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2021 Taiwan Ratings Corp. Corporate And Structured Finance Default And Rating Transition Studies Published

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The stability of Taiwan Ratings Corp.'s corporate ratings--as measured by the percentage of issuers with the same ratings at the end of the year as the beginning--rose to 87.7% in 2021 from 87.2% in 2020, with a 23-year weighted average of 78.6%. That's according to the report, titled "**2021 Annual Taiwan Ratings Corp. Corporate Default And Rating Transition Study**," that Taiwan Ratings published today. The percentage of upgrades among total rating actions rose to 9.7% from 2%, and downgrades fell to zero from 6.7%. There were no defaults for the fifth straight year.

Taiwan Ratings Corp.'s ratings continue to clearly correspond with default remoteness, as default rates among investment-grade ratings are well below those among speculative-grade ratings across all time frames, consistent with S&P Global Ratings' global scale ratings.

Meanwhile, there were no rating actions on Taiwan structured finance ratings in 2021, according to "**2021 Annual Taiwan Structured Finance Default And Rating Transition Study**," also published today. The lifetime upgrade rate is 47.3% and the lifetime downgrade rate is 11.8%. Of the 93 structured finance ratings assigned since the beginning of 2003, there have been five defaults, resulting in an overall lifetime default rate of 5.4%.

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