



The Slovak Republic EUR 2 billion Benchmark bond due 14 October 2025

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PRESS RELEASE

Issuer:	The Slovak Republic
Ratings:	A+ (S&P) / A1 (Moody's) / A+ (Fitch), all stable
Joint Bookrunners:	HSBC, SG CIB, Tatra Banka (RZB Group), Unicredit Bank Slovakia
Notional Amount:	EUR 2,000,000,000
Maturity Date:	14 October 2025
Coupon:	4,35%, Annual
Reoffer Spread vs. Midswaps:	+150 bps
Re-offer Price:	99,751%
Re-offer Yield:	4,373%

- **Impressive EUR 2bn transaction in volatile market conditions**
- **Diversified high quality book was in excess of EUR 4.2bn**

On 6 October 2010, HSBC, SG CIB, Tatra Banka (RZB Group) and UniCredit Bank Slovakia placed a very successful Slovak Republic issue with a maturity of fifteen years. More than 250 investors showed their strong interest in the issue, and the final orderbook size was above EUR 4.2bn euros whereby real money investors made up 80% of the allocations.

The books were opened at 9:15 local time and grew rapidly over EUR 4bn, allowing the joint lead managers to close the books in just one and a half hours at the tighter end of the price guidance (MS+150/155 bps). The issuer agreed to upsize the initially targeted EUR 1bn upon the strong demand and the attractive final spread for this long dated issue. Slovakia intends to reopen this issue through domestic auctions at a later stage (up to EUR 3bn).

The price guidance for the issue was set only slightly above the better rated Italy (March 2025 MS+147,5bps) and deep inside the trading level of Spain (July 2025, MS+162bps) and Poland (Jan 2025 MS+179bps) which underlines the high credit quality of the single A rated issuer.

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

By region: Germany 25%, Austria 15%, France 12%, Benelux 12%, UK/Ireland 10%, Italy 9%, East Europe 9%, Nordics 3%, Switzerland 2%, Others 3%.

By type: Fund 42%, Insurance Company 39%, Bank 18%, Others 1%.