

# Raiffeisen Centrobank AG

(Incorporated as a stock corporation in the Republic of Austria under registered number FN 117507 f)

# **Structured Securities Programme**

On 10 June 2013, Raiffeisen Centrobank AG ("Raiffeisen Centrobank" or the "Issuer" or "RCB") established a structured securities programme (the "Programme") which has been updated last time on 12 May 2015. With effect from the date hereof, the Programme has been updated and this prospectus (the "Prospectus") supersedes and replaces the prospectus dated 12 May 2015. Any securities to be issued after the date hereof under the Programme (the "Securities") are issued subject to the provisions set out herein, save that Securities which are issued prior to the date hereof will be issued subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Securities applicable on the date of issue for the Securities of such series. Subject to the aforesaid, this Prospectus does not affect any Securities issued prior to the date hereof. Under the Programme, the Issuer, subject to compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and directives, may from time to time issue derivative unsubordinated Securities as bearer Securities. Subject to compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and directives, the Securities may or may not have a minimum maturity and a maximum maturity. The Nominal Amount of the Securities, the Product Currency, the amounts payable upon redemption of the Securities, if any, the issue prices and maturities of the Securities, their underlying or underlyings (each an "Underlying"), including indices, equity, fund shares, commodities, fx rates, interest rates, futures and different kinds of baskets thereof (including best- and worst-of baskets, cappuccino baskets, value-weighted baskets, minimum-deviation and maximum-deviation baskets and supervised baskets), and all other terms and conditions not contained herein which are applicable to a particular series of Securities will be set out in the document containing the final terms (the "Final Terms") within the meaning of Article 26 No 5 of Commission Regulation (EC) 809/2004 as amended (the "Prospectus Regulation"), templates of which are contained in this Prospectus.

This Prospectus has been drawn up in accordance with Annexes XI, XII, XXII and XXX of the Prospectus Regulation and has been approved by the Austrian Financial Market Authority (Finanzmarktaufsichtsbehörde, the "FMA") in its capacity as competent authority under the Capital Market Act (Kapitalmarktgesetz, the "Capital Market Act") for approval of this Prospectus. The accuracy of the information contained in this Prospectus does not fall within the scope of examination by the FMA under applicable Austrian law. The FMA examines the Prospectus merely in respect of its completeness, coherence and comprehensibility pursuant to section 8a of the Capital Market Act. The Issuer is obliged by the provisions of Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 4 November 2003, as amended (the "Prospectus Directive") and the Capital Market Act, that if at any time during the duration of the Programme there is a significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information contained in this Prospectus which is capable of affecting the assessment of any Securities and which arises or is noted between the time when this Prospectus is approved and the final closing of an offer of such Securities to the public or, as the case may be, the time when trading on a regulated market begins, whichever occurs later, the Issuer shall prepare and publish a supplement to this Prospectus and shall supply to the FMA copies of such supplement.

Application may be made for the Programme and/or the Securities to be admitted to the Second Regulated Market of the Vienna Stock Exchange (the "Austrian Market") and the Regulated Unofficial Market of the Stuttgart Stock Exchange (EUWAX) and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (SCOACH) and to admit to trading such Securities on the regulated markets (together with the Austrian Market, the "Markets") of one or more stock exchanges in Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, and/or Slovenia. References in this Prospectus to Securities being listed (and all related references) shall mean that such Securities have been admitted to trading on any of the Markets, each of which is a regulated market for the purposes of the Directive 2004/39/EC on markets in financial instruments as amended (Markets in Financial Instruments Directive, the "MiFID"). Unlisted Securities may be issued pursuant to this Programme. The relevant Final Terms in respect of the issue of any Securities will specify whether or not such Securities will be admitted to trading on the any of the Markets (or any other market and/or stock exchange). The Issuer has requested the FMA to provide the competent authorities in other host Member States within the European Economic Area including Croatia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, and Slovenia (the "Initial Host Member States") with a certificate of approval attesting that this Prospectus has been drawn up in accordance with Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and relevant implementing legislation in Austria. Each series of Securities (i.e. Securities carrying the same ISIN, each a "Series") will be represented on issue by a permanent global note in bearer form (a "Global Note"). Each Global Note will be kept in custody by or on behalf of OeKB CSD GmbH and any successor in such capacity in its function as a central securities depository until all obligations of the Issuer under the Securities have been satisfied.

The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") or with any securities regulatory authority of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States of America (the "United States"), and may not be offered or sold (i) within the United States, except in transactions exempt from registration under the Securities Act, or (ii) outside the United States, except in offshore transactions in compliance with Regulation S under the Securities Act. Prospective investors should have regard to the factors described under the section headed "Risk factors" in this Prospectus which the Issuer believes to represent the principal risks inherent in investing in the Securities.

This Prospectus does not describe all of the risks of an investment in the Securities, but the Issuer believes that all material risks relating to an investment in the Securities have been described. This Prospectus identifies certain information in general terms that a prospective investor should consider prior to making an investment in the Securities. However, a prospective investor should conduct its own thorough analysis (including its own accounting, legal and tax analysis) prior to deciding whether to invest in any Securities issued under the Programme since any evaluation of the suitability for an investor of an investment in Securities issued under the Programme depends upon a prospective investor's particular financial and other circumstances, as well as on the specific terms of the relevant Securities; if a prospective investor does not have experience in financial, business and investment matters sufficient to permit it to make such a determination, it should consult with its financial adviser on the suitability of any Securities prior to making its decision on whether or not to invest.

Securities issued under this Prospectus include Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1100) ("Winner Guarantee Certificates"), Winner Certificates (eusipa 1100) ("Winner Certificates"), Capped Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1120) ("Capped Winner Guarantee Certificates"), Capped Winner Certificates (eusipa 1120) ("Capped Winner Certificates"), Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1140) ("Guarantee Certificates"), Protected Certificates (eusipa 1140) ("Protected Certificates"), Step-Up Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Step-Up Guarantee Certificates"), Step-Up Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Step-Up Certificates"), Step-Up Certificates (eusipa 1199) (eus Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Step-Down Guarantee Certificates"), Step-Down Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Step-Down Certificates"), Express Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Express Safe Guarantee Certificates"), Express Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Express Safe Certificates"), Reverse Express Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Reverse Express Safe Guarantee Certificates"), Reverse Express Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Reverse Express Safe Certificates"), Range Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Range Winner Guarantee Certificates"), Range Winner Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Range Winner Guarantee Certificates"), Range Winner Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Range Winner Guarantee Certificates"), Range Winner Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Range Winner Guarantee Certificates"), Range Winner Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Range Winner Guarantee Certificates"), Range Winner Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Range Winner Guarantee Certificates"), Range Winner Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Range Winner Guarantee Certificates"), Range Winner Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Range Winner Guarantee Certificates"), Range Winner Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Range Winner Guarantee Certificates"), Range Winner Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Range Winner Certificates"), Range Winner Certificates (eusipa 1199), Range Winner Certificates Winner Certificates"), Stay-Above Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Stay-Above Guarantee Certificates"), Stay-Above Certificates (eusipa 1199), St Above Certificates"), Capped Twin-Win Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Capped Twin-Win Safe Guarantee Certificates"), Capped Twin-Win Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Capped Twin-Win Safe Certificates"), Bonus Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Bonus Safe Guarantee Certificates"), Bonus Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199) ("Bonus Safe Certificates"), Discount Certificates (eusipa 1200) ("Discount Certificates"), Reverse Convertibles (eusipa 1220) ("Reverse Convertibles"), Protected Reverse Convertibles (eusipa 1230) ("Protected Reverse Convertibles"), Capped Bonus Certificates (eusipa 1250), ("Capped Bonus Certificates"), Express Certificates (eusipa 1260) ("Express Certificates"), Inversion Certificates (eusipa 1299) ("Inversion Certificates"), Reverse Inversion Certificates (eusipa 1299) ("Reverse Inversion Certificates"), Capped Twin-Win Certificates (eusipa 1299) ("Capped Twin-Win Certificates"), Capped Reverse Bonus Certificates (eusipa 1299) ("Capped Reverse Bonus Certificates"), Index Certificates (eusipa 1300) ("Index Certificates"), Participation Certificates (eusipa 1300) ("Index Certificates"), Partici 1300) ("Participation Certificates"), Outperformance Certificates (eusipa 1310) ("Outperformance Certificates"), Bonus Certificates (eusipa 1320) ("Bonus Certificates"), Twin-Win Certificates (eusipa 1340) ("Twin-Win Certificates"), Call Warrants (eusipa 2100) ("Call Warrants"), Put Warrants (eusipa 2100) ("Put Warrants"), Capped Call Warrants (eusipa 2110) ("Capped Call Warrants"), Capped Put Warrants (eusipa 2110) ("Capped Put Warrants"), Turbo Long Certificates (eusipa 2210) ("Turbo Long Certificates"), Turbo Short Certificates (eusipa 2210) ("Turbo Short Certificates") and Factor Certificates (eusipa 2300) ("Factor Certificates").

Under this Prospectus, the Issuer may also publicly offer Securities which have been issued under an Outdated Prospectus (as defined below). These Securities may include all Securities (a) for which either (i) the first day of the subscription period or (ii) the Issue Date is after 10 June 2013, and (b) for which the Final Valuation Date is on or before 12 May 2016, and (c) which have not been already terminated or redeemed by the Issuer.

This Prospectus comprises a base prospectus for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and the Capital Market Act, and for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Issuer and its subsidiaries and affiliates taken as a whole ("Raiffeisen Centrobank Group" or the "Group") and the Securities which, according to the particular nature of the Issuer and the Securities, is necessary to enable investors to make an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profit and losses and prospects of the Issuer.

This Prospectus is to be read in conjunction with all documents which are deemed to be incorporated herein by reference (see "Documents Incorporated by Reference" below). Such documents shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and form part of this Prospectus. Any statement contained in such document which is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purpose of this Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein modifies or supersedes such earlier statement (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise). Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Prospectus.

No person is or has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained in this Prospectus in connection with the issue or sale of the Securities and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer. Neither the delivery of this Prospectus nor any sale made in connection herewith shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Issuer or Raiffeisen Centrobank Group since the date hereof or the date upon which this Prospectus has been most recently amended or supplemented. Neither the delivery of this Prospectus nor any sale made in connection herewith shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no adverse change in the financial position of the Issuer or Raiffeisen Centrobank Group since the date hereof or the date upon which this Prospectus has been most recently amended or supplemented. Neither the delivery of this Prospectus nor any sale made in connection herewith shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date on which it is supplied or, if different, the date indicated in the document containing the same. Any material new circumstances or any material incorrectness or inaccuracy as to the statements contained in this Prospectus that could influence the assessment of the Securities issued under the Programme and that occur or are determined between the approval of the Prospectus by the FMA and the final end of the public offer, or if later, the admission to trading on a regulated market of Securities under the Programme will be included and published in a supplement to this Prospectus in accordance with the Prospectus Directive and the Capital Market Act. The Issuer intends to issue the Securities within a predetermined subscription period or as tap issues, where Securities are available for subscription during substantially the whole (or part of the) term of the Securities at the discretion of the Issuer.

The distribution of this Prospectus and the offering or sale of the Securities in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this Prospectus comes are required by the Issuer to inform themselves about, and to observe, any such restriction(s). For a description of certain restrictions on offers and sales of Securities and on the distribution of this Prospectus, see "Selling Restrictions" below.

The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may include Securities in bearer form that are subject to U.S. tax law requirements. Securities may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or, for the account and benefit of U.S. persons as each are defined in Rule 902 (k) of Regulation S.

This Prospectus does not constitute an offer of, or an invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer to subscribe for, or purchase, any Securities.

In this Prospectus, unless otherwise specified or unless the context otherwise requires, references to "EUR", "Euro" and "€" are references to the currency introduced at the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty establishing the European Community (as amended from time to time).

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# DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

This Prospectus should be read and construed in conjunction with the indicated parts of the following documents:

Document/Heading	Page reference in the incorporated document
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For the avoidance of doubt, such parts of the annual report of the Issuer for the financial years 2015 and 2014, the Cash flow statements 2014 & 2015, the 2015 Prospectus, the 2014 Prospectus and the 2013 Prospectus respectively which are not explicitly listed in the table above are not incorporated by reference into this Prospectus. Any information not listed above but included in the documents incorporated by reference is given for information purposes only.

Such parts of the documents which are explicitly listed above shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and form part of this Prospectus, save that any statement contained in such a document shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purpose of this Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this Prospectus modifies or supersedes such earlier statement (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise). Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Prospectus.

The Prospectus, any supplement thereto and any document incorporated by reference into this Prospectus will be published in electronic form on the website of the Issuer under www.rcb.at – News & Info – Securities Prospectus, currently: www.rcb.at/en/news-info/securities-prospectus/.

The Final Terms for Securities (including the Final Terms for Securities which have been issued under any Outdated Prospectus, respectively) will be made available in electronic form on the website of the Issuer under either <a href="https://www.rcb.at/en/investment-products/investment-products/overview/">www.rcb.at/en/investment-products/overview/</a>) or <a href="https://www.rcb.at/en/investment-products/overview/">www.rcb.at/en/investment-products/overview/</a>) or <a href="https://www.rcb.at/en/investment-products/overview/">www.rcb.at/en/investment-prod

Printed copies of the Prospectus, any supplement thereto, any Final Terms and any documents incorporated by reference in the Prospectus will be made available free of charge at the specified office of the Issuer at Tegetthoffstraße 1, 1015 Vienna, Austria.

### SUPPLEMENT TO THE PROSPECTUS

The Issuer is obliged by the provisions of the Prospectus Directive and the Capital Market Act, that if at any time during the duration of the Programme there is a significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information contained in this Prospectus which is capable of affecting the assessment of any Securities and which arises or is noted between the time when the Prospectus is approved and the final closing of an offer of such Securities to the public or, as the case may be, the time when trading on a regulated market begins, whichever occurs later, the Issuer shall prepare a supplement to this Prospectus or publish a replacement Prospectus for use in connection with any subsequent offering of the Securities and shall supply to the FMA and the stock exchange operating the Markets such number of copies of such supplement or replacement hereto as required by the relevant applicable legislation.

# **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Unless otherwise stated, statistical and other data provided in this Prospectus has been extracted from the audited financial statements of the Issuer for the financial year ended 31 December 2015 and the annual report thereon. The Issuer confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware, and is able to ascertain from information published by such sources, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.

