



PRESS RELEASE

The Slovak Republic EUR 3 billion 3.750% 10-year government bonds due 6 March 2034

On February 27, 2024, the Slovak Republic, rated A2 (neg) / A+ (stab) / A- (stab) by Moody's / S&P / Fitch, successfully returned to the international capital markets for the first time in 2024 with a new EUR 3bn 10-year Eurobond due 6 March 2034, that priced at a re-offer spread of MS +100bps, resulting in a 3.780% p.a. yield and allowing the issuer to set the coupon at 3.750% p.a. at a price of 99.754%.

J.P. Morgan, Slovenska sporitelna (Erste Group), Tatra banka (Raiffeisen Bank International Group) and UniCredit acted as Joint Bookrunners on the transaction.

On February 26, 2024, after having carefully monitored the markets the week before, the Slovak Republic represented by Debt and Liquidity Management (ARDAL) announced at 12:41 CET their intention to tap the market with a 10-year EUR Benchmark RegS only government bonds, subject to market conditions.

After already receiving positive investor feedback and IOIs on the announcement day and on the back of a positive market opening the day after, ARDAL decided to proceed with opening the books on February 27, 2024, and released Initial Guidance at MS +115bps area at 08:58 CET.

The offering attracted investor demand from the outset, with books promptly oversubscribed and in excess of EUR 5.4bn (including EUR 365mn JLM interest) at 11:38 CET. This enabled ARDAL to revise the Guidance for the transaction to MS +100-105bps (WPIR).

The granular, high quality investor demand continued and the orderbook remained resilient, leading to a book of above EUR 6.8bn (incl. €265mn JLM interest) by 12:30 CET, enabling the issuer to fix the reoffer spread at MS +100bps shortly thereafter.

The quality of the orderbook allowed the transaction to be launched at 13:23 CET with a final size of EUR 3bn, making this transaction the largest-ever SLOVGB syndicated single-tranche on record in the international capital markets.

At 15:50 CET, the transaction priced at MS +100bps, equivalent to a reoffer yield of 3.780% and a spread of 133.6bps to the DBR 2.2 02/15/34. Of the EUR 3bn placed volume, 53% of investors represented banks and financial institutions, 31% asset management companies, 8% pension funds and insurance companies, 7% central banks and official institutions and 1% other remaining investors. From a regional point of view, German, Austrian & Swiss investors accounted for 22%, investors from the CEE-Region made up 19%, UK & Ireland 15%, BeNeLux 13%, Southern Europe 13%, France 11%, Other Europe 5% and investors from outside of Europe made up 3%.

The notable tightening of 15bps from Guidance to re-offer confirmed the good position of the Slovak Republic on the financial markets.

Pricing Terms

Issuer:	The Slovak Republic acting through the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic represented by the Debt and Liquidity Management Agency ("ARDAL")
Issuer Ratings:	A2 (neg) by Moody's / A+ (stab) by S&P / A- (stab) by Fitch
Joint Lead Managers:	J.P. Morgan, Slovenska sporitelna (Erste Group), Tatra banka (Raiffeisen Bank International Group) and UniCredit
Format:	bearer, registered in Central Depository of the Slovak Republic
Issue:	ŠD 250
Principal Amount:	EUR 3 billion
Pricing Date:	27 February 2024
Settlement Date:	6 March 2024 (T+6)
Maturity Date:	6 March 2034
Coupon:	3.750%, Fixed, Annual, Act/Act (ICMA), payable each 6 March
Reoffer spread vs. MS:	+100bps
Reoffer Yield / Price	3.780% p.a. / 99.754%
Listing / Law	Bratislava Stock Exchange / Slovak Law