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Aareal Bank Group's sustainability management honoured again

Wiesbaden, 15 May 2017 – Aareal Bank Group's sustainability performance has again been rated positively by leading sustainability rating agencies. Aareal Bank Group currently has an AA-ESG rating from MSCI ESG Research, and thus ranks among the top 15 % of its sector. The rating agency Sustainalytics continues to classify Aareal Bank Group as outperformer (Overall ESG Score: 71 out of 100 possible points). imug Beratungsgesellschaft für sozial-ökologische Innovationen mbH rated Aareal Bank "BBB positive" in the category "Uncovered Bonds" (Senior Unsecured Bonds). Aareal Bank thus ranks second of 109 financial institutions rated in total. Aareal Bank's unsecured bonds therefore continue to fulfil investor requirements from a sustainability perspective.

"Companies that do business sustainably by managing economic, ecological and social aspects in a responsible manner ensure their future", explains Hermann J. Merkens, Chairman of the Management Board of Aareal Bank AG. "Conversely, firms that take their long-term viability as their yardstick also do business sustainably. More than ever before, there is pressure on companies to make a contribution to sustainable economic and social development. The highly positive rating results again document the extension and development of our group-wide sustainability performance."

Further information on Aareal Bank Group's sustainability management is available under www.aareal-bank.com/en/responsibility/ on the newly designed Internet sites on "Responsibility", together with the Sustainability Disclosures and the latest Sustainability Report entitled "#Thinking ahead. Acting consciously."

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