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**January 2009: Natixis consolidates its leadership position
in the euro-bond primary market**

In January 2009, Natixis acted as bookrunner in the main segments of the euro-bond primary market, thus confirming its positioning in this market:

- *Government guaranteed issues: SFEF's (Société de financement de l'économie française) first public issue of the year (€5 billion) and global coordinator of the issue launched in February (€6 billion)*
- *Covered bonds: first issues of the year by Compagnie de Financement Foncier*
- *Financial institutions: issues by Caisse Centrale Desjardins, Crédit Foncier, Compagnie de Financement du Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne and La Poste*
- *Corporates: issues by Schneider Electric, Vivendi, France Telecom, SFR, Casino and Accor group.*

These transactions underscore Natixis' strategy to refocus on its target client base.

In 2008, Natixis already confirmed its primary-market expertise by ranking among the top banks in the main segments:

- *Euro market: after lead-managing 102 public transactions, Natixis was named among the TOP 10 bookrunners by IFR*
- *French issuers: No. 2 bookrunner* with public borrowers and corporates*
- *Covered bonds: a recognized specialist in this market since its creation, Natixis ranked no. 4 bookrunner* worldwide and no. 1 bookrunner* in France.*

Natixis also stood out by lead-managing two award-winning deals that were lauded by the international financial press – Eurobond Deal of the Year for GDF-Suez (IFR) and Euro Supranational/Agency bond of the Year for SFEF (Euroweek) – two of the most prestigious awards in the euro market.

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