

CCXAP affirms Beijing Capital Land Ltd. long-term credit rating at AA_g -, with stable outlook

Hong Kong, 27 October 2017 -- China Chengxin (Asia Pacific) Credit Ratings ("CCXAP") has affirmed the long-term credit rating of Beijing Capital Land Ltd. ("BCL") at AA_g-. The rating outlook is stable.

Rating Rationale

The AA_g - rating of Beijing Capital Land Ltd. ("BCL" or the "Company") is underpinned by the Company's (1) growing contracted sales from core cities of China as well as Australia; (2) sufficient and quality land bank mainly in Beijing, Shanghai, Tianjin and Shenzhen; (3) stable revenue growth and improved gross margin; (4) diversified funding channels; and (5) strong support from its parent company. However, the rating is also constrained by (1) fluctuations in China's property market; (2) intensive capital expenditure along with outlets business expansion; and (3) moderate credit metrics in terms of liquidity and leverage.

Rating Outlook

The stable outlook on BCL's rating reflects its good operational performance in core markets and efficient financial management. We believe that the Company will maintain its competitive strength as a state-owned enterprise.

What could upgrade the rating?

The rating could be upgraded if the Company (1) demonstrates a track record of sustainable contracted sales and improving profit margins; (2) expands outlets business and attracts higher volume of customers; and (3) improves its credit metrics.

What could downgrade the rating?

The rating could be downgraded if (1) the operating environment in China deteriorates significantly; (2) the Company's credit metrics are worse than anticipated; or (3) the Company becomes aggressive in debt-funded expansion.

Rating Methodology

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