



Fitch Rates DFCC Bank's Debut Green Bond Final 'A-(Ika)'

Fitch Ratings - Colombo - 02 Sep 2024: Fitch Ratings has assigned DFCC Bank PLC's (A-(Ika)/Stable) proposed Sri Lankan rupee-denominated senior unsecured listed green bonds of up to LKR2.5 billion a final National Long-Term Rating of 'A-(Ika)'.

The final rating is the same as the expected rating assigned on 12 August 2024 and follows the receipt of documents conforming to information already received.

KEY RATING DRIVERS

The proposed green bond is rated at the same level as DFCC's National Long-Term Rating as it constitutes a direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligation of the bank, and will rank pari passu with all of its present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations.

The notes, which would be the first listed green bond issuance in Sri Lanka, will mature in three years with fixed coupons. Proceeds from the bond issuance will be used to finance eligible green projects such as photovoltaic power generation.

Fitch affirmed DFCC's National Long-Term Rating on 22 July 2024 in our commentary "[Fitch Affirms DFCC Bank at 'A-\(Ika\)'; Outlook Stable](#)".

RATING SENSITIVITIES

Factors that Could, Individually or Collectively, Lead to Negative Rating Action/Downgrade

A downgrade of the bank's National Long-Term Rating would lead to the downgrade of the issue rating.

Factors that Could, Individually or Collectively, Lead to Positive Rating Action/Upgrade

An upgrade of the bank's National Long-Term Rating would lead to the upgrade of the issue rating.

DATE OF RELEVANT COMMITTEE

19 July 2024

REFERENCES FOR SUBSTANTIALLY MATERIAL SOURCE CITED AS KEY DRIVER OF RATING

The principal sources of information used in the analysis are described in the Applicable Criteria.

RATING ACTIONS

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senior unsecured	Natl LT A-(Ika) New Rating	A-(EXP)(Ika)

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APPLICABLE CRITERIA

- [National Scale Rating Criteria \(pub. 22 Dec 2020\)](#)
- [Bank Rating Criteria \(pub. 16 Mar 2024\) \(including rating assumption sensitivity\)](#)

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