PRESS NOTICE

SYNDICATED LAUNCH OF 0⅛% INDEX-LINKED TREASURY GILT 2048 IN THE WEEK COMMENCING 6 NOVEMBER 2017

The UK Debt Management Office (DMO) is announcing today that the fourth transaction in the 2017-18 syndication programme will be the launch of a new 0⅛% Index-linked Treasury Gilt 2048 maturing on 10 August 2048. This represents the launch of a new index-linked gilt coupon cycle of 10 February / 10 August.

The new gilt will pay a coupon of 0⅛% and a short first dividend on 10 February 2018. The new gilt will have the ISIN code: GB00BZ13DV40 and the SEDOL code B-Z13-DV4.

The transaction is planned to take place in the week commencing 6 November 2017, subject to market and demand conditions.

Further details of the sale, including the composition of the syndicate, will be announced in due course.

Notes for editors

The DMO’s financing remit for 2017-18, published alongside the Spring Budget on 8 March 2017, included the provision for a programme of syndicated offerings to be held in 2017-18 aiming to raise a minimum of £21.0 billion (split £12.0 billion of index-linked gilts and £9.0 billion of long conventional gilts). The DMO also announced that it envisaged holding five syndicated offerings (two of long conventional gilts and three of index-linked gilts) in 2017-18.

The remit for 2017-18 also included an initially unallocated portion of gilt issuance of £6.6 billion, which was reduced to £6.5 billion at the remit revision alongside the
publication of the 2016-17 CGNCR\(^1\) outturn in April 2017. The remit provides that this portion can be used to issue any type or maturity of gilt via any issuance method. It was expected, though, that the unallocated portion would primarily be used to increase the size of syndicated offerings (where warranted by the size and quality of demand); and/or to increase average sizes of gilt auctions (for example, if they are reduced by the take-up of the Post Auction Option Facility (PAOF)). The unallocated portion can also be used to schedule gilt tenders.

The results of the three syndications held in 2017-18 to date are summarised in the table below.

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<th>Date</th>
<th>Gilt</th>
<th>Size (£mn nom)</th>
<th>Issue Price (£)</th>
<th>Issue Yield (%)</th>
<th>Proceeds (£mn cash)</th>
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<td>16-May-17</td>
<td>1¾% Treasury Gilt 2057</td>
<td>5,000</td>
<td>101.744</td>
<td>1.690</td>
<td>5,077</td>
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<td>11-Jul-17</td>
<td>0¼% Index-linked Treasury Gilt 2056</td>
<td>2,500</td>
<td>177.716</td>
<td>-1.361</td>
<td>4,540</td>
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<td>05-Sep-17</td>
<td>2½% Treasury Gilt 2065</td>
<td>4,000</td>
<td>132.145</td>
<td>1.547</td>
<td>5,278</td>
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Given the strength and quality of demand for all three of these transactions, £1.8 billion (cash) has been moved from the unallocated portion of issuance to the syndication programme (£1.3 billion to the long conventional programme and £0.5 billion to the index-linked programme), increasing the minimum size of the overall syndication programme to £22.8 billion. The remaining unallocated portion of issuance is currently £1.7 billion\(^2\).

The new 10 February / 10 August coupon cycle is the third coupon cycle for three-month lag index-linked gilts; the others are 22 May / 22 November (introduced in September 2005) and 22 March / 22 September (introduced in September 2009).

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\(^1\) Central Government Net Cash Requirement.

\(^2\) In addition to the £1.8 billion transferred to the syndication programme, £3.0 billion of the unallocated portion of issuance was transferred to the gilt auction programme on 31 August 2017.