

# Press release

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### Bond volumes for January 08 now available at BondMarketPrices.com

(London, UK) Xtrakter, part of the ICMA group of companies, is pleased to announce that BondMarketPrices.com, the free online service providing pricing information on bonds for retail investors, now provides further market transparency with the inclusion of traded volumes on priced bonds.

BondMarketPrices.com publishes end of day bond data derived from dealers' closing quotes and TRAX, Xtrakter's post-trade, pre-settlement, trade matching & regulatory confirmation system for the OTC market. It allows retail investors to check prices on bonds using an impartial source in order to make more informed purchase decisions and to assess their bond portfolios against current activity in the market.

BondMarketPrices.com provides prices on large investment grade bonds issued rated A- or above, for which prices have been reported through the TRAX system. In addition the January 2008 volumes of trades for priced issues are now available to retail investors on the service.

BondMarketPrices.com is an online resource for European retail investors only, providing free access to an extensive range of pricing information on bonds in accordance with The European Financial Services Industry, Standard of Good Practice on Bond Market Transparency for Retail Investors, drawn up by the International Capital Market Association, as an industry led alternative to additional transparency regulation in the capital market.

Visitors to BondMarketPrices.com can select their own lists of bonds based on security category, currency, security type, issuer classification and also by individual issuer. Some of the bonds listed may not be available for sale to retail investors in some European jurisdictions and retail investors without expert knowledge will need



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to continue to seek advice from their financial advisors. For more information on this innovative market offering, visit <a href="https://www.BondMarketPrices.com">www.BondMarketPrices.com</a>

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## Notes to editors:

#### 1. Bond pricing criteria

The BondMarketPrices.com service covers selected bonds meeting all of the following criteria: Bond type: straight bonds, floating rate notes and convertibles. Issuer type: sovereigns, sub-sovereigns, corporates and financials. Maturity: one year's remaining life or more. Minimum issue size: EUR 1 billion (or currency equivalent). Current credit rating: A- and above. Trade size: between EUR 15,000 and EUR 1 million (or other currency equivalent). Currency: bonds denominated in currencies which can be settled within the EU.

# 2. TRAX

TRAX is a leading post trade, pre settlement, trade matching & regulatory confirmation system for the over the counter market. It is available to any financial institution active in the international capital market assisting financial institutions with their matching, reporting and regulatory requirements. For more information about TRAX visit <a href="https://www.trax2.org">www.trax2.org</a>

#### 3. Xtrakter Ltd

Xtrakter is a leading provider of operational risk management, trade matching, regulatory reporting and data services to the global capital markets. It has an established track record in providing innovative, secure and reliable systems for the financial services sector. For more information about Xtrakter visit <a href="https://www.xtrakter.com">www.xtrakter.com</a>

#### 4. International Capital Market Association (ICMA)

The International Capital Market Association is the self-regulatory organisation and trade association representing constituents and practitioners in the international capital market worldwide. ICMA's members are located in 49 countries across the globe, including all the world's main financial centres, and currently number some 400 firms in total. For more information about ICMA visit <a href="https://www.icmagroup.org">www.icmagroup.org</a>

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