

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 continue to view First Securities' capitalization as strong, albeit at the lower threshold for this assessment, and sensitive to the company's risk exposure. The ratings also reflect First Securities' revenue concentration on domestic brokerage business, where it has a scale disadvantage, and the company's moderate risk profile compared with other local brokers.

## Related Criteria & Research

### Related Criteria

- General Criteria: National And Regional Scale Credit Ratings Methodology, Jun 08 2023
- Criteria | Financial Institutions | Banks: Banking Industry Country Risk Assessment Methodology And Assumptions, Dec 09 2021
- Criteria | Financial Institutions | General: Financial Institutions Rating Methodology, Dec 09 2021
- General Criteria: Environmental, Social, And Governance Principles In Credit Ratings, Oct 10 2021
- General Criteria: Group Rating Methodology, Jul 01 2019
- Criteria | Financial Institutions | General: Risk-Adjusted Capital Framework Methodology, Jul 20 2017
- General Criteria: Methodology For Linking Long-Term And Short-Term Ratings, Apr 07 2017
- General Criteria: Principles Of Credit Ratings, Feb 16 2011

### Related Research

- Taiwan Ratings' Ratings Definitions – November 11, 2021

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## Ratings List

### Ratings Affirmed

#### First Securities Inc.

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