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Latvenergo AS

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| Domicile | Rīga, Latvia |
| Long Term Rating | Baa2 |
| Type | LT Issuer Rating - Fgn Curr |
| Outlook | Stable |

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Latvenergo AS

Update to credit analysis

Summary

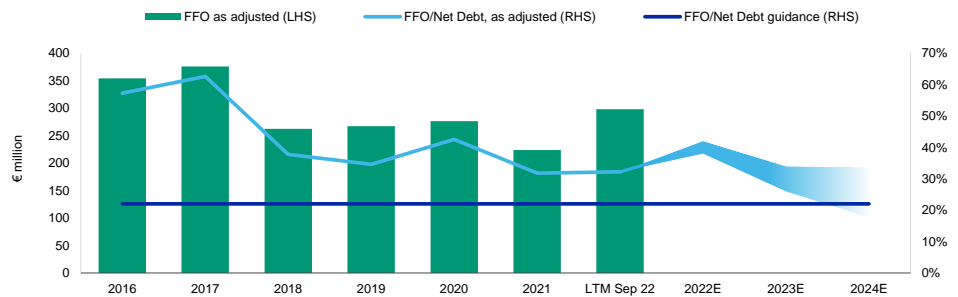
Latvenergo AS' (Latvenergo, Baa2 stable) credit profile is underpinned by the group's leading position as an integrated utility in its domestic market; its fairly low-cost and environmentally clean hydro generation asset base; the strong contribution of regulated distribution activities to its earnings; and its solid financial profile (see Exhibit 1).

However, Latvenergo's credit quality is constrained by its small size; the group's substantial short generation position versus its supply requirements; volatile hydro generation and variable profitability of its gas-fuelled heat and power plants, given their exposure to commodity prices; and the evolving nature of the electricity markets in which Latvenergo operates.

Latvenergo's Baa2 rating incorporates two notches of uplift for the potential extraordinary support from its 100% owner, the [Government of Latvia](#) (A3 stable), in case of financial distress. At the same time, the company remains exposed to political interference.

Exhibit 1

Latvenergo's leverage metrics are likely to remain volatile and burdened by growth capital spending from 2023, but remain within guidance



Sources: Company and Moody's Investors Service

Credit strengths

- » Dominant position in Latvia and status as a leading electricity supplier in the Baltics
- » Relatively stable cash flow from regulated distribution grid activities
- » Solid financial profile
- » Government support, which provides two notches of rating uplift

Credit challenges

- » Relatively small size, which leaves the company vulnerable to changes in the regional electricity markets
- » Earnings from generation exposed to variable hydrology and volatile commodity prices
- » Short position of own generation versus retail supply with a strong seasonal component, which leaves the company exposed to price volatility
- » Strain on supply volumes from competitive retail markets in the Baltics, mitigated by a large market share in Latvia's household segment

Rating outlook

The outlook on Latvenergo's rating is stable. The outlook reflects our expectation that, in the context of the risks and opportunities characterising the evolving Latvian market, the company should nonetheless be able to sustain a financial profile in line with the current rating guidance of funds from operations (FFO)/net debt in the low 20s in percentage terms over the next two to three years.

Factors that could lead to an upgrade

Upward pressure on Latvenergo's rating is unlikely to materialise in the near term but could develop in the medium to long term because of the following:

- » increased visibility into the effect of the ongoing market integration of Latvia with its neighbours and the Nordic countries on the company's business position and financial performance
- » maintenance of good liquidity and a financial profile comfortably and sustainably in excess of the current guidance

Upward rating pressure could also develop if the credit quality of the Latvian government were to significantly strengthen.

Factors that could lead to a downgrade

Latvenergo's rating could come under downward pressure if the company is not able to maintain a financial profile commensurate with the current guidance, that is, if its FFO/net debt were to remain below the low 20s in percentage terms on a sustained basis; the company's liquidity were to deteriorate; there were significant adverse changes in the regulatory or legal frameworks in Latvia; or the credit quality of the Latvian government or the support assumptions currently incorporated into our assessment were to weaken.

Key indicators

Exhibit 2

Latvenergo's credit metrics are robust but display some volatility, driven by hydrology conditions and wholesale electricity prices

| | Dec-18 | Dec-19 | Dec-20 | Dec-21 | LTM Sep-22 | 12 - 18 month forward view |
|---|---------|--------|--------|---------|------------|----------------------------|
| (CFO Pre-W/C) / Net Debt | 37.7% | 34.8% | 42.8% | 31.8% | 32.2% | 25% - 30% |
| RCF / Net Debt | 14.9% | 17.2% | 22.9% | 17.5% | 24.6% | 15% - 20% |
| FCF / Net Debt | -13.55% | -9.80% | -3.62% | -22.70% | -23.8% | -30% - -20% |
| (CFO Pre-W/C + Interest) / Interest Expense | 28.6x | 28.5x | 26.6x | 25.3x | 34.2x | 9x - 14x |

Ratios are based on adjusted financial data and incorporate our Global Standard Adjustments for Non-Financial Corporations. For definitions of our most common ratio terms, please see the accompanying [User's Guide](#).

