

CADES issues a 4-billion 5 year euro benchmark bond

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CADES continues to successfully access the market with a remarkable 4 bn benchmark transaction. 7.5 bn orders were collected from a very diversified investor base.

This latest issue (3.125%, due July 12, 2010) priced at 99.491% with a yield of 3.254% offers a spread of mid-swap minus 4bp or 6bp over the interpolated French government bond curve.

CADES has selected ABN AMRO, CITIGROUP, HSBC and LEHMAN Brothers to act as bookrunners on this transaction. Cades has awarded co-lead mandates to Calyon, Dresdner KW, Morgan Stanley, Natexis Banques Populaires and Nomura

The success of this transaction is illustrated by the very large level of orders placed (7.5 billion euros) and the broad diversity of investors. A majority of the orders came from Europe (75%). The UK accounted for 27% of the distribution, France 16%, Scandinavia 9%, and Italy 8%. The demand was very well balanced between the three targeted buying centres: insurance companies and fund managers accounted for 40% of the distribution, central banks 25% relative value players played an active part in this transaction with 35% of the book.

This new 5-year bond is the second out of 3 benchmark transactions that CADES will probably launch this year. CADES has raised a total of 9bn since the beginning of the year. With this transaction CADES will have executed more than half of its 10-15 billion Euro benchmark funding program.

CADES: A BENCHMARK ISSUER IN THE EUROPEAN MARKET

Created in 1996, CADES is an administrative public agency under the authority of the French government. CADES enjoys the highest ratings by the principal international rating agencies (AAA/A1+, Aaa/P1, AAA/F1+), and a 0% Basel ratio weighting, which makes CADES one of the five largest non-government issuers in Europe.