

HYPO NOE Landesbank successfully places benchmark issue from public sector cover pool

Yesterday, HYPO NOE Landesbank returned to the covered bond benchmark market for the first time in 2023. The new EUR 500 million 5-year benchmark bond from the public sector cover pool (AT0000A33N23) was priced at a re-offered spread of mid-swaps +26 bps with a coupon of 3.25% at a re-offered yield of 3.292% and is expected to be rated 'Aa1' by Moody's.

HYPO NOE Landesbank and its mandated joint lead managers - Erste Group, Helaba, LBBW, Natixis and UniCredit- had decided to announce the mandate the day before in the face of expected lively market activity during the Easter week. In view of encouraging expressions of interest from potential investors, the order books were opened at 8:52 CET on Wednesday morning with guidance of mid-swaps +30 bps area.

Despite a busy primary market, the high transaction momentum drove orders to total more than EUR 500m (excluding joint lead managers) after just under an hour by the time of the first update at 9:42CET. Given the brisk buying interest, the final spread was set at mid-swaps +26 basis points already at the time of the second update at 10:49 CET, with books to go subject at 11:30 CET. At the time of pricing at 13:38 CET orders amounting to over EUR 860m good at re-offered had been gathered from 58 investors in 10 countries.

The order book was again granular. At 79%, a substantial share was placed abroad, with Germany (58%) followed by the Nordic region (10%) and Italy (7%) showing particular interest. Domestic investors accounted for 21% of the placement. Banks ordered 70% of the bond, followed by asset managers (13%) as well as central banks and official institutions (11%).

In the face of heavy competing supply, this transaction once again underlines HYPO NOE Landesbank's solid international name recognition and sound standing with the international investor community. The two benchmark bonds issued so far this year - a green senior preferred and a public sector covered bond benchmark - together already cover a substantial portion of HYPO NOE Landesbank's overall refinancing needs for 2023.

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¹In terms of total assets (2021 consolidated financial statements) and foundation dates