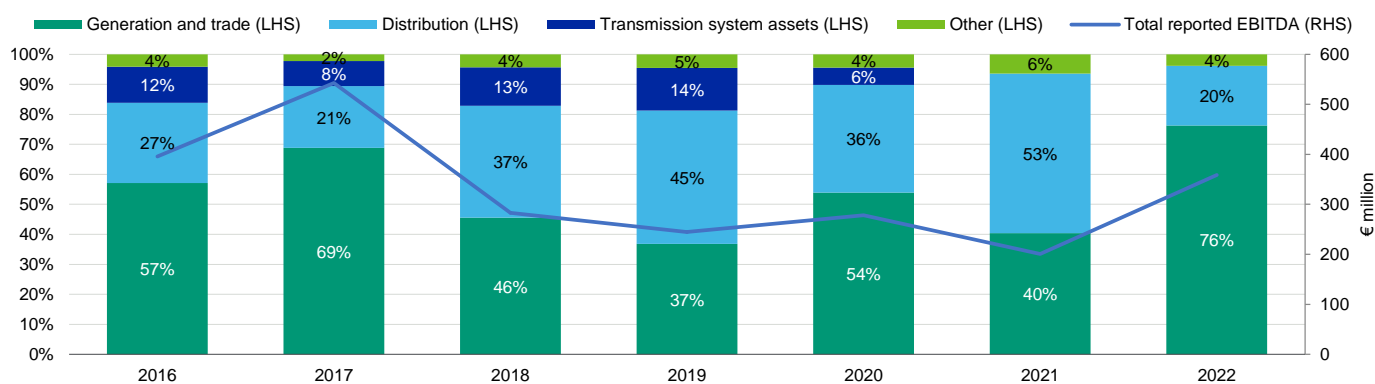
Source: Moody's Financial Metrics™

Profile

Latvenergo is the dominant vertically integrated utility in Latvia, with a total installed capacity of around 2.6 gigawatts (GW), representing around 90% of the total Latvian electricity generation capacity. Latvenergo's main power plants comprise three hydropower plants (HPPs, 1.6 GW) on River Daugava, and two gas-fuelled combined heat and power plants (CHPPs, 1.0 GW) in Riga. The group also owns and operates the Latvian electricity distribution network. Until June 2020, Latvenergo also owned the Latvian electricity transmission grid assets, which were then transferred to Augstsprieguma tīkls AS (AST) as the state-owned transmission system operator (TSO). Latvenergo is 100% owned by the Latvian government.

Exhibit 3

Latvenergo's earnings are driven by the volatile contribution from its generation business EBITDA (RHS) and segmental share (LHS)



Sources: Company and Moody's Investors Service

Detailed credit considerations

Small size exposes Latvenergo to changes in the Nordic and Baltic electricity markets

Latvenergo is the dominant utility in Latvia and one of the leading electricity end-suppliers across the three Baltic countries, with aggregate sales of around 5.5 terawatt hours (TWh) and an overall market share of around 20% in 2022. Despite its strong position in the domestic market, Latvenergo's scale remains relatively small in the pan-European context, which leaves the company exposed to changes in the relevant Nordic and Baltic electricity markets.

Variable output of HPPs is a key driver of the company's significant earnings volatility

Latvenergo partly meets its end-supply obligations with generation from its own HPPs and CHPPs, whose total output varies considerably, with levels ranging from 3.8 TWh to 5.7 TWh between 2015 and 2022 (see Exhibit 4), because of the high reliance on hydropower and the variable utilisation of CHPPs with high seasonal correlation.

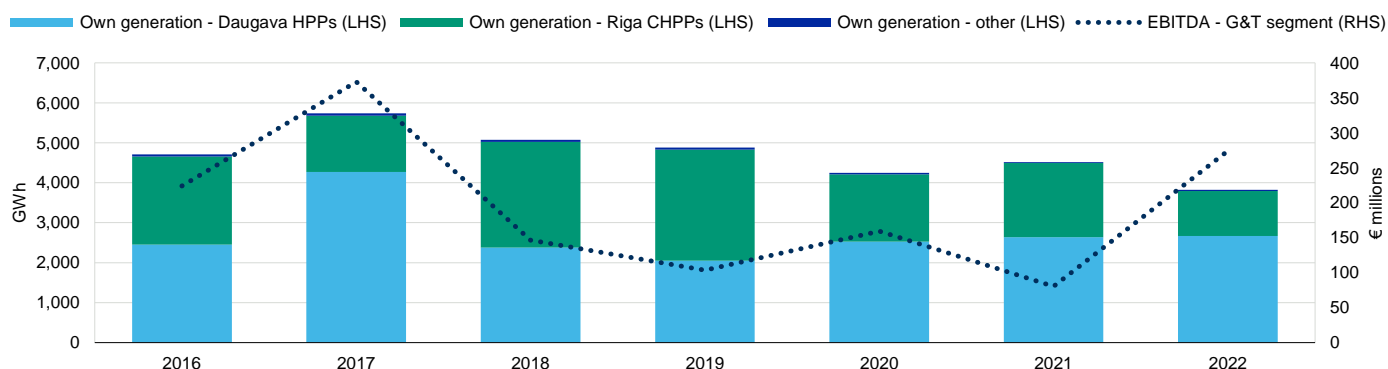
The annual production of Latvenergo's HPPs ranges between 1.8 TWh and 4.3 TWh, depending on the hydrological conditions. During the spring flood period, which typically lasts two to three months, the generation output exceeds the domestic demand, thus supporting electricity exports. With an HPP output of 2.7 TWh reported under the unaudited 2022 fourth-quarter interim results, the year constitutes another strong hydro year after 2021 and 2020, when the full-year HPP output was more than 2.6 TWh and 2.5 TWh, respectively.

The variability of the hydro generation output across years, combined with a strong seasonal component, exposes Latvenergo to significant volatility in earnings, because of HPPs' low fixed-cost nature.

