Press release

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Fortis raises EUR 210 million from former holders of ABN AMRO preference shares

Fortis today completed an issue of preference shares of Fortis Bank Nederland (Holding) N.V. These preference shares, which were issued as an alternative instrument, were offered to the former holders of non-listed preference shares of ABN AMRO Holding N.V.

A total of EUR 210 million was issued. The preference shares entitle the holder to an annual coupon of 5.85%.

The proceeds of the issue will be used to finance the acquisition of certain parts of ABN AMRO and to increase the shareholders' equity of Fortis Bank.

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