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PRESS RELEASE

Ireland

€4 billion 20-yr benchmark bond, due May 2037

Today, Ireland, acting through the National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA), with ratings of 'A3' (positive outlook) by Moody's, 'A+' (stable outlook) by Standard & Poor's and 'A' (stable outlook) by Fitch Ratings, launched a syndicated transaction.

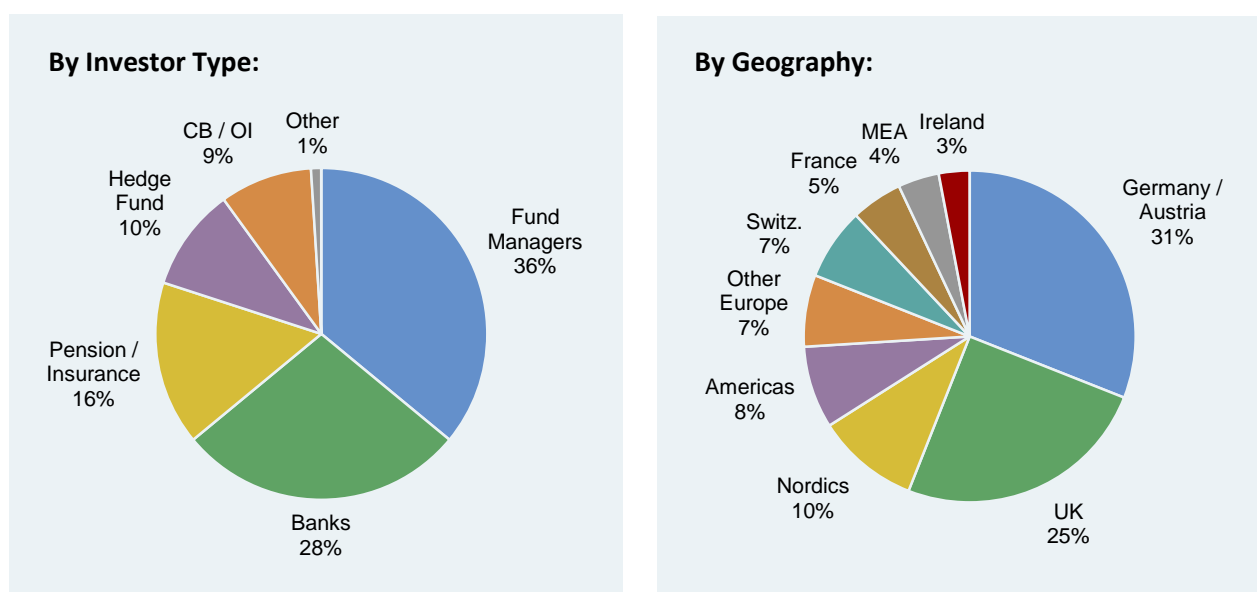
The new €4bn billion benchmark bond, due 15 May 2037, has a 1.7% coupon and priced at a spread of mid swaps +50 basis points to give a re-offer yield of 1.734%. Barclays, Cantor Fitzgerald, Danske Bank, HSBC, J.P. Morgan and Morgan Stanley were mandated as joint book-runners on the transaction.

Highlights of the Issue:

- The mandate was announced at 3 p.m. Dublin time on Tuesday 3rd January allowing investors time to consider the transaction before initial price thoughts were released;
- Markets opened on a positive note on Wednesday, providing a stable backdrop to launch the transaction. Initial price thoughts of mid swaps + “low/mid 50's basis points” were released at 8.30 a.m.;
- The deal was met with strong initial demand, attracting in excess of €7.75 billion in IOIs (including €1.2 billion Joint Lead Manager interest) before the release of formal price guidance;
- Books formally opened at 9.40 a.m. with price guidance announced at mid swaps + 52 basis points area;
- The order book continued to improve throughout the morning and at 10.45 a.m. the final spread was set at mid swaps + 50 basis points;
- The books closed at 11.15 a.m. with over €11 billion of orders (including €1.35 billion from the Joint Lead Managers) with orders from 255 investors – this enabled Ireland to price a well-placed €4 billion deal by 2.45 p.m.

Distribution Highlights:

- Of the €4 billion issued 97% was taken up by overseas investors, including Germany/Austria (31%), the UK (25%), Nordics (10%), Americas (8%), Other Europe (7%), Switzerland (7%), France (5%) and Asia/Middle East (4%).
- The main investor categories were fund managers (36%), banks (28%), pension funds and insurance companies (16%) with the balance spread between hedge funds, central banks and official institutions and others.



Final terms:

Issuer	Ireland (acting through the NTMA)
Notional amount	EUR 4 billion
Format	RegS (Registered Form)
Coupon	1.7% (annual)
Settlement	11 January 2017 (T+5)
Maturity	15 May 2037
Re-offer Price	99.425%
Re-offer Yield	1.734%
Benchmark	DBR 4% Jan-37
Re-offer benchmark spread	+94.2 bps
Re-offer midswaps spread	+50 bps
Lead Managers	Barclays, Cantor Fitzgerald, Danske Bank, HSBC, J.P. Morgan, Morgan Stanley
Co-lead Managers	BofA Merrill Lynch, BNP Paribas, Citi, Davy, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs, Nomura International, Societe Generale, UBS, NatWest Markets