

# **Natixis Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust 2018-SOX Rating Report (Non-NRSRO Rating)**

Tranche Name	EJR Rating*
A	AA(sf)
В	A+(sf)
C	A-(sf)
D	BBB(sf)
E	BB+(sf)
X	NR(sf)
VABC	NR(sf)
VD	NR(sf)
VE	NR(sf)
V2	NR(sf)
R	NR(sf)

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## **Rating Summary**

					LOAN-TO-VALUE (LTV) %			
TRANCHES	BALANCE (\$M)	OTHER NRSROs*	EJR RATING (NON- NRSRO)**	CE	BASE	OPTIMITSTIC	PESSIMISTIC	
Α	33.54	AAA	AA(sf)	80.83	12.90	11.09	15.21	
В	13.79	AA-	A+(sf)	72.95	18.20	15.65	21.47	
С	25.42		A-(sf)	58.43	27.96	24.06	32.99	
D	18.20		BBB(sf)	48.03	34.96	30.07	41.24	
E	19.05		BB+(sf)	37.14	42.29	36.38	49.89	
X	72.75		NR(sf)	0.00				
VABC	72.75		NR(sf)	58.43				
VD	18.20		NR(sf)	48.03				
VE	19.05		NR(sf)	37.14				
V2	110.00		NR(sf)	37.14				
R	0.00		NR(sf)	0.00				

<sup>\*</sup> Rating of other NRSROs translated to EJR's rating scale; we use the median rating, and for only two ratings, the lower rating.

## **Transaction Summary**

The transaction closed on Jul 27 2018 and matures in Jun 2028. The pool's current aggregate principal balance is \$110.0 million compared to \$110.0 million at close.

The single asset of the pool is secured by InterContinental Boston Hotel located in Boston, MA metropolitan area. Occupancy at the subject was 99%.

## **Quantitative Analysis**

#### **Key Credit Metrics**

CLOSING DATE	Jul 27 2018
WAC / NWAC	4.7991 / 4.7731
WAM/WALA	90 / 29
# Loans / Properties	1/1
Wtd Avg Orig / Appraisal LTV	32.30 / 32.30
Wtd Avg UW / Curr NOI Debt Yield	14.48% / 14.39%
Wtd Avg UW / Curr NCF DSCR	2.98 / 2.96
% Occupancy	99.00
% RemTerm <= 6mos	0.00

(Data Source: INTEXcalc)

The weighted average coupon (WAC) and the weighted average age (WALA) were 4.80% and 29 months as of 12/17/2020, respectively. There are a total of 1 loans and 1 properties in the portfolio. The appraisal LTV was approximately 32.3% compared to the Original loan to value (LTV), which was approximately 32.3%. The most recent weighted average Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR) was 2.96x. As of 12/17/2020, no loan had a remaining term of less than 6 months. Weighted average occupancy was approximately 99%.

<sup>\*\*</sup> EJR rates the items as a Non-NRSRO. Ratings are based on Base case assumptions.



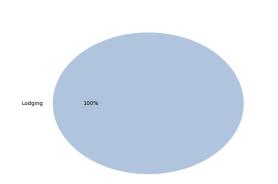
#### **Portfolio Characteristics**

#### **Property Type**

Property Type	Assets	Balance (\$M)	Bal %	Gross Coupon %	Curr Amort LTV %	Remaining Term (mos.)	Age (mos.)	DSCR (x)	
Lodaina	1.00	110.00	100.00	4.80	32.30	90.00	29.00	2.96	

Lodging

Type Concentration



The single asset in the pool is used for lodging with the outstanding amount of \$110M.

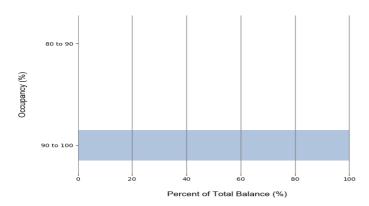
#### **Defeasance Status**

Defeasance Status	Assets	Balance (\$M)	Bal %	Gross Coupon %	Curr Amort LTV %	Remaining Term (mos.)	Age (mos.)	DSCR (x)
No Defeasance Occurred	1	110.00	100.00	4.80	32.30	90.00	29.00	2.96

## Occupancy % (by property)

Occupancy (%)	Assets	Balance (\$M)	Bal %	Gross Coupon %	Curr Amort LTV %	Remaining Term (mos.)	Age (mos.)	DSCR (x)
80 to 90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
90 to 100	1.00	110.00	100.00	4.80	32.30	90.00	29.00	2.96

## Occupancy Distribution (%)



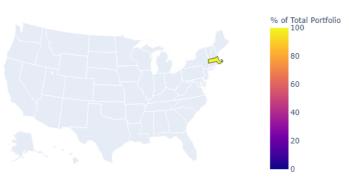
Occupancy of the portfolio ranged from 90% and 100%.



