

# **Press release**

#### The Executive Board

Paris, the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016

### Mandates awarded

The FRR launched on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2015 a request for proposals to select one or more investment service providers for actively managed mandates invested in financial instruments covering bonds and other euro (lot 1)/ US Dollars (lot 2) -denominated "Credit Investment Grade" debt securities – Contract 2015FRR01.

For this contract, the public procurement procedure being employed is that of a limited request for proposals comprising two lots:

## • LOT 1 : "EURO DENOMINATED CORPORATE BONDS"

The lot 1 concerns a maximum of six (6) active management mandates covering bonds and other eurodenominated "Credit Investment Grade" debt securities.

Following the selection process, the FRR has decided to accept the following proposals from these investment service providers:

Allianz Global Investors GmbH AXA Investment Managers Paris HSBC Global Asset Management (France) Insight Investment Management (Global) Limited Kempen Capital Management N.V. La Banque Postale Asset Management

The mandates are granted for a duration of five (5) years with the option of a further (1) year for an indicative amount of 5, 500 billion Euro.

## • Lot 2 : "US Dollar Denominated Corporate Bonds"

The lot 2 concerns a maximum of five (5) active management mandates covering bonds and other USDdenominated "Credit Investment Grade" debt securities.

Following the selection process, the FRR has decided to accept the following proposals from these investment service providers:

AXA Investment Managers Paris (AXA Investment Managers Inc.) BFT Investment Managers (MacKayShields LLC) BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited (BlackRock Financial Management Limited) Morgan Stanley Investment Management Limited (Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc.) Wells Fargo Securities International Limited (Wells Capital Management, Inc.)

The mandates are granted for a duration of five (5) years with the option of a further (1) year for an indicative amount of 3 billion Euro.

The FRR was very pleased with the number and quality of proposals received and extends its thanks to all the participants in this RFP.

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The FRR is a public administrative establishment of the State created by law in 2001. Governed by a Supervisory Board and Executive Board, its mission is to manage the funds allocated to it until 31 December 2010 in order to build up reserves to contribute to the long-term sustainability of the old-age pension system.

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