

Press Release

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CETIN Group placed its inaugural EUR 500m benchmark Eurobond

CETIN Group N.V., a leading wholesale provider of active and passive telecommunications infrastructure services in Central and Eastern Europe, rated Baa2 (negative) by Moody's and BBB (stable) by Fitch, successfully placed a five-year senior unsecured EUR 500 million Eurobond (the "Bond"). The Bond matures on 14 April 2027 and carries a fixed annual coupon at the rate of 3.125 per cent. The Bond is expected to be rated Baa2 by Moody's and BBB by Fitch Ratings, in line with CETIN Group's corporate credit ratings.

Following two days of investor marketing with over 40 accounts engaged, CETIN Group witnessed strong demand from more than 80 high-quality international investors. The order book peaked above EUR 950 million.

Initial Price Thoughts were released at MS+225 bps area for the five-year offering and investors were advised to expect a EUR 500 million placement. The orderbook momentum was positive and it allowed CETIN Group to revise the price down to ultimately price the transaction at MS+210 bps and a yield of 3.236%.

The issue achieved an attractive distribution, selling primarily into asset managers (77%) with most of the demand coming from the UK (25%), Benelux (21%), France (14%), Germany, Austria, and Switzerland (14%), and Nordics (13%).

"This inaugural issue by the infrastructure arm of our telecommunications business has attracted strong investor interest despite the unfavourable backdrop of the war in Ukraine. Similarly to the COVID crisis two years ago, we are re-opening the market as the first private issuer from CEE," commented Kateřina Jirásková, CFO of PPF Group.

"CETIN Group is a unique European player, with long-term contracts generating strong and stable cash flows. A robust support from a diversified group of international investors is the recognition of its investment grade credit quality. All net proceeds from the bond will be used to refinance the existing bank loan facilities of CETIN Group," added Juraj Šedivý, CEO of CETIN Group.

BNP Paribas, Société Générale, UniCredit acted as Global Coordinators, HSBC and ING as Active Bookrunners, Crédit Agricole, Credit Suisse and PPF banka were appointed as Passive Bookrunners, and Bank of China, Erste Group, Intesa Sanpaolo and Raiffeisen Bank International as Co-Managers.

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CETIN Group is a leading wholesale operator of high quality active and passive telecommunications infrastructure portfolio across CEE in terms of scale, markets of presence, and market position. Its history dates to the infrastructure separation from the O2 Czech Republic's telco operator in 2015. The formation of CETIN Group commenced in 2020 through the addition of infrastructure which PPF Telecom Group acquired in 2018 from the Telenor operator in Hungary, Bulgaria, and Serbia.

PPF Telecom Group is a leading provider of telecommunication services in the CEE region, active in five markets (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Serbia and Slovakia) providing mobile, fixed-line, data and internet television services. It has 18.3 million mobile customers, 12,500 employees and EUR 1.6bn EBITDA (FY 2021). PPF Telecom Group pioneered structural separation in Europe and organised its operations in two divisions: telco services division providing services to end users and infrastructure division owning and operating telco networks on a wholesale basis.

PPF Group operates in 25 countries, investing in multiple sectors, including financial services, telecommunications, media, biotechnology, real estate, and engineering. PPF Group's reach spans from Europe to North America and across Asia. Our priority is to create value by developing innovations, implementing new technologies, and improving the quality of management. Our solid foundations were built by connecting Czech talent and capabilities with global opportunities. The Group owns assets to the value of EUR 40.3 billion and employs 80,000 people globally (30 June 2021).