

## ARC RATINGS HAS DOWNGRADED RÉSIDE ÉTUDES' RATING

Lisbon, 18 December 2023 – ARC Ratings, S.A. has downgraded the final long-term issuer public rating assigned to Réside Études Investissement S.A. from “BB-”, with Stable Outlook, to “C”, with Negative Rating Watch.

ISSUER	RATING CLASS	RATING	OUTLOOK/WATCH	NEXT REVIEW DATE
Réside Études Investissement S.A.	Corporate Long-Term Issuer	C	Negative Rating Watch	14 October 2024

This downgrade was triggered by the decision by the “Tribunal de Commerce de Paris” (Paris Commercial Court) to place several of the Group’s companies, including Réside Études Investissement, S.A., into the French law’s “Procédure de Sauvegarde” (creditors safeguard procedure). This decision reflected the inability of the Group to secure the completion of a number of financial operations that lead to liquidity difficulties.

The Negative Rating Watch reflects ARC’s expectation that, while, according to the information provided by the Group, there have been no defaults on any financial debt until the entry in creditors safeguard procedure, as part of this process, there will be defaults in the payment of the financial debt of the companies involved in this procedure.

## RELATED CRITERIA AND RESEARCH

ARC Ratings’ Non-Financial Corporate Entities Rating Methodology

Réside Études Investissement S.A Rating Review Report.

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