

Think Tank Series 2017-1 Trust Ratings Raised On Five Note Classes; Two Affirmed

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MELBOURNE (S&P Global Ratings) July 4, 2019--S&P Global Ratings today raised its ratings on five classes of small-ticket commercial mortgage-backed, floating-rate, pass-through notes issued by BNY Trust Co. of Australia Ltd. as trustee of Think Tank Series 2017-1 Trust. At the same time, we affirmed our ratings on two classes of notes (see list).

Think Tank Series 2017-1 Trust is a securitization of loans to commercial borrowers, secured by first-registered mortgages over Australian commercial or residential properties originated by Think Tank Group Pty Ltd. (Think Tank).

The ratings reflect:

- Our view of the credit risk of the underlying collateral portfolio and the credit support provided for the rated notes, which is commensurate with that credit risk. Our analysis of credit risk is based on our "Principles Of Credit Ratings" criteria; however, where factors that affect borrower performance are similar to those for residential mortgage loans, we have applied similar assumptions (refer to "Think Tank Series 2017-1 Trust," published Dec. 4, 2017). Credit support for the rated notes is provided in the form of subordination.
- That the underlying pool of assets as of April 30, 2019, has a weighted-average seasoning of 32 months and a weighted-average current loan-to-value ratio of 63.9%. The asset pool consists of 245 consolidated loans, with pool composition consisting primarily of assets backed by commercial properties (82.2%) and a small proportion of residential (9.8%) and other properties (8.0%).

- That the transaction has continued to pay down sequentially since close, increasing the level of subordination to all rated note classes. The pool factor was approximately 75%, and the outstanding asset balance was A\$224.7 million as of April 30, 2019.
- Asset performance has been stable since inception, with a moderate level of loans past due and no losses to date. As of April 30, 2019, 3.8% of the asset pool was between 30 days and 60 days in arrears, and no loans were more than 60 days in arrears.
- That about 70.4% of the pool is currently in interest-only periods, which introduces a potential shock to borrowers when the loans convert to principal-and-interest payments. This compares with 72.7% at transaction close. S&P Global Ratings applies a higher default frequency to loans with interest-only periods.
- That exposure to self-managed superannuation funds (SMSFs) loans has increased since transaction close to 15.9% from 13.1%. Although SMSF loans are limited-recourse lending, the risk of this affecting borrowers' payment behavior is somewhat mitigated by features such as personal guarantees being provided by SMSF members for every loan to an SMSF in the asset pool. In the absence of a substantial track record and performance data on SMSF loans, S&P Global Ratings has applied an additional adjustment in its credit-support calculation.
- That loans to borrowers whose income has not been fully verified have increased to 26.0% from 24.9% at close. For these borrowers, the income, savings, credit history, and debt-servicing assessments have been verified through alternative sources such as trading bank statements. S&P Global Ratings has assumed a higher default frequency for these loans in its calculation of credit support for the corresponding rating levels.
- That the transaction benefits from a number of structural mechanisms, including an amortizing liquidity facility equal to 3.0% of the outstanding balance of the rated notes, and principal draws, which are sufficient under our stress assumptions to ensure timely payment of interest. Our cash-flow analysis also reflects that a minimum margin will be maintained on the assets.
- The increasing risk of borrower concentration as the pool continues to amortize. The largest 10 borrowers comprise 12.7% of the asset pool, with each being greater than 1.0% of the pool. We view that the lower-rated notes are more susceptible to tail-end risk and back-end losses; however, we expect that credit support available to rated notes will continue to build due to the transaction's structural features, whereby the unrated notes do not receive any principal until all rated notes are fully repaid. We have considered concentration with respect to credit support outcomes at respective rating levels and considered an approach based on that outlined in our "Australian RMBS Rating Methodology And Assumptions" criteria, published Sept. 1, 2011.
- That the transaction passes our stressed cash-flow modeling scenarios at their respective rating levels, having the ability to make timely interest and ultimate payment of principal.

A copy of S&P Global Ratings' complete report for Think Tank Series 2017-1 Trust can be found on RatingsDirect, S&P Global Ratings' web-based credit analysis system, at <http://www.capitaliq.com>.

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RATINGS RAISED

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Class	To	From
B	AA+ (sf)	AA (sf)
C	A+ (sf)	A (sf)
D	BBB+ (sf)	BBB (sf)
E	BB+ (sf)	BB (sf)
F	B+ (sf)	B (sf)

RATINGS AFFIRMED

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Class	Rating
A1	AAA (sf)
A2	AAA (sf)

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