

## **Press release**

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On 13 September 2023, Creditreform Rating AG published for consultation its new rating methodology "SME CDO Securitizations" (Version 1.0). This methodology outlines our approach to collateralized debt obligations backed by a large, granular, and homogeneous pool of loans. These loans may include various asset types, such as residential and commercial mortgages, corporate loans, and other structured finance instruments. Typically, the debtors in such credit agreements are small to medium enterprises or self-employed individuals.

Creditreform Rating AG did not receive any comments during the consultation phase and no changes were made to the document published for this consultation.

The new rating methodology "SME CDO Securitizations" (Version 1.0)" will therefore take effect on 16 October 2023 and will be applied by Creditreform Rating AG.