Exhibit 4

Latvenergo's Generation and Trade (G&T) earnings show a close correlation to hydro production

Generation output by technology versus earnings from G&T



Sources: Company and Moody's Investors Service

The steep increase in day-ahead power prices in the Latvian price bidding area in 2022 is earnings-accretive for the company's HPP operations. The average Latvian day-ahead price rose by almost 228% to around €226 per megawatt hour (MWh) in the first nine months of 2022 from that in the year-earlier period, following the outbreak of the military conflict in Ukraine and associated gradual abandonment of Russian energy resources. However, because the period of very high prices (see Exhibit 6) partly coincided with the trough of the Latvian hydrology cycle between June and October 2022, Latvenergo's hydro activities did not reap the maximum benefit of higher electricity prices, which peaked at €468/MWh in August 2022. Throughout the fourth quarter of 2022, Latvian power prices averaged at €226/MWh but remained less volatile than in the previous nine months of 2022.

Price volatility of relevant commodities leads to low visibility into CHPPs' earnings contribution

Latvenergo's CHPPs run mainly in the cogeneration mode during the heating season from October through March. In 2021, the Riga CHPPs, with an installed thermal capacity of 1.6 GW, provided more than 50% of the heat supplied to the district heating system of the city, generating regulated income.

In addition, Latvenergo receives capacity payments, which amount to €21 million annually for 2022-28 and offset the plants' fixed costs. The amounts were substantially reduced as a result of the restructuring of the capacity scheme in August 2017 (for details, see [Latvenergo AS - Capacity payment restructuring mitigated by significant financial flexibility](#), published on 7 September 2017, and [Latvenergo AS - Update to credit analysis](#), published on 19 March 2019).

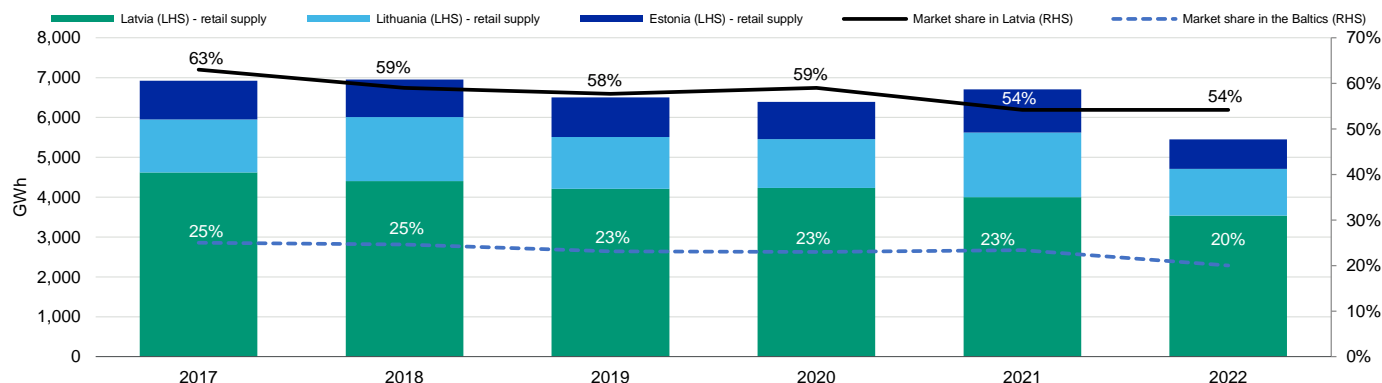
The CHPPs' earnings are exposed to seasonal weather conditions, as well as volatile gas and high carbon prices. The effects on operating costs are mitigated by Latvenergo's policy to hedge its gas and carbon requirements to a large degree; and by the fact that the regulator will approve district heating tariffs adjusted for commodity price movements.

Earnings from the heat plant operations are further underpinned by income from power sales, which particularly benefited from the rise in power prices since 2021; the capacity payments, covering fixed operating costs; and the technical flexibility of the plants, which allows load adaptation to market conditions on short notice. However, since Latvenergo does not report isolated figures of the CHPPs' contribution to G&T earnings, there is low visibility into whether or not the plants support the segment's profitability.

Leading retail supplier in Latvia and the Baltics, but intense competition has reduced the domestic market share

Except for 2021, when volumes sold recovered after the coronavirus pandemic, the group's domestic market share and volumes sold have steadily decreased since 2015, when electricity supply to households in Latvia was liberalised. Notwithstanding, volume reductions are also strategically desired to balance production and sales volumes. Lower retail supply volumes are mitigated by Latvenergo's relatively stable market shares in Estonia and Lithuania of around 10% each, and a retention level well above 80% in the less volatile Latvian household segment, observed over the past few years. The company seeks to defend its competitive position at home and grow abroad by expanding its service offer through the retail supply of gas, solar micro-installations and digital smart home services.

Exhibit 5

Latvenergo's sales are declining**Retail sales and retail market shares in Latvia and the Baltics**

Sources: Company and Moody's Investors Service

The retail operations form part of the company's G&T segment. Their profitability is a function of the share of end-supply volumes being covered by the company's own power generation from HPPs and CHPPs, which has a strong seasonal component; and of the scope and price levels of electricity procured in the wholesale market, because on an annual basis, the company's sales volumes exceed its electricity production.

Latvenergo's short position in generation exposes its supply business to price volatility

Latvenergo covers its supply shortfall with imports from the NordPool (NP) electricity exchange, where the company also sells any excess output from its HPPs during the spring flood period. Because of its volatile own generation, in combination with fixed-price tariff offers, and the increased interconnection capacities since 2015 between the Baltic and the much larger Nordic countries as well as Poland, Latvenergo is exposed to Nordic power generation volatility, reflected in converging power prices that are significantly driven by Nordic hydrology.

