

Clearstream

International Securities – Eurobonds

Product information

Best in class infrastructure for international securities

Key benefits

Reliable infrastructure

- Leading ICSD with pivotal, highly regulated notary and securities settlement system function
- AA rated and proven track record to operate in market stress situations

For issuers

Efficiency gains

- Single gateway for efficient issuance in multiple asset types, currencies and jurisdictions
- Operational expertise to support launch of new funding structures

Global distribution

- Direct access to a wide range of global intermediaries and investors connected to the ICSDs
- Coverage of remote domestic investor pools via CSD linkages

Low funding costs and high liquidity

- Direct access to global sell and buy side communities
- Cash and liquidity services to ease issuance & secondary market activity

For investors

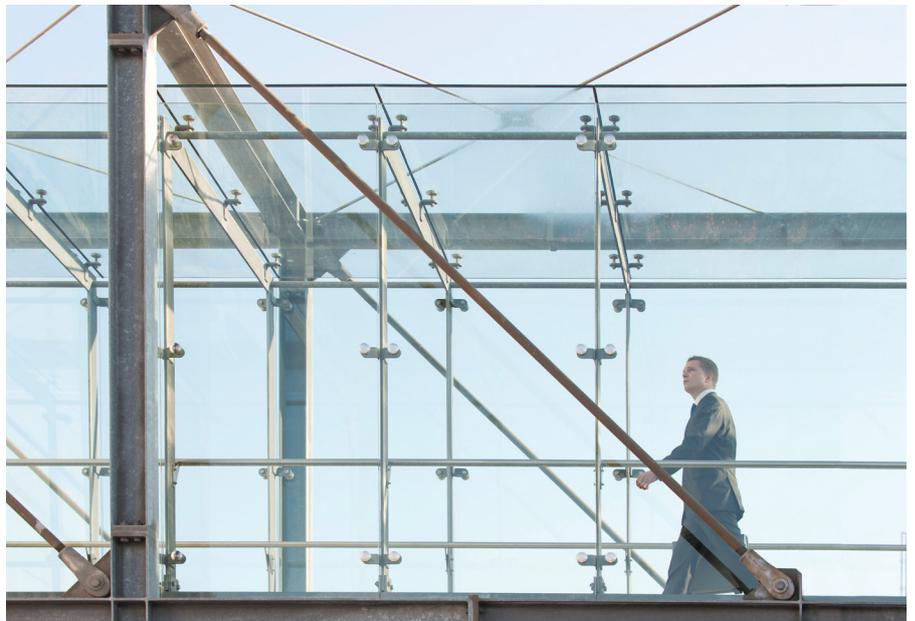
High liquidity

- Eurobonds are actively traded both in primary and secondary markets and are eligible into Clearstream's credit and (re)financing programmes
- Coverage of both OTC and trading venues flows

Asset safety and global reach

- Risk mitigation by holding assets directly with the ICSD
- Single gateway for investing in a wide range of asset classes, geographies and credit profiles

Eurobonds have become an essential component of the issuers financing toolkit for both the global, established corporates and for emerging market participants looking for efficient access to liquidity. Over the past decades, the Eurobonds market has grown by volume and complexity – from a straightforward European-centric bond market to a large and diversified, multi-currency and multi-instrument international securities market.



Eurobonds is the generic term used to refer to international (debt) securities issued through and deposited with the ICSDs and represents one of the largest fixed income segments globally. While domestic markets' issuance models reflect the needs of local market participants as well as national legal and regulatory frameworks, the international debt capital market structure addresses the needs of a wider range of investor requirements across multiple jurisdictions, governing laws and issuance currencies.

Among the largest fixed income segments globally

The Eurobond market hosts over EUR 10 trillion in outstanding issuances from thousands of financial and non-financial companies worldwide, and across numerous asset classes from short-term money market instruments to equities. In total, the Eurobond segment counts more than 6,000 issuers located in 150 countries with volumes of new issuances exceeding the 200,000 threshold annually.

One-stop shop offering for both issuers and investors

Clearstream provides a fully integrated Eurobonds business model ranging from (pre-)issuance services including securities numbering and core CSD

functions, such as notary, central maintenance and settlement, to value added services, such as securities financing and asset servicing. For its

investor clients, Clearstream offers state-of-the-art Eurobonds custody and settlement services supported by a mix of connectivity solutions.

Fully integrated Eurobonds product range



Facilitating funding for issuers

When identifying their optimal funding strategy, issuers focus on key criteria such as costs, investor reach as well as the actual choice of instrument and currency of the issue. At Clearstream, issuers can benefit from the experience of our operational experts to assist them validating the technical elements of their future issuances.

Our Eurobonds offering includes securities numbering (ISIN, CFI & FISN standards), notary and settlement services. These allow efficient funding

in more than 40 settlement currencies and support issuance in over 100 denomination currencies and under multiple legal jurisdictions. Issuers benefit from direct access to the global investor base connected to Clearstream including CSD and Bridge counterparties.

Meeting investor needs

Clearstream holds strong, long-term AA ratings and complies with global and regulatory standards. As being at the top tier of the custody chain, issuing and holding assets with our ICSD further increases the level of asset safety.

Settlement efficiency

Our Eurobonds services support clients in their primary and secondary market activities, both for OTC and trading venues' flows – cleared and non-cleared – thanks to our connections to the main CCPs, stock exchanges and trading venues. Settlement is conducted in commercial bank money, in a broad range of currencies both internally and over the Bridge. The attractiveness of Eurobonds will further increase when this security class becomes eligible in T2S enabling settlement in central bank money.

Asset servicing expertise

The flexible account structures offered by Clearstream help investors to meet their specific requirements in terms of business segregation. Our Eurobonds asset servicing solutions include global tax processing services as well as sophisticated debt restructuring handling and the processing of bond holder meetings.

Contact

For further information, please contact your Relationship Manager or the Eurobond Business team:

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With Eurobonds, investors benefit from investing into a large range of geographies and credit profiles under a stable legal framework as well as from synergies with other asset portfolios, across multiple currencies (e.g. cash netting).