

Rating Action: Moody's Ratings affirms Itau Colombia's Baa3 deposit ratings, stable outlook

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New York, October 06, 2025 -- Moody's Ratings (Moody's) has today affirmed Itau Colombia S.A.'s (Itau Colombia) long- and short-term local and foreign currency deposit ratings at Baa3 and Prime-3, respectively, following the affirmation of the bank's Baseline Credit Assessment (BCA) at ba2 and Adjusted BCA at baa3. We also affirmed the bank's long- and short-term local and foreign currency Counterparty Risk Ratings at Baa2 and Prime-2, respectively, and long- and short-term Counterparty Risk Assessments (CRA) at Baa2(cr) and Prime-2(cr), respectively. The outlook on the long-term bank deposit ratings remains stable.

RATINGS RATIONALE

In affirming Itau Colombia's BCA of ba2, we acknowledge the bank's track record of consistent capital metrics and problem loan ratios that have remained below those reported by other rated Colombian banks in recent years. This performance reflects the bank's prudent risk management practices, which are aligned with the strong risk culture of its ultimate Brazilian parent, Itau Unibanco Holding S.A. (Itau Unibanco, Ba2 stable).

Conversely, Itau Colombia's BCA is constrained by modest profitability metrics, stemming from a funding structure with significant participation from institutional investors, whose funds are inherently more expensive than retail deposits. In addition, profits are also constrained by strong competition from large banks in the retail lending segment, which has challenged Itau Colombia's ability to expand its market share in that sector and reinforced its strategy to focus growth in the wholesale segment.

On a regulatory basis, Itau Colombia had a common equity tier 1 (CET1) ratio of 11.7% and total capital ratio of 15.0% in June 2025, both adequately above minimum required thresholds. Compared to one year prior, the bank's capitalization benefited from earnings retention and a decline in the volume of gross loans. We expect Itau Colombia to maintain a comfortable capital buffer over minimum requirements; however, its capitalization will likely trend down as the bank grows loan operations with corporate clients.

The bank's problem loan ratio, measured as Stage 3 loans under IFRS to gross loans, increased to 3.9% in June 2025, up from 3.4% in the previous year. Despite this slight increase, the bank's sizable loan loss reserves, at 118.55% of problem loans, provide a strong buffer against unexpected losses, partially mitigating credit risk.

We also expect Itau Colombia's funding and liquidity to remain relatively stable over the outlook horizon. As of June 2025, deposits comprised approximately two-thirds of total liabilities, while liquid assets represented 28.4% of tangible banking assets. The bank's regulatory liquidity ratios also remained comfortably above minimum requirements.

Profitability continues to be the main challenge to Itau Colombia's financial profile. Funding costs remain relatively high compared with levels reported before March 2023, while the large share of corporate loans in the bank's loan book, with lower spreads than retail loans, results in a more modest origination of interest income than in other large rated banks. Itau Colombia's efficiency ratio at 75.5%, as we measure, is also a challenge to the bank's bottom-line results. Additionally, loan loss provision expenses accounted for approximately 64.4% of pre-provision income in June 2025. At the same date, the bank's net income to tangible assets ratio stood at 0.27%, up from 0.09% in June 2024. Toward the end of 2025, profitability is likely to remain modest due to prudent loan growth, focused more on commercial loans, and persistently high funding costs.

Itau Colombia's Baa3 long-term local and foreign currency deposit ratings incorporate our assessment of a very high likelihood of affiliate support from its immediate parent, Banco Itau Chile (A3 stable, baa1). This support

results in a two-notch uplift from the bank's ba2 BCA.

FACTORS THAT COULD LEAD TO AN UPGRADE OR DOWNGRADE OF THE RATINGS

Itau Colombia's BCA could be upgraded if the bank demonstrates material and consistent improvement in the generation of recurring earnings, while also strengthening its capital position. Additionally, if the bank maintains strong asset quality metrics while increasing lending diversification, particularly in the competitive retail segment, positive pressure on its BCA could emerge. A one-notch upgrade of Itau Colombia's BCA would also result in a one-notch upgrade of the bank's deposit ratings, reflecting our assessment of very high affiliate support.

Conversely, downward pressure on Itau Colombia's BCA could result from sustained deterioration in asset quality and profitability over the next 18 months, which would weaken the bank's capacity to absorb credit losses. Given the very high probability of affiliate support, a one-notch downgrade of the bank's BCA would exert limited downward pressure on its deposit ratings.

The principal methodology used in these ratings was Banks published in November 2024 and available at https://ratings.moodys.com/rmc-documents/432741. Alternatively, please see the Rating Methodologies page on https://ratings.moodys.com for a copy of this methodology.

Itau Colombia's "Assigned BCA" score of ba2 is set two notches below the "Financial Profile" initial score of baa3, to account for the issuer's modest profitability and constrained operational growth due to intense competition.

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