

Research Update

South China Insurance Co. Ltd. Ratings Affirmed At 'twAA'; Outlook Stable

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Rating Action

Taiwan Ratings Corp. today affirmed its 'twAA' long-term issuer credit rating and financial strength rating on **South China Insurance Co. Ltd.** The outlook on the ratings remains stable. The ratings on South China Insurance reflect our view on the insurer's very strong capital and earnings and adequate investment risk profile, which provide a good buffer against business downturns and capital market volatility. We also view South China Insurance to have a satisfactory competitive position supported by its good operating performance. The insurer's relatively smaller scale and less geographic business diversification compared with those of regional peers somewhat offsets these strengths.

In our view, some of South China Insurance's stand-alone credit characteristics are superior to those of the parent **Hua Nan Financial Holdings Co. Ltd.** group. However, as a strategically important group member, the ratings on South China Insurance are capped by the overall group credit profile.

Related Criteria

- General Criteria: Group Rating Methodology - July 01, 2019
- Understanding Taiwan Ratings' Rating Definitions, www.taiwanratings.com - June 26, 2018
- Criteria | Insurance | General: Insurers Rating Methodology - July 01, 2019
- Criteria | Insurance | General: Refined Methodology And Assumptions For Analyzing Insurer Capital Adequacy Using The Risk-Based Insurance Capital Model - June 07, 2010
- General Criteria: Use Of CreditWatch And Outlooks - September 14, 2009

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Ratings List

Ratings Affirmed

South China Insurance Co. Ltd.

Issuer Credit Rating	twAA/Stable
Financial Strength Rating	twAA/Stable

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