

**MIZRAHI TEFAHOT BANK LTD**  
No. with the Registrar of Companies: 520000522

To	<u>Israel Securities Authority</u>	To	<u>Tel Aviv Stock Exchange Ltd</u>	T125 (Public)	Date of transmission: October 4, 2018
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**Immediate Report on the Rating of Bonds/Rating of a Corporation or Rating Cessation**

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018, *Midroog* published:

A rating report/notice *initial*

A notice regarding rating cessation

1. Rating report or notice

Corporation's rating:

Comments/Notice summary:.

Ratings history in the three years prior to the date of the rating/notice:

Date	Rating subject	Rating	Comments/Notice summary

Explanation: The ratings history should only detail the rating history of the company rating the subject of the immediate report

Rating of the corporation's debentures:

Name and type of security	Security number on the stock exchange	Rating company	Current rating	Comments/Notice summary
<i>Deferred Bonds (Series 48)</i>	0	Midroog	Midroog stable Aa3.il	Initial rating

Ratings history for the three years prior to the rating/notice date:

Name and type of security	Security number on the stock exchange	Date	Type of rated security	Rating	Comments/Notice summary

Explanation: The ratings history should only detail the rating history of the company rating the subject of the immediate report

Attached rating report midroog04102018\_isa.pdf

2. On \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ announced that it would cease rating \_\_\_\_\_

*Midroog's rating was given in connection with the issuance of the deferred bonds (Series 48), which is being examined by Mizrahi Tefahot Issuing Company Ltd, a subsidiary fully owned by the bank. It is hereby clarified that at the time of this report, there is no certainty regarding the execution of the issuance, its timing, its size and its conditions.*

*No change has been made to the bank's rating.*

*The above report was signed by Ms. Maya Feller, Bank Secretary*

The reference numbers of previous documents on the subject (reference does not constitute incorporation by reference):

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Securities of a Corporation Listed for Trading      Form structure revision date: September 4, 2018  
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# **Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd**

## **Rating Action | October 2018**

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## Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd

Baseline credit assessment (BCA) for the bank	aa2.il	
Deferred bonds with contractual loss absorbency (CoCo)	Aa3.il (hyb)	Rating outlook: stable

Midroog determines an Aa3.il (hyb) rating with a stable outlook for deferred bonds (Series 48) at up to ILS 300 million N.V., to be issued by way of the Mizrahi Tefahot Issuing Company Ltd, a subsidiary of Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd (“**the Bank**”).

Per Midroog’s methodology, the CoCo rating is based on the Bank’s baseline credit assessment (BCA), which is the anchor for rating the Bank’s liabilities and reflects both the risk failure and its ability to serve its liabilities independently, without the assumption of external support.

The rating is then adjusted according to the credit risk of the subordinated debt instrument, according to its specific characteristics and its location on the scale between debt and capital – taking into consideration the extent of the instrument’s structural subordination, the loss absorbency mechanisms per the instrument’s conditions and the uncertainty regarding their point of activation (at the contractual trigger or at the discretion of the Supervisor of Banks). We are removing one rating level (notch) off the Bank’s BCA for the rating of the deferred bonds with contractual loss absorbency (CoCo). The reduction embodies the legal-contractual deferral with respect to the rest of the Bank’s liabilities (excluding upper tier II capital, tier I instruments and shareholders’ capital) and the contractual loss absorbency mechanism.

Considering the Bank’s BCA, current and anticipated capital adequacy levels and the adequate liquidity profile, the uncertainty regarding the likelihood of reaching the ‘nonviability point’ is low; therefore, it was not embodied by the reduction of another notch.

The principal conditions of the rated deferred bonds: 1. They are to be paid off by a single instalment after 10 years, with an early payment option available to the Bank after 5 years; 2. They constitute an instrument which is recognized by the Supervision of Banks as tier II capital, for the purpose of their inclusion in the Bank’s supervised capital; 3. They are subordinated to all other liabilities which are not of their type (senior only relative to the shareholders and upper tier-II instruments ); 4. They are up for complete or partial write-off in the event that the Bank’s tier I equity ratio falls below 5%, and a full write-off if the Supervisor of Banks decides that a formative nonviability event is occurring<sup>1</sup>. We note that

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<sup>1</sup> Formative nonviability event: 1. Notices from Supervisor of Banks that a write-off of debentures is necessary to avoid the point of nonviability. 2. The grant of external support, without which the bank could reach the point of nonviability. We note that the Supervisor of Banks has yet to define the term “nonviability point”.

the instrument also has a principal return capacity after a period of up to 7 years, pursuant to the fulfilment of the conditions written in the deed of trust.

For information regarding the rating considerations, see the update report from September 2018.

