

Corporate Credit Rating

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RATINGS		Long Term	Short Term
ICRs (Issuer Credit Profile)	National ICR	AAA (tr)	J1+ (tr)
	National ICR Outlooks	Stable	Stable
	International FC ICR	BB	-
	International FC ICR Outlooks	Negative	-
	International LC ICR	BB	-
ISRs (Issue Specific Profile)	National ISR	-	-
	International FC ISR	-	-
	International LC ISR	-	-
Sovereign*	Foreign Currency	BB (Negative)	-
	Local Currency	BB (Negative)	-

* Assigned by JCR on Aug 18, 2022

VAKIF GAYRİMENKUL YATIRIM ORTAKLIĞI A.Ş

JCR Eurasia Rating has evaluated "Vakıf Gayrimenkul Yatırım Ortaklığı A.Ş" in the highest investment grade category at national level and affirmed the Long-Term National Issuer Credit Rating at 'AAA (tr)' and the Short-Term National Issuer Credit Rating at 'J1+(tr)' with 'Stable' outlooks. On the other hand, the Long Term International Foreign and Local Currency Issuer Credit Ratings and outlooks were affirmed at 'BB/Negative' as parallel to the International ratings and outlooks of the Türkiye.

Vakıf Gayrimenkul Yatırım Ortaklığı A.Ş. (Vakıf GYO or the Company) was established in 1996 as an affiliate of Türkiye Vakıflar Bankası T.A.O. ("Vakıfbank", was evaluated by JCR Eurasia Rating and assigned the Long-Term National Note at "AAA (tr)" as of May 2023).

Vakıf GYO's shares have been listed on the Borsa Istanbul (BIST) index with the ticker symbol of 'VKGYO' since December 1996 with a current free-float rate of 31.48%, whilst the Vakıfbank is the qualified shareholder with a rate of 53.77%.

As a real estate investment trust, Vakıf GYO has operations and investments in real estate projects and operates as defined in the regulations of the Capital Markets Board ("CMB") regarding real estate investment partnerships. The investment property portfolio of the Company mainly consists of lands and rental properties.

The Company's main ultimate controlling shareholder is "Vakıfbank Finance Group" with a 67.58% share. Key rating drivers, as strengths and constraints, are provided below.

Strengths

- Strong and high-quality equity base supported by paid-in capital rise through cash injection,
- Ongoing high net cash position against financial debts,
- Significant pre-sales alleviating funding concerns for ongoing projects,
- Ongoing projects offering lucrative opportunities,
- Rental and interest incomes buffer against financial shocks,
- Operational strength and proven track of the main shareholder,
- High level of compliance with corporate governance practices.

Constraints

- Challenges in the sector due to the upward trend in input costs,
- The increase in mortgage interest rates and soaring prices putting pressure on sales,
- Global economic growth slows down evidenced by commodity prices and trade figures on the back of rapid monetary tightening, coupled with domestic restrictive financial conditions limit access to finance.

Considering the aforementioned points, the Company's the Long-Term National Issuer Credit Rating has been affirmed at 'AAA (tr)'. Notable cash surplus against its financial debt and solid equity level as well as high earning potential with ongoing projects are evaluated as important indicators for the stability of the ratings, and the outlooks for Long and Short-Term National Issuer Credit Ratings are determined as 'Stable'. The Company's achievement of budget targets, debt ratio, profit margins, and sustainability of domestic and international demands as well as market conditions regarding the sector, will be closely monitored by JCR Eurasia Rating in the upcoming periods. The macroeconomic indicators in national and international markets, as well as market conditions and the legal framework of the sector, will be monitored as well.

