

NorgesGruppen ASA

Rating Action Report

NorgesGruppen ASA assigned 'N2' short-term issuer rating following short-term criteria update

Nordic Credit Rating (NCR) said today that it had assigned an 'N2' short-term issuer rating to Norway-based [NorgesGruppen ASA](#), in accordance with its revised short-term rating scale. The assigned short-term rating is the higher of the alternatives given the long-term issuer rating of 'BBB+', which reflects our assessment that the company's liquidity is strong. At the same time, the 'BBB+' long-term issuer rating and the 'BBB+' senior unsecured issue ratings were affirmed. The outlook is stable. The ratings are no longer under criteria review.

Rating list

Long-term issuer credit rating:

Outlook:

Short-term issuer credit rating:

Senior unsecured issue rating:

To	From
BBB+	BBB+
Stable	Stable
N2	N-1+
BBB+	BBB+

LONG-TERM RATING

BBB+

OUTLOOK

Stable

SHORT-TERM RATING

N2

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Figure 1. NorgesGruppen rating scorecard

Subfactors	Impact	To	From
Operating environment	20.0%	a-	a-
Market position	10.0%	a	a
Size and diversification	10.0%	bbb+	bbb+
Operating efficiency	10.0%	a-	a-
Business risk assessment	50.0%	a-	a-
Ratio analysis		bbb-	bbb-
Risk appetite		bbb	bbb
Financial risk assessment	50.0%	bbb-	bbb-
Indicative credit assessment		bbb+	bbb+
Liquidity		Adequate	Adequate
ESG		Adequate	Adequate
Peer comparisons		Neutral	Neutral
Stand-alone credit assessment		bbb+	bbb+
Support analysis		Neutral	Neutral
Issuer rating		BBB+	BBB+
Outlook		Stable	Stable
Short-term rating		N2	
Short-term rating (old scale)			N-1+

Figure 2. Capital structure ratings

Seniority	To	From
Senior unsecured	BBB+	BBB+

Type of credit rating:	Long-term issuer credit rating Short-term issuer credit rating Issue credit rating
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Were ESG factors a key driver behind the change to the credit rating or rating outlook?	No.
Methodology used when determining the credit rating:	NCR's Corporate Rating Methodology published on 18 Feb. 2022 NCR's Group and Government Support Rating Methodology published on 18 Feb. 2022 NCR's Rating Principles published on 24 May 2022 The methodology and principles documents provide analytical guidance to NCR's rating activities including but not limited to, assumptions, parameters, cash flow analysis, and stress-testing. NCR's methodologies and principles can be found on our website nordiccreditrating.com/governance/policies . The historical default rates of entities and securities rated by NCR will be viewed on the central platform (CEREP) of the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) .
Materials used when determining the credit rating:	Annual- and quarterly reports of the rated entity, Bond prospectuses, Company presentations, Data provided by external data providers, External market reports, Meetings with management of the rated entity, Non-public information, Press reports/public information, Website of rated entity.
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