

UBS Global Credit Strategy and Research: Rating Definitions

UBS ranks potential investment opportunities within non-government fixed income markets and sectors.

Issuer Ratings				
	UBS Terminology	Rating Category ¹	Time Horizon	Definition
Credit Outlook	Positive	Buy	Up to 6 months	UBS' expected trend in a company's creditworthiness
	Stable	Hold		
	Negative	Sell		
	UBS Terminology	Time Horizon		Definition
Credit Rating	AAA, AA, A (+/-)	Up to 12 months		UBS' assessment of a company's creditworthiness. Credit Ratings are only used in the evaluation of Swiss corporates.
	BBB, BB, B (+/-)			
	CCC, CC, C (+/-)			
Security Recommendations				
	UBS Terminology	Time Horizon		Definition
Bond Recommendation	Outperform	Up to 3 months		A corporate bond's expected relative performance versus a defined reference
	Marketperform			
	Underperform			
	UBS Terminology	Time Horizon		Definition
CDS Recommendation	Buy Protection	Up to 3 months		Recommendation to hedge a company's creditworthiness
	Sell Protection			

Note: Bond recommendations may be defined as 'Tactical', as in Tactical Outperform or Tactical Underperform, where there is a near term catalyst(s) taken into account.

The UBS credit rating may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign where applicable to show relative standing within the major categories.

1. To satisfy regulatory requirements, we assign Buy, Hold and Sell in our Credit Outlook ratings distribution table for our Issuer Rating system.