# CONSENT TO USE PROSPECTUS

The Issuer consents that all credit institutions and investment firms pursuant to the Directive 2013/36/EU acting as financial intermediaries subsequently reselling or finally placing the Securities (together, the "Financial Intermediaries") are entitled to use this Prospectus in Austria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, and Slovenia and such other Member State of the European Economic Area whose competent authorities have been notified of the approval of this Prospectus for the subsequent resale or final placement of Securities to be issued under the Programme during the relevant offer period (as determined in the applicable Final Terms) during which subsequent resale or final placement of the relevant instruments can be made, provided however, that the Prospectus is still valid in accordance with section 6a of the KMG which implements the Prospectus Directive.

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information given in this Prospectus also with respect to such subsequent resale or final placement of the Securities.

The consent by the Issuer to the use of the Prospectus for subsequent resale or final placement of the Securities by the Financial Intermediaries has been given under the condition that (i) potential investors will be provided with the Prospectus, any supplement thereto and the relevant Final Terms and (ii) each of the Financial Intermediaries ensures that it will use the Prospectus, any supplement thereto and the relevant Final Terms in accordance with all applicable selling restrictions specified in this Prospectus and any applicable laws and regulations in the relevant jurisdiction.

In the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer can determine further conditions attached to its consent which are relevant for the use of this Prospectus.

In the event of an offer being made by a further financial intermediary the further financial intermediary shall provide information to investors on the terms and conditions of the offer at the time the offer is made.

Any further financial intermediary using the Prospectus shall state on its website that it uses the Prospectus in accordance with this consent and the conditions attached to this consent.

# **SELLING RESTRICTIONS**

The sale and/or distribution of Securities may be subject to restrictions in various jurisdictions. The Issuer may from time to time request the FMA to provide to competent authorities of Member States of the European Economic Area a notification concerning the approval of the Prospectus.

Each recipient of this Prospectus and each holder of Securities is required to comply with all relevant laws, regulations and directives in each jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Securities, or in which it has in its possession or distributes the Prospectus, any other offering material, or any Final Terms and the Issuer shall have no responsibility therefore.

# **EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AREA**

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a "Relevant Member State"), with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the "Relevant Implementation Date") the Issuer has not made and will not make an offer of Securities which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Prospectus as completed by the Final Terms in relation thereto to the public in that Relevant Member State except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of Securities to the public in that Relevant Member State:

(a) if the Final Terms in relation to the Securities specify that an offer of those Securities may be made other than pursuant to Article 3.2 of the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State (a "Non-Exempt Offer"), following the date of publication of a prospectus in relation to such Securities which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State, provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by the Final Terms contemplating such Non-Exempt Offer,

in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified in such prospectus or final terms, as applicable;

- (b) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive:
- at any time to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the PD Amending Directive, 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or
- (d) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3 (2) of the Prospectus Directive or pursuant to any applicable national law of any Relevant Member State,

provided that no such offer of Securities referred to in (b) to (d) above shall require the Issuer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an "offer of Securities to the public" in relation to any Securities in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Securities to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Securities, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State, the expression "Prospectus Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression "PD Amending Directive" means Directive 2010/73/EU.

#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Securities have not been registered in accordance with the Securities Act and shall at no time be permitted to be offered or sold within the United States for the account of or on behalf of U.S. persons as each are defined in Rule 902 (k) of Regulation S.

Any transaction in breach of this restriction may constitute a violation of the laws of the United States of America. The securities shall be offered on a continuous basis. Therefore, the offering or the sale of securities within the United States or to "U.S. persons" as each are defined in Rule 902 (k) of Regulation S by a dealer, irrespective of whether or not he or she participates in the offer, shall constitute at all times a violation of registration obligations pursuant to the Securities Act.

#### **UNITED KINGDOM**

The Securities issued under the Programme with a maturity of one year or longer are not permitted to be offered or sold to persons in the United Kingdom before the end of a period of six months running as of the issue date of such securities with the exception of persons whose regular occupation involves the acquisition, holding and administration or the disposal of investment assets for business purposes (in the function of business owner or agent) or excepting circumstances that do not and shall not result in a public offering in the United Kingdom in the meaning of the Public Offers of Securities Regulations 1995.

Securities issued under the Programme with a maturity of less than one year may only be acquired, held, administrated or sold by persons whose regular occupation involves the acquisition, ownership, administration or selling of investment assets for business purposes (in the function of business owner or agent) as well as offered exclusively to persons or sold to persons whose regular occupation involves the acquisition, ownership, administration or selling of investment assets for business purposes (in the function of business owner or agent) or who may reasonably be expected to acquire, hold, administrate or sell investment assets for business purposes (in the function of business owner or agent) unless the issuance of the securities under this Programme would constitute a violation of section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("FSMA") by the Issuer.

Any invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (in the meaning of section 21 of FSMA) made by the Issuer in connection with the issuance or the sale of Securities under this Programme, or

the forwarding of such invitation or inducement shall only be permitted in circumstances in which the provisions of section 21 (1) FSMA do not apply to the Issuer.

Any actions taken relating to the Securities being offered under this Programme shall comply with all applicable provisions of FSMA if they take place on the territory of the United Kingdom or are initiated there or relate to the U.K.

#### **SWITZERLAND**

No Securities issued under the Programme will be offered or sold to any investors in or from Switzerland other than on a non-public basis. This Base Prospectus does not constitute a prospectus within the meaning of Article 652a or Article 1156 of the Swiss Code of Obligations, and neither this offering nor the securities have been or will be approved by any Swiss regulatory authority.

# **SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAMME**

This summary is made up of disclosure requirements known as elements (the "Elements"). These Elements are numbered in sections A - E(A.1 - E.7). This summary contains all the Elements required to be included in a summary for this type of securities and the Issuer. As some Elements are not required to be addressed, there may be gaps in the numbering sequence of the Elements. Even though an Element may be required to be inserted in the summary because of the type of securities and the Issuer, it is possible that no relevant information can be given regarding the Element. In this case a short description of the Element is included in the summary with the specification of "Not applicable".

The Summary contains options, characterised by square brackets or typesetting in italics (other than the respective translations of specific legal terms), and placeholders regarding the Securities to be issued under the Programme. The summary of the individual issue of Securities will include the options relevant to this issue of Securities as determined by the applicable Final Terms and will contain the information, which had been left blank, as completed by the applicable Final Terms.

#### INTRODUCTION AND WARNINGS **A.**

#### **A.1** Warning

This summary (the "Summary") should be read as an introduction to this prospectus (the "Prospectus") prepared in connection with the Structured Securities Programme (the "Programme").

Any decision by an investor to invest in securities issued under the Prospectus (the "Securities") should be based on consideration of the Prospectus as a whole by the investor.

Where a claim relating to the information contained in the Prospectus is brought before a court, the plaintiff investor might, under the national legislation of the Member States of the European Economic Area, have to bear the costs of translating the Prospectus before the legal proceedings are initiated.

Civil liability attaches only to Raiffeisen Centrobank AG ("Raiffeisen Centrobank") Tegetthoffstraße 1, 1015 Vienna, Austria (in its capacity as issuer under the Programme, the "Issuer") who tabled the Summary including any translation thereof, but only if the Summary is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent when read together with the other parts of the Prospectus, or it does not provide, when read together with the other parts of the Prospectus, key information in order to aid investors when considering whether to invest in such Securities.

**A.2** person responsible to the use of the Prospectus final placement securities by intermediaries.

> Indication of the offer within which period subsequent resale or final financial consent use

Consent by the Issuer or The Issuer consents that all credit institutions and investment for firms pursuant to the Directive 2013/36/EU acting as financial drawing up the Prospectus intermediaries subsequently reselling or finally placing the Securities (together, the "Financial Intermediaries") are entitled for subsequent resale or to use this Prospectus for the subsequent resale or final placement of of Securities to be issued under the Programme during the financial relevant offer period (as determined in the applicable Final Terms) during which subsequent resale or final placement of the relevant Securities can be made, provided however, that the Prospectus is still valid in accordance with section 6a of the KMG which implements the Prospectus Directive.

placement of securities by The consent by the Issuer to the use of the Prospectus for intermediaries subsequent resale or final placement of the Securities by the can be made and for which Financial Intermediaries has been given under the condition that the (i) potential investors will be provided with the Prospectus, any supplement thereto and the relevant Final Terms and (ii) each of Prospectus is given.

other Any clear objective conditions attached to the consent which are relevant for the use of the Prospectus.

the Financial Intermediaries ensures that it will use the Prospectus, any supplement thereto and the relevant Final Terms in accordance with all applicable selling restrictions specified in this Prospectus and any applicable laws and regulations in the relevant jurisdiction.

In the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer can determine further conditions attached to its consent which are relevant for the use of this Prospectus.

a financial intermediary. this financial intermediary will provide information to investors on the terms and conditions of the offer at the time the offer is made.

Notice in bold informing In the event of an offer being made by a further financial investors that, in the event intermediary the further financial intermediary shall provide of an offer being made by information to investors on the terms and conditions of the offer at the time the offer is made.

prospectus has to state on its website that it uses the prospectus in accordance with the consent and the conditions attached thereto.

Notice in bold informing Any further financial intermediary using the Prospectus shall investors that any financial state on its website that it uses the Prospectus in accordance intermediary using the with this consent and the conditions attached to this consent.

#### В. THE ISSUER

**B.1** name of the Issuer:

The legal and commercial The legal name of the Issuer is "Raiffeisen Centrobank AG"; its commercial name is "Raiffeisen Centrobank" or "RCB". "Raiffeisen Centrobank Group" or "Group" refers to Raiffeisen Centrobank and its subsidiaries and affiliates taken as a whole.

**B.2** form of the Issuer, the legislation under which the Issuer operates and its country or incorporation:

The domicile and legal Raiffeisen Centrobank is a stock corporation (Aktiengesellschaft) organised and operating under Austrian law, registered with the companies register (Firmenbuch) at the Vienna Commercial Court (Handelsgericht Wien) under the registration number FN 117507f. Raiffeisen Centrobank's registered office is in Vienna, Republic of Austria. The registered office of Raiffeisen Centrobank is Tegetthoffstraße 1, 1015 Vienna, Austria.

**B.4b** Any known affecting the Issuer and the industries operates:

trends The Raiffeisen Centrobank Group may be adversely impacted by business and economic conditions, and difficult market conditions in which it have adversely affected the Raiffeisen Centrobank Group.

> Raiffeisen Centrobank and the Raiffeisen Centrobank Group are dependent on the economic environment in the markets where they operate.

> New governmental or regulatory requirements and changes in perceived levels of adequate capitalisation and leverage could subject Raiffeisen Centrobank Group to increased capital requirements or standards and require it to obtain additional capital or liquidity in the future.

**B.5** 

If the Issuer is part of a The Issuer is a specialised credit institution for equity trading and group, a description of the sales as well as for company research and an issuer of certificates group and the Issuer's and other structured securities within the Raiffeisen Group (i.e. position within the group:

RZB and its subsidiaries and affiliates taken as a whole) and operates in the local markets in Central and Eastern Europe. The Raiffeisen Group is a banking group with its origins in Austria which is active in the Central and Eastern European market. Apart from the Central and Eastern European markets, the Raiffeisen Group is also represented in a number of international financial marketplaces and in the emerging markets of Asia.

The parent company of the Raiffeisen Group is Raiffeisen-Landesbanken-Holding GmbH, Vienna, which is the majority shareholder of Raiffeisen Zentralbank Österreich AG ("RZB"). The latter is the majority shareholder of RBI. The Issuer is included in the consolidated financial statements of RBI and RBI is included in the consolidated financial statements of RZB. RZB is included in the consolidated financial statements of Raiffeisen Landesbanken-Holding GmbH.

**B.9** Where a profit forecast or estimate is made, state the figure:

Where a profit forecast or Not applicable; no profit forecast or estimate has been made.

**B.10** A description of the nature of any qualifications in the audit report on the historical financial information:

A description of the nature Not applicable; there are no qualifications.

**B.12** Selected historical key financial information:

	2015	2014
Key figures and ratios	in thousand EUR (rounded) or in percent	
Net profit on financial trading activities	51,739	45,690
Operating income	49,028	61,856
Operating expenses	(35,992)	(46,193)
Result on ordinary activities	12,284	12,364
Net profit for the year	6,911	8,598
Balance sheet total	2,524,919	2,713,373
Return-on-Equity before tax	11.8%	13.2%
Return-on-Equity after tax	6.6%	9.1%
Cost/income ratio	73.4%	74.7%
Bank-specific information		
Eligible own funds	101,729	87,740
Total risk-weighted assets	532,665	682,985
Own funds requirement (CET 1)	42,613	54,638

Source: Audited Financial Reports 2015 and 2014 and internal information from the Issuer

Statement with regard to no material adverse change in the prospects of the issuer since the date of its last published audited financial statements or a description of any material

Statement with regard to As of the date of this Prospectus, there has been no material no material adverse change adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer and its subsidiaries in the prospects of the since the date of the Audited Financial Statements 2015.

adverse change:

trading position subsequent since 31 December 2015. to the period covered by the historical financial information:

Description of significant Not applicable. There has been no significant change in the changes in the financial or financial position of the Issuer and its consolidated subsidiaries

Issuer which are to a Issuer's solvency. material extent relevant to the evaluation of the Issuer's solvency:

B.13 Description of any recent Not applicable; there are no recent events particular to the Issuer events particular to the that are to a material extent relevant to the evaluation of the

**B.14** Any other entities within the group:

dependency upon Not applicable; there are no such dependencies.

B.15 Α description Issuer's activities:

of the Raiffeisen Centrobank is a specialised credit institution for the principal equity business within the Raiffeisen Group and operates in the local markets in Central and Eastern Europe. Raiffeisen Centrobank offers a wide spectrum of services and products associated with stock, derivatives, and equity capital transactions, both, including and excluding the stock exchange. Raiffeisen Centrobank also offers individually tailored private banking services.

Issuer directly indirectly owned controlled and by whom and describe the nature of such control.

**B.16** To the extent known to the By 31 December 2015, Raiffeisen Centrobank's nominal share Issuer, state whether the capital amounted to EUR 47,598,850 divided into 655,000 nonor par value ordinary shares.

