



State Treasury Republic of Finland

# Finnish central government borrowing

December 2021

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#### **Credit ratings**

The government has solicited credit ratings from two credit rating agencies: S&P Global Ratings and Fitch Ratings.

For long-term debt, they are AA+ and AA+ (stable, stable)



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## **Finnish economy**

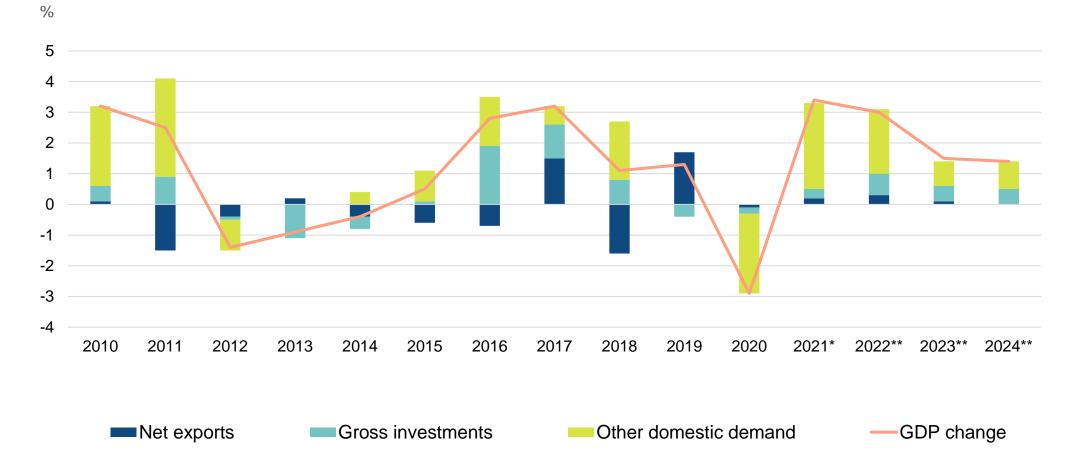
# **Continued economic recovery driven by domestic demand**

- Growth accelerating in industries where output below pre-pandemic levels
- Investment growth driven by housing construction in 2021. Machinery and equipment investments will increase rapidly next year.
- The number of employed persons has increased significantly in 2021.
- Rapid deterioration of pandemic the main threat to growth outlook

	2020	2021	2022	2023
GDP change, %	-2.9	3.4	3.0	1.5
Inflation, %	0.3	2.2	2.6	1.8
Current account, %/GDP	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0
Private investment change, %	-3.4	3.6	3.0	2.6
Exports change, %	-6.8	4.2	5.6	3.7
Unemployment rate, %	7.7	7.6	6.7	6.5
Public deficit, %/GDP	-5.5	-2.8	-2.1	-1.3
Public debt, %/GDP	69.5	67.7	67.1	67.5

Source: Ministry of Finance, Winter 2021

# Savings and sentiment support growth in private consumption



## Acceleration in inflation expected to be temporary

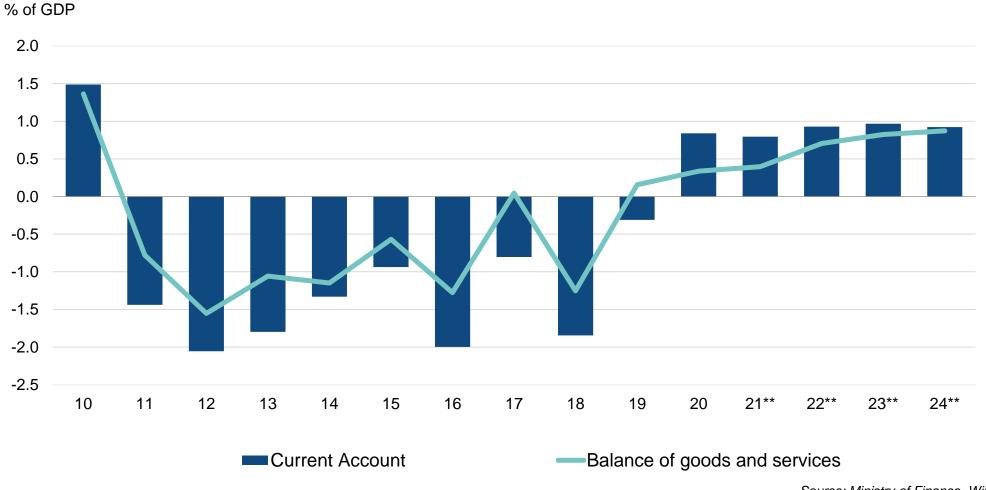
change from previous year, %



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# Current account slightly positive at the end of the outlook period

