

Press release

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CADES COMES BACK TO THE STERLING MARKET WITH THE LARGEST ISSUE IN ITS HISTORY IN THIS CURRENCY

£1.5 billion - 5-year maturity – 0.125 % coupon

CADES (Caisse d'Amortissement de la Dette Sociale), today closed a new benchmark bond, within its social issuance programme, with a £1.5 billion, 5-year maturity issue.

This latest transaction, the first social bond issued in this currency, is the largest sterling issue ever carried out by CADES since its inception. It is part of the €40 billion debt assumption operations which are scheduled to run until the end of 2021.

Key features of the issue

The price of the 0.125% coupon, 5-year maturity (15 December 2025) bond was fixed at 99.558%. The transaction closed with a spread of 26 basis points over British Treasury bond 2% 07-Sept-25.

Joint-lead book runners for the transaction were Barclays, Natwest and Nomura.

This new bond generated a strong demand from investors. In just a few hours, the order book closed with 50 investors, including 43% ESG investors.

The bond was placed with international investors based in UK (54 %) Asia (34%), other Europe (6%) and Americas (6%).

Central banks and official institutions purchased 38% of the issue, followed by banks for 36%, institutional investors 25%, as well as other investors for 1%.

About CADES

In 1996, the French government set up the Caisse d'Amortissement de la Dette Sociale with a mission to amortise French social debt by issuing debt securities on international financial markets in a diverse range of currencies.

To enable CADES to carry out its mission, the French population pays regular taxes which contribute to the payment of interest and amortisation of social debt.

Supervised jointly by the Minister of The Economy, Finance and the Recovery and by the Minister for Solidarity and Health, CADES operates under the control of the French Parliament and the Constitutional Council.

CADES is well integrated into the French social system, having strong joint governance, co-chaired by a Board of Directors and a Supervisory Committee, which includes four members of French Parliament.

Backed by the French Parliament, CADES is one of the most significant institutions involved in the control and reduction of French social debt by using efficient and proven amortization and financing mechanisms.

Since 1 October 2017, teams from CADES and AFT, the French state debt management office, have merged to create a centre of excellence for issuing French public debt. In this regard, CADES has transferred operational responsibility for all its funding activities to AFT. CADES is maintained as an independent entity guaranteeing the effectiveness of the principle of confinement and amortization of social debt, retaining the prerogatives of its executive chairman, the board of directors and its supervisory committee. AFT operates on behalf of and for CADES, making its staff available when appropriate.

All information regarding CADES and its bond issues is available on www.cades.fr.

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