13 February 2020

Norway issued new Norwegian Government Bond (NGB 08/2030)

The Kingdom of Norway has raised NOK 20 billion in a new government bond maturing 19 August 2030. This is the third time that Norway has issued a bond in Norwegian kroner by syndication.

The bond attracted an order book in excess of NOK 65 billion excluding Joint Lead Managers (JLM) from more than 55 investors.

Joint bookrunners were Danske Bank, DNB, Nordea and SEB.

Execution highlights

The mandate for this new long 10-year government bond was announced at 10am CET on 10 February.

Initial Price Thoughts were released at 2pm CET on 11 February at MS-31 bps area. A very strong response and Indications of Interest in excess of 50 billion (excluding JLM interest) warranted the issuer to announce initial guidance at MS-33 bps area, for formal book opening at 9am CET on 12 February.

Investors continued to show positive interest once books were opened. The spread was set at MS-33 bps at 11:50pm CET and books were closed at 12:15pm CET. The quality of the order book enabled Government Debt Management to set the new issue amount allocated to investors at NOK 20 billion. In addition, the Government retained NOK 4 billion for repopurposes.

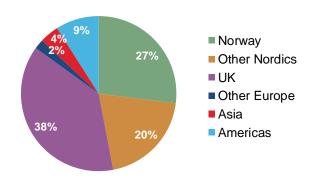
The new NGB 08/2030 was priced at MS-33 bps implying a reoffer yield for investor of 1.485% and an issue price of 98.940%. The bond pays an annual coupon of 1.375%.

Summary of allocation

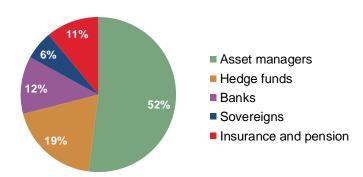
In terms of geography, 27% of the bond was placed with Norwegian investors, while investors in remaining Nordics were allocated 20%, see chart. UK investors were allocated 38% and remaining European investors 2%. Asian and American investors were allocated 4% and 9%, respectively.

By investor type, the majority of the transaction was placed with asset managers (52 percent), followed by hedge funds (20 percent) and banks (12 percent), see chart.

Allocation by region



Allocation by investor type



Summary of terms and conditions:

Issuer: Kingdom of Norway

Ratings: Standard & Poor's AAA (Stable), Moody's Investors Service: Aaa (Stable)

Format: RegS/144a ISIN Code: NO0010875230

Issue amount: NOK 24 billion (of which NOK 4 billion is retained by the Issuer for repo

purposes)

Pricing date: 12 February 2020

Settlement date: 19 February 2020 (T+5)

Maturity: 19 August 2030

Coupon: 1.375% annual, 30/360 (not modified), short first coupon (180/360)

Price: 98.940% Yield: 1.485%

Listing: Oslo Stock Exchange

Law: Norwegian Law Denomination: NOK 1,000

Bookrunners: Danske Bank, DNB, Nordea and SEB