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Belfius Bank awarded 'N° 1 Bond Finance House of the Year' by Euronext for the fourth consecutive year

On 12 January 2017, Belfius was awarded 'N° 1 Bond Finance House of the Year' for the fourth successive year by Euronext. This prestigious award was presented to Belfius at a ceremony attended by Belgian Finance Minister Johan Van Overtveldt and confirms the strategic role played by the bank in providing alternative financing solutions to its clients on the bond market.

In 2016 Belfius Bank again confirmed its leading role in the Debt Capital Markets activity (DCM) with regard to bond issues conducted on behalf of Belgian issuers.

- Within the group of **Belgian corporates**, Belfius successfully
 - completed a series of private placements for Fluxys Finance, IBA, Cofinimmo, Befimmo, Atenor, Retail Estates, Matexi, R&S Benelux Holding, MG Invest NV, Vandemoortele and Codralux;
 - launched the Green and Social Bond for Cofinimmo, a first of its kind for a real estate company in Europe.
- Within the group of **public and semi-public issuers**, Belfius
 - placed bonds for the regions, communities and connected entities, such as the French Community, the German-speaking Community, the Walloon Region, the Flemish Community, Fonds du Logement des Familles Nombreuses de Wallonie, FIWAPAC, and the Brussels Regional Refinancing Fund of Municipal Treasuries;
 - placed the inaugural bonds on the international bond market for Resa, the gas and electricity distribution network operator in the province of Liège;
 - placed bonds for three municipalities the city of Izegem, the city of Namur and the city of Zottegem; and
 - realised long term issuances for Katholieke Hogeschool Vives Zuid and Université de Namur.
- The DCM teams also contributed to the placement of Belfius Mortgage Pandbrieven, Belfius Public Pandbrieven and Subordinated Tier 2.

In 2016 Belfius increased its market share to 86% in the public and semi-public sector, confirming its position as market leader. Belfius also increased its market share to 58% for new long-term issues for Belgian companies, underlining its increasing level of added value. Thanks to these achievements, Belfius Bank has received the Euronext Award as the "N° 1 Bond Finance House 2016".

Belfius Bank would particularly like to thank its customers for their continued trust and confidence.

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