

Nortura SA

Rating Action Report

Nortura senior unsecured debt rating affirmed at 'BBB-' following revision of issue rating criteria

Nordic Credit Rating said today that it had affirmed the senior unsecured issue rating of Norway-based food producer [Nortura SA](#) at 'BBB-' and the subordinated issue rating at 'BB', in accordance with its revised issue rating criteria. The rating action reflects our expectations that the company will keep its gross secured debt to NCR-adjusted EBITDA below 2.0x on a sustained basis. Gross secured debt to NCR-adjusted EBITDA stood at 0.3x on a last 12-month basis as of 30 Apr. 2023. We expect this metric to remain close to zero and for the company to primarily fund itself through unsecured debt going forward. At the same time, the 'BBB-' long-term issuer rating on the company was affirmed. The outlook is negative. 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:

Subordinated issue rating:

To	From
BBB-	BBB-
Negative	Negative
N3	N3
BBB-	BBB-
BB	BB

LONG-TERM RATING

BBB-

OUTLOOK

Negative

SHORT-TERM RATING

N3

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Figure 1. Nortura rating scorecard

Subfactors	Impact	To	From
Operating environment	20.0%	bbb-	bbb-
Market position	10.0%	a-	a-
Size and diversification	10.0%	bbb-	bbb-
Operating efficiency	10.0%	bb	bb
Business risk assessment	50.0%	bbb-	bbb-
Ratio analysis		bb-	bb-
Risk appetite		bb-	bb-
Financial risk assessment	50.0%	bb-	bb-
Indicative credit assessment		bb+	bb+
Liquidity		Adequate	Adequate
ESG		Adequate	Adequate
Peer calibration		+1 notch	+1 notch
Stand-alone credit assessment		bbb-	bbb-
Support analysis		Neutral	Neutral
Issuer rating		BBB-	BBB-
Outlook		Negative	Negative
Short-term rating		N3	N3

Figure 2. Capital structure ratings

Seniority	To	From
Senior unsecured	BBB-	BBB-
Subordinated	BB	BB

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 8 May 2023 NCR's Rating Principles published on 24 May 2022 NCR's Group and Government Support Rating Methodology published on 18 Feb. 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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