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## Rating Assigned To Italian Lease Transaction Alba 4 SPV's Class A2 Notes

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#### OVERVIEW

- We have assigned our 'AAA (sf)' rating to Alba 4 SPV's class A2 notes based on our analysis of the European Investment Fund's guarantee, as well as our analysis of the transaction's exposure to counterparty risk.
- Alba 4 SPV securitizes a portfolio of Alba Leasing's Italian lease receivables.

MILAN (Standard & Poor's) June 27, 2013--Standard & Poor's Ratings Services today assigned its 'AAA (sf)' credit rating to Alba 4 SPV S.r.l.'s guaranteed asset-backed floating-rate class A2 notes. At the same time, Alba 4 SPV also issued unrated class B2 notes (see list below).

The European Investment Fund (EIF) guarantees the class A notes' timely payment of interest and principal. Our current counterparty criteria therefore weak-link our ratings on class A1 and A2 in this transaction to our 'AAA' long-term rating on the EIF as guarantor (see "Counterparty Risk Framework Methodology And Assumptions," published on June 25, 2013).

The issuance of the class A2 and B2 notes was subject to an extension of the EIF guarantee, as well as Standard & Poor's confirmation that this second issuance does not have a negative effect on our 'AAA (sf)' rating on Alba 4 SPV's previously issued class A1 notes. On Feb. 26, 2013, we assigned our 'AAA (sf)' rating to Alba 4 SPV's class A1 notes (see "Rating Assigned To Italian Lease Transaction Alba 4 SPV's Class A1 Notes").

We consider that the transaction documents adequately mitigate the transaction's exposure to counterparty risk through the bank account

providers: The Bank of New York Mellon (Luxembourg) S.A., (Italian Branch) (AA-/Stable/A-1+) and The Bank of New York Mellon (London Branch) (AA-/Stable/A-1+).

We have assigned our 'AAA (sf)' rating to the class A2 notes based on our assessment of the EIF's guarantee, as well as our analysis of the transaction's exposure to counterparty risk. As our current counterparty criteria weak-link our ratings on Alba 4 SPV's class A1 and A2 notes to our long-term 'AAA' rating on the EIF as guarantor, we did not conduct a credit and cash flow analysis. We consider the EIF's guarantee to be in line with our European legal criteria (see "European Legal Criteria For Structured Finance Transactions," published on Aug. 28, 2008).

The transaction's initial ramp-up period ended on June 27, 2013, with the issuance of the class A2 and B2 notes to finance the purchase of additional lease receivables.

During the transaction's revolving period, the originator may sell further portfolios to the issuer. The revolving period started at closing (falling on Feb. 26, 2013), and will end on the earlier of either:

- The date on which a purchase termination event occurs; or
- The payment date falling 180 days after the issuance of the class A2 and B2 notes.

Alba 4 SPV securitizes a portfolio of Alba Leasing's Italian lease receivables. Alba Leasing's main origination channel comprises its shareholders' local branches in Italy.

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The Standard & Poor's 17g-7 Disclosure Report included in this credit rating report is available at http://standardandpoorsdisclosure-17g7.com/1629.pdf.

#### RELATED CRITERIA AND RESEARCH

#### Related Criteria

- Counterparty Risk Framework Methodology And Assumptions, June 25, 2013
- Global Investment Criteria For Temporary Investments In Transaction Accounts, May 31, 2012
- Nonsovereign Ratings That Exceed EMU Sovereign Ratings: Methodology And Assumptions, June 14, 2011

• European Legal Criteria For Structured Finance Transactions, Aug. 28, 2008

Related Research

- Advance Notice Of Proposed Criteria Change: Ratings Above The Sovereign--Structured Finance, April 12, 2013
- New Issue: Alba 4 SPV S.r.l., March 8, 2013
- Rating Assigned To Italian Lease Transaction Alba 4 SPV's Class Al Notes, Feb. 26, 2013
- Outlook On European Investment Fund Revised To Negative On Revised Criteria; 'AAA/A-1+' Ratings Affirmed, Jan. 23, 2013
- How Standard & Poor's Applies Its Criteria To Bank Branches In The EU And Eurozone, July 27, 2012
- European Structured Finance Scenario And Sensitivity Analysis: The Effects Of The Top Five Macroeconomic Factors, March 14, 2012
- Global Structured Finance Scenario And Sensitivity Analysis: The Effects Of The Top Five Macroeconomic Factors, Nov. 4, 2011

RATINGS LIST

Rating Assigned

Alba 4 SPV S.r.l. €153.06 Million Asset-Backed Floating-Rate Notes

| Class | Rating   | Amount   |
|-------|----------|----------|
|       |          | (mil. €) |
| A2    | AAA (sf) | 75.4     |
| в2    | NR       | 77.7     |

NR--Not rated.

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