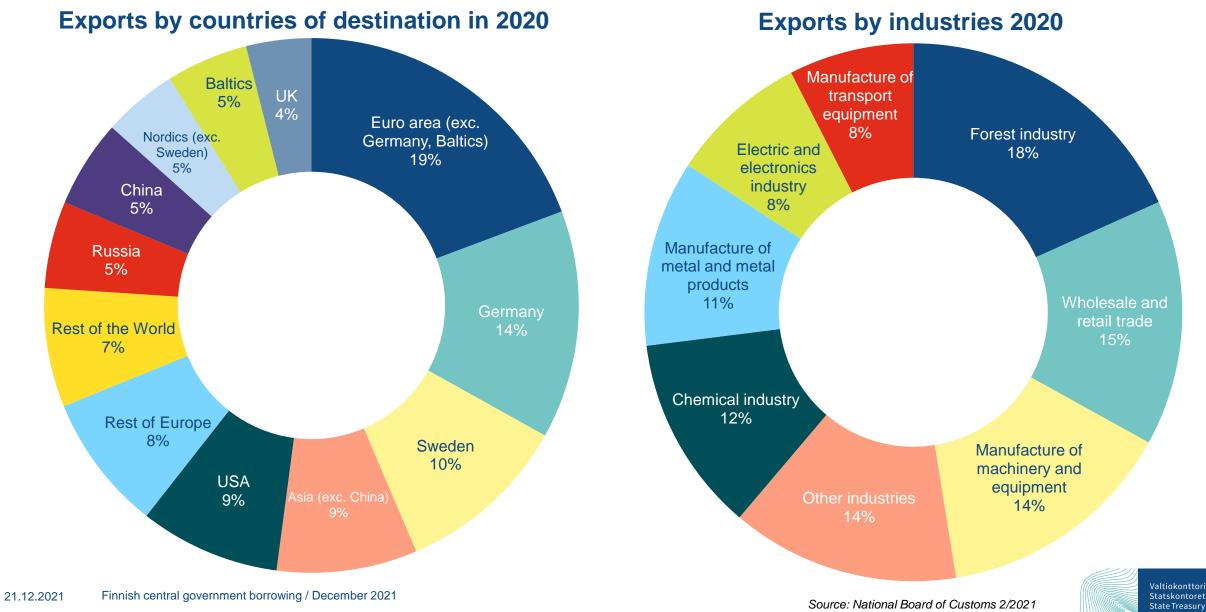


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Source: Ministry of Finance, Winter 2021

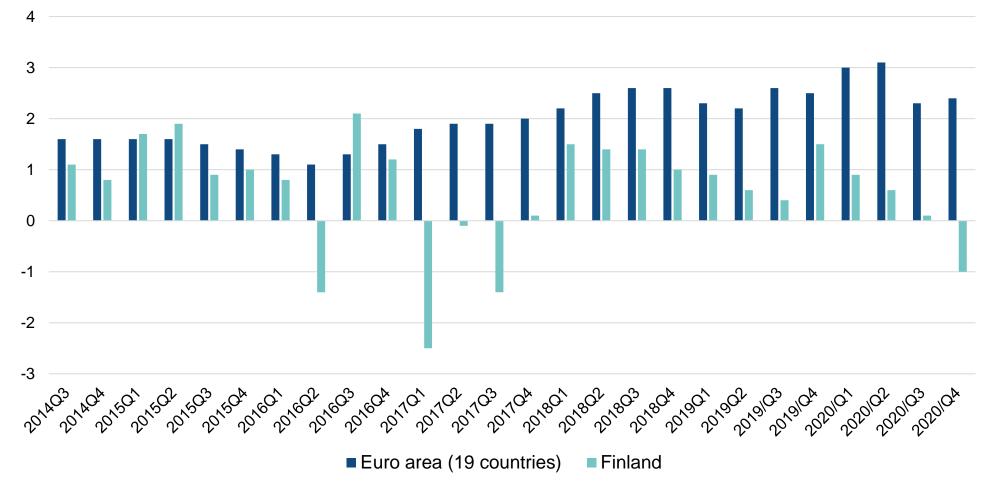
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## Exports of goods well diversified



