

DBRS confirms the ratings of the Cassa Centrale Group and upgrades the trend to positive

Constant progress in the risk profile through a reduction of stock of non-performing exposure, strong coverage levels and ample capital buffers have formed the basis for the improvement in the rating trend assigned by Morningstar DBRS.

The strategic initiatives aimed at increasing efficiency have also played a contributing role in the decision.

Trento, 31.01.2024 – In its annual *due diligence* process, the rating agency **Morningstar DBRS** has confirmed all the ratings attributed to the Cassa Centrale Group ("Group"), including its Long-Term Issuer Rating of BBB (low), while revising the trend to **positive** from **stable**.

The improvement in the trend reflects the effort of the Group in monitoring its risk exposure through a reduction in the stock of non-performing loans coupled with significant coverage levels and moderate non-performing inflows. Further, the implementation of the strategic initiatives provides a solid foundation against possible headwinds and supports the growth in profitability.

The other key factors in attributing the ratings, such as a large and diversified funding base with a strong **Liquidity Coverage Ratio** and **Net Stable Funding Ratio** of **255%** and **156%** respectively as of June 2023, excellent capitalization levels (**CET1** of **23.7% fully loaded** as of September 2023), have remained solid throughout the assessment period.

Below is a summary of the ratings attributed by DBRS:

Debt rated	Rating	Trend
Long-Term Issuer Rating	BBB (low)	Positive
Short-Term Issuer Rating	R-2 (middle)	Positive
Long-Term Senior Debt	BBB (low)	Positive
Short-Term Debt	R-2 (middle)	Positive
Long-Term Deposits	BBB	Positive
Short-Term Deposits	R-2 (high)	Positive

The **Cassa Centrale - Credito Cooperativo Italiano Group** (the "Group") includes 66 BCCs - Rural Banks - Raiffeisenkassen and 1,478 branches across Italy, more than 11,900 employees and over 470,000 Cooperative Partners. As of June 30, 2023, total assets are EUR 91.1 billion, making the banking Group one of the ten largest in Italy.