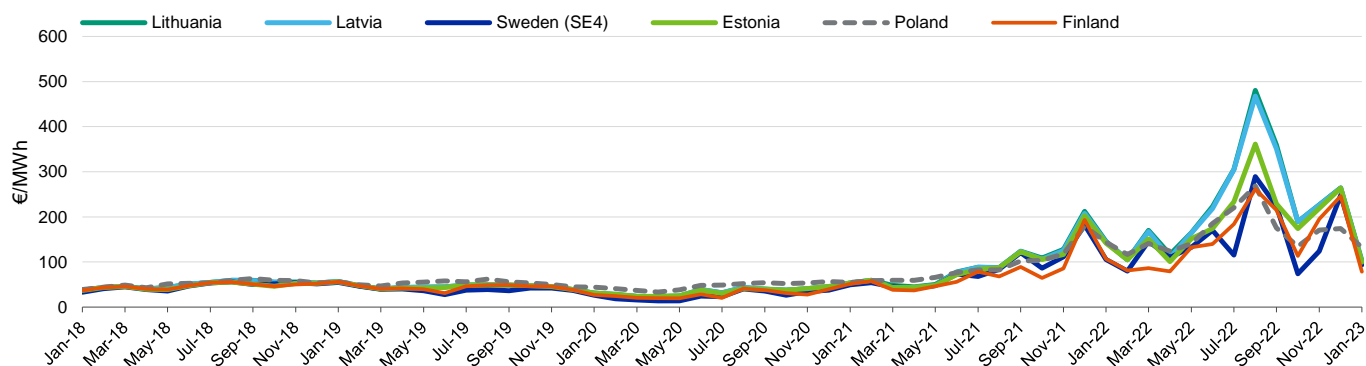
Generally, Baltic power prices tend to be positioned between the lower Nordic and the higher Polish prices in the day-ahead market. The ensuing risk of price volatility is mitigated by a positive correlation between rising electricity prices (often influenced by a low hydro output) and higher CHPP production; the use of derivative financial instruments; and the complementary hydrology seasons in Latvia and Southern Sweden, the last factor defining the lower end of the NP price range.

Because the Baltic retail markets are largely liberalised, Latvenergo in H2 2021 was able to make several end-user price adjustments to mitigate the energy price rises. However, the positive effect of such adjustments on G&T earnings is subject to lags because of notice periods and negotiations with customers, especially in relation to fixed-price tariffs; customer churn as end-users seek cheaper offers; and the magnitude of the price increases compared with the cost increases. Accordingly, the benefit from these measures largely adds to Latvenergo's earnings in 2022.

Exhibit 6

Prices in the Baltics and NP reflect close links, with Southern Sweden's hydro capacity acting as a price floor

Day-ahead electricity prices expressed in €/MWh



Lithuanian and Latvian prices are nearly identical for most of the time; therefore, the Lithuanian graph is barely visible.

Sources: NordPool, Polish Power Exchange and Moody's Investors Service

Relatively stable earnings from regulated network activities, though high power prices currently weigh on profitability

Latvenergo also owns and operates the country's electricity distribution network through its 100% subsidiary Sadales tīkls AS (ST), which is regulated by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC).

Since the beginning of 2020, ST has been operating under a new regulatory framework, which is based on a revenue cap approach with an efficiency factor and a regulatory account mechanism, and has a five-year regulatory period. ST's exposure to volume risk is limited by in-period adjustments for revenue deviations of up to 3%, whereas larger differences would be booked to the regulatory account and could be recovered in the next regulatory period.

The current regulatory period commenced on 1 January 2020, with the PUC decreeing an average 5.5% tariff decrease, which is to be compensated for over time by an efficiency programme and higher distributed volumes. The efficiency programme aimed to achieve €26 million in cost savings at ST by 2022, and mostly consisted of controllable staff and overhead cost reductions, and the rollout of smart metres. The programme was successfully concluded end of 2022 with a reduction in headcount of more than 900 and a 98% share of installed metres being smart meters.

As for the regulatory asset base (RAB) and the weighted average cost of capital (WACC), both will remain constant throughout the current regulatory period, which will ensure stable returns on the RAB through 2024. Following a revaluation of the RAB as of year-end 2020, its value now amounts to around €1.6 billion, while the WACC was determined at 3.3% (pretax, real, or 4.6% nominal).

The introduction of a new principles-based regulatory framework provides greater transparency over methodological details, although it lacks the sophistication of the regulatory frameworks prevalent in Western Europe.

As of 31 December 2022, the division reported stable revenue but a 33% EBITDA decline year over year. The decline was driven mainly by a rise in costs stemming from the high electricity power prices and general cost inflation. High power prices affect the distribution operations adversely because physical grid losses need to be covered by procuring the required volumes at prevailing spot market prices, which cannot be recovered through currently applicable tariffs.

To address this situation, in November 2022, ST submitted a request to the regulator for a 75% higher distribution tariff to be applicable from 1 July 2023. The requested tariff also considers the transmission system operator's planned 100% higher electricity transmission tariff from 1 July 2023. Currently, requested tariffs are still under discussion. As the tariff request is based on actual electricity prices the ultimate tariff increase will likely be lower than 75%, given the reduced price levels since November 2022. From a credit risk perspective, tariffs allowing for a better cost recovery would support credit metrics accordingly. Conversely, a tariff that is not adequately compensating for higher expenses would mean reduced earnings and thus would be credit negative.

Subject to the approval of a tariff increase sufficient to address the higher costs, we expect 2023 earnings for the distribution segment to recover to levels seen before the increase in electricity prices since late 2021.

