

## **Basic Information Document and Prior Information Form**

## **Eurobonds Issued By Turkish Treasury**

This document has been prepared to provide information about Eurobonds. This document is not a sales or marketing document. This document has been prepared to ensure that investors comprehend potential risks and fundamental features of the product. We recommend that investors take a decision after reading this document.

## **About Eurobonds**

A Eurobond is a bond issued offshore by governments or corporates denominated in a currency other than that of the issuer's country. Eurobonds are usually long-term and coupon payment debt instruments.

Eurobonds are traded in international markets and usually denominated in USD or EUR. Typical tenor is 5-30 years.

The coupon interest may be fixed or floating. Payments may be annual or semi-annual. In secondary markets settlement date for Turkish Treasury issued Eurobonds is transaction date +2 days. Settlement date of the related transaction can be seen on order form.

## **Investment Purpose of Eurobond**

Since Eurobonds issued by Turkish Treasury represent the government's own debt, in cases where these securities are held till maturity, Turkish Treasury is liable to pay nominal amount (face amount) and interest.

Eurobonds issued by Turkish Treasury can be redeemed within secondary markets before their maturity depending on current market conditions.

Eurobonds provide long-term investment opportunity; regular income may achieved by coupon payments. In addition, due to price difference in trading, there is possibility of obtaining capital gain.

## About Risk and Return Profile of Eurobond

Eurobond is compatible with the risk profile of customers who are willing to take **"Very High Risk"**. Products with "Very High Risk" risk profile have higher probability of price fluctuations since they involve higher investment risk. Eurobonds may enable higher income yield compared to Low and Medium Risk level products. However, it also has higher probability of capital loss compared to Low and Medium Risk level products.

Eurobonds are suitable for investors who prefer longterm investments denominated in foreign currencies and who do not need emergency cash. Eurobonds should not be preferred for short-term investments.

Low Risk

High Risk

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Low Yield Expectation			High Yield Expectation		
No Investment Risk	Very Low Risk	Low Risk	Moderate Level Risk	High Risk	Very High Risk

## **Fees and Commissions**

A maximum commission rate of **1%** may be applied for Eurobond subscription/redemption orders. A maximum commission rate of **1%** may be applied for Treasury Auction participations.

## Tax

The tax schedule for Eurobonds issued by Turkish Treasury capital gains and interest incomes applicable to fully taxpayer individuals are summarized below:

Interests on	Capital Gains on Eurobonds Issued by Turkish Treasury		
Eurobonds issued by Turkish Treasury	For securities issued before 1.1.2006	For securities issued after 1.1.2006	
Subject to 0 % withholding tax.	Not subject to withholding tax.	Not subject to withholding tax.	
Not subject to inflation adjustment.	Inflation rate adjustment can be applied on purchase price by PPI.	Capital gain is calculated by TRY and capital loss can be deducted from capital profit.	
Foreign currency gain at maturity is not considered income.	Capital gain is calculated by TRY and capital loss can be deducted from capital profit.	Inflation rate adjustment on purchase price is done if PPI is more than 10%.	
If the total interest income earned from Turkish Eurobonds exceeds TRY 49,000 (for 2020), such income is subject to declaration.	Capital gains exceeding TRY 40,000 (for 2020) together with other capital gains will be subject to declaration.	Capital gains are subject to declaration.	

For limited taxpayer individuals Eurobond capital gains are not subject to withholding tax or declaration; interest

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incomes are subject to 0% withholding tax and will not be declared.

Applied taxes for the Eurobond capital gains and interest incomes generated by fully taxpayer corporates are explained below.

Interest Income of Eurobonds Issued	Capital Gains on Eurobonds Issued by Turkey Treasury		
by Turkish Treasury	For securities issued before 1.1.2006	For securities issued after 1.1.2006	
Subject to 0 % withholding tax.	Not subject to withholding tax	Not subject to withholding tax	
Subject to Corporate Income Tax	Subject to Corporate Income Tax	Subject to Corporate Income Tax	

The Eurobond capital gains earned by limited corporate taxpayers are not subject to withholding tax or declaration. Interest incomes are subject to 0% withholding tax and will not be declared.

Eurobonds security transfers made to another person or transfers from customer's individual account to his/her joint account is assessed as trading and income tax may occur in case trading income is generated.

## **Eurobond Subscription-Redemption Principles**

- For Eurobonds, the minimum transaction amount is USD1,000 in nominal.
- On workdays subscription-redemption orders given between 10:00-16:00 for Eurobonds are executed within + 2 business days.
- On behalf of our customers Eurobond subscription/redemption orders are carried out from the Bank's portfolio.
- For Eurobond transactions executed in OTC markets, money is transferred to our Bank's account within Euroclear through swift system. Eurobonds are registered and monitored in the account opened at customer owner basis on Euroclear based in Brussels in dematerialized form.
- As issuer, Republic of Turkey is obliged to pay the principal amount and coupon payments of Eurobonds. For custody of Eurobonds, HSBC Bank A.S. is working with Euroclear Bank which is the Settlement and Custody Bank with headquarters in Brussels. Eurobond coupon payments cannot be transferred into customer accounts before Euroclear pays into HSBC Bank accounts. For that

reason, there can be delays in coupon payments stemming from Euroclear's pay time.

- Eurobond subscription/redemption orders can be given through HSBC Bank A.S. branches.
- Eurobond Treasury Auction participation orders can be given through HSBC Bank A.S. branches.
- The current value of Eurobonds can be accessed through HSBC Bank A.S. branches.

## **Fundamental Risks of Eurobond**

**Interest Rate Risk:** Market interest rates have a direct impact on fixed income securities. When interest rates rise, Eurobond prices typically fall, this may cause capital loss.

**Counterparty Risk:** Investors may have total or partial loss of the invested capital due to the bankruptcy or to the weakening of the financial state of the Turkish Treasury. As Eurobonds have risks stemming from the financial status of the Turkish Treasury, these investment products are not guaranteed by HSBC Bank A.S.

**Liquidity Risk:** In secondary markets, there is risk for investors who cash out their investment products. Liquidity risk is the risk that investors may have difficulty finding a buyer when they want to sell and may be forced to sell at a significant discount to market value.

**Market Risk:** Due to the fluctuations in the price of equity, the portfolio value may decrease and because of that reason investor may experience a loss in capital.

**Currency Risk:** Investors may have capital loss due the exchange rate fluctuations if they invest in a foreign currency denominated security.

**Country Risk**: The economic, politic and social structure of a country (where the investment is made) in addition to interest rate and exchange rate policies may have impact on the price of the investment product. These risks which can be defined as local risks could be currency restrictions, transfer risks, moratorium, tax regulations etc. Moreover, there can be fluctuations in the price of the equity because of the global economic and politic effects.

**Operational Risk:** The risk that can be based on, directly or indirectly, the inadequate internal processes, people, systems and/or external agents. Investment process is being overseen by internal control and risk management. Additionally, this process is being audited by regulatory authorities.

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**Credit Risk:** Issuers of bonds and bills may not be able to repay principal and interest amount on due date and become default. This risk is higher for corporate bonds compared to government bonds.

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It is possible to cash out Eurobonds before maturity; however since they will be cashed out with current market prices, investor takes interest rate and market risk. The selling price might be less than the purchase price, this might cause capital loss. Therefore, it may not be a suitable investment for investors who might need immediate cash. Therefore, your risk profile and appetite should be suitable for this product.

# Guarantee Amount of Investor Compensation Center

Eurobonds are not under the protection of Investor Compensation Center.

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This product cannot be withdrawn.

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A copy of the Basic Information Document and Prior Information Form is given to you.

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