

**Press Release** 

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BCC Banca Iccrea has successfully issued a new Covered Bond intended for institutional investors for an amount of 600 million euro and a maturity of 5.5 years under the 10-billion-euro Obbligazioni Bancarie Garantite Programme.

The issuance has received a strong interest from investors with orders peaking 1.8 billion euro (more than 3 times the initial offer of 500 million euro).

The strong demand from the market has allowed to increase the size of the bond (from 500 to 600 million euro) while reducing the final spread to ms+52 bps, implying a reduction of 8 bps from initial levels.

The issuance has been allocated with the following geographical distribution: Italy (31%), Dach (27%), UK and Ireland (17%), Nordics (14%), Iberia (4%), France (3%), Netherlands (3%) and other (1%). Regarding the investors' type, 44% has been allocated to funds, 27% to banks, 25% to official institutions and central banks, 4% to other investors.

The issue is the fifth European Covered Bond (Premium) issued by the Group in compliance with the new European regulation which was implemented in Italy on 30 March 2023.

The bond, which will be listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, has an expected rating of Aa3 (Moody's), a final yield of 2.726% and a maturity date in November 2030. The bond was priced 9 bps below the BTP of the same maturity, marking the lowest absolute level achieved by an Italian Covered Bond (with a maturity above five years) since June 2022.

The bonds, issued under BCC Banca Iccrea Euro 10,000,000 Covered Bond programme, are ECB Eligible and LCR Level 1.

Barclays (co-arranger of the Program with BCC Banca Iccrea), BBVA, Crédit Agricole CIB (B&D), Helaba, UBS Investment Bank and UniCredit acted as Joint Bookrunners for the placement.

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