

ExtraMOT's green segment continues to grow with Hera bond

The Hera S.p.A. stock listed on Borsa Italiana's ExtraMOT market has been included in the segment dedicated to green and/or social bonds, created to offer institutional and retail investors a way to identify those instruments whose return is destined to finance projects with a specific environmental and/or social benefit or impact.

In particular, in 2014 the multi-utility offered a ten-year bond issue destined to finance or refinance projects involving sustainability in 4 areas: contrasting climate change, reducing emissions, water purification quality and waste management. For each line of action, Hera has identified a series of specific investments on which to activate a monitoring and reporting process to ensure that the market is correctly and transparently informed of the use made of the funds collected for the projects.

The issue amounts to 500 million overall, with maturity at ten years, a coupon of 2.375% and return coming to 2.436%.

With the Hera bond, the green securities listed on the Italian Stock Exchange bond markets have been enriched by a further significant corporate issue at European level.

Pietro Poletto, Head of bond markets for the LSEG:

"Investors throughout the world are looking with increasing interest towards Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) topics to guide their own investment policies. With its new ExtraMOT segment, Borsa Italiana has offered an important tool for identifying bonds which finance projects having an environmental and/or social impact, thus aligning itself with international best practices. We are pleased that this segment has grown with the corporate bond issued by Hera, a pioneer in Italy of this type of security."

Stefano Venier, Hera CEO

"Hera was the first company in Italy to issue a green bond, thanks to its natural inclination towards investing in projects whose characteristics are compatible with the rules set out for these new financial products. Our Group has indeed always invested in sectors that contribute to improving environmental sustainability, and has been analytically recording the impact of these projects for 10 years in its own sustainability report, approved along with each year's financial statements."

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