



7th March 2023

## Nordic Investment Bank launches USD 1.5 billion 4.375% due 14 March 2028 Global Senior Unsecured Bond

### Transaction Summary:

<b>Issuer:</b>	Nordic Investment Bank (BBG Ticker : NIB)
<b>Format:</b>	Global, SEC Registered, senior unsecured
<b>Amount:</b>	\$1.5bn
<b>Settlement date:</b>	14-Mar-2023 (T+5)
<b>Maturity date:</b>	14-Mar-2028
<b>Issue price:</b>	99.911%
<b>Coupon:</b>	4.375% Semi Annual, Fixed
<b>Issue yield:</b>	4.395% semi-annual
<b>Spread vs. UST:</b>	CT3+11.15bps
<b>Spread vs. SOFR:</b>	MS+30bps
<b>Denomination:</b>	200k x 1k
<b>Listing:</b>	Luxembourg Stock Exchange's Regulated Market
<b>Joint-Lead Managers:</b>	BMO Capital Markets, BofA Securities, Nomura, RBC Capital Markets

### Transaction Highlights:

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Nordic Investment Bank (NIB), rated Aaa/AAA, priced a USD 1.5 billion 5-year at SOFR MS plus 30 basis points. The successful transaction represents NIB's first USD benchmark transaction in 2023, following three public transactions in EUR, NZD and GBP.

The transaction marks NIB's largest ever USD orderbook and the tightest SOFR MS spread in the 5-year SSA segment so far this calendar year.

The issue carries an annual coupon of 4.375% and will mature on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2028. It was priced with a spread of 11.15bps basis points over the UST 4.000% 29th February 2028 Treasury note, equivalent to SOFR MS plus 30 basis points. The pricing translates to a semi-annual yield of 4.395%.

On the back of constructive indications of interest ("IOIs") in excess of USD 2.5 billion (incl. 50m JLMs), books officially opened around 8.00 am London on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Despite the challenging move in swap spread at market opening, the price guidance was revised tighter to SOFR MS plus 32 basis points area.

The announcement of the IOIs and official price guidance generated further positive investor response. By 9.30am London the order book was in excess of USD 4 billion (incl. 50m JLMs), at which point the decision was taken to tighten and set the spread at SOFR MS plus 30 bps, 3bps inside IPTs.

The order book showed very limited price sensitivity and books closed at 13.00 pm London with demand in excess of USD 4 billion (incl. 50m JLMs).



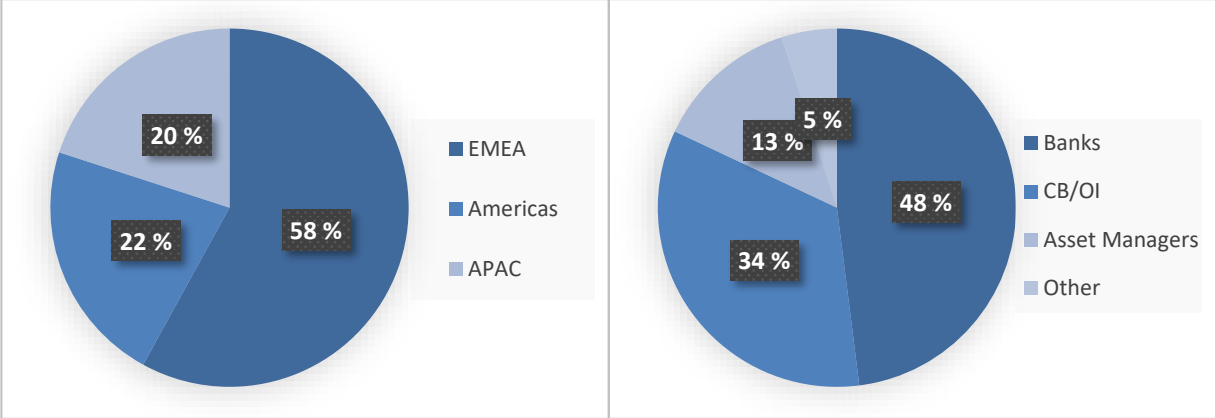
In terms of investor participation, geographical distribution was mainly dominated by EMEA issuers at 58%, followed by Americas at 22% and APAC at 20%. In terms of investor type, Banks took the largest piece of the transaction with 48%, followed by CB/OIs at 34%, Asset managers at 13% and Others at 5%.

NIB has communicated to the market that it plans to issue between EUR 8–9bn equivalent in 2023.

**Distribution statistics:**

By investor region:

By investor type:



**Issuer quotes:**

“Just one week ago we published our Annual Report for 2022, for the first time combining our financials and our impact in one publication. Having a record amount of investors engaged in our new USD 5-year benchmark shows that NIB’s mandate and mission continue to be an attractive investment proposition to international investors. Today’s transaction is a great achievement to everybody at NIB.”  
 Kim Skov Jensen, CFO & Head of Treasury & Finance, Nordic Investment Bank

“We are very happy with today’s issuance that had a record amount of investors – both in terms of number and size - more than 100 different accounts made up an orderbook in excess of USD 4 billion. We saw a good window after a period of less active primary markets and the publication of our annual figures. The yearly 5-year USD benchmark transaction represents an important strategic part of our funding program, and the outcome proves that NIB has a strong name in the international investor community.”  
 Jens Hellerup, Senior Director, Head of Funding & Investor Relations, Nordic Investment Bank

**Joint Lead Manager quotes:**

“Huge congratulations to the NIB team for their successful first USD benchmark transaction of the calendar year. The elevated investor demand materialised in the largest USD orderbook ever for NIB and enabled the team to price with the tightest spread in the SSA sector so far this year.”  
 Robert Matthews, Vice President, BofA Securities

“The Nordic Investment Bank (NIB) have delivered yet another outstanding transaction, extending their USD curve out to 2028s with the new US\$ 1.5bn 5-year transaction. With record indications of interest (IOIs) and indeed a record sized orderbook in excess of US\$ 4bn; the NIB were able to tighten the transaction given the buoyed, global and granular nature of the orderbook. The transaction serves as a testament to NIB’s credit standing in the market and the global following they enjoy as a top tier AAA credit.”  
 Mark Yeomans, Managing Director, Debt Capital Markets, Nomura

“Congratulations to the Nordic Investment Bank team for another very successful outing in USD. This USD 1.5bn 5Y benchmark is the tightest 5Y trade vs both swaps (+30bps) and US Treasuries (+11.15bps) to date in 2023. The granular orderbook of almost 100 investors and final demand of USD 4bn are testament to the strong name recognition that NIB enjoys in the USD market.”  
 Massimo Antonelli, Managing Director, BMO Capital Markets



"An incredibly well-timed and successful transaction for NIB, reacting swiftly to the excellent market conditions to price the tightest 5-year USD benchmark versus SOFR mid-swaps this year. Attracting demand in excess of \$4bn (inc. \$50m JLM), the issuer's largest ever orderbook, is a reflection of NIB's credit quality and high standing amongst global investors. A really great outcome and RBC was delighted to have been involved."  
Andrea Jelic, Director at RBC Capital Markets.

### **About Nordic Investment Bank:**

The Nordic Investment Bank (NIB) is an international financial institution by eight member countries: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden. The Bank's mission is to finance projects that improve productivity and benefit the environment in the Nordic-Baltic region. NIB has the highest possible credit rating, AAA/Aaa, with the leading rating agencies Standard & Poor's and Moody's.

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