



## Press Points – Ireland

### EUR 3.0 billion inaugural Irish Sovereign Green Bond (ISGB), due 18<sup>th</sup> March 2031

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Today, Ireland, acting through the National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA) launched its inaugural Irish Sovereign Green Bond (“ISGB”). The new EUR 3.0 billion benchmark bond will mature on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2031 and carries a 1.35% coupon.

On 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018, Ireland launched and priced its inaugural Green Bond. Ireland is the fourth European Sovereign to access the Green Bond market, paving the way for more sovereigns to advance the growth of the Green financial sector. This transaction is a milestone for Irish Green finance and is testimony to Ireland’s commitment to the transition to a low carbon, climate resilient and environmentally sustainable economy.

The lead managers for this syndicated ISGB were Barclays, BNP Paribas, Citi, Danske, HSBC and J.P. Morgan. HSBC and J.P. Morgan assisted the NTMA as structuring advisors on the Irish Sovereign Green Bond.

#### Highlights of the Issue

- After conducting a pan-European roadshow to present the Irish Sovereign Green Bond Framework to dedicated Green and ESG investors, the NTMA announced its inaugural ISGB on Tuesday, 09<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 15:00 Dublin time.
- Markets opened on a positive note on Wednesday, providing a stable backdrop to open books for the transaction. Initial guidance of MS+ 15 area was released at 08:30 Dublin time.
- The transaction met with immediate demand, and with interest exceeding EUR 9.5 billion, the price guidance was revised to MS+ 13 area at 10:00 Dublin time and subsequently refined to the final pricing of MS+ 12bps at 11:15 Dublin time.
- Final books closed with over EUR 11.3 billion of demand (including EUR 1.9 billion of Joint Lead Manager interest) and EUR 3.0 billion were allocated.
- The transaction priced at MS+12 bps with a re-offer yield of 1.399%. This represents a final concession of 1 bp compared to the MS-spread of the interpolated Irish bond curve; reflecting the quality of the book.
- The orderbook met with high quality demand both from Green/ SRI and conventional investors, acknowledging a successful combination of both the features of the classic IRISH and the features of the Green Bond market.

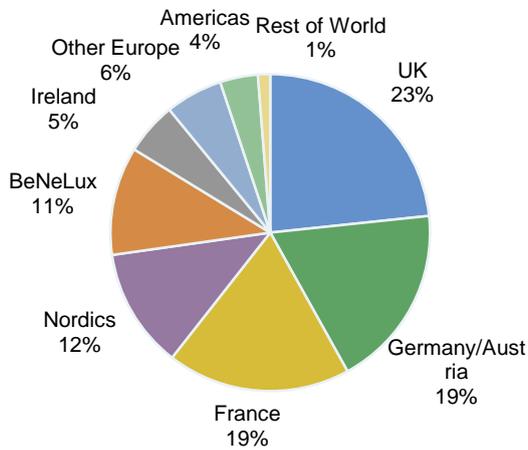
#### Distribution Highlights

- The order book reflects the highly diverse investor base, including Green/ SRI specialists. Over 170 final investors supported the issue of this fourth European Sovereign Green Bond.
- 95% of the deal was distributed to non-Irish investors, including the UK for 23%; Germany/ Austria and France 19% each; Nordics 12%; Benelux 11%; followed by Other Europe at 6%; Americas 4% and rest of the world 1%.
- In terms of investor categories, 33% of the deal was sold to Asset Managers as well as Banks; 19% to the pension and insurance sector; 8% to Central Banks/ Official Institutions; 6% to Hedge Funds; and the remaining 1% to other investors.

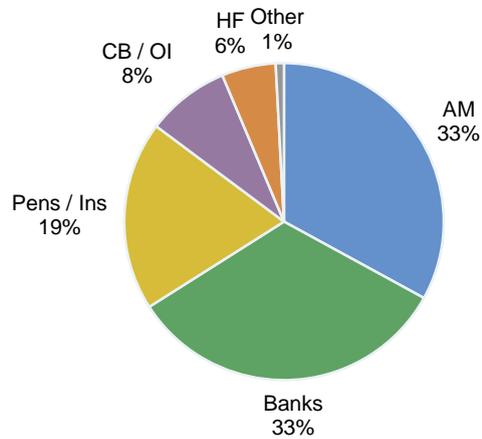


## Distribution Statistics:

### By Region



### By Type



The following investors wished to disclose their participation in the transaction:

A.S.R. Vermogensbeheer, Achmea Investment Management B.V., ACTIAM N.V., Affirmative Investment Management, Alecta, Allied Irish Banks PLC, AP2 (Andra APFonden), APG Asset Management on behalf of its pension fund clients, AXA Investment Managers, Barclays Treasury, Blackrock, Columbia Threadneedle Investments, J.P. Morgan Asset Management, Danske Bank Asset Management, Kempen Capital Management, MP Pension (Denmark), NN Investment Partners, Nordea IM, PRO BTP, SEB Investment Management, Varma Mutual Pension

### Framework for the Irish Sovereign Green Bond

The Ireland Sovereign Green Bond (ISGB) will fund green projects, which primarily address sustainable water and wastewater management, clean transportation, environmentally sustainable management of living natural resources and land use, renewable energy, built environment/energy efficiency and climate change mitigation/ adaptation.

It also aligns green bond funding with capital spending on green projects identified in the National Development Plan.

Sustainalytics has provided a Second Party Opinion on the ISGB Framework.

For more [complete information about the ISGB](#), visit the NTMA's website.

### Use of Proceeds

An amount equal to the net proceeds of an Irish Sovereign Green Bond will be allocated to finance new projects, or to refinance existing projects, where the relevant project qualifies as an Eligible Green Project.

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## Bond terms summary

Issuer	Ireland (acting through the NTMA)
Ratings	Moody's: A2 (stable) Standard & Poor's: A+ (stable) Fitch: A+ (stable)
Notional amount	EUR 3bn
Format	RegS (Registered Form)
Coupon	1.35%
Settlement	17 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
Maturity	18 <sup>th</sup> March 2031
Re-offer Price	99.447%
Re-offer Yield	1.399%
Benchmark	DBR 5.5% January 2031
Re-offer benchmark spread	+74.5 bps
Re-offer MS spread	+12 bps
Lead Managers	Barclays, BNP Paribas, Citi, Danske, HSBC and J.P. Morgan
Co-lead Managers	BofA Merrill Lynch, Cantor Fitzgerald, Davy, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs International, Morgan Stanley, NatWest Markets, Nomura International, Société Générale and UBS