



**Euro denominated covered bond
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Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c. ("AIB") (NYSE:AIB) has mandated AIB Global Treasury, Barclays Capital, Deutsche Bank and Morgan Stanley to lead manage its upcoming inaugural benchmark Euro denominated ACS (covered bond) transaction.

The transaction will have expected ratings of Aaa/AAA/AAA and will be launched following a European roadshow, subject to market conditions. Co-managers are Citigroup, DZ Bank, HVB, LBBW and UBS. FSA/ICMA stabilisation.

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