

Research Update:

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

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## 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 assess First Securities' capitalization remains strong but on a weakening trend. The company's revenue concentration on domestic brokerage business where it has a scale disadvantage, and below average risk assessment --albeit a now more conservative risk appetite --temper these strengths.

## Related Criteria & Research

### Related Criteria

- 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: Group Rating Methodology - July 01, 2019
- General Criteria: Methodology For National And Regional Scale Credit Ratings - June 25, 2018
- General Criteria: Principles Of Credit Ratings - February 16, 2011

### Related Research

- Taiwan Ratings' Ratings Definitions – August 10, 2020

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## Ratings List

### Ratings Affirmed

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#### First Securities Inc.

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Issuer Credit Rating

twAA-/Stable/twA-1+

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