> The vast majority of 654,999 shares, equalling a stake of 99.9% of the shares in Raiffeisen Centrobank, are through RBI KI-Beteiligungs GmbH and its subsidiary RBI IB Beteiligungs GmbH, Vienna (indirectly) held by Raiffeisen Bank International AG ("**RBI**"). The remainder of 1 share (0.1%) is held by Lexxus Services Holding GmbH, Vienna, which is an indirect subsidiary of RBI. As a consequence Raiffeisen Centrobank is an indirect subsidiary of RBI. The shares in Raiffeisen Centrobank are not listed on any stock exchange.

an issuer or its debt credit ratings. securities at the request or with the cooperation of the issuer in the rating process:

B.17 Credit ratings assigned to Not applicable; neither the Issuer nor its debt securities has such

#### C. **SECURITIES**

[In case of new issues of Securities, insert:

C.1 being offered admitted including any security identification number:

Description of the type and The Securities are [Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1100)] the class of the securities [Winner Certificates (eusipa 1100)] [Capped Winner Guarantee and/or Certificates (eusipa 1120)] [Capped Winner Certificates (eusipa trading, 1120)] [Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1140)] [Protected Certificates (eusipa 1140)] [Step-Up Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Step-Up Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Step-Down Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Step-Down Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Express Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa

1199)] [Express Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Reverse Express Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Reverse Express Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Range Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Range Winner Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Stay-Above Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Stay-Above Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Capped Twin-Win Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Capped Twin-Win Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Bonus Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Bonus Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Discount Certificates (eusipa 1200)] [Reverse Convertibles (eusipa 1220)] [Protected Reverse Convertibles (eusipa 1230)] [Capped Bonus Certificates (eusipa 1250)] [Express Certificates (eusipa 1260)] [Capped Twin-Win Certificates (eusipa 1299)] [Capped Reverse Bonus Certificates (eusipa 1299)] [Inversion Certificates (eusipa 1299)] [Reverse Inversion Certificates (eusipa 1299)] [Index Certificates (eusipa 1300)] [Participation Certificates (eusipa 1300)] [Outperformance Certificates (eusipa 1310)] [Bonus Certificates (eusipa 1320)] [Twin-Win Certificates (eusipa 1340)] [Call Warrants (eusipa 2100)] [Put Warrants (eusipa 2100)] [Capped Call Warrants (eusipa 2110)] [Capped Put Warrants (eusipa 2110)] [Turbo Long Certificates (eusipa 2210)] [Turbo Short Certificates (eusipa 2210)] [Factor Certificates (eusipa 2300)] and carry the ISIN [•] [,][and] [the German Wertpapierkennnummer [●]] [the CFI code [●]] [insert any further applicable identification number].

The Securities will be represented by a permanent Global Note in bearer form.

[[The Non-par Value of the Securities is] [The Specified Denomination of the Securities is [Insert denomination/non-par value [[•] % of the Initial Reference Price [, converted into the Product Currency] [, expressed ("Quanto") in the Product Currency]].]

- **C.2** issue:
- **C.5** Description of transferability of securities:
- **C.8** attached to the securities including ranking and limitation to those rights:

Currency of the securities The Product Currency of the Securities is [Quanto] [•].

any The Securities are transferable in accordance with applicable laws restrictions on the free and regulations and the applicable general terms of the relevant the clearing systems.

#### Description of the rights Rights attached to the Securities

The Securities provide its respective holders, a claim for payment of [interest and] a redemption amount, as described in detail under

#### **Status of the Securities**

The Issuer's obligations under the Securities constitute unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer ranking equally among themselves and equally with all other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer, save for such obligations as may be preferred by mandatory provisions of law.

# **Limitations to the Rights**

[The Issuer has the right to call the Securities for early redemption.]

The Issuer is entitled to terminate the Securities and/or to adjust the Terms and Conditions of the Securities in certain cases, for example market disruptions, potential adjustment events (including extraordinary dividends of an underlying share) and/or extraordinary redemption events (including hedging disruption).

C.11 Indication as to whether [The Issuer intends to apply for trading for the Securities on [the the securities offered are or Second Regulated Market of the Vienna Stock Exchange] [the question:

will be the object of an Regulated Unofficial Market (EUWAX) of the Stuttgart Stock application for admission Exchange] [the Regulated Unofficial Market (SCOACH) of the to trading, with a view to Frankfurt Stock Exchange [and] [the regulated market(s) in] their distribution in a [Croatia] [and] [the Czech Republic] [and] [Hungary] [and] [Italy] regulated market or other [and] [Poland] [and] [Romania] [and] [the Slovak Republic] [and] equivalent markets with [Slovenia] [and, if the Issuer so decides, on a further regulated indication of the markets in market in the EU member states of Austria, Germany, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia.]]

> [If the Issuer so decides, it may apply for trading of the Securities on a regulated market in the EU member states of Austria, Germany, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia.]

> [Not applicable; the Issuer will not apply for trading for the Securities on any regulated market or other equivalent market.]

underlying instrument(s), unless the securities have a denomination of at least EUR 100 000.

C.15 A description of how the The value of the Securities is affected by the value of the value of the investment is Underlying as [the interest] [and] [the redemption amount] of the affected by the value of the Security is dependent on the Underlying as follows:

#### [Interest

Interest Amount. The "Interest Amount" in respect of each [Specified Denomination] [Non-par Value] and each Interest Period is an amount calculated as follows (and which shall always be equal to or greater than zero and, in the event that such amount will be less than zero, shall be deemed to be zero):

[Specified Denomination] [Non-par Value] x Interest Rate x **Day Count Fraction** 

Certain specifications regarding Interest

[Interest Initial Reference Price: [•] [Initial Reference Price] [insert same information as specified below for "Initial Reference Price"]]

[Interest Initial Valuation Date: [Initial Valuation Date] [(a) until the first Interest Final Valuation Date has occurred, the Initial Valuation Date, and thereafter (b) the immediate preceding Interest Final Valuation Date.]]

[Day Count Fraction: [Actual/Actual (ICMA)] [30/360] [30E/360] [Eurobond Basis] [Actual/365] [Actual/Actual (ISDA)] [Actual/365 (Fixed)] [Actual/360] [Period Independent] ]

[The Variable Interest Rate shall be divided by the Initial Exchange Rate and converted from [insert Underlying Currency] to [insert Product Currency].]

[Initial Exchange Rate: [insert exchange rate]]

[Interest Period No.	Interest Payment Date	Interest Rate [per annum]
[1.]	[•]	[•]
[2.]	[•]	[•]
[3.]	[•]	[•]

[Continue table as appropriate.]]

			_	
[Interest	Interest Final	Interest	Base	[Insert
Period No.	Valuation Date	Payment	Interest	additional
		Date	Rate [per	columns for
			annum]	any interest

[1.]	[•]	[•]	[•]	related item
[2.]	[•]	[•]	[•]	specified below, whose value is
[3.]	[•]	[•]	[•]	dependent on the Interest Period and remove the respective item below][*)]

[Continue table as appropriate.]

[\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Interest Initial Reference Price.] ]

[Interest Final Valuation Date: •]

[Interest Payment Date: •]

[Base Interest Rate: • [per annum]]
[Interest Rate: • [per annum]]

[Digital Interest Rate: [insert rate] % [; might be increased to [insert rate] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]]

[Interest Barrier: [•] [[insert percentage] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be [increased/reduced] to [insert percentage] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]]

[Interest Lower Barrier: [•] [[insert percentage] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be [increased/reduced] to [insert percentage] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]]

[Interest Upper Barrier: [•] [[insert percentage] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be [increased/reduced] to [insert percentage] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]]

[Interest Barrier Observation Period: [insert period]]

[Interest Barrier Reference Price: •]

[Interest Participation: •]

[Interest Strike: ●]

[Interest Cap Level: ●]

[Interest Floor Level: ●]

[Interest Positive Participation: ●]

[Interest Negative Participation: •]

[Fallback Interest Rate: •]

[Interest Performance Valuation Dates: •]

[Interest Performance Reference Price: •]

[Interest Performance Cap: ●]

[Interest Performance Floor: •]

[Variable Interest Rate Cap: •]

[Variable Interest Rate Floor: ●]

[Interest Ladder Level [*)]	Interest Ladder Rate
[Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert	[Insert rate] % [; might be
Interest Ladder Level] [•]% [; might be	increased to [insert number] %
reduced to [insert number] % by the Issuer	by the Issuer on the Initial
on the Initial Valuation Date.]	Valuation Date.]

[Continue table as appropriate.]

[\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Interest Initial Reference Price.]]

[Interest Lower Barrier [*)]	Interest Upper Barrier [*)]	Interest Pyramid Rate
[Insert Underlying	[Insert Underlying	[Insert rate] % [; might
	Currency] [Insert	
Interest Lower Barrier]	Interest Upper Barrier]	number] % by the Issuer
[•]% [; might be reduced	[•]% [; might be	on the Initial Valuation
	increased to [insert	

the Issuer on the Initial	number] % by the Issuer	
Valuation Date.]	on the Initial Valuation	
	Date.]	

[Continue table as appropriate.]

[\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Interest Initial Reference Price.]]

## [Interest Distribution Amount: [insert amount]]

["Interest Rate" means the sum of (i) the Base Interest Rate plus (ii) the Variable Interest Rate.]

[Whereby the Interest Rate for the relevant Interest Period is at least the highest Interest Rate which has been determined by the Calculation Agent for any previous Interest Period for the relevant Securities.]

[Whereby if the Variable Interest Rate of the immediately preceding Interest Period, if any, was not equal to the respective Digital Interest Rate, all Digital Interest Rates are summed up starting from the immediately preceding Interest Period back to such Interest Period, which is the later of (i) the first Interest Period or (ii) an Interest Period for which the Variable Interest Rate of the immediately preceding Interest Period was equal to the respective Digital Interest Rate. The resulting rate is then added to the Interest Rate.]

#### [In case of <u>Barrier Digital Interest</u>, insert:

The "Variable Interest Rate" shall be the Digital Interest Rate [if an Interest Barrier Event has occurred] [if no Interest Barrier Event has occurred]. In any other case the Variable Interest Rate shall be zero.

An "Interest Barrier Event" has occurred if during the respective Interest Barrier Observation Period any Interest Barrier Reference Price was [less than or equal to] [greater than or equal to] the respective Interest Barrier.]

#### [In case of Range Digital Interest, insert:

The "Variable Interest Rate" shall be the Digital Interest Rate [if an Interest Barrier Event has occurred] [if no Interest Barrier Event has occurred]. In any other case the Variable Interest Rate shall be zero.

An "Interest Barrier Event" has occurred if during the respective Interest Barrier Observation Period any Interest Barrier Reference Price was (i) less than or equal to the Interest Lower Barrier, or (ii) greater than or equal to the Interest Upper Barrier each as set out above.]

# [In case of <u>Reference Rate Interest</u>, insert:

The "Variable Interest Rate" shall be the Interest Final Reference Price multiplied by the Interest Participation.]

[In case of <u>Capped Reference Rate Performance Interest</u>, insert: "Variable Interest Rate" means an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) If the Interest Final Reference Price is less than or equal to the Interest Strike, the Variable Interest Rate shall be zero.
- (b) Otherwise the Variable Interest Rate shall be the difference between (i) either the Interest Cap Level or the Interest Final Reference Price, whichever is less, and (ii) the Interest Strike,

subsequently multiplied by the Interest Participation.]

# [In case of <u>Capped Reference Rate Reverse Performance</u> Interest, insert:

"Variable Interest Rate" means an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) If the Interest Final Reference Price is greater than or equal to the Interest Strike, the Variable Interest Rate shall be zero.
- (b) Otherwise the Variable Interest Rate shall be the difference between (i) the Interest Strike, and (ii) either the Interest Floor Level or the Interest Final Reference Price, whichever is greater, subsequently multiplied by the Interest Participation.]

[In case of <u>Barrier Reference Rate Performance Interest</u>, insert: "Variable Interest Rate" means an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) If [an] [no] Interest Barrier Event has occurred, the Variable Interest Rate shall be the Fallback Interest Rate.
- (b) Otherwise if the Interest Final Reference Price is less than or equal to the Interest Strike, the Variable Interest Rate shall be zero.
- (c) In any other case the Variable Interest Rate shall be the difference between (i) the Interest Final Reference Price and (ii) the Interest Strike, subsequently multiplied by the Interest Participation.

An "Interest Barrier Event" has occurred if during the respective Interest Barrier Observation Period any Interest Barrier Reference Price was [less than or equal to] [greater than or equal to] the respective Interest Barrier.]

#### [In case of <u>Performance Interest</u>, insert:

"Variable Interest Rate" means an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) If the Interest Final Reference Price is less than or equal to the Interest Strike, the Variable Interest Rate shall be zero.
- (b) Otherwise the Variable Interest Rate shall be the difference between (i) the Interest Final Reference Price and (ii) the Interest Strike, subsequently divided by the Interest Initial Reference Price and multiplied by the Interest Participation.]

#### [In case of Capped Performance Interest, insert:

"Variable Interest Rate" means an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) If the Interest Final Reference Price is less than or equal to the Interest Strike, the Variable Interest Rate shall be zero.
- (b) Otherwise the Variable Interest Rate shall be the difference between (i) either the Interest Cap Level or the Interest Final Reference Price, whichever is less, and (ii) the Interest Strike, subsequently divided by the Interest Initial Reference Price and multiplied by the Interest Participation.]

# [In case of <u>Capped Absolute Performance Interest</u>, insert:

The "Variable Interest Rate" shall be the greater of (i) the Interest Positive Performance and (ii) the Interest Negative

Performance.

Whereby:

"Interest Positive Performance" means an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) If the Interest Final Reference Price is less than or equal to the Interest Strike, the Interest Positive Performance shall be zero.
- (b) Otherwise the Interest Positive Performance shall be the difference between (i) either Interest Cap Level or Interest Final Reference Price, whichever is less, and (ii) the Interest Strike, subsequently divided by the Interest Initial Reference Price and multiplied by the Interest Positive Participation.

"Interest Negative Performance" means an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) If the Interest Final Reference Price is greater than or equal to the Interest Strike, the Interest Negative Performance shall be zero.
- (b) Otherwise the Interest Negative Performance shall be the difference between (i) the Interest Strike and (ii) either Interest Floor Level or Interest Final Reference Price, whichever is greater, subsequently divided by the Interest Initial Reference Price and multiplied by the Interest Negative Participation.]

