

USD 1.1 billion Sustainable Syndication Loan from VakifBank

VakifBank obtained a new syndication loan amounting USD 237.5 million and EUR 691.3 million, USD 1.1 billion equivalent in total with a participation of 38 banks from 18 countries.

As the first sustainable syndicated loan of the Bank, the rollover ratio of the facility, which further strengthened the steps taken in this area in the recent periods, was realized as 105% compared to the same period of last year.

VakifBank's CEO Mr. Abdi Serdar Üstünsalih stated that "USD 1.1 billion syndication loan with 105% roll over ratio is one of the highest amount among peer banks that have syndication loans twice a year. I am very proud to finalize the first sustainable syndicated loan transaction in the Bank's history. We will continue to diversify our products by following international developments closely in the field of sustainable finance and maintain our leading position among Turkish banks in the upcoming periods."

Contributing to the sustainable growth of Turkish economy with the funding sources obtained from international debt capital markets, VakifBank obtained an international financing with an amount of USD 1.1 billion by signing the first sustainable syndicated loan in the history of the Bank.

While Emirates NBD with Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank acted as joint coordinator banks and Emirates NBD, MUFG Bank with Standard Chartered Bank acted as the sustainability coordinator banks in this transaction, Mizuho Bank assumed the role of Agent Bank. The all-in cost of the 367-day term loan realized as LIBOR +2.50% for USD tranche and EURIBOR +2.25% for Euro tranche.

"VakifBank renewed the syndication loan with 105% rollover ratio"

Sharing his opinions regarding the syndication loan, VakifBank's CEO Mr. Abdi Serdar Üstünsalih said "Compared to the last year's transaction in April, we have 5 new participant correspondent banks and increased the total bank number from 33 to 38. USD 1.1 billion syndication loan with 105% roll over ratio is one of the highest amount among peer banks that obtain syndication loans twice a year. This successful syndication process is a reflection of our strong correspondent bank network and long lasting relations. Hereby, I would like to thank to the representatives of our correspondent banks for their support one more time."

“VakifBank is among the leading banks in this field with a total syndication size of USD 1.8 billion.”

Stating that the total amount of syndication loans reached USD 1.8 billion by obtaining USD 1.1 billion syndication loan and VakifBank is among the leading banks in this field, Mr. Üstünsalih shared the following information regarding the Bank's transactions in international debt capital markets:

“The strong and leading position in international debt capital markets of VakifBank is not only limited with the syndication loans. A very short time ago, within the scope of our DPR securitization program based on future flow transactions, we issued a securitization loan amounting USD 1 billion 750 million and had a new record in Turkish banking sector in this field. We will continue to provide long-term and cost-effective international funding sources to Turkey by being a pioneer and active bank in a wide spectrum from syndicated loans to securitization transactions, from Eurobond issues to bilateral loans and thus make these funding sources available for the utilization by national economy.”

The first sustainable syndication loan transaction in the Bank's history

Underlining that this facility has the feature of being first sustainable syndication loan of the Bank, Mr. Üstünsalih completed his speech as “We continue to take additional steps in the field of sustainable banking, which comes first in our strategic priority issues, and to increase our sustainable banking product range in both assets and liabilities of the Bank's balance sheet. With the support of Emirates NBD Bank, MUFG Bank and Standard Chartered Bank as the sustainability coordinator, I am very proud to realize the first sustainable syndicated loan transaction in the Bank's history. Thus, we added three sustainability performance indicators to our syndicated loan throughout the term of the loan, one of which is social and the other two are environmental. If these three KPIs are met in the relevant periods, the cost of our syndicated loan will decrease even more. We will continue to diversify our products by following international developments closely in the field of sustainable finance and maintain our leading position among Turkish banks in the upcoming periods.”