

Disclosure for Services and Categories

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1. Definition

(1). Credit Rating Services

Credit Rating Services refers to an activity engaged in by Pengyuan International that leads to or directly supports the issuance or surveillance of a Credit Rating, including: the evaluation, approval, issuance, or review of Credit Ratings; analysis of data and information related to Credit Ratings; a Credit Rating Action or Rating Decision; and the development or approval of Criteria, including the development or approval of qualitative and quantitative models, or of Guidance Documents.

(2). Ancillary Services

Ancillary Services are those services which are not credit rating activities, or part of credit rating activities. They comprise market forecasts, estimates of economic trends, pricing analysis, or other general data analysis, as well as related distribution services.

(3). Other Services

Other Services refers to Non-credit rating services that Pengyuan International provides that is neither an Ancillary Services or nor part of its Credit Rating Services.

2. List of Services

As of the date of this disclosure, the services that Pengyuan International carries out are:

Services	Categories	Description
Credit Ratings	Credit Rating Services	Pengyuan International's credit ratings are forward-looking analytical opinions about an obligor or obligation's overall creditworthiness, which focus on the obligor's willingness and capacity to fulfill its financial commitments. Our credit ratings aim to provide an opinion on the likelihood of default of an obligor or obligation by analyzing its credit risk profile. In addition to likelihood of default, our credit ratings also take into account other relevant factors: payment priority, recovery prospect, and credit stability. Pengyuan International's credit ratings do not contain any measurement or indication related to market price and trading information other than the credit risk of a specific issuer and obligation.
Insurer Financial Strength Rating (IFSR)	Credit Rating Services	<p>Pengyuan International's insurer financial strength rating (IFSR) is a globally comparable, forward-looking opinion about an insurance operating company's ability to repay its policyholder obligations on time and in full. Not only is the IFSR relevant to investors looking to assess an insurance company's financial status, but it is also of significant value to insurance clients, intermediaries and other credit counterparties.</p> <p>The IFSR is not a recommendation to purchase insurance policies from any insurance provider. Furthermore, the IFSR does not address situations where the legitimacy of a specific insurance claim or group of insurance claims is under commercial, legal or regulatory dispute during the normal course of business.</p>

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Structured Finance Ratings	Credit Rating Services	<p>Pengyuan International differentiates ratings categories for structured finance instruments from ratings for other financial instruments or financial obligations by adding “(sf)” to all structured finance ratings. Pengyuan International assigns the ratings of the following structured finance instruments with the “(sf)” identifier,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset-backed securities (ABS); • Asset-backed commercial paper (ABCP); • Collateralized loan obligations (CLOs) and collateralized debt obligations (CDOs); • Commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS); • Credit default swaps (CDSs), with the exception of single-name CDSs; • Multi-tranche insurance securitizations; • Residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS); • Secured corporate debt transactions with a subordinated tranche of the debt whose rating is not linked to that of the sponsor; • Structured investment vehicles (SIVs); • Repackaged instruments where any of the underlying assets is a structured finance instrument; • Other securitization transactions where the credit risk of an exposure or pool of exposures is tranching and payments to investors are dependent upon the performance of an exposure or pool of exposures and the subordination of tranches determining of the distribution of losses during the ongoing life of the transactions.
Credit Estimates	Other Services	<p>A credit estimate is a credit opinion provided by Pengyuan International about the likely issuer or issuance credit rating that Pengyuan International may potentially assign to an unrated obligor or obligation. Pengyuan International will provide the credit estimate based on a variety of information sources such as public disclosures, information provided by a third party, in-house analytical experience and knowledge, etc. Credit estimates do not involve direct interactions and discussions with an obligor’s management on its operations and strategies. Pengyuan International will conduct credit estimates according to its published rating criteria and models but will not maintain ongoing surveillance on the estimate. However, periodic reviews and updates may be provided.</p> <p>In general, a credit estimate is confidential and expressed using the same Pengyuan International rating symbols but in lower case such as ‘a’ and ‘bbb’.</p>
Credit Assessments	Other Services	<p>A credit assessment is a credit opinion provided by Pengyuan International, and may be expressed in descriptive terms, as a broad rating category and range, or as a specific rating level to indicate the relative credit strengths and weaknesses of an obligor or obligation, a proposed financial structure or elements of such structures. A credit assessment may be done as part of a credit rating and only focuses on limited credit matters and elements. A credit assessment is a point-in-time evaluation and does not require ongoing surveillance. However, periodic reviews and updates may be provided.</p> <p>In general, a credit assessment is confidential and expressed using the same Pengyuan International rating symbols but in lower case such as ‘a’ and ‘bbb-to-bbb+’.</p>

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Servicer Evaluation Ratings	Other Services	<p>To assist investors and market participants in assessing a servicer's capacity and effectiveness, Pengyuan International offers a servicer evaluation rating that provides an independent and standardized assessment on a servicer's ability to perform the servicing duties and its management of operational risks.</p> <p>Pengyuan International assigns the servicer evaluation ratings using a scale of five rating categories – EXCEPTIONAL, GOOD, SATISFACTORY, WEAK and POOR (see Exhibit 7), which indicates the strength of the servicer relative to other servicers performing the same servicing role in the same country. Pengyuan International also characterizes each servicer evaluation rating with an outlook, which represents an opinion on the potential revision of the rating for the intermediate term servicing duration. Pengyuan International uses the same types of outlooks defined in Rating Outlooks section.</p>
Green Evaluations	Other Services	<p>Pengyuan International's green evaluations provide a relative ranking of debt instruments based on its forward-looking opinion on their ability to deliver environmental benefits via their financing or refinancing of specific assets. The debt instruments Pengyuan International may evaluate under these criteria include, without limitation, bonds, loans, and other fixed-income financing vehicles whose proceeds are earmarked, either wholly or partially, for environmentally beneficial assets.</p> <p>Green evaluations are not credit ratings. They do not, in any way, reflect an issuer's ability and willingness to fulfill its financial obligations on time and in full. They also do not account for a debt instrument's likelihood of default or recovery prospects in the event of default. Instead, green evaluations are designed as a tool for issuers, investors and other market participants to decide whether a debt instrument's green attributes are consistent with their internal environmental objectives.</p> <p>The product of our green evaluation is a score out of five that corresponds to one of five categories ranging from "Very Strong" to "Very Weak". Our evaluation is conducted at the issuance level. It is, therefore, possible for an issuer to have different green evaluation scores and categories assigned to different instruments across its capital structure.</p>
N/A	Ancillary Services	N/A

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