

ARC Withdraws Italy Ratings

London, December 23, 2016, ARC Ratings, S.A. (ARC) has withdrawn its sovereign ratings of Italy. At the time of the ratings withdrawal, Italy's sovereign ratings were BBB (stable outlook) for long-term local and foreign currency government bonds and A-2 for short-term local and foreign currency obligations. Italy's foreign and local currency country ceilings were AA. All sovereign ratings were unsolicited. The rating agency has withdrawn Italy's sovereign ratings for strategic reasons.

ARC's ratings of Italy were based on its methodologies for assigning sovereign ratings and country ceilings. Both methodologies are available on the agency's website.

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