S&P affirms SBB’s investment grade rating BBB- with stable outlook, placing SBB in the strong business profile category

S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") has today affirmed Samhällsbyggnadsbolaget i Norden AB (publ) (”SBB”)’s Investment grade rating BBB- with stable outlook and removed SBB from Credit Watch Negative. That means that SBB's new rating is 'BBB-' with stable outlook for ratings on the company and its senior unsecured debt.

According to S&P:s rating metrics SBB:s anchor rating is positioned at BBB Flat thanks to revising upward SBB’s business risk profile to “strong”: “We are revising upward our assessment of SBB's business risk profile to strong from satisfactory because we consider its scale and size have improved, as well as its cash flow stability”.

S&P concludes in commenting on the upside scenario: “We could raise the rating if SBB's financial policy became commensurate with higher-rated peers in the 'BBB' category. This would result in debt to debt plus equity staying firmly well below 55 per cent, EBITDA interest coverage strengthening to 3x or higher, and debt to EBITDA declining toward 13x or below, with the company maintaining a sizable portfolio of resilient asset classes in favourable locations”.

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About Samhällsbyggnadsbolaget i Norden AB (publ)

The company’s strategy is to own, manage and develop community service properties throughout the Nordic region and rental apartments in growth regions in Sweden. Through the company's commitment and engagement in community participation and social responsibility, municipalities and other stakeholders find the company an attractive long-term partner. At the beginning of 2018, SBB was named the winner of the Real Estate Company of the Year Award for 2017. The company’s series B shares (short name SBB B) and D shares (short name SBB D) are listed on Nasdaq Stockholm, Large Cap. The company’s preference shares (SBB PREF) are listed on Nasdaq First North Premier Growth Market. Certified Adviser is Erik Penser Bank (contact: certifiedadviser@penser.se / +46 84638300). More information about the company is available at www.sbbnorden.se.