced LGF analysis indicates an extremely low loss given failure for the CR Assessment, leading to three notches of uplift from the issuer's a1 Adjusted BCA. Finally, KBN's CR Assessment also benefits from one notch of government support uplift from our very high support assumption.

# Methodology and scorecard

### About Moody's Bank Scorecard

Our scorecard is designed to capture, express and explain in summary form our Rating Committee's judgement. When read in conjunction with our research, a fulsome presentation of our judgement is expressed. As a result, the output of our scorecard may significantly differ from that suggested by raw data alone (though it has been calibrated to avoid the frequent need for strong divergence). The scorecard output and the individual scores are discussed in rating committees and may be adjusted up or down to reflect conditions specific to each rated entity.

# Rating methodology and scorecard factors

#### Exhibit 10 Kommunalbanken AS

Macro Factors						
Weighted Macro Profile Very Strong -	100%					
Factor	Historic Ratio	Initial Score	Expected Trend	Assigned Score	Key driver #1	Key driver #2
Solvency						
Asset Risk						
Problem Loans / Gross Loans	0.0%	aa1	$\leftrightarrow$	aa1	Quality of assets	
Capital						
Tangible Common Equity / Risk Weighted Assets	19.0%	aa1	$\leftrightarrow$	aa2	Nominal leverage	
(Basel III - transitional phase-in)					-	
Profitability						
Net Income / Tangible Assets	0.2%	b1	$\uparrow$	ba3	Earnings quality	
Combined Solvency Score		a1		a1		
Liquidity						
Funding Structure						
Market Funds / Tangible Banking Assets	95.3%	caa3	$\leftrightarrow$	baa2	Market	
					funding quality	
Liquid Resources						
Liquid Banking Assets / Tangible Banking Assets	17.1%	baa2	$\leftrightarrow$	a2	Quality of liquid assets	
Combined Liquidity Score		b2		baa1	iiquid disetts	
Financial Profile				a2		
Qualitative Adjustments		Adjustment				
Business Diversification				1		
Opacity and Complexity				0		
Corporate Behavior		0				
Total Qualitative Adjustments				1		
Sovereign or Affiliate constraint				Aaa		
BCA Scorecard-indicated Outcome - Range				aa3 - a2		
Assigned BCA				a1		
Affiliate Support notching				0		
Adjusted BCA				a1		
Balance Sheet			scope	% in-scope	at-failure	% at-failure
			Million)		(NOK Million)	
Other liabilities			094	-1.9%	-9 094	-1.9%
Senior unsecured bank debt		-	1785	98.0%	461 785	98.0%
Dated subordinated bank debt			000	0.4%	2 000	0.4%
Preference shares (bank)			400	0.5%	2 400	0.5%
Equity			137	3.0%	14 137	3.0%
Total Tangible Banking Assets		47	1 228	100.0%	471 228	100.0%

Debt Class	De Jure waterfall De Facto waterfall		Notching		LGF	Assigned	Additional Preliminary			
	Instrumen volume + subordinatio	ordinatio	Instrumen on volume + subordinatio	ordination	De Jure	De Facto	Notching Guidance vs. Adjusted BCA	LGF notching	Notching	Rating Assessment
Counterparty Risk Rating	101.9%	101.9%	101.9%	101.9%	3	3	3	3	0	aa1
Counterparty Risk Assessment	101.9%	101.9%	101.9%	101.9%	3	3	3	3	0	aa1 (cr)
Senior unsecured bank debt	101.9%	3.9%	101.9%	3.9%	2	2	2	2	0	aa2
Dated subordinated bank debt	3.9%	3.5%	3.9%	3.5%	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	a2

Instrument Class	Loss Given Failure notching	Additional I notching	Preliminary Rating Assessment	Government Support notching	Local Currency Rating	Foreign Currency Rating
Counterparty Risk Rating	3	0	aa1	1	Aaa	Aaa
Counterparty Risk Assessment	3	0	aa1 (cr)	1	Aaa(cr)	
Senior unsecured bank debt	2	0	aa2	2	Aaa	Aaa
Dated subordinated bank debt	-1	0	a2	2		(P)Aa3

 [1] Where dashes are shown for a particular factor (or sub-factor), the score is based on non-public information.

 Source: Moody's Investors Service

# Ratings

#### Exhibit 11

Category	Moody's Rating
KOMMUNALBANKEN AS	
Outlook	Stable
Counterparty Risk Rating	Aaa/P-1
Baseline Credit Assessment	a1
Adjusted Baseline Credit Assessment	a1
Counterparty Risk Assessment	Aaa(cr)/P-1(cr)
Issuer Rating	Aaa
Senior Unsecured	Aaa
Subordinate MTN	(P)Aa3
Commercial Paper	P-1
Other Short Term	(P)P-1
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