

# VakifBank issued a new Eurobond amounting USD 650 million

## The highest amount of Eurobond issued by VakifBank

VakifBank, pioneer and innovative bank of Turkey in international debt capital markets, issued a new Eurobond amounting USD 650 million with a maturity of 5 years under the Global Medium Term Notes (GMTN) program. The order book of the transaction exceeded USD 1.5 billion thanks to total investor demand coming from all over the world. The coupon rate and the final yield of the issuance have been set at 5.75% and 5.85%, respectively.

**The amount of the eurobond has been the highest ever issued by VakifBank in a single transaction"**

Stating that VakifBank successfully carried out the first Eurobond issuance of 2018, CEO Mr. Mehmet Emin Özcan said "VakifBank completed the first Eurobond issuance of the year amounting USD 650 million with a maturity of 5 years under the Global Medium Term Notes (GMTN) program. The most important part of the transaction is being the highest amount of Eurobond issued by VakifBank in a single transaction. Since 2012, we have carried out long term issuances for several investor groups in different currencies within diversified structures in international debt capital markets and therefore, we have a pioneer and innovative position among Turkish banks in this field. This transaction confirmed the recognition and perception of strong VakifBank image in the eye of international bond investors once more. We decided to increase the amount of issuance to USD 650 million from the initial amount of USD 500 million thanks to the strong demand for the transaction. Thus, the coupon rate has tightened by 25 bps to 5.75% from the initial target price of 6%.

### "The issuance proved the high creditworthiness of Turkey once again"

Indicating that Turkey's strength on economy has also an essential role for providing international funding sources, CEO Mr. Özcan said "Despite all kinds of speculation and unkind efforts, we have seen the strength of Turkey's reputation in international markets once more. The strong demand and the final cost of these transactions are important to show the high credibility of Turkey."

### **"Strong and high quality investor demand in particular from the USA played an important role for the success of the transaction"**

Stating that over 150 institutional investors from all over the world were interested the Eurobond issuance amounting USD 650 million, CEO Mr. Özcan said "Strong and high quality demand from USA based long-term portfolio managers played an important role in the success of the transaction. The order book of the transaction exceeded USD 1.5 billion thanks to demand coming from more than 150 institutional investors. We will continue to support the real economy with our diversified funding structure by providing long term and cost-effective funding sources in the upcoming periods."

Joint Lead Managers of the transaction are Emirates NBD Capital, First Abu Dhabi Bank, Goldman Sachs International, SG CIB, Standard Chartered Bank (B&D) and UniCredit.