

New financing of PLN 2.5 billion for EFL from securitisation of leasing contracts

Europejski Fundusz Leasingowy has raised PLN 2.5 billion from the debt capital markets through a private securitisation of a leasing receivables revolving portfolio. The transaction is one of the largest of this kind on the Polish market in recent years. The lease receivables-backed notes were subscribed by Santander CIB, ING Bank Śląski and Bank of America.

In October 2024, EFL sold a portfolio of leasing receivables valued at PLN 3.2 billion to the special purpose vehicle EFL Lease ABS 2024-1 DAC, which serves as collateral for notes subscribed by the investors. It comprised leasing contracts for cars, trucks and equipment and machinery. The notes bear interest at a floating rate based on the one-month WIBOR. The transaction is revolving for a period of three years, meaning that the principal payments and prepayments of the securitised portfolio can be used to purchase new lease receivables and the redemption of the notes will only commence at the end of the revolving period. This was the third traditional *true sale* securitisation carried out by EFL and the first to be given STS status (*simple, transparent and standardised*). Arrangers for the programme were Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, ING Bank N.V and Santander CIB.

“Securitisation has already become a permanent part of the EFL Group's policy of funding sources diversification. It provides stable funds, enabling us to realise our vision of long-term support for the Polish business sector. We would like to thank our long-standing partners for their participation in the transaction and are delighted that new investors have joined their ranks” – said Radosław Woźniak, CEO of EFL.

“We are delighted that we have once again had the opportunity to support EFL in their recent securitisation transaction. In collaboration with other financial institutions, we acted as co-arranger and provided financing by purchasing notes issued by the SPV. We would like to extend our gratitude to the EFL team for placing their trust in us and wish them continued success in the future” – said Michał H. Mrozek, Vice-President of ING Bank Śląski.

Securitisation is a way of raising finance used by financial institutions on the back of a quality portfolio of receivables, which are ring-fenced and used to secure funds raised from investors. The sale of receivables to a special purpose vehicle is neutral for EFL's clients, as EFL remains a party to the leasing contracts and will continue to service them.