Latvenergo's investment plan under the new 2022-2026 strategy will result in rising debt

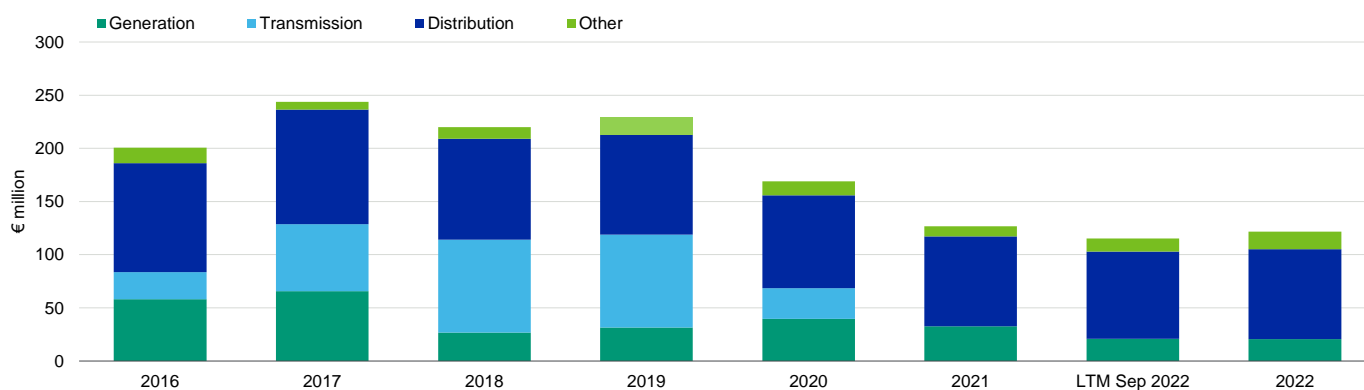
In March 2022, Latvenergo's supervisory board approved the new medium-term strategy 2022-26, which includes reinforced investments in renewables, underpinning Latvia's goal to become climate neutral by 2050. With the new strategy, Latvenergo essentially follows a path similar to other regional utilities, such as its Baltic peer [Eesti Energia AS](#) (Baa3 stable), investing mainly in onshore wind and solar installations to increase capacities.

We expect Latvenergo to invest a total of €2.5 billion in its asset base over 2022-26, most of which is allocated to the buildout of 600 megawatts (MW) of onshore wind and solar capacity, and for the lifetime extension and capacity increase of the Daugava HPPs. Lastly, the company plans to proceed with the modernisation of its grid assets, which will help to support the regulated earnings base of the group. Until 2030, Latvenergo plans to grow its renewables portfolio further to 2,300 MW of installed renewables capacity, and its plan includes the development of offshore wind farms between 2026 and 2029, together with [RWE AG](#) (Baa2 stable) as a strategic partner. The two companies signed a memorandum of understanding in September 2022.

Additional renewable capacities, in particular solar plants, could be helpful to reduce Latvenergo's short position in their retail supply operations and mitigate the company's exposure to price volatility during the summer months, when hydrology levels are at seasonable lows. However, the investment plan, relative to Latvenergo's operating scale, is ambitious, entails execution risk and will require additional debt for the business as it is only partly financed by operating cash flows.

Exhibit 7

Latvenergo's capital investments were at low levels over the last few years



Sources: Company and Moody's Investors Service

The new 2022-2026 strategy includes a reduced annual payout ratio of 64% of the unconsolidated net profits of the parent company Latvenergo AS. Historically, the government had a track record of extracting a higher share of net profits as dividends, that averaged above 80% of the parent company's net profits reported over 2017-2021.

Latvenergo's financial metrics will be volatile over the next few years, but are likely to remain within the guidance

Reported FFO in 2022 of around €400 million under the unaudited fourth quarter results substantially exceeded the exceptionally weak FFO reported in 2021, despite another hike in power prices since the start of the military conflict in Ukraine. This is because in 2022, unlike in 2021, high electricity wholesale prices partly coincided with the spring-flood period, allowing Latvenergo a high remuneration for excess HPP-based electricity generation. The increase in remuneration contained adverse earnings effects from respectively heightened power procurement costs to cover retail supply obligations. Additionally, earnings and cash flow were supported by the successful application of derivative financial instruments and an increase in electricity sales prices, together with reduced power demand in the context of the high price environment.

In 2023, FFO is expected to normalize, yet to remain above the levels seen over 2018-2020, but lower than in 2022. This is based on our expectations of an ongoing adjustment of electricity retail prices to the market situation, constant HPP production levels with no significant mismatch between the prices at which excess HPP output is sold and electricity is procured, and no adverse tariff decisions in the distribution network segment.

Growth investments will result in negative free cash flow over the coming two to three years. However, we forecast leverage metrics, measured as FFO/net debt, to remain above our guidance for the current Baa2 rating of the low 20s in percentage terms. However, we also expect some volatility in metrics over the period (see Exhibit 1). This compares with the company's financial policy, which was updated in the scope of the new strategy, and includes a minimum target of 25% FFO/net debt instead of a net debt/EBITDA target of "below 3.0x" under the previous strategy.

