



The Slovak Republic issues EUR 1.5 billion 0.375% bond due 21st April 2036

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PRESS RELEASE

<i>Issuer:</i>	The Slovak Republic
<i>Ratings:</i>	A2 (Moody's) / A+ (S&P) / A (Fitch)
<i>Joint Bookrunners:</i>	Barclays, Natixis, Tatra banka (Member of Raiffeisen Bank International), and UniCredit Bank Czech and Slovakia
<i>Notional Amount:</i>	EUR 1,500,000,000
<i>Maturity Date:</i>	21 April 2036
<i>Coupon:</i>	0.375%, Fixed, Annual
<i>Reoffer Spread vs. Midswaps:</i>	+9 bps
<i>Re-offer Price:</i>	99.131%
<i>Re-offer Yield:</i>	0.435%

- The Slovak Republic issued an impressive first transaction of 2021 with a EUR 1.5 billion 15-year transaction.
- It has been more than 5-years since the issuer priced a new syndicated deal with the 15-year maturity.
- This is the lowest coupon on a long tenor (above 10-year) for the issuer.
- The transaction attracted interest from more than 100 investors
- Final orderbooks were in excess of EUR 6.6bn.

On Tuesday the 13th of April 2021, the Slovak Republic, rated A2 (Stable) by Moody's, A+ (Stable) by S&P, A (Negative) by Fitch, acting through the Ministry of Finance and represented by the Debt and Liquidity Management Agency (ARDAL), launched an eye-catching first outing in capital markets with a return to the 15-year tenor. The Slovak Republic mandated Barclays, Natixis, Tatra banka

(Member of Raiffeisen Bank International), and UniCredit Bank Czech and Slovakia to joint lead manage this transaction.

On Wednesday the 14th of April, orderbooks opened on this trade at 9:02 CEST with feedback gathered overnight permitting the Slovak Republic to go out with an initial guidance of MS+15 bps area. The first update followed later on in the morning at 10:57 CEST with guidance revised to MS+12 bps area, with orderbooks in excess of EUR 4.6bn (including EUR 565mn of JLM interest). The second and final update was sent to markets at 12:27 CEST with the final spread set at MS+9 bps and orderbooks at more than EUR 5.6bn (including EUR 580mn of JLM interest).

Despite a busy week of supply, the market dynamics and investor sentiment were supportive to the issuer and allowed for a notable EUR 1.5 billion issue due 21st April 2036 at MS+9 bps. The bond priced with a reoffer yield of 0.435% achieving the lowest coupon ever for Slovakia at 0.375% for a longer dated transaction (above 10-year).

More than 100 investors participated in the transaction, which had final orderbooks in excess of EUR 6.6bn.

The investor composition of the orderbooks highlighted a broad and diverse range of interest both in terms of geographical location but also by type.

By region: France 22%, Slovak Republic 16%, UK & Switzerland 16%, Austria 12%, Germany 10%, Nordics 8%, Others 6%, CEE 5% and Southern Europe 5%.

By type: Banks 46%, Fund & Asset Managers 35%, Insurance/Pension Funds 14%, Hedge Funds 3%, Central Banks 2%.