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## Nordic Investment Bank (NIB) launches an inaugural 5-year SEK 2 billion Nordic–Baltic Blue Bond

### Transaction Summary:

**Issuer:** Nordic Investment Bank (NIB)

**Format:** RegS

**Amount:** SEK 2 billion

**Settlement date:** 1 February 2019

**Maturity date:** 1 February 2024

**Issue price:** 99.664%

**Coupon:** 0.375%

**Issue yield:** 0.443%

**Spread:** Midswap - 2 bps

**Denomination:** SEK 10,000 / SEK 10,000

**Listing:** Nasdaq Stockholm

**Lead Manager:** SEB

**ISIN:** XS1943607975

### Execution Highlights

- Inaugural Nordic–Baltic Blue Bond targeting projects within water resource management and protection
- Generating very strong interest among investors with ESG considerations
- The final order book reached above SEK 3.2 billion with 21 accounts participating

Yesterday, 24 January 2019, Nordic Investment Bank (NIB), rated Aaa/AAA, launched a 5-year SEK 2 billion NIB Nordic–Baltic Blue Bond to support the Bank's lending to selected water management and protection projects. The bond has been issued under NIB's Environmental Bond Framework, the use of proceeds from this transaction will be allocated to a separate account for onward disbursement of loans to new water management and protection projects. NIB does not refinance existing project with NEB proceeds.



The 5-year SEK 2 billion transaction was announced early in the afternoon of Wednesday, 23 January, offering investors to participate in a joint call later that afternoon and with the intention to launch a transaction in the near future. The investor call generated some very encouraging feedback and the decision was made to open the transaction on the morning, 24 January, with an initial guidance of midswaps flat area. The orderbook gained a very strong momentum and it was decided to change the initial price guidance to a range between midswaps minus 1 and 2 bps. The transaction closed at 11:45 CET with a spread of SEK midswaps minus 2 bps and with a final orderbook north of SEK 3.2 billion. The transaction attracted strong interest from dedicated green investors and committed mainstream accounts such as AMF, AP3, Captor, Cliens Kapitalforvaltning, Handelsbanken, LF Jönköping, LF Treasury, SEB Investment Management, WWF and Öhman Fonder.

“This is our first Blue Bond and we are pleased to see a very strong outcome. A high quality order book supported by investors that are conscious of the challenges affecting the Baltic Sea area verifies that the investors acknowledge NIB’s work within water and environmental protection”, says Jens Hellerup, Head of Funding and Investor Relations at NIB

“Sustainability, not least in relation to the Baltic Sea, is something very close to our clients’ hearts. We welcome the efforts from NIB to enable this type of bond. With this investment we are taking yet another step towards a sustainable world, says Michael Kjeller, Head of Asset Management and Sustainability at the Folksam Group.”

“The Baltic Sea is the home of nine countries and ninety million people. The health of the Baltic Sea is tremendously important for us who live and work here. We have long been seeking a solution, on how to finance a better health of the Baltic Sea and are therefore thrilled to participate in NIB’s Blue Bond. We sincerely appreciate NIB’s work and hope that this blue bond will be followed by many others, says Helena Lindahl, Senior Portfolio Manager, SPP Storebrand, SPP Grön Obligationsfond”

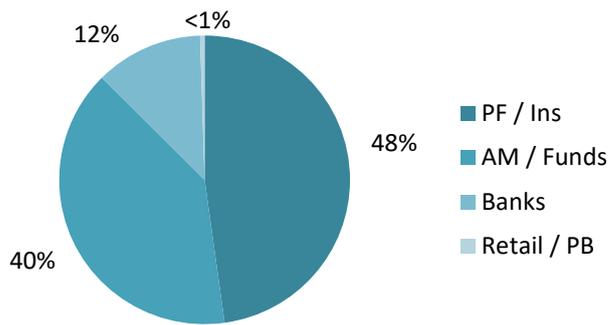
“Swedbank Robur is a large investor in sustainable bonds. Our investments are spread both across different aspects of sustainability as well as geographically. However the Nordic-Baltic region is our home market and we are very proud to participate in the NIB blue bond transaction and to improve the environment and the water resources around the Baltic Sea. Water resource issues are amongst the most important environmental challenges as water knows no boundaries -it flows regardless of neighborhood, city, or country borders. Water is a necessity for sustainable development and growth in the region, and we are happy to be able to directly target water related investments addressing those challenges through this transaction, says Thomas Bäck, Senior Portfolio Manager, Swedbank Robur

“SEB acted as a lead manager for this SEK 2 billion transaction that supports water projects around the Baltic Sea. The bond, which was oversubscribed more than two times, will allow the financial sector to get a better understanding of the challenges of the Baltic Seas ecosystems and the solutions to address these challenges”, says Christopher Flensburg, Head of Climate & Sustainable Finance in Large Corporates & Financial Institutions at SEB.

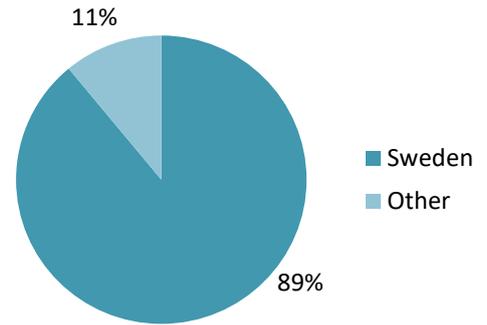


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