## Labour costs competitiveness improved

Hourly labour cost % change from previous year



#### **Relative housing prices in Finland**



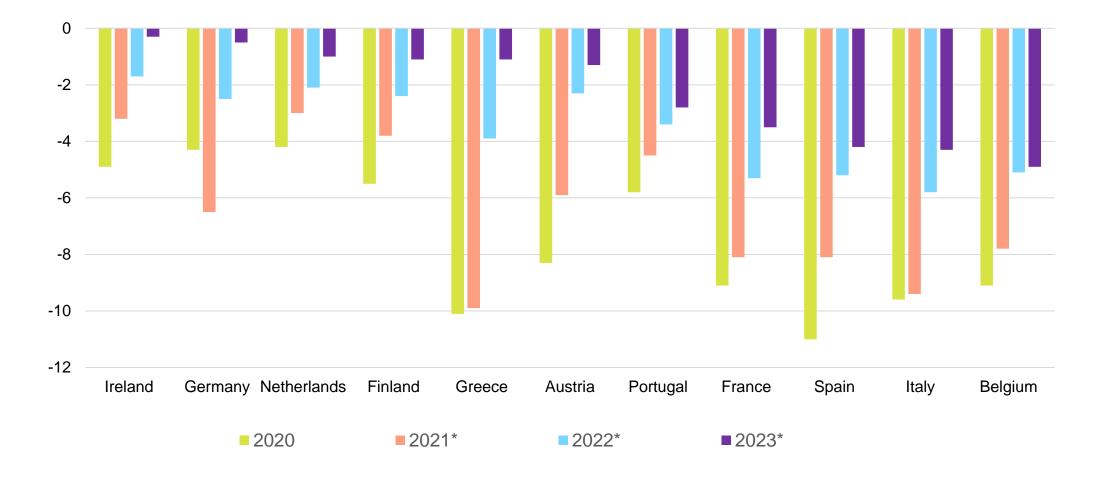
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Source: Bank of Finland, Nov 2021

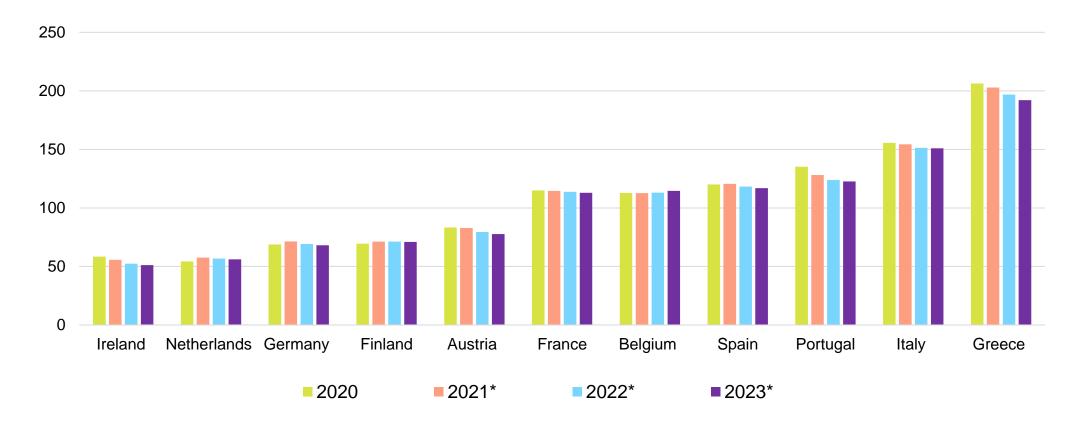
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#### EMU general government financial balance in ratio to GDP, %

