

# Press release

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## **Fortis Bank Nederland to issue a 5-year bond under the Dutch government's guarantee scheme**

Fortis Bank Nederland has mandated a syndicate of banks to issue a EUR 5-year Senior Unsecured Bond. The bond issue will be guaranteed by the Dutch government and will have an expected Aaa/AAA/AAA rating.

The banking syndicate comprises Goldman Sachs, HSBC, Rabobank, Société Générale and Fortis Bank Nederland. The transaction will take place in the near future and will be subject to market conditions. The bond issue will be used to refinance existing debt and further strengthen Fortis Bank Nederland's liquidity position.

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