

Press release

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Commerzbank issues inaugural green bond for €500 million

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- **Bond to be used for refinancing of renewable energy projects**

Commerzbank has issued today its inaugural green bond in the capital market. The issue raised €500 million. The Bank will use the proceeds to refinance renewable energy projects. “With our inaugural green bond we are sending an important signal about the growing significance of this asset class. Also, we continue to enlarge and diversify our investor base”, said Inga Johal, Divisional Board Member Group Treasury at Commerzbank. “It also demonstrates our strong commitment to climate protection and reinforces the Bank's sustainability strategy.”

The non-preferred senior bond attracted keen investor interest. The final order book at re-offer was above €1.1 billion. The bond has a term of 5 years with an annual coupon of 1.25%. Commerzbank obtained its second party opinion from the renowned sustainability ratings agency Sustainalytics, which confirms that the bond complies with the latest Green Bond Principles.

Commerzbank already has a wide experience in the green bond market. “For years we have been successfully supporting our corporate clients to prepare their sustainable bond issues and place them in the international capital market. This year alone we have already acted as a Lead Manager on 17 green and social bond transactions”, commented Roman Schmidt, Divisional Board Member Corporate Finance. In issuing its inaugural green bond, the Bank is adding to its expertise in this fast-growing asset class.

The bond is structured in accordance with the Green Bond Principles. This market standard provides investors with a high degree of transparency as regards how the funds are actually used. Commerzbank has earmarked the bond proceeds for loans for onshore and offshore wind projects and solar projects in Germany, other European countries, and North and South America.

Commerzbank is committed to the objective set at the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris in 2015 to limit global warming to less than 2 degrees Celsius versus pre-industrial levels. The associated energy revolution and reduction in CO₂ emissions are creating a need for new technologies and products requiring large investments. Commerzbank is one of Germany’s top finance providers for the renewable energy sector, with a portfolio of around €5.2 billion as of December 2017.

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