

Sparbanken Västra Mälardalen

Rating Action Report

LONG-TERM RATING

BBB+

OUTLOOK

Stable

SHORT-TERM RATING

N3

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Sparbanken Västra Mälardalen assigned 'N3' short-term issuer rating following short-term criteria update

Nordic Credit Rating (NCR) said today that it had assigned an 'N3' short-term issuer rating to Sweden-based [Sparbanken Västra Mälardalen](#), in accordance with its revised short-term rating scale. The assigned short-term rating is the lower of the alternatives given the long-term issuer rating of 'BBB+', which reflects that the bank does not have direct access to emergency liquidity assistance from the central bank. 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
N3	N-1+
BBB+	BBB+

Figure 1. Sparbanken VM rating scorecard

Subfactors	Impact	To	From
National factors	5.0%	a-	a-
Regional, cross border, sector	15.0%	bb+	bb+
Operating environment	20.0%	bbb-	bbb-
Capital	17.5%	aa	aa
Funding and liquidity	15.0%	a	a
Risk governance	5.0%	bbb+	bbb+
Credit risk	10.0%	bbb	bbb
Market risk	-	-	n/a
Other risks	2.5%	bbb+	bbb+
Risk appetite	50.0%	a	a
Market position	15.0%	bb+	bb+
Earnings	7.5%	bbb+	bbb+
Loss performance	7.5%	a	a
Performance indicators	15.0%	a-	a-
Indicative credit assessment		bbb+	bbb+
Transitions		Neutral	Neutral
Peer comparisons		Neutral	Neutral
Borderline assessments		Neutral	Neutral
Stand-alone credit assessment		bbb+	bbb+
Material credit enhancement		Neutral	Neutral
Rating caps		Neutral	Neutral
Support analysis		Neutral	Neutral
Issuer rating		BBB+	BBB+
Outlook		Stable	Stable
Short-term rating		N3	
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 Financial Institutions 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) .
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