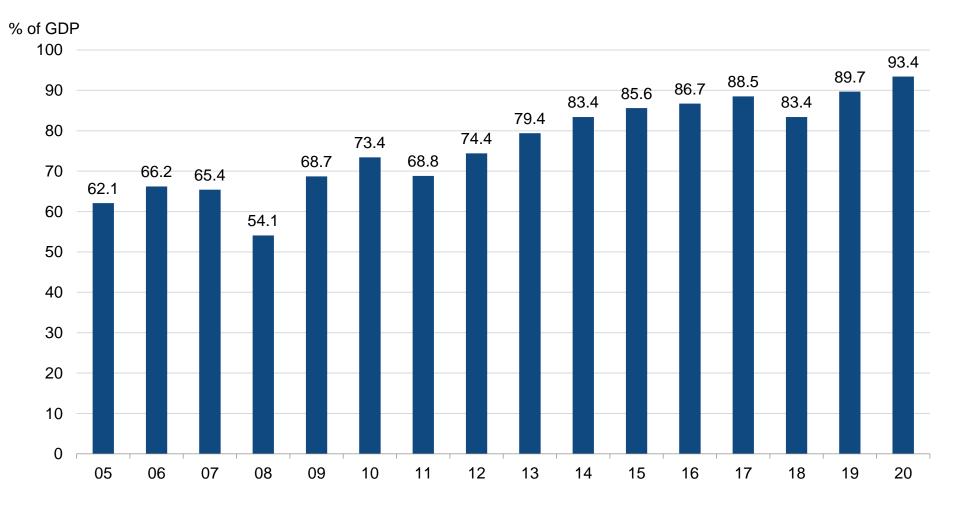


# The public debt-to-GDP ratio in Finland is one of the lowest in the euro area

EMU general government gross debt, % of GDP



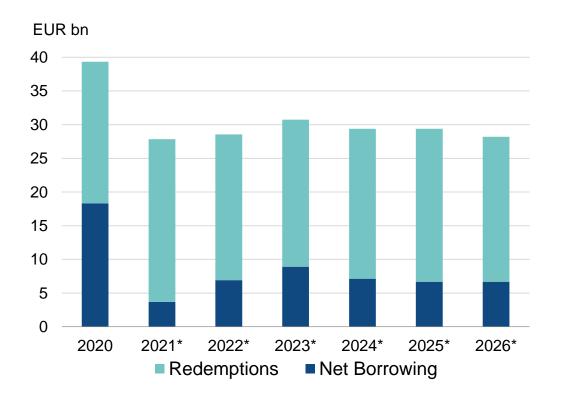
# Earnings-related pension assets including public sector pension assets

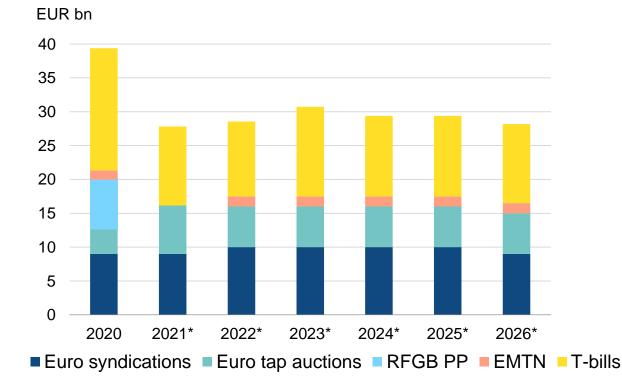




# **2** Funding

# Central government gross borrowing estimate and projected funding instrument allocation





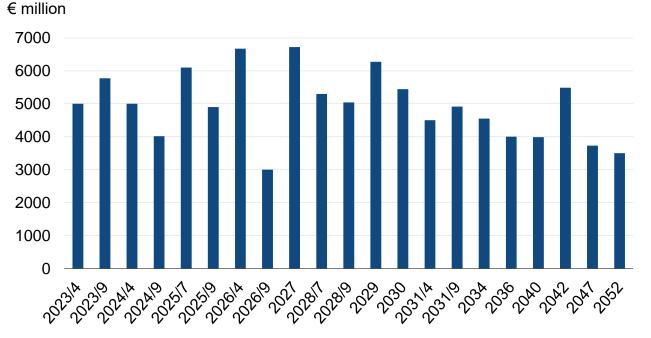
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## **Funding strategy**

"Maintaining a globally diversified investor base by geography and investor type"

- Euro benchmark bond curve to 30 years
- Three syndicated euro benchmark bonds per year complemented by tap auctions
- Liquidity in focus Primary Dealers and 3 inter-dealer platforms (MTS, BrokerTec, BGC E-Speed)
- EMTN issuance complements euro benchmark bonds