#### [In case of Barrier Performance Interest, insert:

"Variable Interest Rate" means an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) If [an] [no] Interest Barrier Event has occurred, the Variable Interest Rate shall be the Fallback Interest Rate.
- (b) Otherwise if the Interest Final Reference Price is less than or equal to the Interest Strike, the Variable Interest Rate shall be zero.
- (c) In any other case the Variable Interest Rate shall be the difference between (i) the Interest Final Reference Price and (ii) the Interest Strike, subsequently divided by the Interest Initial Reference Price and multiplied by the Interest Participation.

An "Interest Barrier Event" has occurred if during the respective Interest Barrier Observation Period any Interest Barrier Reference Price was [less than or equal to] [greater than or equal to] the respective Interest Barrier.]

# [In case of <u>Capped Barrier Performance Interest</u>, insert:

"Variable Interest Rate" means an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) If [an] [no] Interest Barrier Event has occurred, the Variable Interest Rate shall be the Fallback Interest Rate.
- (b) Otherwise if the Interest Final Reference Price is less than or equal to the Interest Strike, the Variable Interest Rate shall be zero.
- (c) In any other case the Variable Interest Rate shall be the difference between (i) either Interest Cap Level or Interest

Final Reference Price, whichever is less, and (ii) the Interest Strike, subsequently divided by the Interest Initial Reference Price and multiplied by the Interest Participation.

An "Interest Barrier Event" has occurred if during the respective Interest Barrier Observation Period any Interest Barrier Reference Price was [less than or equal to] [greater than or equal to] the respective Interest Barrier.]

#### [In case of Cliquet Interest, insert:

The "Variable Interest Rate" shall be the Interest Participation multiplied by the sum of all Interest Performances of the relevant Interest Period. If the Variable Interest Rate is greater than the Variable Interest Rate Cap, it shall be deemed to be the Variable Interest Rate Cap. If the Variable Interest Rate is less than the Variable Interest Rate Floor, it shall be deemed to be the Variable Interest Rate Floor.

#### Whereby:

The "Interest Performance" shall be the Interest Performance Reference Price on any Interest Performance Valuation Date, except the first, divided by the Interest Performance Reference Price on the immediately preceding Interest Performance Valuation Date and subsequently reduced by one. If the Interest Performance is greater than the Interest Performance Cap, it shall be deemed to be the Interest Performance Floor, it shall be deemed to be the Interest Performance Floor, it shall be deemed to be the Interest Performance Floor.]

### [In case of <u>Ladder Interest</u>, insert:

The "Variable Interest Rate" shall be the greatest Interest Ladder Rate for which the associated Interest Ladder Level is less than or equal to the Interest Final Reference Price. If no Interest Ladder Level is less than or equal to the Interest Final Reference Price, the Variable Interest Rate shall be zero.]

#### [In case of <u>Accumulated Distribution Interest</u>, insert:

The "Variable Interest Rate" shall be the sum of all Interest Distribution Amounts, if necessary converted into the Underlying Currency, whose ex-day is within the respective Interest Observation Period, divided by the Interest Initial Reference Price 1

### [In case of Range Accrual Interest, insert:

The "Variable Interest Rate" shall be the Digital Interest Rate multiplied by the number of Range Accrual Days and divided by the number of Range Observation Days, both within the respective Interest Barrier Observation Period.

#### Whereby:

"Range Observation Day" means [any calendar day] [any Underlying Business Day] [insert days]. If such day is not an Underlying Business Day, the relevant day for the determination of any Reference Price for such day shall be the immediately preceding Underlying Business Day.

"Range Accrual Day" means any Range Observation Day on which [no][an] Interest Barrier Event has occurred.

An "Interest Barrier Event" has occurred if any Interest Barrier Reference Price was (i) less than or equal to the Interest Lower

Barrier, or (ii) greater than or equal to the Interest Upper Barrier.]

#### [In case of Pyramid Interest, insert:

The "Variable Interest Rate" shall be the greatest Interest Pyramid Rate for which during the respective Interest Barrier Observation Period every Interest Barrier Reference Price was greater than the respective Interest Lower Barrier and less than the respective Interest Upper Barrier. If no Interest Pyramid Rate is specified for which during the respective Interest Barrier Observation Period every Interest Barrier Reference Price was greater than the respective Interest Lower Barrier and less than the respective Interest Upper Barrier, the Variable Interest Rate shall be the Fallback Interest Rate.]

#### **End of Interest Provisions**]

## Redemption

Each Security entitles each relevant Securityholder to receive from the Issuer [in respect of each Specified Denomination] [per unit] [in case the Physical Settlement Condition is not fulfilled,] [payment of the Redemption Amount (which shall always be equal to or greater than zero and, in the event that such amount will be less than zero, shall be deemed to be zero)] [and] [in case the Physical Settlement Condition is fulfilled] [delivery of an amount of Reference Assets equal to the Reference Asset Quantity] [delivery of an amount of Reference Assets equal to the Strike against delivery of an amount of Reference Assets equal to the Reference Asset Quantity].

[The "Physical Settlement Condition" is fulfilled if [a Barrier Event has occurred] [and] [the Final Reference Price is] [greater than the Strike] [and] [less than the Cap] [less than the Strike] [greater than the Floor].]

The obligation described above falls due on [insert Maturity Date] [the Maturity Date], provided that if the Final Valuation Date is moved forwards or backwards pursuant to the Terms and Conditions (e.g. by reason of the exercise of an Exercisable Security or of adjustments due to a Market Disruption Event, if any), the Maturity Date shall be moved to the next Business Day following a period of time which is equal to the period of time by which the Final Valuation Date was moved, when the Security is duly exercised or redeemed in each case subject to market disruption provisions.

#### [Reference Asset

Reference Asset: [•] [the Underlying] [the Underlying Currency] [the Base Currency of the Underlying] [the Basket Component, for which the product of (i) [its Closing Price][its Settlement Price][its Fixing Rate][its Settlement Rate] on the Final Valuation Date [converted into the Underlying Currency][expressed ("Quanto") in the Underlying Currency] and (ii) its Component Quantity is the [least][greatest], whereby provided that such product is the [least][greatest] for more than one Basket Component, the Reference Asset shall be the Basket Component, for which (a) such product is the [least][greatest] and (b) the liquidity as determined by the Calculation Agent is the highest]. Reference Asset Quantity: [Insert number] [[[Insert number] % of the Issue Price] [[Insert number] % of the Non-par value] [[Insert number] % of the Reference Asset, which is in effect on the

Final Valuation Date of the Security, and] [multiplied by the Component Quantity of the Reference Asset, and] [divided by the Strike] [divided by the Initial Reference Price]] [, the latter being converted into the Product Currency.] [, the latter being expressed ("Quanto") in the Product Currency.] [The resulting value will be rounded to [•] digits after the comma.] [The Multiplier][The Multiplier of the Security divided by the Multiplier of the Reference Asset, which is in effect on the Final Valuation Date of the Security] [The Multiplier multiplied by the Component Quantity of the Reference Asset] [The Component Quantity of the Reference Asset]

#### [Redemption Amount

Certain specifications regarding the Redemption Amount

Initial Reference Price: [•] [The [Closing Price] [Settlement Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement Rate] of the Underlying [on [insert date]] [on the Interest Initial Valuation Date] [on the Initial Valuation Date] [on the Interest Final Valuation Date] [on the Final Valuation Date]. [The [lowest][highest][average (i.e. the arithmetic mean)] of all Closing Prices of the Underlying on the following dates: [insert dates]] [The [lowest][highest][average (i.e. the arithmetic mean)] of all Settlement Prices of the Underlying on the following dates: [insert dates]] [The [lowest] [average (i.e. the arithmetic mean)] of all Fixing Rates of the Underlying on the following dates: [insert dates]] [The [lowest] [highest] [average (i.e. the arithmetic mean)] of all Settlement Rates of the Underlying on the following dates: [insert dates]]

Initial Valuation Date: [insert date]

[Protection Amount: [[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified Denomination] [; might be increased to [[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified Denomination] by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date] ]

[Minimum Redemption Amount: [[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified Denomination] [; might be increased to [[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified Denomination] by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date] ]

[Maximum Redemption Amount: [[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified Denomination] [; might be increased to [[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified Denomination] by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date] ]

[Strike: [insert percentage] of the Initial Reference Price [; might be increased to [insert percentage] of the Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date] [; might be reduced to [insert percentage] of the Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date] [•]]

[Multiplier: [Insert number] [[[Insert number] % of the Issue Price] [[Insert number] % of the Non-par value] [divided by the Strike] [divided by the Initial Reference Price]] [, the latter being converted into the Product Currency.] [, the latter being expressed ("Quanto") in the Product Currency.] [The resulting value will be rounded to [•] digits after the comma.] [The Multiplier is subject to Issuer Fee related adjustments.]]

[Participation: •]

[Cap: •] [Floor: •] [Barrier: •] [Barrier Observation Period: ●]

[Barrier Reference Price: •]

[Bonus Level: ●] [Bonus Amount: ●]

[Step-[Up] [Down] Level [*)]	Step-[Up] [Down] Redemption
	Amount [**)]
[Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert	[Insert Product Currency] [Insert
level] [%] [; might be	amount] [%] [; might be increased to
reduced/increased to [insert number]	[insert Product Currency] [insert
% by the Issuer on the Initial	amount] [%] by the Issuer on the Initial
Valuation Date.]	Valuation Date.]
[•]	[•]

#### [Continue table as appropriate.]

- [\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Initial Reference Price.]
- [\*\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Specified Denomination.]
- [\*\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Non-par Value.]]

[Range Lower Level [*)]	Range Upper Level [*)]	Range Participation
[Insert Underlying	[Insert Underlying	[insert number] % [;
Currency] [Insert level	Currency] [Insert level]	might be increased to
[%] [; might be reduced	[%] [; might be increased	[insert number] % by the
to [insert number] % by	to [insert number] % by	Issuer on the Initial
the Issuer on the Initia	the Issuer on the Initial	Valuation Date.]
Valuation Date.]	Valuation Date.]	
[•]	[•]	[•]

# [Continue table as appropriate.]

[\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Initial Reference Price.]]

[Number of Basket Components	Stay-Above Redemption Amount [*)]	
[insert number]	[Insert Product Currency] [Insert amount] [%] [; might be increased to [insert Product Currency] [insert amount] [%] by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]	
[•]	[•]	

#### [Continue table as appropriate.]

[\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Specified Denomination.]]

[Barrier [*)]	Bonus Amount [**)]
[Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert	[Insert Product Currency] [Insert
level] [%] [; might be	amount] [%] [; might be increased to
reduced/increased to [insert number]	[insert Product Currency] [insert
% by the Issuer on the Initial	amount] [%] by the Issuer on the Initial
Valuation Date.]	Valuation Date.]
[•]	[•]

# [Continue table as appropriate.]

- [\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Initial Reference Price.]
- [\*\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Specified Denomination.]
- [\*\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Non-par Value.]]

[Express Valuation Date	Express Valuation Level [*)]	Express Redemption Date	Express Redemption Level [*)]
[Insert date]	Currency] [Insert Express Valuation	[Insert date]	[Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Express Redemption
	Level [%] [; might be reduced to [insert number] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation		Level] [%] [; might be increased to [insert number] % by the Issuer on the Initial
[•]	Date.]	[•]	Valuation Date.]  [●]

#### [Continue table as appropriate.]

[\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Initial Reference Price.]]

[Express Valuation Date	Express Valuation Level [*)]	Express Redemption Date	Express Redemption Amount [**)]
[Insert date]	[Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Express Valuation Level] [%] [; might be reduced to [insert number] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]	[Insert date]	[Insert Product Currency] [Insert Express Redemption Amount] [%] [; might be increased to [insert number] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]
[•]	[•]	[•]	[•]

[Continue table as appropriate.]

- [\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Initial Reference Price.]
- [\*\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Specified Denomination.]
- [\*\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Non-par Value.]]

[Express Reference Price: •]

[Security Level: •] [Reverse Level: •]

[Distribution Amount: [insert amount]]

[Financing Rate: [insert rate]]

[Financing Rate Margin: [•] % at the Issue Date. The Issuer reserves the right to change the Financing Rate Margin within the range of 0% to twice the value at the Issue Date after giving notice to the Securityholder.]

[Leverage Factor: •]

[In case of Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1100) or Winner Certificates (eusipa 1100), insert:

The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be the sum of the Protection Amount and the Participation Amount.

Whereby:

The "**Participation Amount**" shall be the Participation multiplied by:

- (a) zero if the Final Reference Price is less than the Strike; otherwise
- (b) the difference between (i) the Final Reference Price and (ii) the Strike.

The resulting Participation Amount shall be [[divided by the Initial Reference Price] [,] [expressed ("Quanto") in the Product Currency] [, divided by the Initial Exchange Rate] [converted from the original currency to the Product Currency] [and] multiplied by the Specified Denomination.] [The resulting Participation Amount shall be [converted to the Product Currency and] [expressed ("Quanto") in the Product Currency and] multiplied by the Multiplier.]]

# [In case of <u>Capped Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1120)</u> or <u>Capped Winner Certificates (eusipa 1120)</u>, insert:

The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be the sum of the Protection Amount and the Participation Amount.

Whereby:

The "**Participation Amount**" shall be the Participation multiplied by:

(a) zero if the Final Reference Price is less than the Strike;

otherwise

(b) the difference between (i) either the Final Reference Price or the Cap, whichever is less, and (ii) the Strike.

The resulting Participation Amount shall be [insert the relevant adjustment rules as specified above]]

[In case of <u>Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1140)</u> or <u>Protected Certificates (eusipa 1140)</u>, insert:

The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be the Protection Amount.]

[In case of <u>Step-Up Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Step-Up Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u>, insert:

The "Redemption Amount" shall be the greater of (i) the Protection Amount or (ii) the greatest Step-Up Redemption Amount for which the associated Step-Up Level is less than or equal to the Final Reference Price. If no Step-Up Level is less than or equal to the Final Reference Price, the Redemption Amount shall be the Protection Amount.]

[In case of <u>Step-Down Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Step-Down Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u>, insert:

The "Redemption Amount" shall be the greater of (i) the Protection Amount or (ii) the greatest Step-Down Redemption Amount for which the associated Step-Down Level is greater than or equal to the Final Reference Price. If no Step-Down Level is greater than or equal to the Final Reference Price, the Redemption Amount shall be the Protection Amount.]

[In case of <u>Express Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Express Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u>, insert:

The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be the Protection Amount.

