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## Creditreform Rating updated methodology

Creditreform Rating AG (CRA) has reviewed and updated its rating methodology "Financial Instruments (Issue Ratings)" (Version 1.6). This methodology outlines our approach to issue ratings of financial instruments, including bonds and promissory notes issued by companies or special purpose vehicles, which may be backed by collateral or cash-generating assets to secure creditor claims.

The following non-material changes were made to the methodology:

The updated methodology introduces editorial changes and the addition of a dedicated section on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors, integrating content that was previously published separately.

The changes do not affect any existing ratings.

The updated rating methodology "Financial Instruments (Issue Ratings)" (Version 1.6)" will take effect on October 01, 2024 and will be applied by Creditreform Rating AG.

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