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Press release

Highly successful first transaction of the year for SFIL Group

SFIL Group has successfully launched its first transaction of the year. It was issued under covered bond format by CAFFIL with a maturity of 10 years and an issuance volume of EUR 1.5 billion.

In the context of low levels of activity in the primary market for covered bonds, the anticipation of negative net supply for the market in 2021, and the accommodating ECB policy, CAFFIL has been able to benefit from a favourable dynamic, both in terms of order book volume and issue price.

With EUR 3.3 billion in orders and a subscription rate of x2.2, it is CAFFIL's largest order book for a non-thematic 10 year covered bond transaction since 2013.

This transaction attracted 75 different investors – including 5 new investors for the Group – with a highly granular orderbook allowing a well diversified geographical and institutional distribution.

It is the 6th CAFFIL transaction without new issue premium out of the 24 non-thematic transactions launched since 2013, it is also the 6th transaction of the Group with a negative yield for a total amount of almost EUR 7 billion since 2019.

Details of the transaction CAFFIL obligations foncières EUR 1.5 billion / maturity: 18 th of March 2031 Coupon: 0.01% Spread: mid-swaps +3 basis points / OAT + 10 basis points Lead managers: Barclays, Citi, Commerzbank AG , SGCIB, Unicredit			
Distribution by region:		Distribution by type of investor:	
France	31%	Banks	51%
Germany and Austria	30%	Central Banks and official institutions	25%
United Kingdom	18%	Investment Managers	15%
Nordics	12%	Insurance Companies	9%
Italy	4%		
Switzerland	2%		
Others	3%		

"This 1st transaction of the year has been successful in all its dimensions. The transaction, ensures a perfect start to the 2021 issuance program of SFIL Group. The success of this transaction once again illustrates the Group's qualities, frequently confirmed by the numerous awards published by the specialized financial press."

Philippe Mills, CEO of SFIL and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of CAFFIL

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About bonds issued by the SFIL Group

The SFIL Group – with its subsidiary CAFFIL - is the main European issuer of covered bonds secured by loans to public sector entities. Its bond issues provide adequate funding to cover the needs associated with the two missions that the SFIL Group has been entrusted with by the French State: the refinancing of loans to French local authorities and hospitals by its partner La Banque Postale, and the refinancing of large French export loans benefiting from a State guarantee (“enhanced guarantee”), as part of its refinancing platform for banks active in this sector.

Bonds issued by CAFFIL and SFIL are eligible for the purchase programs of the European Central Bank (PSPP and CBPP) and are classified in the best liquidity categories for regulatory ratios. They benefit from the Covered bond label and only have a hard bullet structure.

SFIL is a signatory to the United Nations Global Compact.