Whereby:

An "Express Event", which is a "Product Specific Termination Event", has occurred if the Express Reference Price on an Express Valuation Date was greater than or equal to the respective Express Valuation Level. In such an event the relevant Product Specific Termination Amount (the "Product Specific Termination Amount") shall be the respective Express Redemption Amount and the Product Specific Termination Date (the "Product Specific Termination Date Termination Date.]

[In case of <u>Reverse Express Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Reverse Express Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u>, insert: The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be the Protection Amount.

Wherehy

An "Express Event", which is a "Product Specific Termination Event", has occurred if the Express Reference Price on an Express Valuation Date was less than or equal to the respective Express Valuation Level. In such an event the relevant Product Specific Termination Amount (the "Product Specific Termination Amount") shall be the respective Express Redemption Amount and the Product Specific Termination Date (the "Product Specific Termination Date Termination Date.]

[In case of <u>Range Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Range Winner Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u>, insert:

The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be the sum of the Protection Amount and the Participation Amount.

#### Whereby:

The "Participation Amount" shall be the sum of all Range Participation Amounts, for which the respective Range Lower Level is less than the Final Reference Price. The resulting Participation Amount shall be [insert the relevant adjustment rules as specified above].

The "Range Participation Amount" for each Range Lower Level shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) If the Final Reference Price is equal to or less than the respective Range Lower Level, the Range Participation Amount shall be zero; or
- (b) if the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the respective Range Upper Level, the Range Participation Amount shall be the respective Range Participation multiplied by the difference of (i) the respective Range Upper Level and (ii) the respective Range Lower Level;
- (c) in any other case the Range Participation Amount shall be the respective Range Participation multiplied by the difference of (i) the Final Reference Price and (ii) the respective Range Lower Level.]

# [In case of <u>Stay-Above Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or Stay-Above Certificates (eusipa 1199), insert:

The "Redemption Amount" shall be the greater of (i) the Protection Amount or (ii) the Stay-Above Redemption Amount, which is associated with the number of Basket Components present within the Basket after the determination of the Final Reference Price. If no Stay-Above Redemption Amount is specified for the actual number of Basket Components, the Redemption Amount shall be the Protection Amount.

A "Barrier Event" has occurred if any Barrier Reference Price during the Barrier Observation Period was less than or equal to the Barrier.]

# [In case of <u>Capped Twin-Win Safe Guarantee Certificates</u> (eusipa 1199) or <u>Capped Twin-Win Safe Certificates</u> (eusipa 1199), insert:

The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be the sum of the Protection Amount and the Participation Amount.

#### Whereby

The "**Participation Amount**" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) if the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Cap, the Participation Amount shall be the difference between (i) the Cap and (ii) the Strike; otherwise
- (b) if the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Strike, the Participation Amount shall be the difference between (i) the Final Reference Price and (ii) the Strike; otherwise
- (c) if no Barrier Event has occurred, the Participation Amount

shall be the difference between (i) the Strike and (ii) the Final Reference Price; otherwise

(d) the Participation Amount shall be zero.

The resulting Participation Amount shall be [insert the relevant adjustment rules as specified above]

A "Barrier Event" has occurred if any Barrier Reference Price during the Barrier Observation Period was less than or equal to the Barrier.]

# [In case of <u>Bonus Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Bonus Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u>, insert:

[If no Barrier Event has occurred, the "Redemption Amount" shall be the Bonus Amount; otherwise, it shall be the Protection Amount.]

[The "Redemption Amount" shall be the greater of (i) the Protection Amount or (ii) the greatest Bonus Amount for which no Barrier Event has occurred for the relevant Barrier. If for all Bonus Amounts a Barrier Event has occurred for the relevant Barrier, the Redemption Amount shall be the Protection Amount.]

A "Barrier Event" for a specific Barrier has occurred if any Barrier Reference Price during the Barrier Observation Period was less than or equal to such Barrier.]

# [In case of <u>Discount Certificates (eusipa 1200)</u>, insert:

The "Redemption Amount" shall be the lesser of (i) the Cap or (ii) the Final Reference Price. The resulting amount shall be [insert the relevant adjustment rules as specified above]]

#### [In case of Reverse Convertibles (eusipa 1220), insert:

The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) If the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Strike, the Redemption Amount shall be the [Specified Denomination][Non-par Value];
- (b) Otherwise the Redemption Amount shall be the [Specified Denomination][Non-par Value] multiplied by the Final Reference Price and divided by the Strike.]

[In case of <u>Protected Reverse Convertibles</u> (eusipa 1230), insert: The "Redemption Amount" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) If the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Strike or no Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the [Specified Denomination][Non-par Value]; and
- (b) Otherwise the Redemption Amount shall be the [Specified Denomination][Non-par Value] multiplied by the Final Reference Price and divided by the Strike.

A "Barrier Event" has occurred if any Barrier Reference Price during the Barrier Observation Period was less than or equal to the Barrier.]

[In case of <u>Capped Bonus Certificates (eusipa 1250)</u>, insert: The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) if the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Cap, the Redemption Amount shall be the Cap; otherwise
- (b) if no Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the greater of (i) the Final Reference Price or (ii) the Bonus Level; or
- (c) if a Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the Final Reference Price.

The resulting amount shall be [insert the relevant adjustment rules as specified above]

A "Barrier Event" has occurred if any Barrier Reference Price during the Barrier Observation Period was less than or equal to the Barrier.1

# [In case of Express Certificates (eusipa 1260), insert:

The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) If no Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the greater of (i) the Final Reference Price or (ii) the Security Level.
- (b) Otherwise the Redemption Amount shall be the Final Reference Price.

The resulting amount shall be [insert the relevant adjustment rules as specified above]

Whereby:

An "Express Event", which is a "Product Specific Termination Event", has occurred if the Express Reference Price on an Express Valuation Date was greater than or equal to the respective Express Valuation Level. In such an event the relevant Product Specific Termination Amount (the "Product Specific Termination Amount") shall be the respective Express Redemption Level and the Product Specific Termination Date (the "Product Specific Termination Date The resulting Product Specific Termination Date. The resulting Product Specific Termination Amount shall be [insert the relevant adjustment rules as specified above].

A "Barrier Event" has occurred if any Barrier Reference Price during the Barrier Observation Period was less than or equal to the Barrier.]

[In case of <u>Capped Twin-Win Certificates</u> (<u>eusipa 1299</u>), insert: The "Redemption Amount" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) if the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Cap, the Redemption Amount shall be the Cap; otherwise
- (b) if the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Strike, the Redemption Amount shall be the Final Reference Price; otherwise
- (c) if no Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the difference between (i) twice the Strike and (ii) the Final Reference Price; or
- (d) if a Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the Final Reference Price.

The resulting amount shall be [insert the relevant adjustment rules as specified above]

A "Barrier Event" has occurred if any Barrier Reference Price during the Barrier Observation Period was less than or equal to the Barrier.]

# [In case of <u>Capped Reverse Bonus Certificates (eusipa 1299)</u>, insert:

The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) if the Final Reference Price is less than the Cap, the Redemption Amount shall be the difference between (i) the Reverse Level and (ii) the Cap; or
- (b) if the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Reverse Level, the Redemption Amount shall be zero; otherwise
- (c) if a Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the difference between (i) the Reverse Level and (ii) the Final Reference Price; or
- (d) if no Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the difference between (i) the Reverse Level and (ii) either the Final Reference Price or the Bonus Level, whichever is less.

The resulting amount shall be [insert the relevant adjustment rules as specified above]

A "Barrier Event" has occurred if any Barrier Reference Price during the Barrier Observation Period was greater than or equal to the Barrier.

# [In case of <u>Inversion Certificates (eusipa 1299)</u>, insert:

The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) If the Final Reference Price is equal to or less than the Strike, the Redemption Amount shall be the [Specified Denomination][Non-par Value];
- (b) Otherwise the Redemption Amount shall be the greater of (i) the Minimum Redemption Amount or (ii) the [Specified Denomination][Non-par Value] multiplied by the Strike and divided by the Final Reference Price.]

[In case of <u>Reverse Inversion Certificates (eusipa 1299)</u>, insert: The "Redemption Amount" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) If the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Strike, the Redemption Amount shall be the [Specified Denomination][Non-par Value];
- (b) Otherwise the Redemption Amount shall be the lesser of (i) the Maximum Redemption Amount or (ii) the [Specified Denomination][Non-par Value] multiplied by the Strike and divided by the Final Reference Price.]

[In case of <u>Index Certificates (eusipa 1300)</u> or <u>Participation</u> <u>Certificates (eusipa 1300)</u>, insert:

The "Redemption Amount" shall be the Final Reference Price. The resulting amount shall be [insert the relevant adjustment

#### rules as specified above]]

[In case of <u>Outperformance Certificates (eusipa 1310)</u>, insert: The "Redemption Amount" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) If the Final Reference Price is equal to or less than the Strike, the Redemption Amount shall be the Final Reference Price.
- (b) Otherwise the Redemption Amount shall be the sum of (i) the Participation multiplied by the difference between (a) the Final Reference Price and (b) the Strike, and (ii) the Strike.

The resulting amount shall be [insert the relevant adjustment rules as specified above].]

#### [In case of Bonus Certificates (eusipa 1320), insert:

The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) If no Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the greater of (i) the Final Reference Price or (ii) the Bonus Level.
- (b) Otherwise the Redemption Amount shall be the Final Reference Price.

The resulting amount shall be [insert the relevant adjustment rules as specified above]

A "Barrier Event" has occurred if any Barrier Reference Price during the Barrier Observation Period was less than or equal to the Barrier.]

#### [In case of Twin-Win Certificates (eusipa 1340), insert:

The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) if the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Strike, the Redemption Amount shall be the Final Reference Price; otherwise
- (b) if no Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the difference between (i) twice the Strike and (ii) the Final Reference Price; or
- (c) if a Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the Final Reference Price.

The resulting amount shall be [insert the relevant adjustment rules as specified above]

A "Barrier Event" has occurred if any Barrier Reference Price during the Barrier Observation Period was less than or equal to the Barrier.]

#### [In case of <u>Call Warrants (eusipa 2100)</u>, insert:

The "Redemption Amount" shall be the greater of (i) zero or (ii) the difference between (a) the Final Reference Price and (b) the Strike. The resulting amount shall be [insert the relevant adjustment rules as specified above].]

#### [In case of Put Warrants (eusipa 2100), insert:

The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be the greater of (i) zero or (ii) the difference between (a) the Strike and (b) the Final Reference

Price. The resulting amount shall be [insert the relevant adjustment rules as specified above].]

### [In case of Capped Call Warrants (eusipa 2110), insert:

The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) If the Final Reference Price is equal to or less than the Strike, the Redemption Amount shall be zero.
- (b) Otherwise the Redemption Amount shall be the difference between (i) either the Cap or the Final Reference Price, whichever is less, and (ii) the Strike.

The resulting amount shall be [insert the relevant adjustment rules as specified above].]

# [In case of Capped Put Warrants (eusipa 2110), insert:

The "Redemption Amount" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) If the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Strike, the Redemption Amount shall be zero.
- (b) Otherwise the Redemption Amount shall be the difference between (i) the Strike and (ii) either the Floor or the Final Reference Price, whichever is greater.

The resulting amount shall be [insert the relevant adjustment rules as specified above].]

# [In case of <u>Turbo Long Certificates (eusipa 2210)</u> or <u>Turbo Short Certificates (eusipa 2210)</u>, insert:

The "Redemption Amount" shall be [the difference between (i) the Final Reference Price and (ii) the Strike] [the difference between (i) the Strike and (ii) the Final Reference Price]. The resulting amount shall be [insert the relevant adjustment rules as specified above].

A "Barrier Event", which is a "Product Specific Termination Event", has occurred if during the Barrier Observation Period any Barrier Reference Price was [less than or equal to] [greater than or equal to] the Barrier in effect. Within a maximum of three Trading Hours after the occurrence of such Barrier Event, the Calculation Agent shall determine the residual value resulting from the closing of hedging positions concluded by the Issuer, taking into account all costs incurred in connection with such closing. The residual value is usually very small and may even be zero. The Product Specific Termination Amount (the "Product Specific Termination Date (the "Product Specific Termination Date") shall be the fifth Business Day after the determination of the residual value.

"Distribution Adjustment" means the adjustment of the Strike and Barrier caused by distribution payments of the Underlying. If the Underlying pays out distribution, the Calculation Agent will subtract the Distribution Amount from the Strike as well as from the Barrier. The adjustment will be effective on the ex-distribution day.

[If any component of the Underlying pays out distributions, which are not reinvested by the Underlying, those distribution payments will be weighted according to the weighting of the corresponding

component within the Underlying on the cum-distribution day and then be treated as distributions paid out by the Underlying itself on the ex-distribution day.]

The "**Financing Costs**" of each day should be the Strike multiplied by the sum of (i) the Financing Rate and (ii) the Financing Rate Margin, subsequently divided by 360.

"Trading Hour" means any hour on which the Exchange and the Related Exchanges as well as the Vienna Stock Exchange and/or EUWAX are open for trading and there is no Market Disruption Event

"Ordinary Daily Adjustment" means the adjustment of Strike and Barrier on a Business Day. The Financing Costs of the Securities are added to Strike and Barrier on a daily basis, whereby the Financing Costs for days which are no Business Days are added on the next following Business Day.]

#### [In case of Factor Certificates (eusipa 2300), insert:

The "Redemption Amount" shall be [the difference between (i) the Final Reference Price and (ii) the Factor Level] [the difference between (i) the Factor Level and (ii) the Final Reference Price]. The resulting amount shall be [insert the relevant adjustment rules as specified above].

"**Distribution Adjustment**" means the adjustment of the Factor Level and Protection Level caused by distribution payments of the Underlying. If the Underlying pays out distribution, the Calculation Agent will subtract the Distribution Amount from the Factor Level as well as from the Protection Level. The adjustment will be effective on the ex-distribution day.

[If any component of the Underlying pays out distributions, which are not reinvested by the Underlying, those distribution payments will be weighted according to the weighting of the corresponding component within the Underlying on the cum-distribution day and then be treated as distributions paid out by the Underlying itself on the ex-distribution day.]

"Extraordinary Intraday Adjustment" means the Factor Adjustment by the Calculation Agent in case the Intraday Price of the Underlying on any day during the term of the Securities is [equal to or less than] [equal to or greater than] the Protection Level.

