

Housing Team

Housing Analytical Team



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Janice also brings a wealth of knowledge from other senior positions held over the 20 years she worked in investment banking, fixed income and equity analytics sectors. She served in leadership positions at Fulcrum Global Partners, an independent equity research boutique, was a Director of Equity Research at Van der Moolen, the NYSE Specialist firm and served as a Vice President in the mergers and acquisitions and investment banking groups covering media and consumer products companies at JP Morgan Chase.

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Susan's other prior work experience includes managing the financial advisory practice at a boutique investment banking and advisory firm; serving as commercial credit analyst for a community bank; owning and operating an art gallery and a bed and breakfast; and as the assistant director of development for a graduate school.

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Ping Hsieh covers a range of municipal credits, from state and local housing finance agencies (HFAs) bond programs to state clean water and drinking water revolving funds. In addition, she covers a portfolio of project financings in the military housing and student housing sectors.

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Prior to rejoining Moody's, Jeff was a Managing Director and Head of Government Research at AIG, leading the Municipal and Sovereign credit teams within the Public Fixed Income Group. Jeff holds an MA in Public Policy and Administration from the State University of New York at Binghamton where he also received a BA in Political Science.



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Ferdinand Perrault serves as a tenured member and rating committee chair for Housing, State Revolving Funds and Infrastructure Finance credits with over 20 years of experience. He is also the lead analyst for state and local housing finance agency single and multifamily bond programs as well as for clean water and drinking water revolving funds. In addition he maintains a portfolio of project finance credits within the housing sector. He is also the surveillance coordinator, overseeing the process of ensuring timely reviews of the team's credit portfolio.

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Omar Ouzidane covers a wide range of credits that span across all sectors covered by the team, including state and local housing finance agencies, state revolving funds and project finance credits. He also serves as both a lead analyst, a Ratings Committee Chairperson, and a member of Moody's ESG task force.

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David Parsons covers housing finance agency single family and multifamily programs, as well as other housing financings including affordable low-income housing, student housing and military privatizations. He covers variable rate debt for the team.

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Dmitriy Plit covers various state housing finance agencies, student housing privatizations, as well as other housing transactions, including refunded and escrow-backed bonds.

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New Hampshire	
New Jersey	
New Mexico	
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