

PRESS RELEASE

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JCR Eurasia Rating

has upgraded the credit ratings of **Ak Faktoring A.Ş.**
to **'BBB (Trk) / Stable'** on the Long Term National Scale and **'BBB-/Stable'**
on the Long Term International Foreign Currency

JCR Eurasia Rating has upgraded the investment grade credit ratings of "Ak Faktoring A.Ş." to **'BBB (Trk)'** from **'BBB-(Trk)'** on the Long Term National along with an assigned **'Stable'** outlook. JCR Eurasia Rating has also upgraded the Long Term International Foreign Currency to **'BBB-'** from **'BB+'**. Other notes and details of the ratings are given in the table below:

Long Term International Foreign Currency	: BBB- / (Stable Outlook)
Long Term International Local Currency	: BBB- / (Stable Outlook)
Long Term National Local Rating	: BBB (Trk) / (Stable Outlook)
Short Term International Foreign Currency	: A-3 / (Stable Outlook)
Short Term International Local Currency	: A-3 / (Stable Outlook)
Short Term National Local Rating	: A-3 (Trk) / (Stable Outlook)
Sponsor Support	: 2
Stand Alone	: BC

Recent regulations diversifying, improving, and deepening financial services have enhanced the reputation and overall standing of the non-banking financial sector and constitutes the effective supervision and control of the sector. As one of the leading non-banking financial sectors and focusing on the finance of Small and Medium Sized Entities (SMEs), the growth rate of the Factoring Sector has accelerated. Despite the increased volatility of the national economy and decreased growth rates, the sector's low level of penetration and the commercial structure of SME-dominated Turkey are considered determinant factors creating a positive outlook for the coming period.

Ak Faktoring A.Ş. operating in a sector that mainly constituted of bank related institutions in a fiercely competitive environment, maintains its activities with an increased number of employees in its headquarters in İstanbul. The Company, with foundations going back to the 1950s, began operations in 2011 and accelerated with the acquisition of the majority of shares by İnan Altınbaş and Hüseyin Altınbaş. The above sector growth of the company stemmed primarily from external resources which have increased over the last two years, pressuring the Company's equity level and liability structure. Although the rapid increase in the internal resource generation capacity has been affected by the relatively high customer concentration and pressure, there is an active risk management application gained through the low level NPL ratios, high collateral level, asset quality with a stable low FX position and diversified fund resources acquired through bond issues. These factors contribute to the upgrade of the Company's long term National Grade by one notch.

It is considered that the major controlling shareholders have the willingness and experience to ensure the long term liquidity and equity within their financial capability when required and to provide efficient operational support to Ak Faktoring A.Ş. In this regard, the Company's Sponsor Support Grade has been affirmed as **(2)** in JCR Eurasia Rating's notation.

Taking into account the Company's growth potential, internal resource generation capacity, asset quality and risk management policies, JCR Eurasia Rating has reached the conclusion that the Company has the sufficient experience and infrastructure to manage its obligations regardless of any assistance that may be provided by the shareholders, providing that it develops its income generation capacity and expands its current customer base. Within this context, the Stand Alone grade of the Company has been determined as **(BC)** in the JCR Eurasia Rating notation system.

For more information regarding the rating results you may visit our internet site <http://www.jcrer.com.tr> or contact our analyst Mr. **Gokhan IYIGUN** and Miss **Merve BÖLÜKÇÜ**.

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