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## **Aegon successfully places inaugural EUR 750 million Conditional Pass-Through Covered Bond**

Today, Aegon Bank N.V. priced its inaugural 5-year, EUR 750 million Conditional Pass-Through Covered Bonds at 8 basis points over mid swaps resulting in an effective yield of 0.267%. The deal was oversubscribed and successfully placed with a broad range of institutional investors.

The bonds are expected to be rated AAA by rating agencies Standard & Poor's and Fitch. Aegon Bank N.V.'s Conditional Pass-Through Covered Bond Program is Dutch law-based and backed by a pool of prime Dutch residential mortgage loans. It is registered with the Dutch Central Bank (DNB) and is both UCITS<sup>1</sup>- and CRD IV<sup>2</sup>-compliant.

This transaction enables Aegon to further diversify its funding sources and to attract new external long-term funding. The net proceeds will be used to refinance part of the existing Dutch mortgage portfolio of Aegon.

Aegon Bank N.V. assigned ABN AMRO, Rabobank, Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS), Société Générale and UniCredit as joint bookrunners and NIBC Bank as co-lead manager for the transaction. RBS has been designated as the sole arranger.

### **About Aegon**

Aegon's roots go back more than 150 years – to the first half of the nineteenth century. Since then, Aegon has grown into an international company, with businesses in more than 20 countries in the Americas, Europe and Asia. Today, Aegon is one of the world's leading financial services organizations, providing life insurance, pensions and asset management, with around 28,000 employees. Aegon's purpose is to help people take responsibility for their financial future. On September 30, 2015, Aegon managed EUR 635 billion in revenue generating investments. [www.aegon.com](http://www.aegon.com)

### **About Aegon Bank N.V.**

Aegon Bank N.V. is part of Aegon the Netherlands and operates under two brands: Aegon Bank, an online retail savings bank, and KNAB, a new online banking initiative for retail and self-employed clients. Aegon Bank N.V. develops savings and investment products, and supports Aegon's purpose to help people take responsibility for their financial future. Aegon Bank N.V. offers a platform for funding mortgages for Aegon the Netherlands. Aegon is a top 5 lender in the Dutch residential mortgage market. Aegon Bank N.V. has a credit rating of A+ by Standard & Poor's and A- by Fitch.

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<sup>1</sup> *Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities Directive.*

<sup>2</sup> *Capital Requirement Directive*



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### Forward-looking statements

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- Changes in general economic conditions, particularly in the United States, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom;
- Changes in the performance of financial markets, including emerging markets, such as with regard to:
  - The frequency and severity of defaults by issuers in Aegon's fixed income investment portfolios;
  - The effects of corporate bankruptcies and/or accounting restatements on the financial markets and the resulting decline in the value of equity and debt securities Aegon holds; and
  - The effects of declining creditworthiness of certain private sector securities and the resulting decline in the value of sovereign exposure that Aegon holds;
- Changes in the performance of Aegon's investment portfolio and decline in ratings of Aegon's counterparties;
- Consequences of a potential (partial) break-up of the euro;
- The frequency and severity of insured loss events;
- Changes affecting longevity, mortality, morbidity, persistence and other factors that may impact the profitability of Aegon's insurance products;
- Reinsurers to whom Aegon has ceded significant underwriting risks may fail to meet their obligations;
- Changes affecting interest rate levels and continuing low or rapidly changing interest rate levels;
- Changes affecting currency exchange rates, in particular the EUR/USD and EUR/GBP exchange rates;
- Changes in the availability of, and costs associated with, liquidity sources such as bank and capital markets funding, as well as conditions in the credit markets in general such as changes in borrower and counterparty creditworthiness;
- Increasing levels of competition in the United States, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and emerging markets;
- Changes in laws and regulations, particularly those affecting Aegon's operations, ability to hire and retain key personnel, the products Aegon sells, and the attractiveness of certain products to its consumers;
- Regulatory changes relating to the insurance industry in the jurisdictions in which Aegon operates;
- Changes in customer behavior and public opinion in general related to, among other things, the type of products also Aegon sells, including legal, regulatory or commercial necessity to meet changing customer expectations;
- Acts of God, acts of terrorism, acts of war and pandemics;
- Changes in the policies of central banks and/or governments;
- Lowering of one or more of Aegon's debt ratings issued by recognized rating organizations and the adverse impact such action may have on Aegon's ability to raise capital and on its liquidity and financial condition;
- Lowering of one or more of insurer financial strength ratings of Aegon's insurance subsidiaries and the adverse impact such action may have on the premium writings, policy retention, profitability and liquidity of its insurance subsidiaries;
- The effect of the European Union's Solvency II requirements and other regulations in other jurisdictions affecting the capital Aegon is required to maintain;
- Litigation or regulatory action that could require Aegon to pay significant damages or change the way Aegon does business;
- As Aegon's operations support complex transactions and are highly dependent on the proper functioning of information technology, a computer system failure or security breach may disrupt Aegon's business, damage its reputation and adversely affect its results of operations, financial condition and cash flows;
- Customer responsiveness to both new products and distribution channels;
- Competitive, legal, regulatory, or tax changes that affect profitability, the distribution cost of or demand for Aegon's products;
- Changes in accounting regulations and policies or a change by Aegon in applying such regulations and policies, voluntarily or otherwise, may affect Aegon's reported results and shareholders' equity;
- The impact of acquisitions and divestitures, restructurings, product withdrawals and other unusual items, including Aegon's ability to integrate acquisitions and to obtain the anticipated results and synergies from acquisitions;
- Catastrophic events, either manmade or by nature, could result in material losses and significantly interrupt Aegon's business; and
- Aegon's failure to achieve anticipated levels of earnings or operational efficiencies as well as other cost saving and excess capital and leverage ratio management initiatives.

Further details of potential risks and uncertainties affecting Aegon are described in its filings with the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets and the US Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Annual Report. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this document. Except as required by any applicable law or regulation, Aegon expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in Aegon's expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.