



# The sustainable water bank



Responsible and social return

















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### **Key investor points**

#### **NWB Bank - Nederlandse Waterschapsbank**

- Bank for the Dutch public sector established in 1954
- Ratings:



**S&P**AAA
Stable
A-1+



Moody's Aaa Stable P-1

- 100% owned by Dutch State and local authorities
- Almost all credit exposure to Dutch government
- Never a default on a loan
- Bloomberg ticker: NEDWBK



### **Key investor points**

• 5<sup>th</sup> bank
in the Netherlands in terms of balance sheet total

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in the World's Safest Bank List

- Government shareholders with a clear mandate
- No profit maximization
- Largest issuer of sustainable bonds in the Netherlands



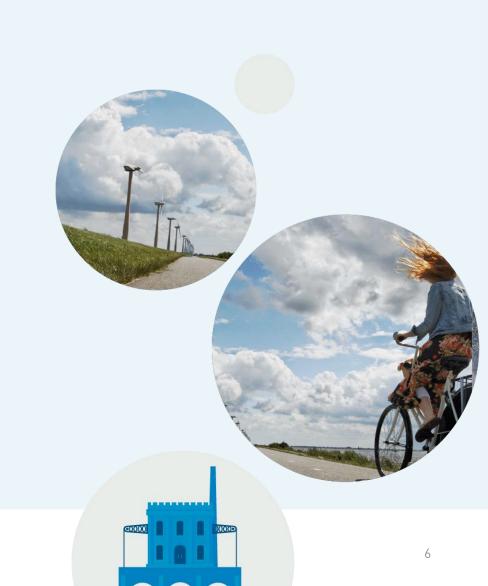
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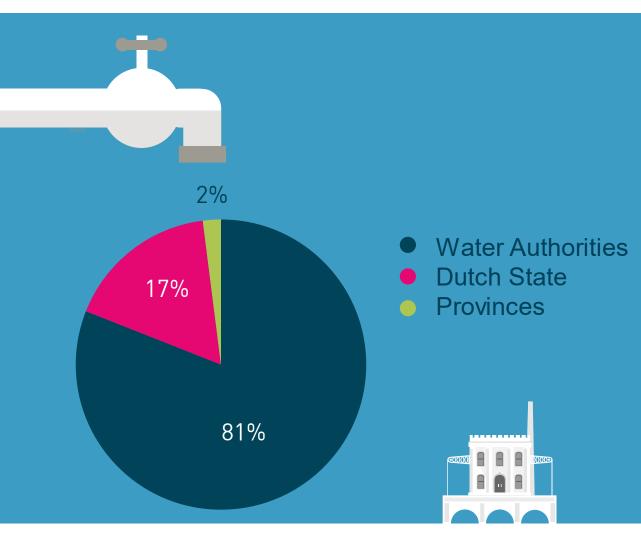
- Supervision by ECB
- 20%

BIS risk weighting

- Level 1 High Quality Liquid Asset
- On QE buying list of ECB
- Annual issuance Green and Sustainable Bonds
   33%
   total long term funding
- Long term funding requirement 2023 around € 10-12 bln



#### Ownership structure



#### Memorandum and Articles of

Association state that only the Dutch State and other public legal entities can be shareholders of NWB Bank

Water authorities are decentralised public authorities

- Similar legal status to municipalities
- Responsible for the flood control, water quality, water quantity and treatment of urban wastewater
- Receive on average 5% of their revenues from the government and the rest from taxes they are allowed to levy
- The mandate of the Water authorities is laid down by law in the "Waterschapswet" (www.overheid.nl)



### Breakdown of loan portfolio

- AAA implicit rating
- Dutch government risk
- Zero-risk solvency weighting







### **Key figures H2023**

**Net profit** 

€ 72 million



Balance sheet total

€ 88 billion



Cost/income ratio

20.4%



Shareholders equity

**€ 2.0** billion



CET1 ratio

37.9%



reguired minimum 7%

Liquidity coverage ratio

320%



reguired minimum 100%

Leverage ratio

8.6%

required minimum 3%

Net stable funding ratio

148%



eguired minimum 100%



### Funding strategy

#### **Benchmark transactions**

Debt Issuance Program € 75 bln

- In EUR and USD
- In benchmark maturities and size
- Eurobond (Reg S) format and 144A

