



# **UCB** completes institutional Eurobond offering

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UCB SA (NYSE Euronext: UCB) announces today that it has completed the offering of EUR 350 million senior unsecured bonds, due January 2021 (the "Bonds"), to be issued under its EUR 3 billion EMTN Programme.

The Bonds were placed to qualified institutional investors across Europe. The transaction was conducted by Barclays, CA-CIB, and The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, acting as Global Coordinators and Active Joint Bookrunners and Santander and Mitsubishi UFJ Securities International, acting as Active Joint Bookrunners for the offering. DNB Markets, Mizuho International plc. and SMBC Nikko acted as Co-Managers for the offering.

The Bonds will be issued at 99.944 per cent on October 4, 2013 and will be redeemed at 100 per cent of their principal amount on January 4, 2021. They will bear interest at an annual rate of 4.125 per cent.

The proceeds from today's offering will be used to diversify UCB's funding sources, lengthen the average maturity of its indebtedness, strengthen its balance sheet liquidity as well as to fund future growth, consistent with UCB's prudent financial strategy. The Bonds are also issued in anticipation of the scheduled maturity in 2014 of the portion of the retail bonds issued in 2009 which were not exchanged in the exchange offer that ended on September 18, 2013.

Detlef Thielgen, Chief Financial Officer, UCB, commented, "We are again very pleased with the confidence investors have shown in us through their positive response to this bond offering. The success of our recent transactions underlines UCB's access to the debt capital markets and allows us to further diversify our international lender base and extend our debt maturity profile."

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UCB, Brussels, Belgium (www.ucb.com) is a global biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and development of innovative medicines and solutions to transform the lives of people living with severe diseases of the immune system or of the central nervous system. With 9000 people in approximately 40 countries, the company generated revenue of EUR 3.4 billion in 2012. UCB is listed on Euronext Brussels (symbol: UCB).

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