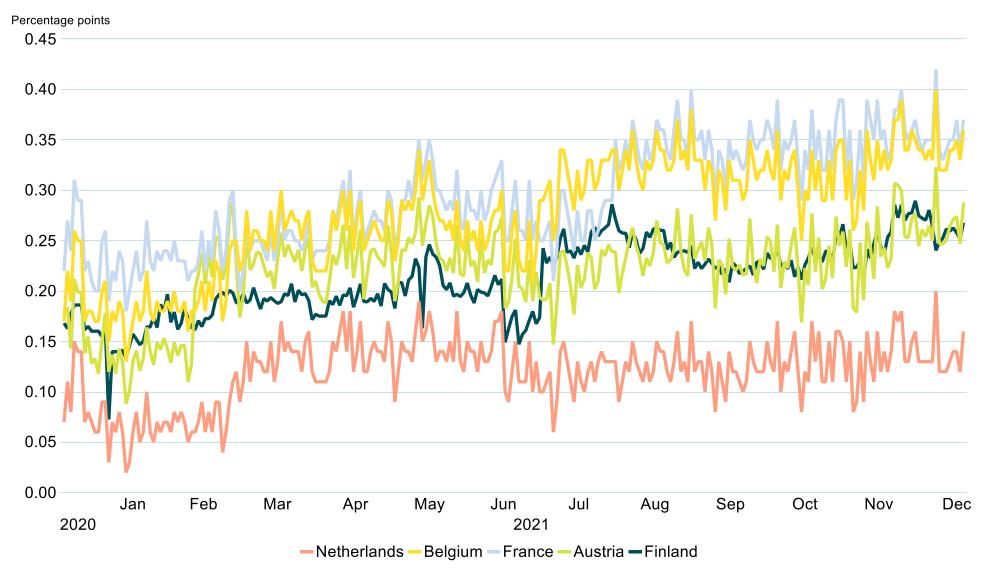
#### Benchmark bonds outstanding



By Maturing Year



## **10-year government bond yield spreads to Germany**



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## **Primary Dealers 2022**

**BofA Securities** Barclays **BNP** Paribas Citi Crédit Agricole Danske Bank Deutsche Bank **Goldman Sachs** HSBC J.P. Morgan Nomura Nordea Société Générale

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## **Sustainability in Finland: current themes**

- Finland ranks high in many comparisons and is by many metrics a global forerunner in sustainability.
- Finland ranks #1 in the UN Sustainable Development Goals country ranking 2021
- The Government's climate neutrality goal is 2035 but current measures are not sufficient, therefore:
  - New Medium-term Climate Change Policy Plan 2021
  - Update of the Energy and Climate Strategy during 2021-2022
- The Health and Social services reform 2023
- Tackling the COVID-19 aftermath

#### Finland

#5<sup>th</sup> least vulnerable country in the world to the negative impact of climate change

#5<sup>th</sup> most ready country to adopt to climate change.

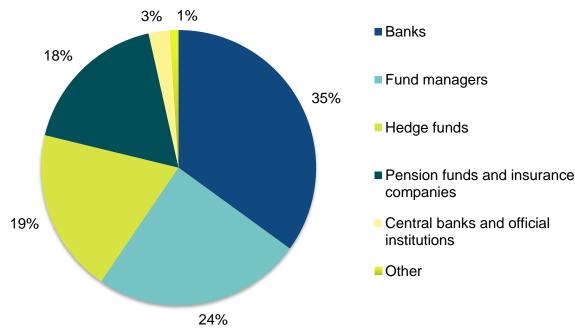
The ND-Gain Matrix (2020)



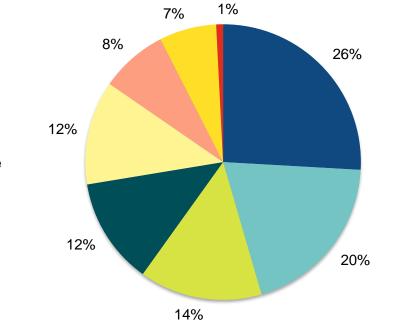
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#### Investor base for RFGB 0.125% EUR 3bn due April 2052

