The Slovak Republic prices EUR 2 billion 1.875% bond due 9 March 2037

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PRESS RELEASE

Issuer:	The Slovak Republic
Ratings:	A2 (Moody's) / A+ (S&P)/ A+ (Fitch) all stable
Joint Lead Managers:	Deutsche Bank, HSBC, SG CIB, Tatra Banka (RBI Group)
Notional Amount:	EUR 2,000,000,000
Maturity Date:	9 March 2037
Coupon:	1.875%, Annual
Reoffer Spread vs. Mid-Swaps:	+68 bps
Re-offer Price:	98.102
Re-offer Yield:	1.991%

- **The Slovak Republic successfully tapped the European capital markets with a new EUR 2billion 20-year benchmark bond issue**
- **The new issue represents the longest syndicated transaction by Slovakia to date in capital markets and the largest since 2010**
- **The transaction attracted interest from more than 120 investors**
- **Final order-books over EUR 3bn**
- **The largest 20-year ever issued out of the CEE region**

On 23 February 2017, the Slovak Republic announced that it had mandated Deutsche Bank, HSBC, SG CIB and Tatra Banka (the Slovak subsidiary of Raiffeisen Bank International AG) for a deal related road-show in Europe to engage with investors for a potential long dated benchmark EUR issue. Following a 3-day road-show in London, Paris, Frankfurt and Münich, on the back of strong feedback received, and against the backdrop of a constructive market, the Joint Lead Managers announced a 20-year Euro benchmark transaction on 2 March 2017. Strong investor support allowed the Slovak Republic to finally price a EUR 2bn 20-year issue at MS+68bps. More than 120 investors participated in the transaction which had final order-books above EUR 3bn.

The books opened at 9:30 CET with Initial Price Thoughts (IPTs) of MS+75bps area and rapidly reached EUR 2.5bn within an hour, after which time, the Joint Lead Managers released official price guidance at MS+70/73bps. The order-books kept the momentum and grew to EUR 3.1bn, allowing the Joint Lead Managers to close the books in just two and a half hours and launch the new issue with a size of EUR 2bn at MS+68bps, representing circa 8 bps tightening from IPTs. The issuer was able to upsize the initially targeted benchmark issue and secured an attractive coupon for its longest dated syndicated bond to date. Slovakia intends to reopen this bond through domestic auctions in future (up to EUR 3bn).

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

By region: Austria/Germany: 52%, UK & Ireland: 14%, Italy: 10%, France/Benelux: 7%, Switzerland: 5%, Nordics 5%, Slovakia 3%, Others: 4%.

By type: Fund Managers: 53%, Banks: 14%, Insurance & Pension Funds: 21%, Central Banks: 6%, Others: 6%.

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