

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013

## Kingdom of Belgium 5-year OLO Benchmark - Press release

The Kingdom of Belgium (Aa3/AA/AA) launched today its second syndicated OLO of 2013. This also constitutes the first 5-year OLO since March 2011. The new benchmark pays a coupon of 1.25%, the lowest coupon ever for an OLO benchmark.

Following this transaction, the BDA has now completed close to 25% of its EUR 37bn OLO programme for 2013.

The new EUR 5 billion OLO#69 benchmark matures on 22 June 2018 and was priced at a spread of +16bps over mid-swap (equivalent to +66.5bps over the OBL 0.5% Feb-18 and +15.3bps over the OAT 1% May-18). Joint lead managers were CA-CIB, HSBC, ING and KBC.

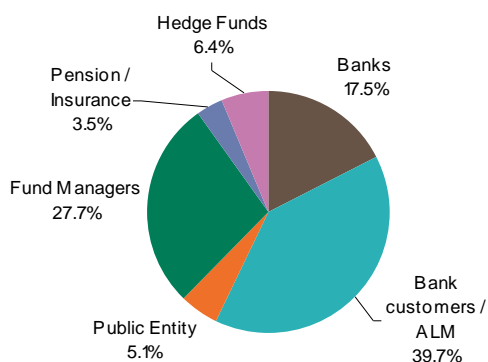
### Transaction execution

- On the back of stable market environment following the G20 meeting and ahead of the General elections in Italy, the BDA announced a new 5-year transaction on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February at 11am CET. An Initial Price Thoughts ("IPT") of m/s+ "high teens" was released at 2pm CET on the same day.
- The collection of indication of interests went very smoothly with significant interests being collected while the OLO curve remained stable.
- Books formally opened at 9am CET on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February with a spread guidance of m/s+18bps area. Orders grew extremely quickly as more than EUR 3bn were collected in only 50 minutes. It continued to increase steadily and stood at EUR 5bn after 1 hour and 45 minutes of bookbuilding when the guidance was revised to m/s+16 to 18bps.
- The vast majority of orders being good at reoffer, the final spread was set at m/s+ 16bps (the tight end of the price guidance) at 11.30am CET on the back of orders exceeding the EUR 6.5bn mark. Further large orders continued to come in and books closed with more than EUR 8.5bn interests at 12.15 CET.
- The transaction priced at 3pm CET on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, at a spread of m/s+ 16bps (giving a 4bps new issue premium vs. the OLO curve), equivalent to 66.5bps over the 0.5% OBL due February 2018 and 15.3bps over the 1% OAT due May 2018.

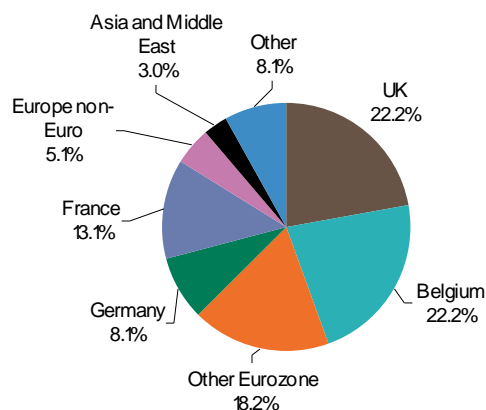
### Distribution

- The transaction attracted more than 135 investors with key investors putting very significant orders while a number of smaller investors participated to the granularity of the books.
- The issue was well distributed across Europe, consistent with significant participation from the UK (22.2%), France (13.1%) and Germany (8.1%).
- The transaction was also met with good demand from domestic investors, who took 22% of the issue.
- In terms of investor type, the distribution was also very well diversified with an important participation from real money accounts (bank customer/ALM, funds, Insurance and pension funds and central banks) totalling 76% while other accounts accounted for 24% of the transaction.

### INVESTOR TYPE DISTRIBUTION



### GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION



### KINGDOM OF BELGIUM 1.25% OLO BENCHMARK DUE 22 JUNE 2018: FINAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

<b>Issuer:</b>	Kingdom of Belgium (Aa3/AA/AA)
<b>Issue Amount:</b>	EUR 5,000,000,000
<b>Launch Date:</b>	19 February 2013
<b>Pricing Date:</b>	19 February 2013
<b>Payment Date:</b>	26 February 2013
<b>First Coupon Date:</b>	22 June 2013 (short first coupon)
<b>Maturity Date:</b>	22 June 2018
<b>Annual Coupon:</b>	1.25%
<b>Issue/Re-offer Price:</b>	99.762%
<b>Re-offer Spread over mid-swaps:</b>	+16bps
<b>Re-offer Yield:</b>	1.297%
<b>Government Benchmarks:</b>	OBL 0.5% Feb-18 OAT 1% May-18
<b>Re-offer Spread over benchmarks:</b>	+66.5bps +15.3bps
<b>ISIN Code:</b>	BE0000329384
<b>Listing:</b>	Brussels
<b>Denominations</b>	EUR 0.01
<b>Law:</b>	Belgian
<b>Joint Bookrunners:</b>	CA-CIB, HSBC, ING and KBC

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