#### Private placements - EMTN, loan format, SSD, NSV

- On reverse inquiry, customized, listing option
- Flexible as to currency, maturity and structure

#### **Public transactions**

EMTN, Kangaroo, Kauri, Formosa

- In various currencies:
   AUD, CAD, CHF, GBP, JPY, NOK, SEK
- Plain vanilla





### Rules and regulations

# **High Quality Liquid Assets** (HQLA) **definition for the LCR**

- European Union: Level 1
- 🔸 🚼 Switzerland: Level 2a
- US: Level 2a (guidelines are subject to individual investor interpretation)

Repo eligible with: ECB, Swiss National Bank and Federal Reserve Bank

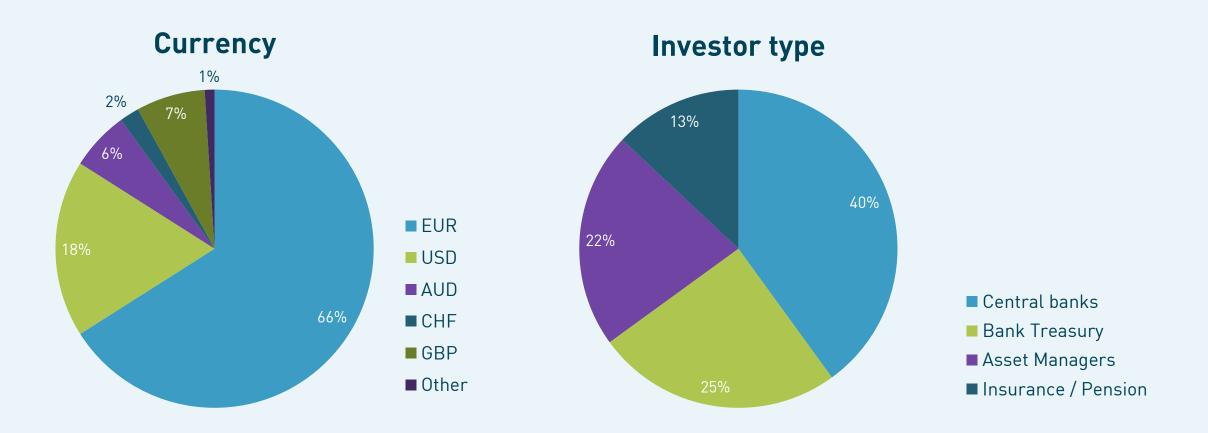
Euro denominated bonds NWB Bank eligible under Public Sector Purchase Programme (PSPP)

# **Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive** (BRRD) / Single Resolution Mechanism (SRM)

- In case of NWB Bank, BRRD/SRM does not restrict the ability of the Dutch State to support
- Dutch State acts as a shareholder, as such this is considered as private solution

