



## ***Ministero dell'Economia e delle Finanze***

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### **BTP ITALIA:**

### **NEW ISSUANCE STARTING FROM MAY THE 14<sup>TH</sup>**

The Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) announces that the next issuance of BTP Italia, the government bond indexed to the national inflation rate conceived for retail investors, will take place from Monday, May the 14<sup>th</sup> until Thursday, May the 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 and in this case it will have a 8 year maturity, as already done in the past.

The next BTP Italia on offer will have the same characteristics of the previous issuances: semi-annual coupons indexed to the FOI (Indices of Consumer Prices for blue and white-collar households with the exclusion of tobacco) to which the payment of the accrued inflation in the semester is added (with a floor in the event of deflation, that guarantees that the coupon payments can never go below the definitive real coupon rate), bullet format and final bonus for those who buy the bond at issuance, during the phase of the distribution dedicated to individual investors and other persons similarly classified, and hold it until maturity.

The bond will be placed through MOT, the retail Borsa Italiana's screen-based market, in two phases: the First Phase, from Monday, May the 14<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, May the 16<sup>th</sup> (three days which may be reduced to two in the case of early closing), where only individual investors and other persons similarly classified are admitted, while the Second Phase, which will take place in the morning of May the 17<sup>th</sup>, will be reserved to institutional investors. In case total orders coming from the latter are greater than the final supply decided by the MEF, an allotment procedure will be activated. On the contrary, for individual investors and other persons similarly classified there will not be any rationing, as incoming orders will be fully fulfilled, as in all the previous issuances.

In the coming days, the MEF will publish on the website of the Public Debt the term sheet for the new bond and it will update the FAQ to provide investors and market operators with all the necessary information in order to take part in the forthcoming placement.

The guaranteed minimum annual real rate of this new issuance will be communicated to the public on Friday, May the 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

More information can be requested at: [dt.gruppo.info@tesoro.it](mailto:dt.gruppo.info@tesoro.it)

### **What is BTP Italia?**

BTP Italia is a government bond indexed to the Italian inflation rate conceived principally to meet the needs of retail investors. BTP Italia provides investors with the protection against an increase in the level of prices in Italy, with the semi-annual coupons that offer a guaranteed minimum annual real rate linked to the FOI index (Indices of Consumer Prices for blue and white-collar households with the exclusion of tobacco) to which the payment of the accrued inflation in the semester is added. In the event of deflation, the coupons are still calculated on the nominal principal amount invested, with a protection not only to the nominal principal, but also to the coupons.

### ***Key Features***

- Maturity: 8 years
- Guaranteed minimum annual real rate
- Semi-annual coupons calculated on the revalued capital
- Immediate inflation hedge through principal revaluation paid every six months
- Nominal principal guaranteed at maturity, even in case of deflation
- Final bonus for investors (individual investors and other persons similarly classified) who purchase the bond during the First Phase of the placement period and hold it until maturity.

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