The Factor Adjustment will be performed under the assumption that the Factor Adjustment Reference Price is exactly the Protection Level. This Extraordinary Intraday Adjustment efficiently prevents the value of the Securities from becoming less than zero. In case of a Hedging Disruption, the Issuer has the right to stipulate a Factor Adjustment Reference Price different to the Protection Level, but only in such a way, that the value of the Securities becomes not less than zero.

"Factor Level" means a level calculated on the Issue Date according to an Ordinary Daily Adjustment under the assumptions that d is zero and  $C_{prev}$  is equal to the Issue Price, converted, if necessary, to the Underlying Currency, subject to a Factor Adjustment and Distribution Adjustment.

**"Factor Adjustment**" means an Ordinary Daily Adjustment or an Extraordinary Intraday Adjustment. The Multiplier, Factor Level

and Protection Level will be adjusted as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{Multiplier} &= \underbrace{s \cdot l \cdot \frac{C_{prev}}{R_{prev}}}_{\text{Leverage reset}} \\ \textit{Factor Level} &= \underbrace{\frac{l-1}{l} \cdot R_{prev}}_{\text{Value term}} + \underbrace{R_{prev} \cdot \frac{f \cdot l-1}{l} \cdot \frac{r_{prev} + r_{M}}{360} \cdot d}_{\text{Interest term}} \cdot d \end{aligned}$$

where:

f

s = [1 (one)][-1 (minus one)].

 $C_{prev}$  = the value of the Factor Certificate immediately before this Factor Adjustment calculated under the assumption that the value of the Underlying is equal to the Factor Adjustment Reference Price, i.e.  $C_{prev} = s \cdot M_{prev} \cdot (R_{prev} - FL_{prev})$  [, subject to a Roll-Over Adjustment]

 $M_{prev}$  = the Multiplier in effect immediately before this Factor Adjustment

 $R_{prev}$  = Factor Adjustment Reference Price

 $FL_{prev}$  = the Factor Level in effect immediately before this

Factor Adjustment
= Leverage Factor
= [0 (zero)] [1 (one)]

 $r_{prev}$  = Financing Rate in effect immediately before this

Factor Adjustment

 $r_M$  = Financing Rate Margin of the Issuer

d = number of calendar days between the day of this Factor Adjustment and the previous Factor

Adjustment

The Multiplier will be rounded to eight fractional digits and the Factor Level to four fractional digits. The Protection Level will be adjusted analogously to the provisions for the calculation of the Protection Level. The resulting Factor Level and Protection Level are subject to a Distribution Adjustment.

"Factor Adjustment Reference Price" is a Reference Price and means (i) related to an Ordinary Daily Adjustment the [●] of the Underlying; or (ii) related to an Extraordinary Intraday Adjustment the Protection Level in effect immediately before this Factor Adjustment.

"Factor Adjustment Date" is a Valuation Date and means any day after the Issue Date that is a banking business day in Austria or Germany and which is an Underlying Business Day.

"Ordinary Daily Adjustment" means the Factor Adjustment by the Calculation Agent on every Factor Adjustment Date at the time of the determination of the Factor Adjustment Reference Price by the Calculation Agent. The Multiplier, Factor Level and Protection Level are constant in the period between each consecutive Ordinary Daily Adjustment, except in case of an Extraordinary Intraday Adjustment.

"Protection Level" means a level that [exceeds the Factor Adjustment Reference Price] [falls below the Factor Adjustment Reference Price] by the percentage of [•].

["Roll-Over Adjustment" means the adjustment of the value  $C_{nrev}$  of the Factor Certificate during the Ordinary Daily

Adjustment caused by a Roll-Over Event of the Underlying. During the Ordinary Daily Adjustment on the Effective Date of the Roll-Over the value  $C_{prev}$  is calculated based on the Roll-Over Future, i.e.  $C_{prev} = s \cdot M_{prev} \cdot (R_{prev}^{roll} - FL_{prev})$ , where  $R_{prev}^{roll}$  means the  $[\bullet]$  of the Roll-Over Future on the preceding Factor Adjustment Date and "Roll-Over Future" means the Future, which was applicable as the Underlying immediately before the Roll-Over Event.]

[Issuer's Call. The Issuer may redeem all (but not some) of the Securities then outstanding on any Optional Redemption Date at their Optional Redemption Amount [together with the fair market value of interest to but excluding the relevant Optional Redemption Date] upon having given not less than 5 Business Days' notice to the Securityholders.

		Optional Redemption Amount	

[Continue table as appropriate.]]

[Product Specific Termination. The Issuer will redeem the Securities at any time until the Maturity Date (including) following the first occurrence of any of the Product Specific Termination Events (as defined above). The Issuer will redeem the Securities in whole (but not in part) on the Product Specific Termination Date (as specified above) and will pay or cause to be paid the Product Specific Termination Amount (as specified above) in respect of such Securities to the relevant Securityholders for value of such Product Specific Termination Date, subject to any applicable fiscal or other laws or regulations and subject to and in accordance with these Terms and Conditions. Payments of any applicable taxes and redemption expenses will be made by the relevant Securityholder and the Issuer shall not have any liability in respect thereof. The Securityholders will neither receive any further payments (including interest, if any) or deliveries under the Securities, nor receive any compensation for such early redemption.]

#### **End of Redemption Provisions**]

[Reduced payments in case of a Credit Event. The Securityholder's claim to receive [the (entire) Redemption Amount] [and] [interest] is conditional upon the non-occurrence of a Credit Event (as defined below). If a Credit Event occurs, [no further interest will be paid] [and] [the Redemption Amount will be reduced accordingly].

For the purposes of this additional provision:

["Credit Amount" means [[●]% of the Specified Denomination] [[●] per unit]. [The Issuer might reduce the Credit Amount to a minimum of [[●]% of the Specified Denomination] [[●] per unit] on the Initial Valuation Date.]

["Credit Reference Entity" means  $[\bullet]$ . Information on the Credit Reference Entity can be found on  $[\bullet]$ .

"Credit Reference Obligation" means [●].]

"Credit Event Agent" means [the Issuer] [•].

["Credit Reduction Amount" means the amount by which the Credit Amount is to be reduced (potentially down to zero but never below zero) in order to compensate the Issuer after the

occurrence of a Credit Event, so that the economic situation of the Issuer as a creditor under the Credit Reference Obligation as of the Final Valuation Date is not affected by the Credit Event.]

"Credit Event" means any of the following events as determined by the Credit Event Agent:

- (i) a bankruptcy or insolvency of the Credit Reference Entity [or the Credit Reference Entity Founder] or a moratorium is declared in respect of any Credit Reference Entity's indebtedness in an amount of not less than EUR 10,000,000 equivalent; or
- (ii) any amount of not less than EUR 10,000,000 equivalent due from the Credit Reference Entity under any agreement is or is capable of being accelerated or become due prior to its stated maturity as a result of occurrence of an event of default or a similar condition or event; or
- (iii) the Credit Reference Entity does not pay when due any amount not less than EUR 1,000,000 equivalent under any agreement; or
- (iv) a repudiation of a claim (or claims) in an amount of not less than EUR 10,000,000 equivalent; or
- (v) a restructuring of an obligation (or obligations) not less than an amount of EUR 10,000,000 equivalent; or
- (vi) the Credit Reference Obligation (including interest thereon) is not, or not fully, paid when due, which means in particular that the amount to discharge the Credit Reference Obligation (including interest thereon) is not or not in full received on the due date by the Issuer on the specified account, regardless of the reasons, in particular irrespective of whether such failure of receipt is caused by a non-ability of the Credit Reference Entity to make payment, or any factual obstacle or other barrier in connection with the transfer of such funds, including but not limited to disruptions of payment systems or transfer restrictions imposed by the country in which the Credit Reference Entity is headquartered.

Upon the occurrence of a Credit Event:

- [(i) no further interest will be paid;]
- [([i/ii])the Credit Event Agent will determine the Credit Reduction Amount:
- ([]) if not all information necessary for the determination of the Credit Reduction Amount is available to the Credit Event Agent on the Final Valuation Date, the determination of the Credit Reduction Amount will be postponed until all information necessary is available. In such event the Maturity Date of the Security will be postponed by the same number of Business Days.
- ([]) the determination of the Credit Reduction Amount will be published;
- ([]) after the regular determination of the Redemption Amount by the Calculation Agent the Redemption Amount will be further reduced by the Credit Reduction Amount. In the event that the reduced Redemption Amount will be less

than zero it shall be deemed to be zero.]

By acquiring a Security each investor agrees to [the termination of interest payments] [and] [the reduction of the Redemption Amount] as well as the possible postponement of the Maturity Date in case of the occurrence of a Credit Event.

WARNING: See the section headed "PARTICULAR RISKS OF THE SECURITIES" in D.3, D.6 for detailed information about the **high risk of total loss** associated with this Security.]

**C.16** The expiration or maturity Maturity Date: [•] [The Securities do not have a fixed maturity

securities - the exercise [Scheduled Exercise Date(s): [•]]

Final Valuation Date: [•] [The Securities do not have a fixed maturity date ("open-end").]

description of the All payments [in case of physical delivery insert: and deliveries] settlement procedure of the under the Securities shall be made by the Issuer to the clearing systems for on-payment to the depositary banks of the Securityholders.

> [Payment of the Redemption Amount] [or] [delivery of the Reference Assets] at [maturity] [or] [exercise] [and payments of interest on the Interest Payment Dates.]

C.19 The exercise price or the Final Reference Price: [insert same information as specified final reference price of the above for "Initial Reference Price"]

> [Interest Final Reference Price: [Final Reference Price] [insert same information as specified above for "Initial Reference Price"]]

## **C.20** A description of the type of [Underlying [for the Redemption Amount]:

the underlying and where Type: [Index] [Equity] [Fund Share] [Commodity] [FX Rate] Ratel [Future] [Basket Type: [Cappuccino Basket] [Value-weighted Basket] [Best-of Basket] [Worst-of Basket] [Minimum-deviation] [Maximum-deviation] [Conventional Basket]]

> [Basket Adjustment: [Volatility Adjusted] [Reinvestment] [Weighting Reset] [Barrier Event Kick-Out] [Supervised Basket] [None]]

[Name/identification: [•]] [Issuer] [Index Sponsor]: [•] [Basket Supervisor: [•]] [Supervised Basket Name: [•]] [Price source: [•]]

[Exchange: [●]]

Information on the [Underlying, its past and further performance and its volatility] [Basket Components, their past and further performances and their respective volatilities] can be obtained on the following sources: [•][Insert indication where information about the past and the further performance of the underlying and its volatility can be obtained.]

On predetermined dates, the weightings of the two Basket Components are adjusted based on the price fluctuations of the [Index][Equity][Fund Share][Commodity][FX Rate][Interest Rate][Future], whereas higher price fluctuations will result in an equal or higher weighting of Cash on Deposit.]

[On predetermined dates, the weighting of each Basket Component with a weighting above [insert percentage] will be reduced to [insert percentage], and the weightings of all other Basket Components will be increased proportionally to their respective weightings.]

- date of the derivative date ("open-end")] date or final reference date.
- **C.17** A derivative securities.
- **C.18** A description of how the derivative return securities takes place.
- underlying.
- the information on the [Interest underlying can be found.

[On predetermined dates, the weighting of each Basket Component with a weighting below [insert percentage] will be increased to [insert percentage], and the weightings of all other Basket Components will be reduced proportionally to their respective weightings.]

[On predetermined dates, the weighting of each Basket Component with a weighting above [insert percentage] will be reduced to [insert percentage], the weighting of each Basket Component with a weighting below [insert percentage] will be increased to [insert percentage], and the weightings of all other Basket Components will be adjusted proportionally to their respective weightings.]

[As soon as a Barrier Event occurs and the number of Basket Components is greater than [insert number], the Basket Component that triggered the Barrier Event shall be removed from the Basket.] [As soon as a Barrier Event occurs, all Basket Components except the one that triggered the Barrier Event shall be removed from the Basket.]

[On predetermined dates, the Basket Supervisor may change the weighting of any Basket Component and/or replace any Basket Component with another security of the same underlying type.]

["Roll-Over Event" means the replacement of the Future as Underlying.][The existing Underlying is replaced by the Calculation Agent by the Next Future on the Effective Date. "Next Future" means the future contract having its maturity date on the next possible date, but in any case not earlier than in the next following month, whereby the terms and conditions of the Next Future shall substantially correspond to the terms and conditions of the replaced Underlying.][The existing Underlying is replaced by the Calculation Agent by the New Future on the Effective Date. "New Future" means the future contract with the best liquidity, provided that the terms and conditions of the New Future shall substantially correspond to the terms and conditions of the original Underlying, except for the due date of maturity.]

["Effective Date" means [insert date].]]

[Underlying [for the Variable Interest Rate] [If applicable, insert same information as above under the heading "Underlying [for the Redemption Amount]"]]]

#### [Credit Reference Entity: [●]

[Information on the Credit Reference Entity can be found on [●].] [The Credit Reference Entity was founded by the Credit Reference Entity Founder (as defined below) with the sole purpose of issuing notes. The funds invested in such notes will be granted to the Credit Reference Entity Founder as loan (the "Loan"). If, for whatever reason, the Loan is not repaid to the Credit Reference Entity by the Credit Reference Entity Founder when due, the Credit Reference Entity might be unable to redeem the Credit Reference Obligation (as defined below) in full or in part. Furthermore, individual trading activities by the Credit Reference Entity might limit its ability to redeem the Credit Reference Obligation.

## **Credit Reference Entity Founder:** [●]]

[A summary of selected information on the Credit Reference Entity and the Credit Reference Entity Founder is attached to this Summary.] [Detailed information on the Credit Reference Entity Founder can be found on [•].]

## **Credit Reference Obligation**: [●]

[Information on the Credit Reference Obligation can be found on [•].]]

[For offers of Securities which have been issued under the 2013 Prospectus, insert Part C of the Summary of the Programme of the 2013 Prospectus which is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference.]

