

## Rating action taken by Fitch Ratings

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The Management Board of BNP Paribas Bank Polska S.A. ("Bank") hereby informs that on 5 August 2022, the rating agency Fitch Ratings ("Fitch", "Agency") has placed the Viability Rating (VR) of BNP Paribas Bank Polska S.A. ("bbb-") on Rating Watch Negative.

The Rating Watch Negative on the Bank's VR is driven by the downgrade of the operating environment score for Poland (from "bbb+" to "bbb") mainly related to the recently introduced payment holidays on PLN mortgage loans, the level of intervention by the state combined with the expected slowdown of the economy.

The Bank's Issuer Default Ratings (LT IDR at "A+", with a Stable Outlook and ST IDR at "F1") remain underpinned by support of the BNP Paribas S.A. and are unaffected by this rating action, as the Fitch does not expect commitment of BNP Paribas S.A. to the Bank to weaken as a result of recent events.

Fitch will resolve the Rating Watch Negative placed on the VR rating following a full review of the Bank including an assessment of the direct impact of the credit holiday on key financial metrics.

The VR of the Bank could be affirmed, if the Agency conclude that the effect of the downgrade of the operating environment score on Bank's business and risk profiles is modest and the cost of credit holiday and other measures can be absorbed without material deterioration of its key financial metrics.

Fitch will downgrade the VR for the Bank, most likely by one notch, if Fitch concludes that the downgrade of the operating environment score should negatively affect overall assessment of the Bank's credit profile, either by itself or in combination with other factors.

The other Bank's ratings are unaffected by this rating action:

- Long-Term Issuer Default Rating (LT IDR) at the level of "A+", with a Stable Outlook,
- Short-Term Issuer Default Rating (ST IDR) at the level of "F1",
- National Long-Term Rating (Natl LT) at the level of "AAA(pol)", with a Stable Outlook,
- National Short-Term Rating (Natl ST) at the level of "F1+(pol)",
- Shareholder Support Rating (SSR) at the level of "a+".

The text of the original Fitch Ratings press release is available on the Agency website.

#### Legal basis

Article 17 item 1 of the MAR Regulation