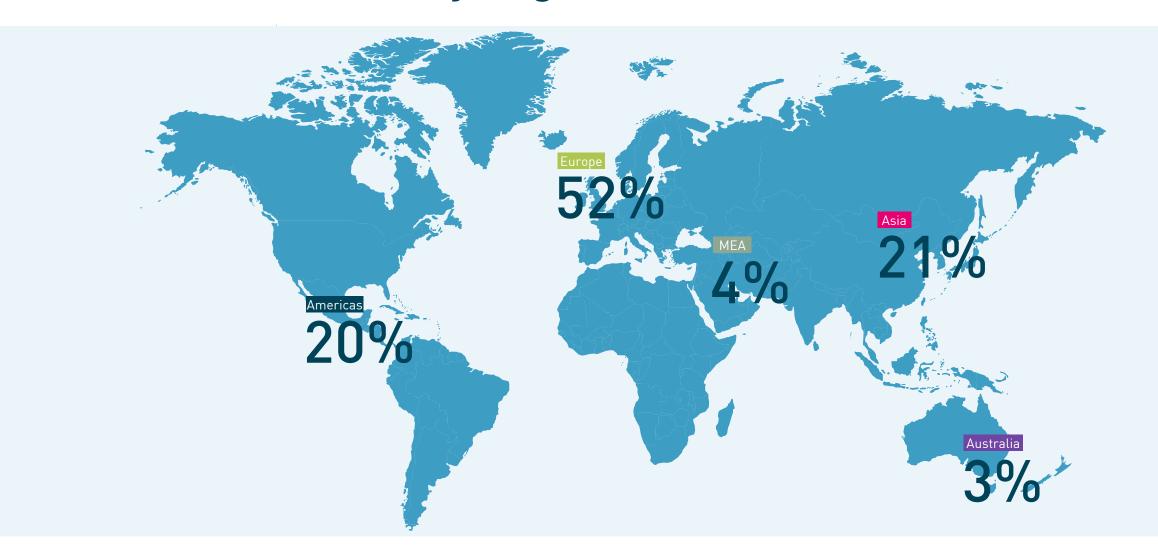


#### **Debt distribution**





# **Debt distribution by region**





#### Commercial paper



**Euro Commercial Paper Program** 

## € 25 bln

- Dealers: Barclays, BoAML, Citi, ING, UBS, Rabobank, BRED
- Minimum ticket
  - \$75 mln equivalent



**US Commercial Paper Program** 

\$ 25 bln

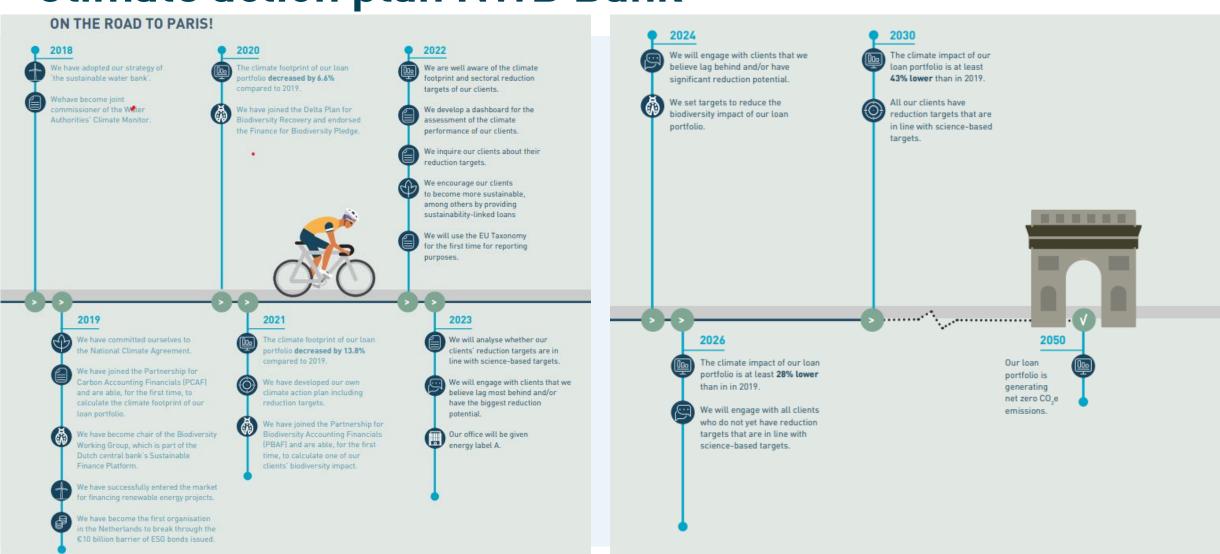
- Dealers: Barclays, BoAML, Citi, JP Morgan, Rabo
- Minimum ticket

\$75 mln equivalent

Fixed or floating coupons



### Climate action plan NWB Bank





### **Carbon footprint**

NWB Bank is a member of the Partnership for Carbon Footprint Accounting Financials (PCAF). PCAF offers a methodology for reporting on  ${\rm CO_2}$  emissions in the loan book. The bank hopes to use this information to influence the environmental policy of its clients.

