



The Slovak Republic issues EUR 1 billion 4.625% bond due 19 January 2017

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PRESS RELEASE

Issuer:	The Slovak Republic
Ratings:	A+ (S&P) / A1 (Moody's) / A+ (Fitch)
Joint Bookrunners:	HSBC, SG CIB, Tatra Banka (RBI Group), UniCredit Bank Slovakia
Notional Amount:	EUR 1,000,000,000
Maturity Date:	19 January 2017
Coupon:	4.625%, Annual
Reoffer Spread vs. Midswaps:	+305 bps
Re-offer Price:	99.690%
Re-offer Yield:	4.696%

- **The Slovak Republic successfully tapped the European capital markets with a new EUR 1bn 5y benchmark bond issue**
- **The issue marks the first new international EUR bond issue by a eurozone member in 2012**
- **The transaction was subscribed by more than 135 investors**
- **The orderbook grew to EUR 1.3bn**

On 11 January 2012, the Republic of Slovakia mandated HSBC, SG CIB, Tatra Banka (the Slovak subsidiary of Raiffeisen Bank International AG) and UniCredit Bank Slovakia for a benchmark EUR issue. The leads successfully managed a new 5-year euro benchmark. More than 135 investors participated in the issue, and the final orderbook amounted to EUR 1.3bn.

The mandate was announced at 10:00 CET and the books were opened early afternoon thanks to strong indications of interest. The orderbook grew to EUR 1.3bn, allowing the joint lead managers to close the books in just two and a half hours at the tighter end of the price guidance (MS+305/310 bps). The issuer managed to print the initially targeted EUR 1bn and secure an attractive coupon for this issue. Slovakia intends to reopen the issue through domestic auctions or a syndicated transaction at a later stage (up to EUR 3bn).

The investor base for the issue was well diversified both geographically and by investor type.

By region: Austria: 38%, Germany: 13%, Slovakia: 12%, Asia: 10%, Benelux: 6%, CEE: 6%, UK & Ireland: 5%, Italy: 3%, Switzerland: 3%, Others: 4%.

By type: Banks: 57%, Fund Managers: 21%, Central Banks: 10%, Insurance & Pension Funds: 5%, Others: 7%.

Investor response and participation in the transaction demonstrates Slovakia's credit strength and attractiveness. This has enabled the issuer to be the first euro-zone sovereign to tap the euro market in 2012 following a particularly volatile market environment at the end of 2011.

This press release is being issued on behalf of all of the joint bookrunners for this bond issue: HSBC, SG CIB, Tatra Banka (RBI Group), Unicredit Bank Slovakia.