

**Rating Action: Barclays Bank Mexico, S.A.**

**Moody's baja a Baa1 depósitos de Barclays Bank Mexico, afirma Aaa.mx**

Mexico City, February 03, 2009 -- Moody's Investors Service bajó las calificaciones de depósitos en escala global, moneda local (GLC, por sus siglas en inglés) a Baa1/Prime-2 de A1/Prime-2 de Barclays Bank (México), S.A. (Barclays Bank México)'s. Al mismo tiempo, Moody's afirmó la calificación de fortaleza financiera de bancos (BFSR, por sus siglas en inglés) de D y las calificaciones de depósitos en escala global moneda extranjera de Baa1 /Prime-2. En la Escala Nacional de México, Moody's afirmó las calificaciones de Aaa.mx y MX-1 de Barclays Bank México. La perspectiva de todas las calificaciones es estable.

Las acciones de calificación Barclays Bank México siguen las acciones realizadas sobre las calificaciones de Barclays Bank plc (Barclays Bank), en donde el banco líder, vio bajar su BFSR a C de B. Para mayor información sobre estas acciones de calificación, favor de referirse al comunicado de prensa "Moody's baja a Barclays Bank (senior a Aa3/estable, BFSR a C/negativa)", de fecha 1 de febrero de 2009.

Moody's señaló que la calificación de depósitos GLC de Barclays Bank México incorpora en gran medida la estimación de Moody's respecto a la probabilidad de un muy alto apoyo que podría recibir de su casa matriz Barclays Bank. Moody's señala que una parte fundamental de este apoyo es la transferencia de una importante porción de los riesgos inherentes a la subsidiaria mexicana hacia otras entidades del Grupo Barclays.

La última acción de calificación realizada sobre Barclays Bank México fue el 17 de septiembre de 2008, cuando Moody's colocó en revisión a una posible baja la calificación de depósitos de Barclays Bank Mexico.

Las principales metodologías utilizadas para calificar Barclays Bank México fueron "Bank Financial Strength Ratings: Global Methodology" e "Incorporation of Joint-Default Analysis into Moody's Bank Ratings: A Refined Methodology", las cuales pueden ser encontradas en [www.moodys.com](http://www.moodys.com) en el directorio de Credit Policy & Methodologies, en el subdirectorío de Ratings Methodologies. Otras metodologías y factores que pudieron haber sido considerados en el proceso de calificar Barclays Bank México también pueden ser encontrados en el directorio de Credit Policy & Methodologies.

La calificación de largo plazo en Escala Nacional de México de Aaa.mx indica que los emisores o emisiones con esta calificación muestran la calidad crediticia más fuerte en relación a otros emisores o emisiones locales. La calificación de corto plazo en Escala Nacional de México de MX-1 indica que el emisor tiene la capacidad más fuerte para pagar sus obligaciones de deuda senior quirografaria de corto plazo en relación a otros emisores locales.

Las siguientes acciones de calificación fueron realizadas sobre Barclays Bank (México), S.A.:

Calificación de depósitos en escala global moneda local, de largo y corto plazo: Bajó a Baa1/Prime-2 de A1/Prime-1, con perspectiva estable

Las siguientes calificaciones de Barclays Bank (México), S.A. fueron afirmadas:

Calificación de fortaleza financiera de bancos: D, con perspectiva estable

Calificación de depósitos en escala global moneda extranjera, largo plazo: Baa1, con perspectiva estable

Calificación de depósitos en escala global moneda extranjera, corto plazo: Prime-2

Calificación de depósitos en Escala Nacional de México, largo plazo: Aaa.mx, con perspectiva estable

Calificación de depósitos en Escala Nacional de México, corto plazo: MX-1

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