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Berlin Hyp Receives Award for Best Asset-Backed/Asset-Based Green Bond

Berlin Hyp has been awarded best asset-backed/asset-based green bond by Environmental Finance, in the Green, Social and Sustainability Bond Awards 2019. The jury consisted of 30 of some of the world's largest investors.

“We are thrilled with the recognition that this award represents”, says Gero Bergmann, Board Member for Capital Markets at Berlin Hyp. “The award shows that our commitment to the further development of the green bond market and in particular the ever-growing segment of green covered bonds is positively perceived in the market. At the same time, it is an incentive for us to continue to consistently pursue the path we have taken”.

Environmental Finance – one of the world's leading news and analysis services in the field of sustainable investments and green finance – annually honours those issuers whose bonds make a special contribution to the further development of the market for green, social or sustainable bonds.

In 2015, Berlin Hyp was the first bank in the world to issue a green covered bond. With the issue of its first green senior unsecured bond in 2016, it became the first issuer to issue green bonds from more than one asset class. In 2017, it set itself the ambitious strategic goal of increasing the share of green finance in the Bank's total loan book to 20 percent by the end of 2020. The Green Pfandbrief issued in October 2018, which with a foreign share of 58 percent was able to generate the most international order book of all Euro-denominated Pfandbriefs issued last year, was already Berlin Hyp's sixth green bond in benchmark format. This makes it the most active issuer of green bonds in the group of European commercial banks to date.

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Berlin Hyp specialises in large-volume real estate finance for professional investors and housing societies, for whom the Bank develops individual financing solutions. As an enterprise forming a Group together with the German savings banks, it also makes an extensive spectrum of products and services available to these institutions. Berlin Hyp is not only at the forefront as the issuer of the first Green Pfandbrief; the bank also supports

the financing of sustainable real estate. Berlin Hyp's clear focus, 150 years of experience and the ability to actively shape the digital transformation in the real estate sector with an eye to the future characterise the Bank as a leading German real estate and Pfandbrief bank.