

## Guardian Life Insurance Co. of America And Unit Ratings Raised To 'AA+'; Outlook Stable

### ***Rationale***

On July 16, 2008, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services raised its counterparty credit and financial strength ratings on Guardian Life Insurance Co. of America and Guardian Insurance & Annuity Co. (collectively, Guardian) to 'AA+' from 'AA'. The outlook on these companies is stable.

The upgrades reflect Standard & Poor's view that the companies have very strong capital adequacy and liquidity, a stable earnings profile aided by a large block of participating whole life insurance, and diversified sources of earnings. The company has a conservative investment philosophy which has limited speculative-grade credit risk and no exposure to subprime mortgages. Guardian has adequate enterprise risk management with many strong characteristics, which should increase the stability of both earnings and capital.

### ***Outlook***

The stable outlook reflects that we expect earnings will continue to be supportive of the rating and that the company's enterprise risk management will continue to evolve with its product offerings. Standard & Poor's expects capital adequacy and liquidity to remain a strength of the rating. The statutory pretax ROA will likely be greater than 80 basis points. We expect that the investment profile will remain relatively conservative with investment risks being considered within the scope of the company's overall risk management framework.

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Guardian Life Insurance Co. of America		
Guardian Insurance & Annuity Co.		
Counterparty Credit Rating		
Local Currency	AA+/Stable/—	AA/Positive/—
Financial Strength Rating		
Local Currency	AA+/Stable/—	AA/Positive/—

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