#### Region (by property)

Region	Assets	Balance (\$M)	Bal %	Gross Coupon %	Curr Amort LTV %	Remaining Term (mos.)	Age (mos.)	DSCR (x)
Northeast / New England	1.00	110.00	100.00	4.80	32.30	90.00	29.00	2.96

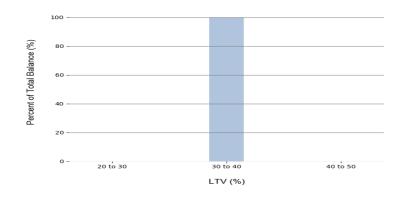
#### Local Distribution



The single asset in the pool is the state of Massachusetts with the outstanding amount of \$110M.

#### Loan to Value (LTV)

#### LTV Distribution (%)



Among all the assets in the portfolio, 100% of total balance had LTVs between 30% and 40%.



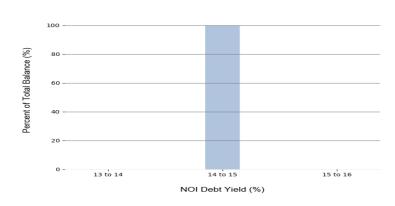
#### Amortization

 Is Balloon	Assets	Balance (\$M)	Bal %	Gross Coupon %	Curr Amort LTV %	Remaining Term (mos.)	Age (mos.)	DSCR (x)
Balloon	1	110.00	100.00	4.80	32.30	90.00	29.00	2.96

#### **NOI Debt Yield**

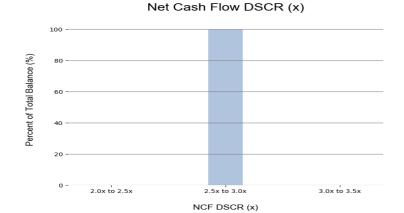
NOI Debt Yield (%)	Assets	Balance (\$M)	Bal %	Gross Coupon %	Curr Amort LTV %	Remaining Term (mos.)	Age (mos.)	DSCR (x)
13 to 14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14 to 15	1.00	110.00	100.00	4.80	32.30	90.00	29.00	2.96
15 to 16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

#### NOI Debt Yield (%)



There was one single asset in the pool with the most recent net operating income debt yield (NOI Debt Yield) of 14.4%.

#### NCF DSCR



There was one single asset in the pool with the most recent net cash flow debt service coverage ratios (NCF DSCR) of 3.0x.



#### **DSCR (Current / Underwritten)**

#### **Current DSCR**

#### **Underwritten DSCR**

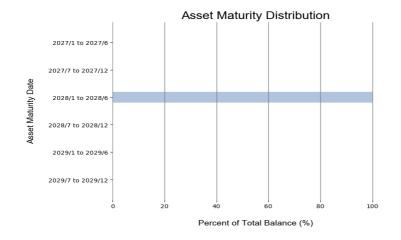
DSCR (x)	Assets	Balance (\$M)	Bal %	DSCR(x)	Assets	Balance (\$M)	Bal %
1.0x to 1.5x	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.0x to 1.5x	0.00	0.00	0.00
1.5x to 2.0x	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.5x to 2.0x	0.00	0.00	0.00
2.0x to 2.5x	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.0x to 2.5x	0.00	0.00	0.00
2.5x to 3.0x	1.00	110.00	100.00	2.5x to 3.0x	0.00	0.00	0.00

## DSCR Distribution (x)



There is one single asset in the pool with the most recent DSCR of 2.96x. Underwritten DSCR is not available.

#### Maturity



There is one single asset in the pool with the maturity date in June 2028.



# **Sensitivity Analysis**

## Summary

EJR used the capitalization rates ("cap rates") listed below for the different types of the properties and then calculated the value of the properties in the portfolio by considering the most recent NCF and the various cap rates.

## **Cap Rate Assumption**

Type	OPTIMISTIC CASE	PESSIMISTIC CASE	Base Case	
Lodging	7.50	8	7.75	



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- 2. To reflect the current bearish credit conditions, we have discounted reported pool assets' Net Cashflow (NCF) by 20% for the Base Case.
- 3. EJR's analysis is conducted using information and cash flow engines supplied by a recognized industry service provider.
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# Appendix I

# **Smoothing Calculation**

Base Case PD : assuming LTV > 100% as Default (D)

Avg NCF \* 80%

Property Value (\$M)

LTV

164M
67.27%

TRANCHES	LTV %	Est. LTV implied Rtg	Cash Flow Loss %	Smoothed (Adj for Est. Loss)	Smoothed for Cashflow Est, Loss
Α	12.90	AAA	0.00	AA	AA
В	18.20	AAA	0.00	A+	A+
С	27.96	AA+	0.00	A-	A-
D	34.96	AA+	0.00	BBB	BBB
E	42.29	AA	0.00	BB+	BB+