End 2021 NWB Bank had its climate impact in scope for 94% of its total lending portfolio:

| Lending portfolio     | Outstanding loans covered in € bln | Attributed<br>emissions Kton<br>CO2-eq | Emission intensity<br>ton CO2 / € bln |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
|                       | 2021 2020 2019                     | 2021 2020 2019                         | 2021 2020 2019                        |
| Water authorities     | 7.2 6.5 6.3                        | 292 327 372                            | 40.7 50.2 58.8                        |
| Social housing sector | 30.3 30.8 30.2                     | 693 753 841                            | 22,8 24.5 27.9                        |

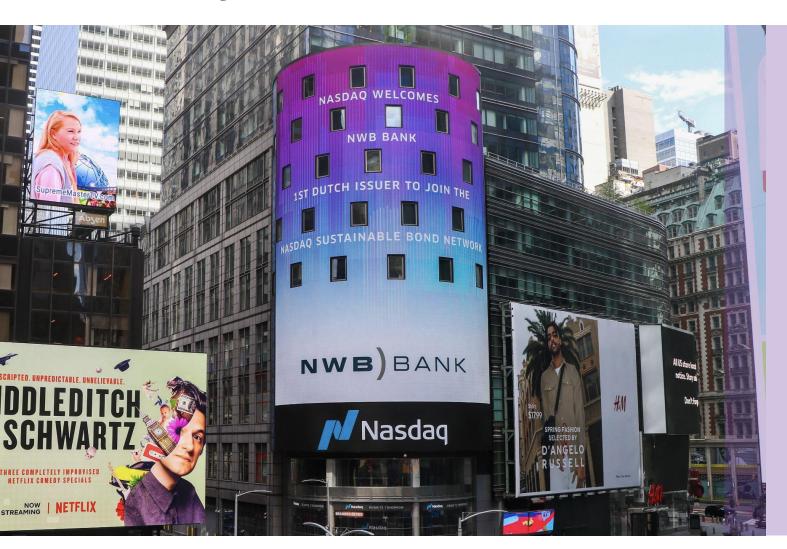


# **ESG ratings NWB Bank**

| Ratings | Agency:      | Sustainalytics | lmug    | ISS ESG | Vigeo Eiris |
|---------|--------------|----------------|---------|---------|-------------|
|         | NWB Bank     | 10             | ВВ      | В       | 57          |
|         | Rating Scale | 1-100          | DDD-AAA | D-A+    | 1-100       |



### **Publicity**







GPIF and NWB Bank launch initiative to promote Green and Sustainability Bonds





#### SRI bond issues in time

Water Bond

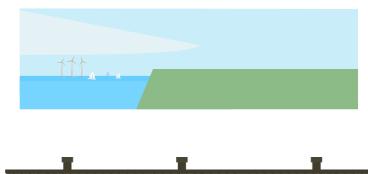
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2017 2018 2019

SDG Housing Bond

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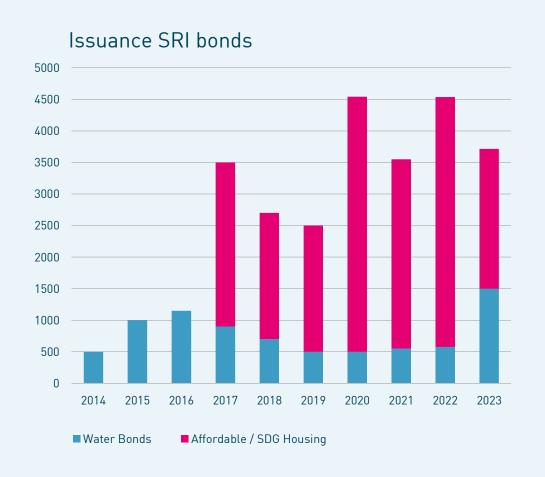


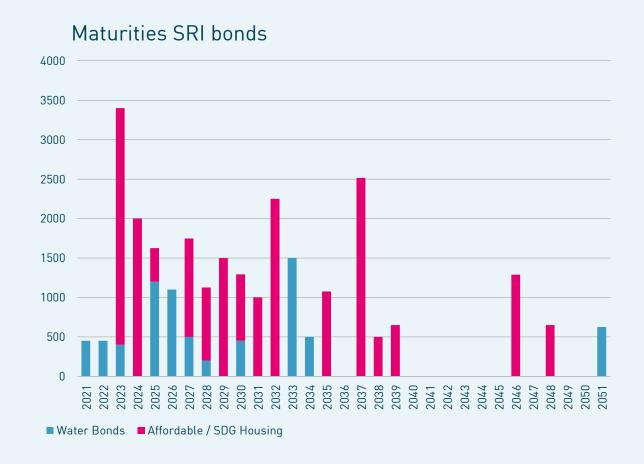






#### SRI bond issues NWB Bank > € 27 bln







#### **Water Bonds**

#### Water Bonds

- Use of proceeds is lending to the water authorities
- Green Bond Principles are leading
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Opinion by Cicero