- Launched in February 2021
- Allocated to over 130 investors







#### Distribution of the bond by region

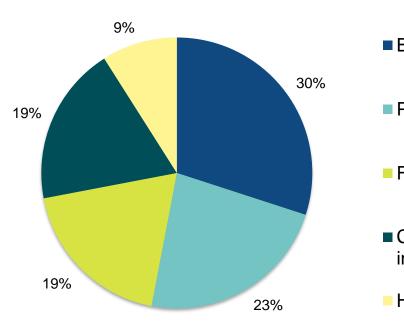




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#### Investor base for RFGB 0.125% EUR 3bn due September 2031

- Launched in May 2021
- Allocated to over 110 investors



#### Distribution of the bond by investor type

# Banks Pension funds, Insurer: Fund managers Central banks, Official institutions Hedge funds Kather and the second s

#### Distribution of the bond by region

Finland) Benelux and France UK Germany, Austria, Switzerland Finland

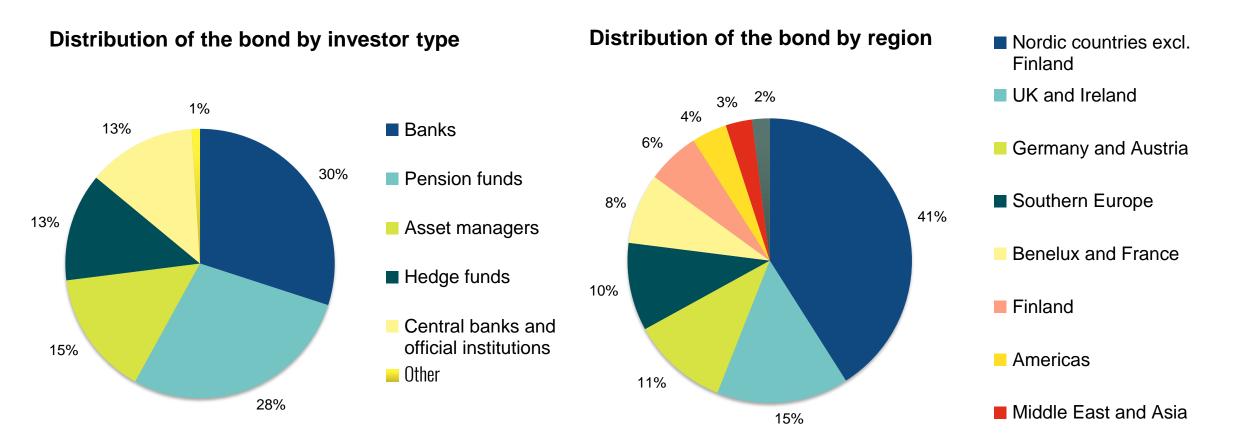
Nordics (excluding)

- Americas
- Other Europe
- Middle East and Asia



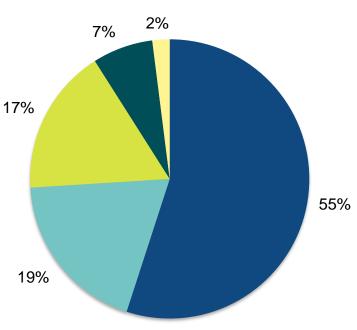
#### Investor base for RFGB 0.0% EUR 3bn due September 2026

- Launched in August 2021
- Allocated to circa 90 investors



## Investor base for FINL 0.875% USD 1.5 bn due 2030

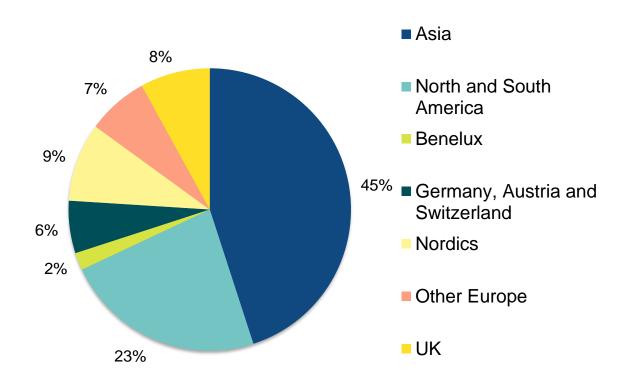
- Launched in May 2020
- Allocated to 87 investors



- Central banks and official institutions
- Banks and bank treasuries
- Pension funds and insurers

<sup>%</sup> ■ Fund managers

Other



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