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Rating Action: Moody's Ratings assigns first-time Baa3(hyb) rating to Landesbank Hessen-Thueringen Girozentrale's Euro-denominated 250 million Additional Tier 1 (AT1) instrument

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Frankfurt am Main, May 08, 2026 -- Moody's Ratings (Moody's) has today assigned a Baa3(hyb) rating to Landesbank Hessen Thueringen Girozentrale's (Helaba, Aa2 long-term bank deposits stable / Aa2 senior unsecured stable, Baseline Credit Assessment (BCA) baa2) Euro-denominated 250 million Additional Tier 1 (AT1) perpetual capital notes (the notes) with non-viability loss absorption features.

The perpetual notes have no scheduled maturity date and include an issuer call option, subject to prior approval by the competent supervisory authority, at the first reset date on 19 December 2031 and on each subsequent reset date. The principal amount of the notes will be written down should the Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) ratio fall below 5.125%. In addition, the notes are subject to statutory non-viability loss absorption, including write down or conversion at the discretion of the resolution authority.

Distributions on the notes may be cancelled, in full or in part, on a non-cumulative basis at the issuer's discretion and are subject to mandatory cancellation in the event of insufficient available distributable items or if required by regulatory authorities.

RATINGS RATIONALE

The proposed AT1 notes are contractual non-viability preferred securities, and are available to absorb losses based on the European Union's Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive (BRRD) framework. In a bank resolution, they rank senior only to the most junior obligations, including share capital and CET 1 capital. Coupons are cancelled on a non-cumulative basis at the issuer's discretion, and on a mandatory basis subject to availability of distributable funds and breach of applicable regulatory capital requirements.

The assigned Baa3(hyb) rating reflects (1) Helaba's baa2 BCA and a3 Adjusted BCA; (2) the high loss-given-failure under our Advanced Loss Given Failure (LGF) analysis, resulting in a one-notch downward adjustment from the bank's Adjusted BCA; and (3) the higher payment risk associated with the non-cumulative coupon skip mechanism and the principal write-down feature of the notes in combination with their deeply subordinated status in liquidation, resulting in an additional two-notch downward adjustment.

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

The rating of the notes could be upgraded if Helaba's Adjusted BCA is upgraded. Conversely, the rating of the notes could be downgraded if the bank's Adjusted BCA is downgraded.

PRINCIPAL METHODOLOGY

The principal methodology used in this rating was Banks published in November 2025 and available at https://ratings.moodys.com/rmc-documents/454566. Alternatively, please see the Rating Methodologies page on https://ratings.moodys.com for a copy of this methodology.

Helaba's "Assigned BCA" of baa2 is set two notches below the "Financial Profile" initial score of a3 to reflect the bank's significant concentration risks from exposures to cyclical commercial real estate sector, and our more conservative assessment of the bank's capitalization, particularly reflecting that we expect Helaba's sizable benefit from the use of internal models to moderate over time.

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For further specification of Moody's key rating assumptions and sensitivity analysis, see the sections Methodology Assumptions and Sensitivity to Assumptions in the disclosure form. Moody's Rating Symbols and Definitions can be found on https://ratings.moodys.com/rating-definitions.

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