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Dark Green

#### Water authorities activities

- Mitigation of climate change (renewable energy)
- Adaptation to climate change (a.o.flood protection)
- Biodiversity projects ((waste)water management)



#### Water Bonds (Green Bonds)

#### Eligible criteria

The proceeds from NWB Bank's Water Bonds are being used to provide loans to the Dutch water authorities. The water authorities are Dutch governmental bodies responsible for flood protection, water management and water quality.





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#### Eligible projects

#### Climate change mitigation / Renewable energy

Energy recovery form waste water and extraction of phosphor

#### Climate change adaptation

- Flood protection and other flood defenses
- Pumping stations

# Biodiversity conservation / Water and wastewater management

- Sanitation and dredging of waterbeds
- Transport and cleaning of wastewater
- Disposal of sewage sludge



## Water Bonds (Green Bonds): our impact









Source: Dutch Water Authorities

| Climate change mitigation (2021)  |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| % of sustainable energy in total energy consumption   | 117                  |
| Quantity of biogas produced (million of m³)   | 144.5                |
| Share of own production in total energy consumption   | 56.6                 |
| Climate change adaptation (2021)  |                      |
| Non-primary flood defenses that comply with the safety standard (km)  | 8,108                |
| % of regions managed by water authorities that comply with flooding standards   | 99.6                 |
| Biodiversity conservation (2021)  |                      |
|   |                      |
| <ul> <li>% of quantity of substances eliminated from waste water:</li> <li>Phosphates</li> <li>Nitrates</li> <li>Oxygen-binding substances</li> </ul> | 86.9<br>84.5<br>92.8 |

### SDG Housing Bonds (Sustainable Bonds)

#### Eligible criteria

A selected pool of loans funded, in whole or in part, by NWB that promote the social housing system in The Netherlands as determined by the guarantee fund (WSW), and that promote any of the selected UN SDG's as outlined in the framework.







#### Eligible projects (2023)

- 80% of the social housing lettings must be given to households with a maximum income of € 44,035 per annum.
- Rents are capped at € 808.06 per month
- A maximum of 7.5% of the yearly social lettings may be allocated freely to specific priority groups.





# SDG Housing Bonds (Sustainable Bonds): our impact

















| Deliver adequate homes   |             |
|--|-------------|
| Homes owned and managed approximately by social housing providers  | 2.3 million |
| Manage an affordable housingstock  |             |
| The average net housing cost ratio (2021) is   | 33%         |
| Provide housing to vulnerable groups   |             |
| Number of tenants that are single parents with at least one child (aproximately 85% of these are single mothers) | 85%         |
| Maintain an adequate housing quality   |             |
| Annual expenditures in maintenance and improvements in 2021  | 9.1 billion |
| Contribute to livable communities & neighborhood quality   |             |
| Average per dwelling spent on community services and other neighbourhood improvements                            | 117         |
| Take responsible environment and energy measures   |             |
| Energy performance of the social housing stock (2021-2022)   | 3%          |
| Responsible local partnerships   |             |
| Local performance agreements with local authorities & tenant associations (2020)                                 | 705         |



### New framework: SDG Housing Bond





#### Added value NWB Bank to SRI Investors

- Earmarked lending activities
- Solid frameworks with sound second party opinions
- Liquid volumes of SRI bonds
- High sustainability ratings
- Extensive investor relations work together with experts social housing and water authorities
- Annual impact reporting
- Frequent issuance SRI bonds (>33% of annual long term funding)
- Annual reporting on the carbon footprint of the bank





### Take away NWB Bank

- Funding vehicle for the Dutch public sector
- AAA/Aaa by S&P / Moody's
- Credit risk similar to Dutch government
- 100% owned by Dutch government
- Assets 0% risk-weighted and implied AAA
- One-sided liquidity, always a bid in the market
- Bonds are HQLA and on PSPP buy list ECB
- Tier 1 ratio around 40%
- Annual green and sustainable bond issuance





# Thank you

