Press Release

Creditreform Rating

Rating Object:

Bearer Notes with the ISIN: XS1837287413 issued by Ardian Investment Solutions S.A. (company), acting in respect of its compartment AIS-APDIV-C4 (Borrower)

Rating:

BBB+

Rating Outlook / Addition:

Outlook stable

Rating Information:

Initial Issue Date	13/07/2018
Jurisdiction Rating Object	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
Exchange	---
Legal Form	Société Anonyme
Volume	EUR 20m
Seniority	Non-subordinated
Collateralization	Unsecured
Credit Enhancement	Available
Legal Maturity	19/10/2030
Coupon	4% p.a.
Coupon Period	Quarterly
Coupon Type	Fix, deferrable plus variable
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Rating Rationale:

Following publication of the new rating methodologies Private Debt Securitizations (v1.0) and Derivation of Interest-Rate Scenarios" (v1.0), Creditreform Rating has reviewed the relevant rating. The impact analysis did not lead to any change in the rating. The qualifier watch neutral is therefore withdrawn. The rating is set to BBB+/stable.

Primary Key Rating Factors:

(+/-) The impact analysis performed as part of the review did not result in any change to the rating

Ratings Sensitivities:

Best-case scenario: In this scenario, we stressed (ceteris paribus) PDs of the underlying portfolio companies by an amount of -1 Notch (improvement), resulting in a rating of BBB+.[1]

Worst-case scenario: In this scenario, we stressed (ceteris paribus) PDs of the underlying portfolio companies by an amount of +1 Notch (deterioration), resulting in a rating of BBB+.[1]

ESG-Criteria:

CRA generally incorporates ESG factors (Environmental, Social, and Governance) into the assessment of the rating object and indicates the extent to which ESG factors have a significant impact on the credit rating and can thus be classified as a key rating driver. In this rating, no ESG-relevant factors with a significant impact on the credit rating were identified.

Latest Rating Date / Disclosure to Rated Entity / Maximum Validity:

02/07/2026 / 02/07/2026 / 19/10/2030

Between the disclosure of the credit rating to the rated entity and the public disclosure, no amendments were made to the credit rating.

Initial Rating Date:

06/02/2019 / BBB / Outlook stable

Status of Solicitation:

The rating is a solicited rating. The degree of participation was as follows:

With Rated Entity or Related Third Party Participation: Yes

With Access to Internal Documents: Yes

With Access to Management: Yes

Notes:

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[1] Ratings are limited to BBB+ due to the give back mechanism

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Creditreform Rating AG was mandated on 24/04/2018 by Investment Solutions S.A. to conduct a rating for the bearer notes under Luxembourg law, issued by Ardian Investment Solutions S.A., acting in respect of its compartment AIS-APDIV-C4. This is a public rating which is regulatory applicable according to EU Regulation 1060/2009 (CRA-Regulation).

The rating was conducted on the basis of the rating methodologies CRA „Rating of Financial Instruments“ (v1.6), CRA „Technical Documentation Portfolio Loss Distributions” (v1.0), CRA „Private Debt Securitizations“ (v1.0) and CRA „Derivation of Interest-Rate Scenarios” (v1.0) in conjunction with Creditreform’s basic document “Rating Criteria and Definitions”.

Important sources of information in the context of the rating were, in addition to the submitted documents, regular e-mail exchanges. The submitted documents and information provided were sufficient to meet the requirements of Creditreform Rating AG's rating methodology.

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https://creditreform-rating.de/en/about-us/regulatory-requirements.html

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https://creditreform-rating.de/en/about-us/regulatory-requirements.html

This rating was carried out by analysts Agne Bacionyte and Joachim Göschel. The function of Person Approving Credit Ratings (PAC) was performed by Philip Michaelis.

Closing of the transaction occured on 13/07/2018. The rating is based on the portfolio information and transaction documentation as of 12/05/2026.

The issuer or all relevant parties have examined the rating report prior to publication and were provided with at least one full working day to appeal the rating committee decision and provide additional information. The rating decision was not amended following this examination.

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2. Transaction documents

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