



## **Casino: success of a €600 million bond issue**

Casino announces the successful issue of a €600 million 4.5-year bond. This operation strengthens the liquidity of the Group and extends the maturity of its debt, with the purpose of refinancing the end-2011 and early-2012 debt instalments.

This new bond, which will pay a coupon of 4.47%, has been largely oversubscribed by a diversified investor base.

Casino is rated BBB- stable by Standard & Poor's and Fitch Ratings.

*Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Crédit Agricole Corporate & Investment Banking, Deutsche Bank, HSBC, ING, Natixis and Société Générale were lead managers of this bond issue.*

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