Government support considerations

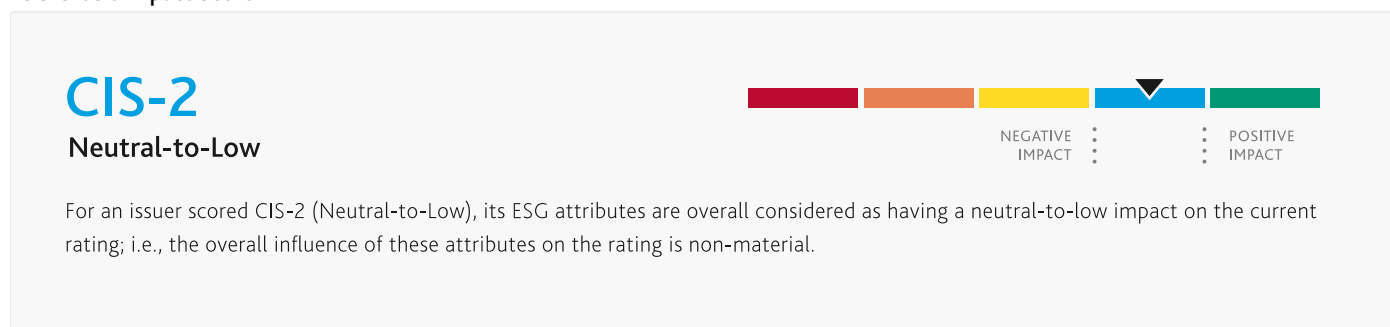
Latvenergo's Baa2 rating incorporates two notches of uplift for potential government support from its standalone credit quality, or Baseline Credit Assessment (BCA), of ba1. The uplift reflects the credit quality of the Latvian government, which owns 100% of Latvenergo's shares, as well as our assessment of a strong probability of government support for the group in the event of financial distress, and high default dependence (that is, the degree of exposure to common drivers of credit quality). The Latvian government currently has no plans to divest its stake in Latvenergo in the near term, which underpins our support assumption incorporated into the final rating.

ESG considerations

Latvenergo AS' ESG Credit Impact Score is Neutral-to-Low CIS-2

Exhibit 8

ESG Credit Impact Score



Source: Moody's Investors Service

Latvenergo's ESG Credit Impact Score is neutral/low (**CIS-2**), indicating that its ESG attributes have no discernible impact on its rating. Its score reflects moderate environmental, social and governance risks. The effect of ESG risks to the rating is mitigated by our expectation that Latvenergo's government shareholder would support the company, if this were to become necessary.

Exhibit 9

ESG Issuer Profile Scores



Source: Moody's Investors Service

Environmental

Latvenergo's moderately negative environmental risk (**E-3** issuer profile score) reflects the company's generation mix consisting of hydro and gas-fueled cogeneration plants which are exposed to risks arising from volatile hydrology and stricter carbon emission policies, respectively. Latvenergo's hydro plants are exposed to resource volatility related to changing climate patterns, but the company's flexible cogeneration plants mitigate the impact of low hydrology on earnings. Climate-related incidents, such as storms,

may also have a negative impact on the group's electricity distribution grid assets, but since this is a regulated business, we expect any damages to be reflected in tariff determinations over time.

Social

Latvenergo's moderately negative social risk (**S-3** issuer profile score) reflects risks related to demographic & social trends, which include adverse regulatory decisions or government intervention in regulatory affairs. While the economic regulation of the distribution grid operations has allowed the company to recover its costs in a timely manner, the current framework was only introduced in 2020 and has yet to build a track record of predictability and reliability.

Governance

Latvenergo's moderate governance risk (**G-3** issuer profile score) reflects that the Latvian government as the sole owner of Latvenergo has a track record of implementing measures that limit the company's profitability and reduce its equity base, such as regularly determining large dividend payouts; the restructuring of capacity payments, including capital release; the unbundling of transmission assets, again accompanied by a decrease in equity; and the reduction in distribution tariffs. While the reduction in tariffs was requested by the company from the PUC, it is notable that the Minister of Economics in June 2019 cited the failure to reduce distribution tariffs as one of the reasons for his dismissal of the supervisory board at the time. All measures are driven by the government's aim to keep end-user prices of electricity low. We view the reduction in the capital buffer and high extraction of dividends as credit negative, but we understand that the government's actions are strictly subject to preserving Latvenergo's solid credit profile.

ESG Issuer Profile Scores and Credit Impact Scores for the rated entity/transaction are available on Moodys.com. In order to view the latest scores, please click [here](#) to go to the landing page for the entity/transaction on MDC and view the ESG Scores section.

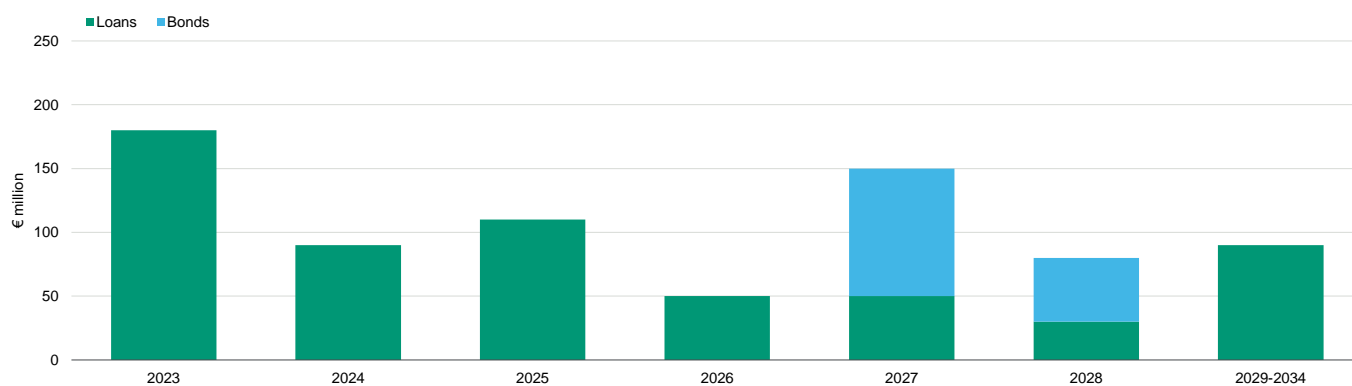
Liquidity analysis

At 31 December 2022, Latvenergo reported €113 million of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents. The company also has access to a total of €290 million committed credit lines of which €119 million were drawn at the end of 2022. The lines are predominantly used for working capital needs and were repaid in early 2023 on account of a reduction in commodity prices. The credit lines mature in H1 2024. Liquidity is additionally supported by €200 million of new term loans, maturing 2029 which were secured in October and November 2022 but remained undrawn at end of 2022. Lastly, the company successfully issued €50 million of green bonds under their green bond framework in February 2023.

