

DenizBank secures USD 940 million equivalent Sustainability-Linked syndicated loan with a 178% roll-over ratio

DenizBank renewed its sustainability-linked syndicated loan in Dollar, Euro and Renminbi currencies by 178% roll-over ratio to USD 940 Million.

42 banks from 22 countries, including 20 new lenders have participated into the transaction. The margin of the loan is linked to DenizBank's commitment to develop a science-based decarbonisation roadmap and increased funding for farmers.

Denizbank has secured a USD 940 million equivalent syndicated Sustainability-Linked Loan, linking the margin of the financing to the ESG performance and decarbonisation roadmap of Denizbank, which follows the LMA's Sustainability-Linked Loan Principles. The loan incorporated a requirement whereby Denizbank commits to calculate the emissions financed through loans in relation to hard-to-abate sectors and develop a decarbonisation roadmap, and a commitment to increase funding for farmers.

In the transaction where **Mizuho Bank** acted as the Agent of the Facility, **Coordinators** were **Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank PJSC, Emirates NBD Capital Limited** and **ICBC Turkey Bank A.Ş.**. **Emirates NBD Capital Limited, First Abu Dhabi Bank, SMBC Group** and **Mashreq** acted as Joint Sustainability Coordinators in the transaction.

"Our goal is developing a roadmap for decarbonisation and financing agriculture."

DenizBank CEO Hakan Ateş pointed out that the financial sector has taken an essential role in the transition to green economy and said: "In our renewed syndicated loan, we designated two performance targets; one relating to the calculation of our financed emissions and the second related to the financing of micro farmers. Last December, we pioneered our sector by becoming a member of the Partnership of Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF), an international initiative for measuring the emissions of loans. With this transaction, now we are undertaking to calculate our financed emissions based on science based calculations as per PCAF methodology and to create our roadmap to decarbonisation. In addition, we aim to increase the financing volume we provide through our Producer Card, which is also the first financial product in our sector designated for farmers. In summary, we reiterate our determination to set our institution's decarbonisation roadmap with concrete targets and to finance agriculture, which we see as a guarantee of our country's self-sufficiency."

Expressing the fact that there is a Renminbi denominated tranche in the transaction where organizations such as **Abu Dhabi Export Office (ADEX)** and **India Exim Bank** have taken part among new creditors reflects the Bank's commitment to provide innovative trade finance solutions to its clients in different markets, Ateş said: "Currently, the total of our syndicated loans exceeds USD 2 Billion. Since the beginning of 2023, the amount of funds our Bank has raised for the economy has exceeded USD 6.5 Billion. Going forward, we will continue to secure foreign funding for our country with our strong financial standing and utilise these resources for financing investments which care for environmental and social impacts.