

**VakifBank broke a new ground:
The first “Sustainable Eurobond” issued by a deposit bank amounting
USD 750 million**

VakifBank, pioneer bank of Turkey in the international debt capital markets, completed successfully the first Sustainable Eurobond transaction issued by deposit banks by breaking a new ground. Investors from all over the world showed great interest to this issuance and final order-book reached more than 3 times of transaction size of amounting USD 750 million with a maturity 5 years. The yield and coupon rate have been set at 6.625% and 6.5%, respectively.

Reflecting his pleasure regarding the successful issuance, VakifBank’s CEO Mr. Abdi Serdar Üstünsalih, “We successfully completed the first "Sustainable Eurobond" issuance by deposit banks in Turkey. Following the several investor calls, the final order-book of the transaction reached to more than 3 times of issue size by roughly 200 institutional investors. We have gathered strong demand in every region of the world from Middle East to Asia, from UK to USA. Hereby, we reached out to investors who only invest in Sustainable Eurobonds by providing new funding to Turkey, especially from the Continental Europe-based ESG funds.”

Reminding about the largest Eurobond issuance in the bank’s history so far amounting USD 750 million in January, Mr. Üstünsalih “With this new issuance, the first Sustainable Eurobond transaction issued by deposit banks, we have completed the second successful transaction of 2020, as a challenging year globally. Thus, we contributed a new link to our leading position in international debt capital markets. The success of the transaction once again has demonstrated its pioneering position and strong perception of VakifBank with the reliance of investors to Turkey and VakifBank.

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Stating that carrying out all the activities with a sustainable banking approach, Mr. Üstünsalih “ With in the scope of our sustainable banking efforts, VakifBank became the first Carbon Negative bank of Turkey by offsetting more than all of its greenhouse gas emissions calculated for 2019. As a part of our approach of sustainable banking approach and as a requirement of the "Sustainable Eurobond", the funding source achieved from the new issuance will be used in the financing of eco-friendly projects, especially in renewable energy loans ”.

Stating that in addition to eco-friendly loans, they will also finance social-themed loans, Mr. Üstünsalih “Financing the business needs of micro enterprises which negatively effected by Covid-19 pandemic and employment intensive loans will be our priority. As a poineer and active bank in international debt capital markets, we have taken important steps in this field as well. We will continue with our efforts to access sustainable finance and provide new international funding sources.