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Arion Bank prepares euro bond issue

Arion Bank has engaged Citi, Deutsche Bank and Nomura to arrange meetings with European investors which will be held over the next few days. Arion Bank will then aim to complete a euro-denominated bond issue subject to market conditions. These meetings with investors are the logical next step in the ongoing process in recent years to diversify the Bank's funding base and to open access to the international credit markets.

In early 2013 Arion Bank issued bonds in Norwegian kroner and by doing so became the first Icelandic bank to raise foreign funding since 2007. At the beginning of this year the Bank obtained the rating BB+ from the international ratings agency Standard & Poor's, the first Icelandic bank to do so. This rating significantly increased the number of investors potentially interested in bonds issued by the Bank.

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