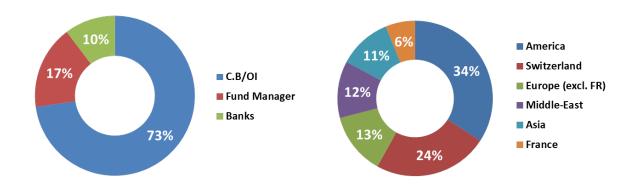
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## SNCF RESEAU ANNOUNCES A SUCCESSFUL USD DENOMINATED INAUGURAL BENCHMARK BOND ISSUANCE.

SNCF RESEAU, the French railway infrastructure manager, announce having executed on Thursday the 29th of September 2016 it first public benchmark bond issuance denominated in USD. The transaction has a three years maturity (new benchmark – Oct. 2019) and an outstanding of USD 1 billion. This transaction met a high demand resulting in more than USD 1.26 billion of cumulated orders, with a significant interest from high quality international investors.



This transaction cope with SNCF Réseau's funding strategy:

- Diversify the investor base by launching a new USD denominated public benchmark program. With France representing only 6% of the allocation the diversification target is more than achieved.
- Offer greater liquidity and visibility of SNCF Réseau name by increasing the frequency of public benchmark issues on any maturities (this transaction already followed a 20 years public benchmark issuance on March 2016 and a dual-tranche trade composed of a 5 years public benchmark and a 9 years syndicated reopening of a public transaction).
- Enhance financial communication through a yearly extensive Investors Relations program in Asia, Europe, Middle East and North America.

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SNCF RESEAU mandated BNP-Paribas, HSBC, Morgan Stanley, Royal Bank of Canada and Société Générale as joint bookrunners of this transaction.

Depending on market conditions, SNCF RESEAU intends to issue each year at least one public benchmark in USD.

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