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RATING ACTION COMMENTARY

Fitch Affirms Lithuanian UAB Valstybes investicinis kapitalas' EMTN Programme at 'A+'

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Fitch Ratings - Warsaw - 27 Aug 2026: Fitch Ratings has affirmed UAB Valstybes investicinis kapitalas' (VIK) euro-denominated European medium-term note (EMTN) programme's and the notes issued under it senior unsecured ratings at 'A+'. The notes are unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Republic of Lithuania (A+/Stable).

VIK's EMTN programme initially financed investments in a state-aid fund supporting Lithuanian enterprises affected by the Covid-19 pandemic under the European Commission's temporary state-aid framework. The investment period concluded in June 2023 and the fund is now in its exit phase, having returned EUR120.5 million to VIK by end-2025 for redeployment towards new priorities. Following the revision of shareholder expectations in November 2024, VIK's mandate was broadened to mobilising capital for Lithuania's defence and security industry and other strategic national projects.

KEY RATING DRIVERS

Fitch rates VIK's EUR400 million EMTN programme and notes under its Government-Related Entities (GRE) Criteria, with the ratings fully equalised with Lithuania's sovereign rating due to an unconditional and irrevocable state guarantee—the overriding rating factor. The guarantee constitutes the state's direct, senior unsecured obligation, covering principal, interest and other payment obligations, and ranks pari passu with all its other senior unsecured debt. The programme, listed on Nasdaq Vilnius, targets domestic and international capital markets, principally across the Baltic States and Nordic countries, and permits euro-denominated, fixed-rate bond issuance with tenors of up to 10 years under Lithuanian law.

Following the programme's renewal in August 2025, its mandate was broadened from the original Covid-19 support remit to financing defence and security projects in Lithuania. On 27 August 2025, the Lithuanian government approved a state guarantee of up to EUR54.5 million for debt securities funding strategic defence-sector investments, including VIK's participation in Rheinmetall Defence Lietuva.

Having previously issued EUR100 million of state-guaranteed notes, VIK redeemed the EUR25 million and EUR50 million tranches maturing in March and September 2025, respectively, in full during the year, leaving a single legacy tranche of EUR25 million outstanding, maturing on 30 June 2027.

In September 2025, VIK issued a new EUR25 million state-guaranteed bond, maturing on 24 September 2029 with a 3.119% coupon, allocated to defence-sector investments, notably the Rheinmetall Defence Lietuva project. The notes were the first in Europe issued under Nasdaq's Defence, Resilience and Infrastructure Bond Criteria framework. As of August 2026, VIK had EUR50 million bonds outstanding, comprising these two tranches.

DERIVATION SUMMARY

VIK's EMTN programme's and notes' ratings are equalised with Lithuania's Long-Term Issuer Default Ratings due to the government guarantee covering all financial liabilities under the EMTN programme.

ISSUER PROFILE

VIK is a state-owned financing vehicle established by the Republic of Lithuania, represented by the Ministry of Finance, as the sole shareholder.

RATING SENSITIVITIES

Factors that Could, Individually or Collectively, Lead to Negative Rating Action/Downgrade

Negative rating action on Lithuania will be reflected in the EMTN programme's and notes' ratings. Dilution of support from the guarantor as well as adverse changes to or a termination of the guarantee provided will result in a review of the programme's and notes' ratings

Factors that Could, Individually or Collectively, Lead to Positive Rating Action/Upgrade

An upgrade of Lithuania's ratings would result in an upgrade of the programme's and notes' ratings

REFERENCES FOR SUBSTANTIALLY MATERIAL SOURCE CITED AS KEY DRIVER OF RATING

The principal sources of information used in the analysis are described in the Applicable Criteria.

PUBLIC RATINGS WITH CREDIT LINKAGE TO OTHER RATINGS

VIK's EMTN programme and notes' ratings are linked to Lithuania's sovereign ratings.

ESG CONSIDERATIONS

Fitch does not provide ESG relevance scores for UAB Valstybes investicinis kapitalas.

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ENTITY / DEBT	RATING TYPE	RATING	RATING ACTION	PRIOR
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senior unsecured	LT	A+	Affirmed	A+

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Government-Related Entities Rating Criteria (pub. 18 Jul 2025)

Public Policy Revenue-Supported Entities Rating Criteria (pub. 10 Jul 2026) (including rating assumption sensitivity)

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