## D. RISKS

#### D.2 Key information on the key risks that are specific to the Issuer

- The Raiffeisen Centrobank Group may be adversely impacted by business and economic conditions, and difficult market conditions have adversely affected the Raiffeisen Centrobank Group.
- Raiffeisen Centrobank and the Raiffeisen Centrobank Group are dependent on the economic environment in the markets where they operate.
- Competitive pressures in the financial services industry could adversely affect Raiffeisen Centrobank Group's business and results of operations.
- Raiffeisen Centrobank Group is exposed to credit, counterparty and concentration risk.
- The Group may be adversely impacted by declining asset values.
- Since a large part of the Issuer's and the Group's operations, assets and customers are located in CEE and other countries that are not part of the Euro-zone, the Issuer is exposed to currency risks.
- The trading results of Raiffeisen Centrobank may be volatile and depend on many factors that are outside its control.
- Raiffeisen Centrobank faces risks stemming from its investments in other companies.
- The Group is exposed to liquidity risk.
- The Group is exposed to market risk.
- Raiffeisen Centrobank Group is exposed to risks related to its commodities business.
- The Group may be adversely affected by governmental fiscal and monetary policy.
- The Raiffeisen Centrobank Group is exposed to a risk of losses due to any inadequacy or failure of internal proceedings, people, systems (in particular IT systems), or external events, whether caused deliberately or accidentally or by natural circumstances (operational risk).
- New governmental or regulatory requirements and changes in perceived levels of adequate capitalisation and leverage could subject Raiffeisen Centrobank to increased capital requirements or standards and require it to obtain additional capital or liquidity in the future.
- Risk of changes in the tax framework, in particular regarding bank tax and the introduction of a financial transaction tax.
- The Issuer may not be able to meet the minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities.
- The Issuer is obliged to contribute amounts to the Single Resolution Fund and to ex-ante financed funds of the deposit guarantee schemes; this results in additional financial burdens for the Issuer and thus, materially adversely affects the financial position of the Issuer and the results of its business, financial condition and results of operations.
- There is a risk of increased regulation and public sector influence.
- Raiffeisen Centrobank Group's business model is dependent on its diversified and

- competitive mix of products and services.
- Raiffeisen Centrobank Group's operations have inherent reputational risk.
- The results of the Group's operations are significantly impacted by the Group's ability to identify and manage risks.
- Raiffeisen Centrobank Group faces geopolitical risks.
- Risk of potential conflicts of interest of members of the administrative, managing and supervisory bodies of the Issuer.
- Raiffeisen Centrobank Group is exposed to additional risks and uncertainties.

#### D.3, Key information on the key risks that are specific to the securities

D.6 RISK WARNING: Investors should be aware that they may lose the value of their entire investment or part of it, as the case may be. However, each investor's liability is limited to the value of his investment (including incidental costs).

#### GENERAL RISKS RELATING TO THE SECURITIES

- The Securities may not be a suitable investment for investors if they do not have sufficient knowledge and/or experience in the financial markets and/or access to information and/or financial resources and liquidity to bear all the risks of an investment and/or a thorough understanding of the terms and conditions of the Securities and/or the ability to evaluate possible scenarios for interest and foreign exchange rates, asset prices and other economic and non-economic factors that may affect their investment.
- There may be conflicts of interest which have a negative effect on the Securities and/or potential investors.
- There can be no assurance that a liquid secondary market for the Securities will develop or, if it does develop, that it will continue. In an illiquid market, an investor may not be able to sell his Securities at fair market prices (liquidity risk).
- The market value of the Securities is dependent on various factors and may be significantly lower than the purchase price.
- The legality of the purchase of Securities is not guaranteed.
- Securityholders may be required to pay taxes or other documentary charges or duties.
- Prospective investors are required to obtain independent review and advice.
- Financing the purchase of Securities by loan or credit significantly increases the volume of potential losses.
- Transaction costs related in particular to the purchase and sale of the Securities have a significant impact on the profit potential of the Securities.
- [Exchange rates may affect the value of the Securities or the Underlying(s).]
- Securityholders may not be able to hedge the risks associated with the Securities.
- [In case of Securities which entail limits (e.g. a cap) for certain values which are relevant for any payments under such Securities, Securityholders will not be able to benefit from any actual favourable development beyond such limit.]
- [Securities with redemption by physical delivery bear particular risks and may not be suitable for many investors.]
- [Open-end Securities (which have no pre-determined maturity) expose Securityholders to the risk that the Issuer may exercise its termination right at a time which is unfavourable for the Securityholders.]

- In the event that any Securities are redeemed prior to their maturity, a holder of such Securities is exposed to particular additional risks, including the risk that his investment will have a lower than expected yield (risk of early redemption).
- There is a risk that trading in the Securities and/or Underlyings will be suspended, interrupted or terminated.
- Hedging transactions concluded by the Issuer may influence the price of the Securities.
- Due to future money depreciation (inflation), the real yield of an investment may be reduced.
- Investors have to rely on the functionality of the relevant clearing system.
- An Austrian court can appoint a trustee (*Kurator*) for the Securities to exercise the rights and represent the interests of Securityholders on their behalf in which case the ability of Securityholders to pursue their rights under the Securities individually may be limited.
- Under the EU Savings Directive, if a payment were to be made or collected through a paying agent in a state which has opted for a withholding system and an amount of, or in respect of, tax were to be withheld from that payment, neither the Issuer nor any paying agent nor any other person would be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any Securities as a result of the imposition of such withholding tax (No gross-up).
- The Securities are governed by Austrian law, and changes in applicable laws, regulations or regulatory policies may have an adverse effect on the Issuer, the Securities and the Securityholders.
- The Securities may be subject to write down or conversion to equity upon the occurrence of a certain trigger event, which may result in Securityholders losing some or all of their investment in the Securities (statutory loss absorption).
- Securityholders are exposed to the risk of partial or total failure of the Issuer to make payments under the Securities.
- Securityholders assume the risk that the credit spread of the Issuer widens resulting in a decrease in the price of the Securities.
- As no conclusion may be drawn from the indicated Aggregate Principal Amount or Number of Units in case where the Aggregate Principal Amount or Number of Units is specified in the Final Terms as "up to", investors are exposed to the risk of not being able to estimate the actual volume of the issue and thus the possible liquidity of the Securities.
- Securityholders should note that the applicable tax regime may change to the disadvantage of the Securityholders and therefore, the tax impact of an investment in the Securities should be carefully considered.
- Any redemption or interest payment of the Securities to Securityholders that (i) fail to comply with tax certifications or identification requirements relevant to FATCA (including providing a waiver of any laws prohibiting the disclosure of such information to a taxing authority) or (ii) are financial institutions that fail to comply with FATCA or any analogous provisions of non-U.S. laws, including any voluntary agreements entered into with a taxing authority pursuant thereto, may be subject to a withholding tax of 30 percent.

## GENERAL RISKS OF SECURITIES LINKED TO UNDERLYINGS

- Securityholders may lose all or a substantial portion of their investment if the price of the relevant Underlying develops unfavourably (risk of substantial or total loss).
- Securityholders bear the risk of fluctuations in exchange rates.
- Particular types of Underlyings carry different risks and investors should be aware that each effect on the Underlying may have an even stronger adverse effect on the

Securities.

## RISKS RELATING TO THE UNDERLYING(S)

- [Securities relating to an index are exposed to the risk of the index composition and calculation method as well as the risk originating from each index component among other risks.]
- [Securities relating to a share are exposed to the price and dividend risk of the share as well as the risk of low liquidity among other risks.]
- [Securities relating to a fund are exposed to the risk of the fund composition, risk relating to the investment company and the risk originating from each asset contained in the fund among other risks. Additional risk is associated with hedge funds.]
- [Securities relating to a commodity are exposed to the price risk of the commodity as well as the risk of low liquidity among other risks. If the Securities are not relating to the spot price of the commodity but instead to a futures contract on that commodity, they bear additional risks.]
- [Securities relating to an exchange rate are exposed to the risk of supply and demand, central bank decisions, macroeconomic effects and political decisions among other risks.]
- [Securities relating to an interest rate are exposed to the risk of supply and demand, changes in credit-worthiness of the debt issuer, central bank decisions, macroeconomic effects and political decisions among other risks.]
- [Securities relating to a futures contract are exposed to the price risk, the risk of the futures contracts underlying as well as the risk of low liquidity among other risks.]
- [Securities relating to cash on deposit are exposed to the risk of changes in interest rates as well as credit risk among other risks.]
- [Securities relating to a basket are exposed to the risk of the basket composition, the risk originating from each basket component, the risk of the calculation method, exchange rate risk and the risk of unfavourable basket adjustments among other risks.]

#### PARTICULAR RISKS OF THE SECURITIES

The Securities are exposed to risk(s) originating from [unfavourable price movements of the Underlying(s)] [and] [changes in interest rates] [and] [expectations of future price fluctuations of the Underlying(s)] [and] [unfavourable exchange rates] [and] [possible delays of payments] [and] [time decay] [and] [the expiration of the Security which may result in an actual loss] [and] [a leverage effect which causes high price fluctuations of the Security even if the Underlying(s) price change(s) [is] [are] only small] [and] [significant value changes due to barrier effects] [and] [postponed or reduced distribution payments].

# - [The Securityholders of Securities which the relevant Final Terms specify to be Credit Linked Securities are exposed to high additional risks of total loss.

The Securityholders have, in addition to the risks associated with the Issuer, to bear risks, in particular the insolvency risk, relating to the Credit Reference Entity. If the Credit Reference Entity becomes insolvent or unable to pay its debt and/or repay the Credit Reference Obligation, there is a **high risk of total loss** of [the investment] [and] [interest payments] for the Securityholders. [The aforesaid is also true for the Credit Reference Entity Founder.] Before investing in such Securities, investors are required by the Issuer to inform themselves about and conduct their own analysis of the credit-worthiness of the Credit Reference Entity [and the Credit Reference Entity Founder] and the likelihood of a default by the Credit Reference Entity to repay the Credit Reference Obligation. Securityholders should be aware that it **could significantly increase the risk of a total loss** of the investment if they fail to obtain such information or make a mistake when assessing such information. In addition, Securityholders are subject to the risk that the Credit Reference Obligation cannot be repaid for other reasons than the insolvency of the Credit Reference Entity, including payment transfer restrictions

imposed by the jurisdiction of incorporation of the Credit Reference Entity.

- The volatility of the price of the Securities is dependent, amongst others, on the creditworthiness of the Credit Reference Entity and the general credit derivatives market.
- Holders may not rely on ratings of the Credit Reference Entity given in the Final Terms, if applicable, and neither the Issuer nor the rating agency assumes any responsibility for the correctness of any such rating.
- [The Issuer may redeem the Securities at any time prior to the Maturity Date following the occurrence of a Change of Control. "Change of Control" means that any person or any persons acting in concert or any third person or persons acting on behalf of any such person(s) at any time directly or indirectly acquire(s) a Controlling Participation in the Credit Reference Entity [and/or Credit Reference Entity Founder]. A "Controlling Participation" exists in relation to an entity if (i) more than 50% of the capital or the shares entitled to vote, or (ii) the majority of the voting rights associated with the participations in such entity, or (iii) the right to appoint or dismiss the majority of the directors of such entity, or (iv) the right to exercise a controlling influence on such entity by other means is maintained.]]

#### Ε. **OFFER**

from profit and/or certain risks:

**E.2b** Reasons for the offer and The net proceeds from the issue of any Securities may be used by use of proceeds when the Issuer for any whatsoever purpose and will, generally, be used making by the Issuer for the generation of profits and its general funding hedging purposes. [The net proceeds (and the costs) will be attributed to the Paying Agent.]

**E.3** and conditions of the offer:

## Description of the terms Terms and conditions to which the offer is subject

[Not applicable; there are no conditions to which the offer is subject.]

[A public offer of Securities may be made by Raiffeisen Centrobank Aktiengesellschaft [and [specify, if applicable]] other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in [specify relevant Member State(s) - which must be jurisdiction(s) where the Prospectus has been approved and/or passported] (the "Public Offer Jurisdiction(s)") [during the period starting with the [Issue Date] [first day of the Subscription Period (as defined below)] (the "Offer Period"), subject to early termination within the discretion of the Issuer.] [during the period from, and including, the [Issue Date] [first day of the Subscription Period (as defined below)] to, and including, [the Final Valuation Date [specify date] (the "Offer Period"), subject to early termination and extension within the discretion of the Issuer.] [From and including the Issue Date up to and including the last day of the Offer Period the Securities will be publicly offered as a tap issue.]

[The Securities will be placed without a subscription period.] [The Securities may be subscribed from, and including, [insert date] up to, and including, [insert time] on [insert date] (the "Subscription Period"), subject to early termination and extension within the discretion of the Issuer. During the Subscription Period, investors are invited to place offers for the purchase of Securities (i.e. to subscribe Securities) subject to (i) such offers being valid for at least [•] [business days] [weeks] and (ii) the Issuer being entitled in its sole discretion to accept or reject such offers entirely or

partly without giving any reason.]

The Issue Date is [●].

Initial issue price, costs and taxes when purchasing the Securities

Issue Price: [Insert Product currency] [insert amount] / [Insert number] % [of the Specified Denomination] / [Insert number] % [of the Initial Reference Price [multiplied by the Multiplier] [and converted into the Product Currency] [and expressed ("Quanto") in the Product Currency]]

Issue Surcharge: [An issue surcharge of [[insert percentage]% of the Specified Denomination] [[insert amount in Product Currency] per Security] will be charged] [An issue surcharge of up to [[insert percentage]% of the Specified Denomination] [[insert amount in Product Currency] per Security] may be charged] [Not applicable]

#### **Selling restrictions**

Securities may be offered, sold, or delivered within a jurisdiction or originating from a jurisdiction only, if this is permitted pursuant to applicable laws and other legal provisions and if no obligations arise for the Issuer.

The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Securities Act") or with any securities regulatory authority of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States of America ("United States"), and may not be offered or sold (i) within the United States, except in transactions exempt from registration under the Securities Act, or (ii) outside the United States, except in offshore transactions in compliance with Regulation S under the Securities Act.

**E.4** Description of any interest that is material to the issue/offer including conflicting interest:

Description of any interest [Not applicable; there are no such interests.]

[The Issuer may from time to time act in other capacities with regard to the Securities, such as Calculation Agent which allow the Issuer to calculate the value of the Underlying or any other reference asset or determine the composition of the Underlying, which could raise conflicts of interest where securities or other assets issued by the Issuer itself or a group company can be chosen to be part of the Underlying, or where the Issuer maintains a business relationship with the issuer or obligor of such securities or assets.

The Issuer may from time to time engage in transactions involving the Underlying for its proprietary accounts and for accounts under its management. Such transactions may have a positive or negative effect on the value of the Underlying or any other reference asset and consequently upon the value of the Securities.

