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PRESS NOTICE

SYNDICATED LAUNCH OF A NEW CONVENTIONAL GILT MATURING ON 22 OCTOBER 2030: APPOINTMENT OF SYNDICATE

The United Kingdom Debt Management Office (DMO) announces the appointment of a syndicate to sell by subscription the forthcoming new conventional gilt maturing on 22 October 2030.

Joint Bookrunners: BofA Merrill Lynch, BNP Paribas, Citi, HSBC, Lloyds Bank Corporate Markets and RBC CM.

Co-Lead Managers: All other wholesale Gilt-edged Market Makers (GEMMs) and TD Securities have been invited to be Co-Lead Managers.

This represents the first transaction in the 2020-21 syndication programme and is currently planned to take place on Tuesday 12 May 2020, subject to market and demand conditions. Further details of the sale, including the coupon on the new gilt, will be announced in due course.

Notes for editors

The DMO's financing remit for 2020-21, published alongside the Budget on 11 March 2020, included the provision for a programme of syndicated offerings to be held in 2020-21 aiming to raise £24.0 billion (split between £16.0 billion of long conventional gilts and £8.0 billion of index-linked gilts). The DMO also announced that it envisaged holding six syndicated offerings (four of long conventional gilts and two of index-linked gilts) in 2020-21.

In order to meet the financing needs resulting from the government's response to COVID-19, HM Treasury initially revised the DMO's remit for April 2020 on 31 March 2020. On 23 April 2020, the DMO announced revised plans for the May to July 2020 period (inclusive). This remit revision took into account the implications for the government's financing requirement of all measures announced by the government

up to 23 April 2020 to support the economy through the period of disruption caused by COVID-19¹.

On 23 April 2020, the DMO announced plans to conduct two syndications in May 2020 (subject to market and demand conditions). The first syndication is planned to take place on Tuesday 12 May 2020 and will be for the launch of a new conventional gilt maturing on 22 October 2030. The second syndication is planned to take place on Tuesday 19 May 2020 and will be for a conventional gilt with a maturity of 30 years or longer.

On 30 April 2020, it was announced that the bond to be syndicated on Tuesday 19 May 2020 will be a new conventional gilt maturing on 22 October 2061. It was also announced that the DMO plans to hold one syndication in the first half of June 2020 (subject to market and demand conditions), for a new conventional gilt maturing in 2050.

The DMO may schedule further syndicated offerings in June and/or July 2020. Any scheduling of additional syndications will be announced to the market in advance.

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¹ The remit revision also reflected the impact on the 2020-21 financing remit from publication by the Office for National Statistics of the 2019-20 outturn central government net cash requirement (excluding NRAM, Bradford & Bingley and Network Rail).