### **Related Reports**

Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd – Related Reports

Methodology for Rating Banks – Methodology Report, November 2017

Connections and Holdings Table

Midroog Rating Scales and Definitions

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### **General Information**

<b>Rating report date:</b>	October 4, 2018
<b>Last date on which rating was updated:</b>	September 6, 2018
<b>Date on which rating was first published:</b>	September 10, 2017
<b>Name of the rating initiator:</b>	Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd
<b>Name of the party paying for the report:</b>	Mizrahi Tefahot Bank Ltd

## **Information from the Issuer**

Midroog relies, inter alia, on information received from authorized parties at the issuer.

**Baseline Credit Assessment (BCA) Scale**

aaa.il	Issuers and issues assessed at aaa.il are those that, in Midroog's judgment, have the highest internal or independent financial strength, relative to other local issuers, absent any possibility of external support from an affiliate or the government.
aa.il	Issuers and issues assessed at aa.il are those that, in Midroog's judgment, have very high internal or independent financial strength, relative to other local issuers, absent any possibility of external support from an affiliate or the government.
a.il	Issuers and issues assessed at a.il are those that, in Midroog's judgment, have relatively high internal or independent financial strength, relative to other local issuers, absent any possibility of external support from an affiliate or the government.
baa.il	Issuers and issues assessed at baa.il are those that, in Midroog's judgment, have moderate internal or independent financial strength, relative to other local issuers, absent any possibility of external support from an affiliate or the government, and may have certain speculative characteristics.
ba.il	Issuers and issues assessed at ba.il are those that, in Midroog's judgment, have relatively weak internal or independent financial strength, relative to other local issuers, absent any possibility of external support from an affiliate or the government, and have speculative characteristics.
b.il	Issuers and issues assessed at b.il are those that, in Midroog's judgment, have very weak internal or independent financial strength, relative to other local issuers, absent any possibility of external support from an affiliate or the government, and have significant speculative characteristics.
caa.il	Issuers and issues assessed at caa.il are those that, in Midroog's judgment, have excessively weak internal or independent financial strength, relative to other local issuers, absent any possibility of external support from an affiliate or the government, and have very significant speculative characteristics.
ca.il	Issuers and issues assessed at ca.il are those that, in Midroog's judgment, have extremely weak internal or independent financial strength, relative to other local issuers, absent any possibility of external support from an affiliate or the government, and are very near default, with some prospect of recovery of principal and interest.
c.il	Issuers and issues assessed at c.il are those that, in Midroog's judgment, have the weakest internal or independent financial strength, relative to other local issuers, absent any possibility of external support from an affiliate or the government, and are usually in default, with little prospects of recovery of principal and interest.

Note: Midroog appends numeric modifiers 1, 2, and 3 to each rating category from aa.il to caa.il. The modifier '1' indicates that the debenture ranks in the higher end of its rating category, which is denoted by letters. The modifier '2' indicates that it ranks in the middle of its rating category and the modifier '3' indicates that the debenture ranks in the lower end of that category, denoted by letters.

**Local Long-Term Rating Scale**

Aaa.il	Issuers or issues rated Aaa.il are those that, in Midroog's judgment, have the highest creditworthiness relative to other local issuers.
Aa.il	Issuers or issues rated Aa.il are those that, in Midroog's judgment, have very high creditworthiness relative to other local issuers.
A.il	Issuers or issues rated A.il are those that, in Midroog's judgment, have relatively high creditworthiness relative to other local issuers.
Baa.il	Issuers or issues rated Baa.il are those that, in Midroog's judgment, have relatively moderate credit risk relative to other local issuers, and could involve certain speculative characteristics.
Ba.il	Issuers or issues rated Ba.il are those that, in Midroog's judgment, have relatively weak creditworthiness relative to other local issuers, and involve speculative characteristics.
B.il	Issuers or issues rated B.il are those that, in Midroog's judgment, have relatively very weak creditworthiness relative to other local issuers, and involve significant speculative characteristics.
Caa.il	Issuers or issues rated Caa.il are those that, in Midroog's judgment, have excessively weak creditworthiness relative to other local issuers, and involve very significant speculative characteristics.
Ca.il	Issuers or issues rated Ca.il are those that, in Midroog's judgment, have extremely weak creditworthiness and very near default, with some prospect of recovery of principal and interest.
C.il	Issuers or issues rated C are those that, in Midroog's judgment, have the weakest creditworthiness and are usually in a situation of default, with little prospect of recovery of principal and interest.

Note: Midroog appends numeric modifiers 1, 2, and 3 to each rating category from aa.il to caa.il. The modifier '1' indicates that the debenture ranks in the higher end of its rating category, which is denoted by letters. The modifier '2' indicates that it ranks in the middle of its rating category and the modifier '3' indicates that the debenture ranks in the lower end of that category, denoted by letters.



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