

CADES issues a 4-billion euro note with a 15-year maturity

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In active pursuit of the financing program it has undertaken in connection with social security deficits it has assumed, CADES today launches a benchmark issue of 4 billion euros with an October 25, 2020 due date.

This issue features a 3.75% coupon and an offer price of 99.751, 2bps above the swap curve for the same maturity and a 19.7 bp spread versus the OAT 4.25% due April 2019. The settlement date is May 27, 2005 , with the first coupon payment scheduled for October 25, 2005 .

CADES has appointed Barclays Capital, Credit Suisse First Boston, Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein and SG CIB to serve as joint bookrunners for this transaction. ABN AMRO, BNPP, Goldman Sachs, HSBC, JPM, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, and Natexis Banques Populaires complete the placement syndicate.

Once again, this transaction was highly successful, attracting orders in excess of 8 billion euros from a diverse investor base.

Placement originated in the United Kingdom (33%), France (15%), Benelux (5%), Germany (25%), Switzerland (5%), Scandinavia (12%) and other countries (5%).

Central banks picked up 10% of the total issue, while 35% went to bank portfolios, 25% to investment funds, 15% to insurance companies and 15% to hedge funds.

The mission of CADES has not changed in nine years: to pay down the health insurance debt in France .

To date, with more than 26 billion euros already reimbursed out of the 110.4 billion euros that were transferred to it by law, CADES is carrying out its mission efficiently.

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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 .