

ALLIED IRISH BANKS PLC
Form 6-K
November 05, 2009

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the date of 5 November, 2009

**ALLIED IRISH BANKS, public limited company
Bankcentre, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Republic of Ireland**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No ..X...

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5th NOVEMBER 2009

**AIB announces €
750m 5**

**year Senior Unsecured
Unguaranteed Bond Issue**

AIB today closed a €
750 million 5

year
Senior Unsecured
Unguaranteed Bond Issue.
This is the first Senior Unsecured Bond Unguaranteed Bond Issue with a 5 year maturity from any Irish bank since the Government Guarantee was introduced in September 2008.

This follows our successful €1.0 billion 3 year Senior Unsecured Unguaranteed Bond Issue completed in September 2009

This 5 year
deal was priced at a
spread over mid-swaps of 285 basis
points
with in excess of 150
international investors reflecting a well diversified geographic profile
and was oversubscribed by 1.8
times.

Colm Doherty, Managing Director of AIB Capital Markets

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said:

"The positive reaction of the international markets by investing in longer term unsecured and unguaranteed bonds of AIB is a further indicator of the growing

positive attitude of the international credit markets towards Irish banks.

It is a very positive indicator for future unguaranteed issuance from the Irish financial system.
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Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

ALLIED IRISH BANKS, p.l.c.
(Registrant)

Date 5 November, 2009

By: _____
John O'Donnell
Group Director, Finance,
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Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c.