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Sapporo AA/AA+ (S&P/R&I) officials apparently were not firmly set on doing a 20-year, the city's first, but were thought to have been influenced by its fellow regionals' attraction to the super-long end, something that might help add to issuance momentum through the year.

Sapporo officials did, in fact, express a desire to return to the market with more super-long paper in the future.

At any rate, the tenor change is a departure for Sapporo, and the three and four-year paper it usually prints in local retail-style offerings, as well as the fives and 10s it typically sells in normal public deals.

Investor bases for such regional paper tend to be similar; Yokohama's bond saw casualty insurers, trust banks, and smaller public investors consume the majority of the offer, with some help from investible funds awaiting placement by the fiscal year-end.

Sapporo's paper also saw some lifer participation, but larger investors appeared to shy away.

SWISS FRANCS

**Basler alone with EEPK
Erste Europäische Pfandbrief
und Kommunalkredit Bank
(EEPK)**

has been no stranger to the covered bond markets this year.

Having followed up on its pioneering lettre de gage hypothecaire with a more conventional dollar-denominated lettre de gage publique earlier this month, the borrower was back in the fray again last week with a more familiar Swiss franc denominated lettre de gage publique.

Its third such transaction in the currency so far this year,

the borrower priced a SFr200m 13-year deal through sole bookrunner *Basler Kantonalbank*.

In a market that has had to work harder to get deals placed of late, not only was this a successful textbook transaction that saw all but a few bonds sold at pricing, but it also represented BaslerKB's first sole underwriting commitment on an international transaction.

BaslerKB, however, is no stranger to bringing successful deals to the market.

Having joint-lead managed EEPK's SFr150m 20-year offering with HVB last year; "we have acted as sole bookrunner on several domestic transactions in the past", commented Beat Schlegel, head of interest rate trading at BaslerKB. "And given the extent of demand for this particular name and maturity we were pleased with the opportunity to act as sole lead manager," he continued.

Andre Schlieker, asset liability management & trading at EEPK, commented that

"EEPK is already very well known to Swiss investors and, with around SFr3.05bn of bonds outstanding in the currency, we were keen to maintain our presence in the market ahead of around SFr900m of securities that will mature over the next month or so".

"The borrower was also keen to diversify its investor base in Switzerland and with our extensive network of domestic accounts we were able to provide this," said Schlegel.

The choice of the 13-year tenor was the result of a few weeks of discussions with several Swiss investors that had a specific need for the maturity. The borrower is also keen to build a benchmark curve in the currency and has just one outstanding private placement in this maturity.

The deal priced at 9.5bp through mid-swaps and, as to be expected with a deal of this maturity, was placed with institutional accounts, with insurance companies taking a prominent role.

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Dexia CL, rated Aa2/AA+, extended its Swiss franc c pricing a SFr200m six-yea transaction through joint-bookrunners *ABN AMRO* a: *Credit Suisse*.

Pricing at mid-swaps le one banker involved on th deal stated that around 70 the deal was sold, comme that it was "primarily driv asset managers".

Triple A rated corporate **Toyota Motor Credit Com** (TMCC) and **General Elect Capital Corp** (GECC) both brought SFr250m add-ons the market last week.

TMCC increased its Feb. 2.0% 2012 through sole bookrunner *Credit Suisse*, p a yield to maturity of 2.16 GECC tapped its 1.75% Oc 2011 through sole bookru: UBS to give a yield to mati of 2.239%. Both deals now a new total issue size of SFr750m.

Mid-maturities continue in Vogue

Though the desire for duration is never far away in the Swiss franc market, mid-maturities have been making their mark of late.

Landesbank Rheinland-Pfalz kick-started the week, pricing a SFr150m 12-year non-call five transaction through lead manager *Credit Suisse*.

An official at the borrower confirmed that the structured nature of the note was to satisfy

Managing bank or group	No of issues	Total SFr(m)	Share (%)
Total			
	77	18,332.40	

Including prefereds. Excluding equity-related debt.
Source: Thomson Financial SDC code: K6

Managing bank or group	No of issues	Total £(m)
2 Barclays Capital	12	3,966
10 BNP Paribas	10	1,710
10 Citigroup	10	1,654
10 Credit Suisse	10	1,184
10 HSBC	10	1,035
Total	114	24,710

Including prefereds. Excluding equity-related
Source: Thomson Financial

No of issues	Total ¥(m)	Share (%)
7	82,629.00	15.6
2	54,510.00	10.7
1	40,987.50	8.0
1	25,000.00	5.0
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Issuer	Amount	Maturity	Coupon (%)	Issue/reoffer	Fees (%)	Rating	Bookrunner
Centauro Corp	SFr150m	Mar 27 2009	3mL + flat	100.050	0.65	Aaa/AAA	UBS
KW	SFr100m inc	Aug 28 2025	2.500	100.820	1.25	Aaa/AAA	ABN AMRO/
TMCC	SFr250m inc	Feb 21 2012	2.000	99.715	0.75	Aaa/AAA/AAA	Credit Suisse
NAB	SFr250m	Apr 03 2016	2.250	100.615	1.00	Aa3/AA-	ABN (Books)