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Belfius Bank successfully launches the first Belgian covered bond issue.

Following the earlier announcement of Belfius Bank on the set-up of its pandbrieven programme, Belfius launched today the inaugural Belgian pandbrieven issue. Those pandbrieven have a 5 years maturity and an annual coupon of 1.25%, and are covered by Belgian residential mortgages.

This successful transaction allowed Belfius to place 1.25 billion euro with a wide range of institutional investors (about 180). The pandbrieven are issued under the Belfius pandbrieven programme limited to 10 billion euro.

This issue is part of the diversification plan of the investor base and of the long term funding sources of Belfius Bank.

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