

Research Update:

# Taiwan High Speed Rail Corp. 'twAAA/twA-1+' Ratings Affirmed; Outlook Stable

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## Rating Action Rationale

Taiwan Ratings Corp. today affirmed its 'twAAA' long-term and 'twA-1+' short-term issuer credit ratings on **Taiwan High Speed Rail Corp.** (THSRC). The outlook on the long-term rating is stable. The ratings on THSRC reflect the company's higher market share than peers, by passenger kilometers travelled, in business and long-distance trips in Taiwan, comparatively stronger profitability, and our forecast for robust demand from 2023 onwards. Moreover, the ratings reflect our view of the very high likelihood of timely and sufficient extraordinary support from the government of Taiwan. THSRC's high debt leverage partly offsets these rating strengths.

## Related Criteria & Research

### Related Criteria

- General Criteria: National And Regional Scale Credit Ratings Methodology, Jun 08 2023
- General Criteria: Environmental, Social, And Governance Principles In Credit Ratings, Oct 10 2021
- General Criteria: Group Rating Methodology, Mon 01 2019
- Criteria | Corporates | General: Corporate Methodology: Ratios And Adjustments, Apr 01 2019
- General Criteria: Rating Government-Related Entities: Methodology And Assumptions, Mar 25 2015
- Criteria | Corporates | General: Methodology And Assumptions: Liquidity Descriptors For Global Corporate Issuers, Dec 16 2014
- General Criteria: Country Risk Assessment Methodology And Assumptions, Nov 19 2013
- General Criteria: Methodology: Industry Risk, Nov 19 2013
- Criteria | Corporates | General: Corporate Methodology, Nov 19 2013
- General Criteria: Methodology: Management And Governance Credit Factors For Corporate Entities, Nov 13 2012
- 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

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#### Taiwan High Speed Rail Corp.

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Issuer Credit Rating	twAAA/Stable/twA-1+
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