

# COTE D'IVOIRE, PALMCI

| Credit Rating Note    |                |          |                   |                    | Validity: June 2019– May 2020 |         |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Category<br>of values | Rating scale   | Currency | Current<br>Rating | Previous<br>Rating | Validity                      | Outlook |
| Long-Term             | Local currency | CFA      | А                 | А                  | 31/05/2019                    | Stable  |
| Short-Term            | Local currency | CFA      | A1                | A1                 | 31/05/2019                    | Stable  |

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# **Basic Financial Data**

| (En millions de FCFA)                        | 2017**  | 2018    |
|--|---------|---------|
| Fixed Asset                                  | 86 138  | 84 720  |
| Cash and Cash equivalents                    | 4 2 1 7 | 3 540   |
| Gross financial debt*                        | 16 566  | 28 642  |
| Shareholders equity                          | 88 209  | 71 242  |
| Net Cashflow                                 | 3 2 2 7 | -13 678 |
| Sales Revenue                                | 134 796 | 100 793 |
| Gross Operating Income                       | 25 220  | 2 070   |
| Operating Income                             | 12 461  | -11 606 |
| Financial Income                             | -1 068  | -986    |
| Net Income                                   | 8 708   | -12 613 |
| *: Excluding provision for risks and charges |         |         |
|  |         |         |

\*\* : Proforma accounts

#### Introduction

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It is registered in the Trade and Credit Register under the number CI-ABJ-1996-B-2005-303.

PALMCI headquarters are located in Abidjan-Zone portuaire, immeuble SIFCA, 18 BP 3321 Abidjan 18.

PALMCI specializes in the exploitation of palm oil plantations and the production of crude palm oil and palm kernel oil.

Its share capital amounts to 20.4 billions francs CFA, divided into 15,459,316 shares with a nominal value of 1,320 francs CFA.

#### Justification of the rating and outlook

#### Long-term :

High credit quality. The protective factors are good however, risks factors are more variable and more important in times of economic pressure.

## Short-term :

Timely payment assurance is very good. Factors of liquidity are excellent and sustained by good protective factors of key elements. Risk factors are minor

#### **Key performance factors**

## The rating is based on the following positive factors :

- A strategy focused on reducing the cost price of palm oil ;
- An increase in investment with aim to modernize production facility;
- Α continued strengthening of corporate governance;
- An improving regulatory framework ;
- A good financial flexibility;

#### Factors fragilizing credit quality :

- An activity heavily dependent on exogenous factors, including changes in the world price of palm oil;
- A deterioration in activity performance indicators;
- A deficit in the net income due to the deterioration in activities:
- An unbalanced financial structure ;
- A deficit in the net cashflow ;
- A fragile socio-political context.