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Belfius Bank receives the Award for the “No.1 Bond Finance House 2013” by NYSE Euronext



This prestigious Award recognizes the strategic role played by Belfius Bank in Belgium in a continuously growing bond market.

In 2013, Belfius played a very important role through its Debt Capital Markets activity in public and corporate bond issuances on behalf of Belgian clients.

- Among the **issues for (semi-)public and utility issuers** led by Belfius Bank were placements on behalf of the French Community of Belgium, the Walloon Region, the Brussels Municipalities Regional Fund, SPGE, Igretec, EANDIS, Infrax, TMVW, FIWAPAC and four local authorities , i.e. Ghent, Hasselt, Zaventem and Mechelen, the latter being first time bond issuers on the Belgian market. Belfius hereby confirmed its number one position on the Belgian market for (semi-)public and utility issuers.
- Regarding the **public Retail Bond market (placement among retail investors)** for corporate issuers, Belfius carried out issues for DEME, Pinguin and Leasinvest Real Estate. In addition, Belfius had also set up issuances for Matexi and Ghelamco granting them access to the bond market financing through private placements to qualified investors and private banking investors.
- The bank has also led a series of **institutional private placements** for Befimmo, Alcopa, Atenor Group and Montea.

Belfius has not only a long lasting experience and leading role in issuing bonds and treasury notes for its (semi)public clients, with a participation hitratio 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.

Belfius Bank has now being awarded this important NYSE Euronext Brussels “Award for the “N°1 Bond Finance House of the year” based on these performances and would like to thank its clients for their confidence.