We expect the available and newly secured funds to be sufficient to cover €181 million debt maturities and dividend payments in 2023, and forecast negative free cash flow of around €230 million, driven mainly by the company's targeted growth investments. Notwithstanding the fact that operating cash flow generation can be subject to volatility, there could be additional external financing needs in 2023, which would also depend on the level of actual capital expenditure. Latvenergo has good access to debt capital markets and strong banking relationships, which are underpinned by recent debt issuances in a difficult market environment.

Exhibit 10

Latvenergo has a well-spread debt maturity profile and sufficient liquidity Debt repayment schedule (as of 31 December 2022)



Sources: Company and Moody's Investors Service

Structural considerations

The Baa2 senior unsecured rating of Latvenergo's outstanding green bonds reflects the absence of structural and contractual subordination of the green bond creditors to the claims of other Latvenergo group lenders.

Methodology and scorecard

The principal methodologies used in rating Latvenergo are [Unregulated Utilities and Unregulated Power Companies](#), published in May 2017, and [Government-Related Issuers](#), published in February 2020. Based on the company's forecast financial results, the scorecard-indicated outcome is Baa3, which is above the assigned BCA of ba1. The BCA also incorporates the exposure to market developments in the wider Nordic/Baltic electricity market; uncertainties related to the market transition in Latvia; and volatility in the company's hydro generation, limiting the visibility into its cash flow generation.

Exhibit 11

Rating factors

Latvenergo AS

| Unregulated Utilities and Unregulated Power Companies Industry [1][2] | Current LTM 9/30/2022 | | Moody's 12-18 Month Forward View As of March 2023 [3] | |
|---|--------------------------|--------|--|-------|
| | Measure | Score | Measure | Score |
| Factor 1 : Scale (10%) | | | | |
| a) Scale (USD Billion) | B | B | B | B |
| Factor 2 : Business Profile (40%) | | | | |
| a) Market Diversification | Ba | Ba | Ba | Ba |
| b) Hedging and Integration Impact on Cash Flow Predictability | Ba | Ba | Ba | Ba |
| c) Market Framework & Positioning | Ba | Ba | Ba | Ba |
| d) Capital Requirements and Operational Performance | A | A | A | A |
| e) Business Mix Impact on Cash Flow Predictability | Baa | Baa | Baa | Baa |
| Factor 3 : Financial Policy (10%) | | | | |
| a) Financial Policy | Baa | Baa | Baa | Baa |
| Factor 4 : Leverage and Coverage (40%) | | | | |
| a) (CFO Pre-W/C + Interest) / Interest (3 Year Avg) | 28.1x | Aaa | 9x - 14x | A |
| b) (CFO Pre-W/C) / Net Debt (3 Year Avg) | 34.3% | Baa | 25% - 30% | Baa |
| c) RCF / Net Debt (3 Year Avg) | 21.4% | Baa | 15% - 20% | Baa |
| Rating: | | | | |
| a) Scorecard-Indicated Outcome | | Baa2 | | Baa3 |
| b) Actual Rating Assigned | | | | Baa2 |
| Government-Related Issuer | Factor | | | |
| a) Baseline Credit Assessment | | ba1 | | |
| b) Government Local Currency Rating | | A3 | | |
| c) Default Dependence | | High | | |
| d) Support | | Strong | | |
| e) Actual Rating Assigned | | Baa2 | | |

[1] All ratios are based on adjusted financial data and incorporate Moody's Global Standard Adjustments for Non-Financial Corporations.

[2] As of 9/30/2022.

[3] This represents our forward view, not the view of the issuer, and unless noted in the text, does not incorporate significant acquisitions and divestitures.

Source: Moody's Investors Service

Ratings

Exhibit 12

| Category | Moody's Rating |
|----------------------|----------------|
| LATVENERGO AS | |
| Outlook | Stable |
| Issuer Rating | Baa2 |

