

Research Update:

HSBC Bank (Taiwan) Ltd. Ratings Affirmed At 'twAAA/twA-1+'; Outlook Stable

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Rating Action

Taiwan Ratings Corp. today affirmed its 'twAAA' long-term and 'twA-1+' short-term issuer credit ratings on **HSBC Bank (Taiwan) Ltd.** The outlook on the long-term rating is stable. At the same time, we affirmed our 'twAAA' issue credit rating on the bank's unsecured senior debentures. The ratings on HSBC Bank (Taiwan) reflect our view of potential support from the bank's immediate parent group, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp. Ltd., if needed, given the bank's role as a highly strategically important subsidiary. We expect the bank's integration with the group in terms of risk control and operations to remain high and that the parent is highly unlikely to divest of HSBC Bank (Taiwan) within the next two years.

Related Criteria

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- Understanding Taiwan Ratings' Rating Definitions, Jun 26 2018
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Ratings List

Ratings Affirmed

HSBC Bank (Taiwan) Ltd.

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| Issuer Credit Rating | twAAA/Stable/twA-1+ |
| Unsecured Senior Debenture Issue Rating | twAAA |

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