



Rule 17g-7 Information Disclosure Form

Ratings

Senior Notes HR BB (G)
Outlook Negative

The Rating Action Commentary (RAC) associated with this disclosure form is an integral part of the form.

1. Symbol, Number, or Score in the Rating Scale used by HR Ratings as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(A) of Rule 17g-7:

Table with 4 columns: Entity/Instrument, Rating Action, Rating Type, Rating Code. Row 1: Senior Notes (the Issuance) issued by Financiera Independencia, S.A.B. de C.V., SOFOM, E.N.R. (the Issuer), Assign, Long Term Rating, HR BB (G) / Negative

2. Version of the Procedure or Methodology used to determine the credit rating as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(B) of Rule 17g-7:

The rating assigned by HR Ratings to the entity is based in accordance with the following methodologies established by the rating agency:

- Rating Methodology for Non-Bank Financial Institutions, May 2009
Rating Methodology for Sovereign Debt, May 2017
General Methodological Criteria, June 2017

3. Main assumptions and principles used in constructing the procedures and methodologies to determine the credit rating as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(C) of Rule 17g-7:

The objective of the Rating Methodology for Non-Bank Financial Institutions is to evaluate the financial institution's ability and willingness to pay its debt through the relevant parameters that specifically affects these conditions.

To evaluate all the relevant risks that affect the Non-Bank Financial Institution credit quality, HR Ratings classifies them into qualitative risks and quantitative risks.

The qualitative risks category includes risk factors such as: 1) Industry risk, 2) Assessment of management and operational risks and 3) Accounting, regulatory and competitive risks.

The Financial projections for Non-Bank Financial Institutions represents the structural basis for the quantitative risks category. These projections incorporate historical financial information that the institution delivers to HR Ratings and with which forecasts are prepared minimum for the next 8 quarters.

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Definition

The long term global rating assigned to the Senior Notes placed by FINDEP is HR BB (G) with Negative Outlook. The issuer or issue with this rating provides insufficient safety for timely payment of debt obligations.

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For the financial projections, the analyst focuses on the capacity of the institution to maintain a capital adequacy ratio and its ability to generate cash flow, even under a high stress scenario. Both factors are fundamental so that the entity can reliably meet its financing needs. The factors the analyst takes into consideration for the projections and to present a reliable scenario include economic environment, industry growth expectations, competition, business plan, business cycle, business financial situation, concentration risks of the portfolio and funding structure, among others. With the historically financial information and with the projection we calculate the key financial ratios for the quantitative analysis. The financial ratios taken into consideration are the profitability level, the operating efficiency, portfolio quality, market risk, solvency ratios and liquidity risk. The final rating represents the sum of the rating assessment given by the qualitative risks analysis and in the quantitative risk analysis.

4. Potential limitations of the credit rating as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(D) of Rule 17q-7

- HR Ratings does not validate, guarantee or certify the accuracy, correctness or completeness of any information and is not responsible for any errors or omissions or for results obtained from the use of such information.
- Ratings and/or opinions assigned by HR Ratings are based on an analysis of the creditworthiness of an entity, issue or issuer, and do not necessarily imply a statistical likelihood of default.
- The credit ratings do not opine on the liquidity of the issuer's securities or stock.
- The credit ratings do not consider the possible loss severity on an obligation default.
- The credit ratings are not an opinion of the market value of any issuer's securities or stock, or the possibility that this value suffer a deterioration.

5. Information on the uncertainty of the credit rating as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(E) of Rule 17q-7

The Analysis Committee noted no material limitations on the reliability, accuracy and quality on the data relied on in determining the credit rating.

The Analysis Committee noted no material limitations on the scope of historical data or on the accessibility to certain documents or other information that would have better informed any credit rating listed in this disclosure form.

The ratings and/or opinions assigned are issued on behalf of HR Ratings, not of its management or technical staff, and do not constitute an investment recommendation to buy, sell, or hold any instrument nor to perform any business, investment or other operation. The assigned ratings and/or opinions issued may be subject to updates at any time, in accordance with HR Ratings' methodologies.

6. Use of third party due diligence services as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(F) of Rule 17q-7

HR Ratings did not use third party due diligence services for this rating.

7. Use of servicer or remittance reports to conduct surveillance of the credit rating as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(G) of Rule 17q-7

HR Ratings does not use Servicer or Remittance Reports to conduct surveillance of this rating.

8. Description of types of data about any obligor, issue, security or money market instrument relied upon for determining credit rating as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(H) of Rule 17q-7

Among the main information used for the rating is:

- Annual Audited reports obtained from public record, regulatory filings and from the Company.
- Inter-annual financial statements and operational results.
- Projections, budget and guidelines provided by the Company.
- Presentations provided by the Company.
- Credit Loan and Leasing Portfolio.
- Funding Structure.
- Liquidity Positions.
- Derivatives Position.
- Corporate Governance.
- Accounting Policies.



9. Overall assessment of quality of information available and considered in determining credit rating as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(I) of Rule 17g-7

The quality of the information provided by the entity is considered to be consistent with the quality observed within the asset class.

