

Announcement of Periodic Review: Moody's Ratings announces completion of a periodic review of ratings of Azul S.A.

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New York, April 23, 2024 -- Moody's Ratings (Moody's) has completed a periodic review of the ratings of Azul S.A. and other ratings that are associated with this issuer.

The review was conducted through a rating committee held on 16 April 2024 in which Moody's reassessed the appropriateness of the ratings in the context of the relevant principal methodology(ies), and recent developments.

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Key Rating considerations and rationale are summarized below.

Azul S.A.'s Caa1 corporate family rating (CFR) reflects the company's unique business position in Brazil (Ba2 stable) as the only carrier on about 80% of its routes, which results in lower competition and strong pricing power. Azul's ability to reduce costs during the pandemic and its conservative financial policies are additional credit positives. The rating also captures the faster-than-expected post-pandemic recovery in passenger traffic in Brazil, and more rational competition and capacity in the Brazilian market, which has enabled carriers to increase airfares, mitigating the effect of higher jet fuel prices and other inflationary cost pressures.

The Caa1 rating is constrained by Azul's exposure to the volatility of the airline industry and rising macroeconomic risks, combined with Azul's still-weak credit metrics. Azul has a highly leveraged balance sheet and weak interest coverage, which limits the company's free cash flow generation. The company's ability to raise liquidity, refinance its financial obligations and control cash burn or cash needs will still be key aspects in its rating assessment. Finally, the rating captures the company's intrinsic exposure to foreign-currency and fuel-price volatility.

This document summarizes Moody's view as of the publication date and will not be updated until the next periodic review announcement, which will incorporate material changes in credit circumstances (if any) during the intervening period.

The principal methodology used for this review was Passenger Airlines published in August 2021. Please see the Rating Methodologies page on <u>https://ratings.moodys.com</u> for a copy of this methodology.

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