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## **Belfius Bank receives for the second consecutive year the Award for the “No.1 Bond Finance House of the year” by NYSE Euronext**

**This prestigious Prize, awarded for the second consecutive year to Belfius Bank, recognizes the strategic role played by the bank in Belgium in a continuously growing bond market.**

In 2014, Belfius Bank reconfirmed its very important role through its Debt Capital Markets activity in public and corporate bond issuances on behalf of Belgian clients and reinforced its presence in this market.

- Among the **(semi-)public and utility issuers** Belfius Bank has placed issues on behalf of the French Community of Belgium, the Walloon Region, the Brussels Capital Region, the Brussels Municipalities Regional Fund, the SWCS, the SRWT, the SPGE, the SWDE, EANDIS, Fluxys, Aquafin, Infrac, TMVW, UC Leuven and five local authorities, i.e. Ghent, Hasselt, Mechelen, Liège and Namur; the two latter being first time bond issuers on the Belgian market. Belfius Bank hereby confirmed its number one position on the Belgian market for (semi-)public and utility issuers.
- The bank has also led a series of **institutional private placements** for Belgian companies: Infrabel, Ghelamco, Montea, Atenor, Home Invest Belgium and Matexi.
- Regarding the **public Retail Bond market (placement among retail investors)** for corporate issuers, Belfius Bank set up and placed an issue for Warehouses De Pauw.
- Belfius was also involved in the A11 project bond, the motorway between Brugge and Knokke.

Belfius Bank has not only a long lasting experience and leading role in issuing bonds and treasury notes for its (semi)public clients, with a participation hit ratio of more than 80% today, but also for Belgian utility issuers. The bank is also increasingly providing added value for corporates that want to tap the capital markets in diversifying their funding sources.

This second consecutive award confirms the status of Belfius Bank as a strong partner for the Belgian issuers. This “N°1 Bond Finance House 2014” Award of NYSE Euronext has been attributed to Belfius Bank based on these performances and hence, the bank would like to thank its clients for their confidence.

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