



## CEB issues debut GBP 300m 4.375% Social Inclusion Bond Benchmark due January 2028

### Press Release – 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025

#### Highlights

- The debut GBP-denominated Social Inclusion Bond Benchmark represents the CEB's first public benchmark of 2025, with a total funding volume for 2025 projected to be up to EUR 7.5 billion.
- This is CEB's 20th Social Inclusion Bond issued to-date. This also represents the first Social-labelled GBP-denominated benchmark in the SSA market since July 2023.
- Following a constructive market open, CEB successfully re-opened the GBP SSA new issue market to capture cost-efficient funding levels versus other major currencies.
- The new GBP 300m Jan-28 Social Inclusion Bond benchmark strategically extends the CEB's GBP curve and the tenor appealed to a broad array of investors due to the attractive spread to gilts and SONIA mid-swaps on offer in this sector of the curve.
- The high-quality orderbook closed in excess of GBP 380m (incl. GBP 90m JLM interest) with strong support from a number of dedicated Social bond investors. In addition, Bank Treasuries, Fund Managers and Central Banks and Official institutions strongly supported the deal.
- Schrodgers participated in the new issuance, recognising the importance of the intended impact key performance indicators (KPIs). *"The creation of jobs, low-income social housing, and vocational training are all crucial elements that address pressing socio-economic challenges,"* said Saida Eggerstedt, Head of Sustainable Credit, Schrodgers

#### Final Terms

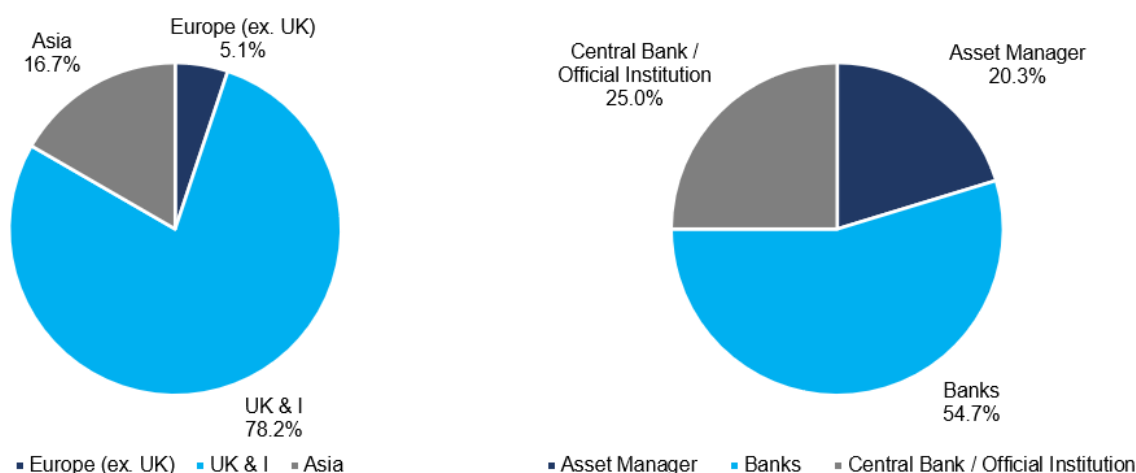
Issuer	Council of Europe Development Bank (Ticker "COE")
Rating	Aaa/AAA/AAA (stable/stable/stable)
Format	Reg S, bearer, senior unsecured
Issue Amount	GBP 300m
Pricing Date	2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025
Settlement Date	9 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 (T+5)
Maturity Date	9 <sup>th</sup> January 2028
Coupon	4.375%
Re-offer vs. SONIA MS	+32bps
Re-offer vs. Benchmark	+34.9bps
Re-offer Price/Yield	99.857% / 4.427% ann.
Joint Bookrunners	Barclays, Citi, Nomura

#### Deal Details

- On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, the CEB took advantage of the constructive market tone in the first session of 2025 to announce a debut GBP-denominated Social Inclusion Bond benchmark due January 2028 at 9.45am CET. Books were opened concurrently with initial guidance released at SONIA MS+32bps area.
- The transaction was met with a strong investor response from the outset, enabling the issuer to release a first update at 11.54am CET on the back of orders accelerating above GBP 285m (incl. GBP 75m JLM interest). At this stage, the spread was set at SONIA MS+32bps.
- The orderbook continued to grow and closed in excess of GBP 380m (incl. GBP 90m JLM interest). This supported the CEB to set the final size of the transaction at GBP 300m.
- The transaction officially priced at 1.08pm CET, offering an annual coupon of 4.375%, an annual yield of 4.427%, a reoffer price of 99.857% and a spread of +34.9bps against the UKT 0 ½ 01/31/28.



## Distribution Statistics



## Background

- For the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), sustainability is pivotal to how the Bank delivers on its social mandate for a lasting positive impact on people, especially the most vulnerable, society and planet. As a social development bank, the CEB strives to maximise its positive social impact, leverage the potential for environmental co-benefits and minimise any negative downsides when financing projects in its member states, for example, through its alignment with the Paris Agreement.
- The CEB also pursues opportunities to uphold its social values and attract ESG investors with its issuances of Social Inclusion Bonds.
- In line with the issuer's framework, proceeds of this new Social Inclusion Bond will be used for eligible loans in one or several of the following categories: Social Housing for low-income persons, Education and vocational training, Health and social care and Supporting MSMEs for the creation and preservation of viable jobs.
- The CEB is committed to transparent reporting on the allocation and impact of eligible social loans that are financed by its social inclusion bonds. In March 2024, the CEB published its latest Social Inclusion Bond report that can be found here: <https://coebank.org/en/news-and-publications/news/ceb-publishes-2023-socialinclusion-bond-report/>