

## Elis successfully refinances its 2022 bank debt with a dual tranche bond issue with a 1.25% average coupon and a 7-year average maturity

**Saint-Cloud, September 24, 2019** – Elis announces today that it has successfully raised €850 million through a dual tranche bond issue as follows:

- a 5.5-year tranche (maturity April 2025) for a total amount of €500 million which offers a 1% coupon;
- an 8.5-year tranche (maturity April 2028) for a total amount of €350 million which offers a 1.625% coupon.

This transaction, which offers the lowest coupons ever reached by Elis, is fully in line with the Group's active refinancing strategy, which aims at extending maturities: The proceeds of these two bonds with a seven-year average maturity will be dedicated to the full repayment of the drawn 2022 bank term loans without any prepayment penalty.

After the completion of the transaction, the Group will have only non-bank, fixed rate debt; bank financing will be only used as back-up lines through revolving credit facilities, currently fully undrawn.

Furthermore, the Group intends to unwind the interest rate swaps that currently hedge its bank debt, leading to a stronger balance sheet:

- No significant maturity before 2023;
- Cash savings of 13m€ per year on interest payments from 2020 onwards;
- A positive impact of 10m€ on headline net result from 2020 onwards;
- Average cost of debt reduced to 1.5% per year.

The placement of the bonds was carried out by a syndicate of 10 banks: BBVA, BNP Paribas, CA CIB, Commerzbank, Danske Bank, Deutsche Bank, HSBC, ING, Natixis, and Société Générale.

Xavier Martiré, CEO of Elis, commented:

*"The excellent terms obtained today demonstrate market confidence in the strength of Elis' business model and its resilience throughout the cycle. They also reflect investors' trust in the Group's capacity to significantly increase its cash flow generation from 2020 onwards, notably due to the return to a normative level of investments."*

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