Source: Moody's Investors Service

Appendix

Exhibit 13

Peer comparison Latvenergo AS

| (in USD million) | Latvenergo AS | | | Eesti Energia AS | | | CEZ, a.s. | | | PGE Polska Grupa Energetyczna S.A. | | | Hrvatska Elektroprivreda d.d. | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Baa2 Stable | | | Baa3 Stable | | | Baa1 Stable | | | Baa1 Stable | | | Baa2 Stable | | |
| | FYE Dec-20 | FYE Dec-21 | LTM Sep-22 | FYE Dec-20 | FYE Dec-21 | LTM Sep-22 | FYE Dec-20 | FYE Dec-21 | LTM Sep-22 | FYE Dec-20 | FYE Dec-21 | LTM Sep-22 | FYE Dec-20 | FYE Dec-21 | LTM Jun-22 |
| Revenue | 883 | 1,260 | 1,714 | 952 | 1,553 | 2,309 | 9,309 | 10,166 | 12,671 | 11,760 | 13,672 | 16,744 | 1,980 | 2,334 | 2,570 |
| EBITDA | 290 | 179 | 271 | 242 | 371 | 691 | 2,829 | 3,002 | 4,710 | 1,452 | 2,374 | 2,290 | 648 | 547 | 81 |
| Total Assets | 4,109 | 3,952 | 3,959 | 4,508 | 4,982 | 5,603 | 32,016 | 53,442 | 65,351 | 21,875 | 22,064 | 19,873 | 7,236 | 7,096 | 6,848 |
| Total Debt | 917 | 912 | 958 | 1,241 | 1,088 | 968 | 8,573 | 8,311 | 9,954 | 3,240 | 2,826 | 1,985 | 802 | 805 | 1,147 |
| Net Debt | 794 | 801 | 907 | 1,037 | 863 | 596 | 8,291 | 7,092 | 6,739 | 2,139 | 1,208 | (258) | 222 | 147 | 310 |
| FFO / Debt | 37.0% | 27.9% | 30.5% | 20.1% | 29.3% | 59.9% | 31.3% | 32.7% | 45.3% | 67.9% | 106.5% | 153.2% | 83.5% | 62.7% | 10.1% |
| RCF / Debt | 19.8% | 15.4% | 23.3% | 20.1% | 29.3% | 54.2% | 21.4% | 17.3% | 45.2% | 67.9% | 106.5% | 153.2% | 70.1% | 46.9% | -0.1% |
| (FFO + Interest Expense) / Interest Expense | 26.6x | 25.3x | 34.2x | 7.2x | 10.9x | 25.4x | 10.4x | 11.8x | 18.9x | 27.7x | 51.3x | 485.0x | 21.1x | 17.2x | 4.8x |
| Debt / Book Capitalization | 26.1% | 27.4% | 29.2% | 33.4% | 27.8% | 21.3% | 37.8% | 46.3% | 64.1% | 21.6% | 19.0% | 14.4% | 15.8% | 16.6% | 24.4% |

All figures and ratios are calculated using our estimates and standard adjustments for the consolidated group. FYE = Financial year end.

Source: Moody's Financial Metrics™

Exhibit 14

Select historical adjusted financial data

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| (in EUR million) | FYE Dec-18 | FYE Dec-19 | FYE Dec-20 | FYE Dec-21 | LTM Sep-22 |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| INCOME STATEMENT | | | | | |
| Revenue | 839 | 842 | 773 | 1,065 | 1,580 |
| EBITDA | 202 | 223 | 254 | 151 | 250 |
| EBIT | 34 | 60 | 96 | (7) | 88 |
| Interest Expense | 10 | 10 | 11 | 9 | 9 |
| Net income | 33 | 59 | 93 | (2) | 93 |
| BALANCE SHEET | | | | | |
| Net Property Plant and Equipment | 3,304 | 2,758 | 2,835 | 2,835 | 3,031 |
| Total Assets | 3,806 | 3,865 | 3,358 | 3,476 | 4,041 |
| Total Debt | 820 | 887 | 750 | 802 | 978 |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents | 125 | 116 | 101 | 97 | 52 |
| Net Debt | 695 | 771 | 649 | 705 | 926 |
| Total Liabilities | 1,495 | 1,607 | 1,248 | 1,359 | 1,679 |
| CASH FLOW | | | | | |
| Funds from Operations (FFO) | 262 | 268 | 278 | 224 | 298 |
| Cash Flow From Operations (CFO) | 303 | 315 | 291 | 131 | 17 |
| Dividends | 159 | 135 | 129 | 101 | 70 |
| Retained Cash Flow (RCF) | 103 | 133 | 149 | 123 | 228 |
| Capital Expenditures | (239) | (255) | (185) | (191) | (168) |
| Free Cash Flow (FCF) | (94) | (76) | (23) | (160) | (221) |
| INTEREST COVERAGE | | | | | |
| (FFO + Interest Expense) / Interest Expense | 28.6x | 28.5x | 26.6x | 25.3x | 34.2x |
| LEVERAGE | | | | | |
| FFO / Debt | 32.0% | 30.2% | 37.0% | 27.9% | 30.5% |
| RCF / Debt | 12.6% | 15.0% | 19.8% | 15.4% | 23.3% |
| Debt / EBITDA | 4.1x | 4.0x | 2.9x | 5.3x | 3.9x |
| Net Debt / EBITDA | 3.4x | 3.5x | 2.6x | 4.7x | 3.7x |

All figures are calculated using our estimates and standard adjustments for the consolidated group.

Source: Moody's Financial Metrics™

Exhibit 15

Moody's-adjusted debt breakdown

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| | FYE | FYE | FYE | FYE | LTM |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| (in EUR million) | Dec-18 | Dec-19 | Dec-20 | Dec-21 | Sep-22 |
| As Reported Total Debt | 814 | 888 | 750 | 802 | 978 |
| Leases | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-Standard Adjustments | (2) | (1) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moody's Adjusted Total Debt | 820 | 887 | 750 | 802 | 978 |

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Source: Moody's Financial Metrics™

Exhibit 16

Moody's-adjusted EBITDA breakdown

Latvenergo AS

| | FYE | FYE | FYE | FYE | LTM |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| (in EUR million) | Dec-18 | Dec-19 | Dec-20 | Dec-21 | Sep-22 |
| As Reported EBITDA | 283 | 245 | 280 | 201 | 300 |
| Unusual Items - Income Statement | (83) | (21) | (25) | (50) | (50) |
| Leases | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Moody's Adjusted EBITDA | 202 | 223 | 254 | 151 | 250 |

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Source: Moody's Financial Metrics™

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