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Norway issued new Norwegian Government Bond (NGB 09/2031)

The Kingdom of Norway has raised NOK 20 billion by syndication in a new government bond maturing 17 September 2031.

The bond attracted an order book in excess of NOK 150 billion excluding Joint Lead Managers (JLM) from more than 70 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 8 February.

Initial Price Thoughts were released at 2pm CET on 9 February at MS-24 bps area. A strong response and Indications of Interest in excess of 70 billion (excluding JLM interest) warranted the issuer to announce initial guidance at MS-26 bps area, for formal book opening at 9am CET on 10 February.

Investors continued to show positive interest once books were opened. The spread was set at MS-27 bps at 11:17pm CET and books were closed at 12:00pm 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 6 billion for repo purposes.

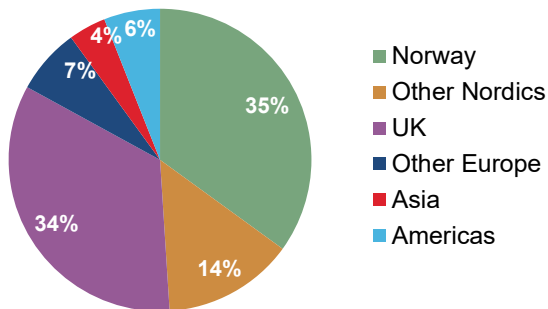
The new NGB 09/2031 was priced at MS-27 bps implying a reoffer yield for investor of 1.289% and an issue price of 99.618%. The bond pays an annual coupon of 1.25%.

Summary of allocation

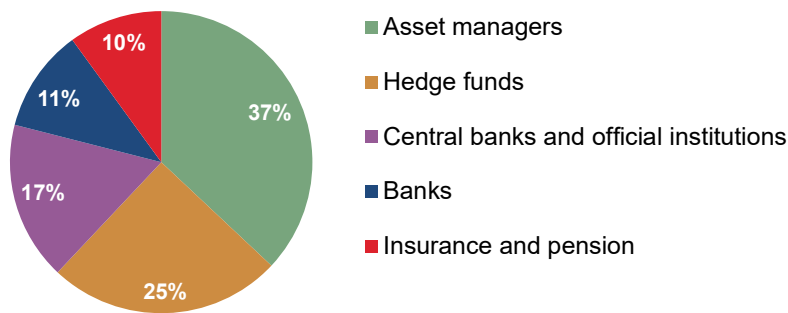
In terms of geography, 35% of the bond was placed with Norwegian investors, while investors in remaining Nordics were allocated 14%, see chart. UK investors were allocated 34% and remaining European investors 7%. Asian and American investors were allocated 4% and 6%, respectively.

By investor type, the majority of the transaction was placed with asset managers (37%), followed by hedge funds (25%), central banks and official institutions (17%), 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:	NO0010930522
Issue amount:	NOK 26 billion (of which NOK 6 billion is retained by the Issuer for repo purposes)
Pricing date:	10 February 2021
Settlement date:	17 February 2021 (T+5)
Maturity:	17 September 2031
Coupon:	1.25% annual, 30/360 (not modified), short first coupon (210/360)
Price:	99.618%
Yield:	1.289%
Listing:	Oslo Stock Exchange
Law:	Norwegian Law
Denomination:	NOK 1,000
Bookrunners:	Danske Bank, DNB, Nordea and SEB