

PRESS RELEASE

**BANCA MPS SUCCESSFULLY ISSUES A NEW 10 YEAR EUR1BN
COVERED BOND**

Banca Monte dei Paschi has successfully returned to the covered bond market after one month, confirming its ability to access capital markets even for long maturity

BMPS has issued a 10 year, EUR1 bn covered bond with a demand in excess of EUR 1,6 bn

Spread at mid swap rate + 127 basis points

Siena, 19th November 2015 –Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena returns to the international markets with a new Covered Bond.

The issuance is Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena's second Covered Bond placement in one month after the implementation of the "conditional pass through" feature in the Programme and confirms the Bank's ability to successfully access the international markets.

The transaction was announced to the market as a benchmark-sized issuance, with an initial price guidance of mid swaps +130 basis points. The order book grew rapidly to more than 1.6 billion, allowing a spread tightening to + 127 bps over mid swap.

The transaction, with an issued size of EUR 1 bn, has an expected rating of A2 by Moody's, BBB by Fitch and AH by DBRS and is targeted to international professional investors and financial institutions.

The bond, maturing on the 26th November 2025, carries a 2,125% annual coupon. Given the below-par re-offer price of 99,973%, the yield at maturity is 2,128% per annum.

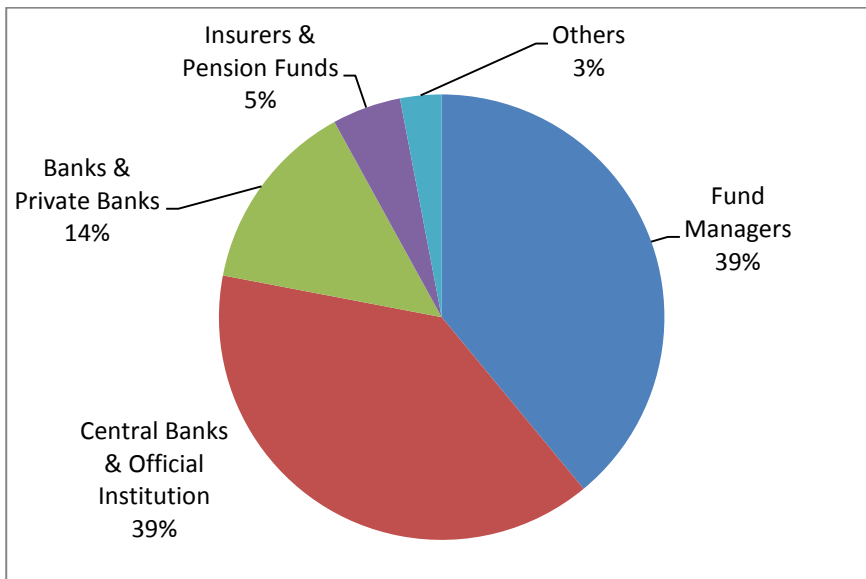
Barclays, Commerzbank, MPS Capital Services, Société Générale CIB and UBS have acted as Joint Lead Managers and Bookrunners for the placement.

The issuance has been well received with a granular book of demand across 90 international investors. The geographical split includes investors from Italy (56%), the United Kingdom and Ireland (23%), Germany and Austria (13%) and Switzerland (3%), reflecting a strongly diversified interest.

A breakdown by type of investor shows a prevalence of Central Banks and Fund managers with both 39% of the issuance, followed by Banks (14%) and Insurers (5%).

This press release will be available at www.mps.it

Investor distribution (allocation)



Geographical distribution (allocation)