10. Information relating to conflicts of interest as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(J) of Rule 17g-7

The rating was solicited by the entity or issuer, or on its behalf, and therefore, HR Ratings has received the corresponding fees for the rating services provided. The following information can be found on our website at www.hrratings.com: (i) The internal procedures for the monitoring and surveillance of our ratings and the periodicity with which they are formally updated, (ii) the criteria used by HR Ratings for the withdrawal or suspension of the maintenance of a rating, and (iii) the procedure and process of voting on our Analysis Committee. The Analysis has been performed with complete independence from the received fees or any other business relation with the entity and in absolute concordance with the applicable methodologies.

The ratings and/or opinions assigned are issued on behalf of HR Ratings, not of its management or technical staff, and do not constitute an investment recommendation to buy, sell, or hold any instrument nor to perform any business, investment or other operation. The assigned ratings and/or opinions issued may be subject to updates at any time, in accordance with HR Ratings' methodologies.

11. Explanation or measure of potential volatility to the credit rating as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(K) of Rule 17g-7

The main factors that could lead to the volatility of the rating are:

- An increase in non-performing loans due to the aggressive growth plan that considers the entry into new potential markets, and a slowdown in economic conditions which could impact the payment capacity of current clients.
- Solvency deterioration due to the increase of risky assets and the negative impacts from the net losses forecasted in 2017 in a stress scenario.
- A strong increase in expenses due to an aggressive portfolio growth and the need to strengthen the portfolio collection department.
- Possible inorganic growth through company mergers or acquisitions.
- Changes in financial regulation which may negatively impact the expected growth in the company's portfolio.
- Changes in Mexico's sovereign rating by HR Ratings, which implies deteriorated macroeconomic conditions to the general performance of Financials Sector.

12. Historical performance and expected probability of default and expected loss in event of default as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(L) of Rule 17g-7

For historical performance of each rating listed in the disclosure form, click on the link in the ratings table presented on the first page.

Our credit ratings need to be understood as rankings of the relative creditworthiness of different entities or credits. Creditworthiness takes into consideration both the ability and willingness to meet debt obligations in the manner prescribed in the relevant documentation. Default refers to the noncompliance of previously agreed obligations.

As our ratings measure relative creditworthiness they do not necessarily reflect any specific statistical probability of default. In order to make more valid rankings of creditworthiness our different methodologies will apply stress case scenarios to complement our base case analysis.

13. Assumptions made by HR Ratings in determining announced credit ratings and examples of how assumptions impact the rating as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(M) of Rule 17g-7

- The rating for the Company is based on the adequate solvency metrics due to the constant generation of profits, which has strengthened its equity.
- Improvement in the portfolio quality with a non-performing loan ratio of 5.3% at the end of 1Q17 (vs. 6.0% at the end of 1Q16).



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- Better profitability levels at 1Q17, obtaining an Average ROEE and Average ROAA of 6.2% and 2.1% at the end of 1Q17 (vs. 5.4% and 1.7% at the end of 1Q16).
- In addition, the total debt of the Company counts with different financial instrument to hedge the volatility in the interest's rate and currency.

14. Representations, warranties and enforcement mechanisms available to investors as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(ii)(N) of Rule 17q-7

The reporting of representations, warranties, and enforcement mechanisms does not apply to the credit rating listed in this disclosure form as it is not assigned to an asset-backed security.

15. Attestation as required by Paragraph (a)(1)(iii) of Rule 17q-7

With respect to each credit rating in this disclosure form, Félix Boni, who served on the rating committee and is thus a person with responsibility for each credit rating action announced in the associated Rating Action Commentary, state that to the best of their knowledge:

- No part of the credit rating was influenced by any other business activities;
- The credit rating was based solely upon the merits of the obligor, security or money market instrument being rated and any relevant credit enhancement; and
- The credit rating was an independent evaluation of the risks and merits of the obligor, security or money market instrument and any relevant credit enhancement

This attestation is based on (i) all relevant material reviewed by the committee chair in connection with each rating action announced in this RAC; (ii) the committee chair's participation in the rating committee that determined each credit rating action announced in this RAC; and (iii) attestations provided to the committee chair by all other voting members of the rating committee as part of the rating process.



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HR Ratings bases its ratings and/or opinions on information obtained from sources that are believed to be accurate and reliable. HR Ratings, however, does not validate, guarantee or certify the accuracy, correctness or completeness of any information and is not responsible for any errors or omissions or for results obtained from the use of such information. Most issuers of debt securities rated by HR Ratings have paid a fee for the credit rating based on the amount and type of debt issued. The degree of creditworthiness of an issue or issuer, opinions regarding asset manager quality or ratings related to an entity's performance of its business purpose are subject to change, which can produce a rating upgrade or downgrade, without implying any responsibility for HR Ratings. The ratings issued by HR Ratings are assigned in an ethical manner, in accordance with healthy market practices and in compliance with applicable regulations found on the www.hrratings.com rating agency webpage. There Code of Conduct, HR Ratings' rating methodologies, rating criteria and current ratings can also be found on the website.

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