

Announcement of Periodic Review: Moody's announces completion of a periodic review of ratings of Siauliu Bankas, AB

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Stockholm, September 23, 2020 -- Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") has completed a periodic review of the ratings of Siauliu Bankas, AB and other ratings that are associated with the same analytical unit. The review was conducted through a portfolio review in which Moody's reassessed the appropriateness of the ratings in the context of the relevant principal methodology(ies), recent developments, and a comparison of the financial and operating profile to similarly rated peers. The review did not involve a rating committee. Since 1 January 2019, Moody's practice has been to issue a press release following each periodic review to announce its completion.

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Key rating considerations are summarized below.

Siauliu Bankas, AB's (Siauliu Bankas) ba1 baseline credit assessment (BCA) reflects the bank's strong capital, robust earnings capacity, and sound funding and liquidity positions. These factors are counterbalanced with the bank's focus on the more vulnerable small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) segment along with rapid loan growth, and a limited risk linked to the legacy portfolio of Ukio Bankas, although this now broadly in line with the rest of the bank's portfolio.

Siauliu's Baa2 deposit ratings incorporate the standalone BCA of ba1, and the substantial amount of junior deposits and senior obligations absorbing losses in case of failure, resulting in two-notches of uplift.

This document summarizes Moody's view as of the publication date and will not be updated until the next periodic review announcement, which will incorporate material changes in credit circumstances (if any) during the intervening period.

The principal methodology used for this review was Banks Methodology published in November 2019. Please see the Rating Methodologies page on www.moody's.com for a copy of this methodology.

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