

Research Update

First Securities Inc. Ratings Affirmed At 'twAA-/twA-1+'; Outlook Stable

August 28, 2019

Rating Action

Taiwan Ratings Corp. today affirmed its 'twAA-' long-term and 'twA-1+' short-term issuer credit ratings on **First Securities Inc.** The outlook on the long-term rating is stable. The ratings on First Securities reflect our view of potential financial support from the parent **First Financial Holding Co. Ltd.** group, if needed, given First Securities carries highly strategic importance to the parent group's business strategies. We also view First Securities to have very strong capitalization. The company's revenue concentration on domestic brokerage business where it has a scale disadvantage, and improving albeit higher than average risk tolerance, temper these strengths.

Related Criteria

- General Criteria: Group Rating Methodology - July 01, 2019
- Understanding Taiwan Ratings' Rating Definitions, www.taiwanratings.com - June 26, 2018
- Criteria | Financial Institutions | General: Risk-Adjusted Capital Framework Methodology - July 20, 2017
- Criteria | Financial Institutions | General: Nonbank Financial Institutions Rating Methodology - December 09, 2014
- Criteria | Financial Institutions | Banks: Banking Industry Country Risk Assessment Methodology And Assumptions - November 09, 2011
- General Criteria: Methodology For Linking Long-Term And Short-Term Ratings - April 07, 2017
- General Criteria: Use Of CreditWatch And Outlooks - September 14, 2009

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Ratings List

Ratings Affirmed

First Securities Inc.

Issuer Credit Rating	twAA-/Stable/twA-1+
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