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Natixis rewarded for the third consecutive year in the covered bond market

Natixis has been voted "Best euro lead manager" for covered bonds in 2013* by 126 issuers in a survey organized by The Cover, a EuroWeek publication specializing in the covered bond market. This prize rewards Natixis' expertise and its commitment to its clients on this segment for almost 15 years.

Key player on covered bonds

Natixis is a key player on the covered bonds markets with extensive expertise across the value chain: primary market, market-making on the secondary market, worldwide distribution set-up, a dedicated structuring team and renowned research, for which the bank has received awards.**

Natixis led 30 covered bond issues in the first half of 2013. The bank is present in the most active jurisdictions on this market (Australia, Austria, Benelux, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, New Zealand, Spain, the United Kingdom, and the Nordic countries) and has indepth knowledge of both investor and issuer requirements.

Covered bonds are a fast-growing market and play a vital role in refinancing financial institutions and providing them with liquidity at the best possible financial conditions. They are a strategic financing tool for banks, guaranteeing security and transparency, and enabling them to raise more than €120 billion worldwide in 2012. The market is also developing in emerging markets where Natixis has a strong presence, for example in Turkey.

A leading position

Natixis regularly wins awards on the covered bond market and boasts leadership positions on this segment:

- Best euro lead manager for Covered Bonds-Covered Bond Awards 2012 (Source: The Cover/Euroweek Covered Bond Awards 2012)
- 2011 best bank for covered bonds (source: The Cover/Euroweek, Best Overall Bank for Covered Bonds-Covered Bond Awards 2011)
- Best credit research for covered bonds and Pfandbriefe for 2012 and 2013 (source: Euromoney - Fixed Income Research Survey)

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**survey carried out with covered bond issuers during July and August 2013, based on a pre-selection of 5 banks made by The Cover*

*** Best credit research for covered bonds and Pfandbriefe for 2012 and 2013 (source: Euromoney - Fixed Income Research Survey)*

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