

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## LAUNCH OF A RESTRICTED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS « RESPONSIBLE ACTIVE MANAGEMENT MANDATES: HIGH YIELD CORPORATE BONDS ISSUED IN DOLLARS » 2022FRR01 CONTRACT

Paris, January 26th, 2022

On January 25th, 2022, the FRR launched a limited tender with a view to selecting investment services providers to manage responsible active management mandates invested in high yield corporate bonds and other debt securities issued in Dollars.

Responsible active management means that the selected candidates must integrate ESG aspects in their analysis and management processes, in particular by incorporating FRR's exclusion policy (controversial weapons, tobacco and coal) voting and engagement policy.

In addition, in line with FRR's commitment to reduce portfolio emissions in accordance with the Net Zero Asset Owner Alliance of which FRR is a member since 2019, a portfolio decarbonization level of about 35% is expected against the level of the benchmark index chosen on the date of implementation of the mandates.

The contract is for the selection of a maximum of five managers.

<u>On a purely indicative basis</u>, FRR estimates that the total amount of funds allocated could be up to one billion five hundred million euros ( $\in$  1,500,000,000).

Each of the mandates will run for five (5) years with the possibility of being renewed only one (1) time for a further one (1) year.

Interested candidates have until 12:00 noon Paris time on **Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022** to deliver their replies to the FRR in accordance with the terms of the Consultation Rules.

All the documentation relating to this request for proposals is available via the dedicated platform: <a href="http://www.fondsdereserve.fr/en/requests-for-proposal">http://www.fondsdereserve.fr/en/requests-for-proposal</a>

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The FRR is a public administrative establishment of the State created by law n°2001-624 dated 17 July 2001. Governed by a Supervisory Board and Executive Board, its mission is to manage the funds allocated to it by the public authorities in order to build up reserves to contribute to the long-term sustainability of the old-age pension system.

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