The Issuer may issue other derivative instruments in respect of the Underlying and the introduction of such competing products into the marketplace may affect the value of the Securities.

The Issuer may use all or some of the proceeds received from the sale of the Securities to enter into hedging transactions which may affect the value of the Securities.

The Issuer may acquire non-public information with respect to the Underlying, and the Issuer does not undertake to disclose any such information to any Securityholder. The Issuer may also publish research reports with respect to the Underlying. Such activities could present conflicts of interest and may affect the value of the Securities.]

## [Insert description of any such interests.]

E.7 Estimated expenses charged to the investor by the Issuer or the offeror:

[Not applicable as no such expenses will be charged to the investor by the Issuer or the offeror/s.]

[An issue surcharge as specified in E.3 applies.]

[[The Terms and Conditions of the Securities foresee an Issuer Fee which is [Insert number] % [per annum].] [The Terms and Conditions of the Securities foresee an Issuer Fee which is [insert description of interest rate divided by the exchange rate for the conversion of one unit of [insert currency] to [insert currency], subsequently reduced by [insert description of interest rate] and increased by [insert number]%.] [The Terms and Conditions of the Securities foresee an Issuer Fee which is [insert number]% reduced by [insert description of interest rate].] Thus starting with the first day after the Issue Date, [the Specified Denomination shall be daily multiplied by] [the Multiplier shall be daily multiplied by] [the Non-par Value and the Multiplier shall be daily multiplied by] the difference of (a) one and (b) the quotient of (i) the Issuer Fee and (ii) 360. [This adjustment reduces the Specified Denomination] [This adjustment reduces the Multiplier] [This adjustment reduces the Non-par Value and the Multiplier] and thus, all future payments of the Security and the value of the Security.]

[Save as disclosed above, no such expenses will be charged to the investor by the Issuer or the offeror/s.]

# **RISK FACTORS**

Prospective investors should consider carefully the risks set forth below and the other information contained in this Prospectus prior to making any investment decision with respect to the Securities. Each of the risks highlighted below could have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's business, operations, financial condition or prospects which, in turn, could have a material adverse effect on any payments which investors will receive in respect of the Securities. In addition, each of the risks highlighted below could adversely affect the trading price of the Securities or the rights of investors under the Securities and, as a result, investors could lose their entire investment or parts of it.

Prospective investors should note that the risks described below are not the only risks the Issuer faces. The Issuer has described only those risks relating to its business, operations, financial condition or prospects that it considers to be material and of which it is currently aware. There may be additional risks that the Issuer currently considers not to be material or of which it is not currently aware, and any of these risks could have the effects set forth above.

#### RISKS THAT MAY AFFECT THE ISSUER

The Raiffeisen Centrobank Group may be adversely impacted by business and economic conditions, and difficult market conditions have adversely affected the Raiffeisen Centrobank Group.

Raiffeisen Centrobank Group's business and earnings are affected by general business and economic conditions in Austria and abroad. Given the regional focus of Raiffeisen Centrobank Group's business activities in Austria, Germany and other members of the Euro-zone (as defined herein) the Group is particularly exposed to downturns in these regions. For example, in a poor economic environment there is a greater likelihood that more of the Group's customers or counterparties could become delinquent on their obligations to Raiffeisen Centrobank Group, which in turn, could result in a higher level of charge-offs and provisions for losses, all of which would adversely affect the Group's earnings. Decreasing earnings prospects among businesses also leads to lower enterprise valuations and subsequently lowers the willingness to engage in mergers and acquisitions or capital market transactions such as initial public offerings, capital increases or takeovers; accordingly, the proceeds from investment advisory services and from the placement of issues decreases in a poor economic environment. Furthermore, lower company valuations and high volatilities cause investors to shift to investment forms with lower risks on which generally only lower commissions can be earned.

General business and economic conditions that could affect the Group include the level and volatility of short-term and long-term interest rates, inflation (including negative inflation, i.e. deflation), home prices, employment levels, bankruptcies, household income, consumer spending, fluctuations in both debt and equity capital markets, liquidity of the global financial markets, the availability and costs of credit, investor confidence, and the strength of the Austrian economy and the local economies in which Raiffeisen Centrobank Group operates.

After global real gross domestic product ("GDP") declined slightly in 2009 (-0.4%) amid sharp output declines in advanced economies and most notably in the Euro area, global GDP expanded again by more than five percent in 2010 (5.2%). Yet in subsequent years global growth lost momentum somewhat as business cycle dynamics both in advanced economies as well as in emerging markets slowed down.

Given the massive contraction of Euro area real GDP in 2009 (-4.4%), the subsequent recovery in 2010 and 2011 (real GDP: +1.9% and +1.6%, respectively) remained rather lacklustre. What is more, in Q1 2012 the Euro area slipped back into recession and only managed to leave it in mid-2013. A more pronounced recovery process was hindered by severe recessions in peripheral Euro area countries, where domestic demand was negatively affected by both private and public sector expenditure cuts. Stagnating or declining nominal GDP coupled with elevated budget deficits resulted in a dramatic increase of government debt in terms of GDP. Debt sustainability became a key issue in peripheral countries, eventually leading to a haircut on Greek government bonds. Although tentative

signs of a stabilisation have emerged, substantial risks still remain. Government debt is on an elevated level in many Euro area countries. In the absence of a material acceleration of economic activity in the years ahead, debt levels will not decline enough in order to provide a cushion in the next economic downturn. Thus, debt sustainability will remain a crucial issue in the years to come.

After the sharp decline in 2009 (-3.8%), Austrian real GDP recovered in the two subsequent years (2010: +1.8%, 2011: +2.8%). Yet in the course of 2012, business cycle dynamics slowed down, resulting in GDP growth rates of merely 0.9% (2012) and 0.3% (2013). Given its high degree of openness (exports in % of GDP: 57.2% as of 2012), a deteriorating external environment, especially in CEE countries, would have material impact on business cycle dynamics in Austria.

The continuing lack of confidence in the international financial markets and worsening economic conditions have adversely affected Raiffeisen Centrobank Group's business and results of operations and may in the future adversely affect its financial condition. Raiffeisen Centrobank Group does not expect that the difficult conditions in the international financial markets and economic conditions in the countries where Raiffeisen Centrobank Group has operations will improve significantly in the near future, and they may in fact worsen. If this happens Raiffeisen Centrobank Group may experience a material adverse effect on its ability to access capital and on its business, financial condition and results of operations. This could affect the Issuer's ability to service payments under Securities issued under the Programme and potentially adversely affect the market value of such Securities.

# Raiffeisen Centrobank and the Raiffeisen Centrobank Group are dependent on the economic environment in the markets where they operate.

In the countries in CEE, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Turkey, the Issuer's business activities are subject to increased volatility and the risks arising from uncertain economic and macroeconomic conditions. The following paragraphs contain brief descriptions of several material risks the Group is exposed to in certain important geographical markets, all of which could, if any of them materialises, have a material adverse impact on the Raiffeisen Centrobank Group's operations and/or financial or trading positions (the below paragraphs are based on internal research and must not be taken as forecast or analysis):

# General political and economic environment in CE, SEE and Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Turkey

In the 1990s, the economies in most Central European ("CE") and South Eastern European ("SEE") countries as well as Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Turkey were characterised by relatively high inflation, correspondingly high interest rates, moderate growth in real gross domestic product, low disposable income, declining real wages and high national convertible currency debt (in relation to gross domestic product and convertible currency reserves). However, the outlook for tangible improvements following the transition crises provided above-average business opportunities that are not fully exhausted yet (Source: Raiffeisen Research). Accession to the European Union ("EU") has been the general main strategic and political focus for CE and SEE countries. Poland, the Czech Republic, the Slovak Republic, Hungary and Slovenia joined the EU on 1 May 2004, Romania and Bulgaria became members of the EU on 1 January 2007, while Croatia finally joined the EU in 2013. Other successor states to former Yugoslavia (Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia and Montenegro) and Albania attempt to progress in the EU integration process. It is possible that further delays in such progress occur or that countries will not accede due to political developments both within the EU and the candidate countries. This applies particularly to Turkey.

Russia, Kazakhstan and to some degree Ukraine profited from high commodity prices in the 2000ies and again after the financial crisis. However, especially for Russia and Kazakhstan, the continued high reliance on a commodity based economic model bears risk for further development.

In case of Russia and in particular with Ukraine geopolitical risks have risen dramatically since 2013. This negatively affects market access for the public and private sector as well as foreign trade. Russia has been put under sanctions by the USA and the EU (and other Western states) and there is no certainly on the future extent or prolongation of sanctions.

The global financial and economic crisis has put the sustainability of the economic model of the CEE countries, largely relying on the import of foreign capital, into question. Foreign savings (irrespective of whether in the form of foreign direct investment or external financing via banks or portfolio inflows) have become much scarcer and expensive. Not only does this affect the prospects of future investment (and consumption), but the necessary refinancing of maturing external debt has also become challenging for some countries under current conditions on global financial markets and, in some cases, CEE countries were forced to ask the International Monetary Fund ("IMF") and the EU for support. Such developments cannot be ruled out for the future for certain CEE countries.

The currencies in CE and SEE are strongly aligned with and in some cases pegged to the Euro. During the period of EU accession and afterwards several CE and SEE currencies have been either on an appreciation path or were at least stable vis-à-vis the Euro. However, the situation changed significantly within the global financial and economic crisis that interrupted the past appreciation or stability. Thus, exchange rate volatility beyond those experienced from a long-term perspective could also be expected in the years ahead mainly related to problems on the global markets and still prevailing rebalancing needs in some CE and SEE economies. The global financial crisis has also put pressure on currencies like the Russian Rouble or the Ukrainian Hryvnia. In case of the Rouble and Hryvnia future exchange rate volatility is also likely to be higher than the one experienced from a long-term perspective.

Currencies in Russia and Ukraine: policies of pegging the currencies informally to the USD or a basket of currencies have been shifting toward the objective of more free floating currencies. Russia has reduced its interference with the foreign exchange rate ("FX") since 2009 and has since late 2014 announced a regime of floating exchange rate with direct FX interventions only in times of high stress. However, some management of FX liquidity is continued. Thus, the risk of high rouble volatility has increased. Attempts to float the Ukrainian currency in 2014 and 2015 have been unsuccessful so far, leading to a destabilisation of the FX market, high volatility and sharp depreciation of the currency after the abolishment of a closely managed quasi-peg to the USD from 2009 to 2014.

2015 has seen a sharp increase in volatility of the CHF exchange rate. With the end of the Swiss central bank's lower bound for EUR/CHF of 1.20 in January, the CHF has experienced a sharp appreciation against the EUR. As no new lower bound for the currency has been announced, further major CHF appreciation cannot be excluded, especially in case of political/economic problems in the Euro area. A stronger CHF could also cause economic problems in some CEE countries, where a large stock of CHF denominated private sector loans is outstanding. This is especially the case in Hungary, Poland and Croatia.

In addition to economic factors, certain countries within this region are subject to greater political risk than in Western Europe.

If the economic framework conditions would deteriorate further, this could have major negative effects on the assets, liabilities, financial position and results of operations of the Issuer and its ability to service payments under the Securities and potentially adversely affect the market value of such Securities.

## Recent macroeconomic trends

The below described macro-economic factors are entirely beyond the control of the Issuer. Negative developments in the macro-economic climate in the mentioned regions may have a material adverse effect on the overall stability of the named regions and subsequently on the assets, financial position and/or earnings of the Issuer and could thus, negatively affect the Issuer's ability to service payments under Securities issued under the Programme and potentially adversely affect the market value of such Securities.

Finally, the legal, regulatory and tax environment in the below mentioned regions is of particular importance for the Issuer. It may, depending on the degree of political stability and economic and legal development of the respective jurisdiction, be subject to rapid change. In particular, the Issuer faces the risk that due to a change in law, a repatriation of dividend payments will not, or only

partially, be possible. Furthermore, the Issuer may be prohibited from transferring shares or other securities and assets cross-border, and the Issuer may be, from a legal and/or factual point of view, be deterred from exercising its rights as a shareholder in such jurisdictions (e.g. in connection with capital increases or other capital measures). All such changes or developments could materially adversely affect the liabilities, assets, earnings, financial and trading position of the Issuer.

Economic indicators in the first quarter of 2015 point to solid growth for Central Europe (CE) again this year. The outlook for Southeastern Europe (SEE) remains patchy. However, economic growth in both regions is expected to notably exceed the average for the euro area. The economies in Eastern Europe (EE) will be gripped by recession in 2015. However, EU sanctions against Russia and restrictions on food imports to Russia from the EU will not materially impact economic growth, either in the euro area or in CE and SEE, as direct links are limited.

## CE (Source: Raiffeisen Research)

CE is from an economic point of view the most developed region within CEE. With the exception of Poland, all CE economies are small, open and highly dependent on exports, especially to Germany. The CE region showed a GDP growth of 3.6 per cent year over year in 2015. The average economic growth in CE for 2016 is expected to be around 3.1 per cent year over year, mainly driven by expectations on the solid economic performance in Germany, the recovery of the euro area and the loose monetary policy conducted by some CE countries. However, due to cyclical reasons the 2016 GDP figures likely will be slightly below the level of 2015. At the same time inflation is supposed to increase, after some time of subdued inflation pressure, but should still remain below the historical average. Hence, this development indicates the continuance of the loose monetary policy. On the country level, Poland is expected to show the strongest GDP growth in 2016 with 3.8 per cent, followed by Slovakia with 3.5 per cent and Slovenia and Hungary with about 2.2 per cent, while the Czech GDP is expected to grow with 2 per cent.

There are currently no convincing reasons seen that domestic demand in CE should falter in the near term. In CE countries with more limited private household growth, the contribution is around 1-1.5 percentage points to overall GDP growth, a level that likely can be maintained. In Poland, a more expansionary fiscal policy by the new government might even boost household demand in comparison to 2015, adding upside risks to our GDP forecast of 3.6 per cent year over year.

The average inflation rate could still hover closer to 0 per cent in 2016 in Poland, Slovakia, and Slovenia, while risks to the more upbeat forecasts for Hungary and Czech Republic are on the downside. A low inflation environment for longer also presents challenges for monetary policy, and those central banks with monetary policy tools at hand could still act with further easing, as recently shown in Hungary. Moreover, with growth going into its third year in CE, there could be higher wage pressure in 2016 as unemployment rates are on a downward trend. Over a 2-3 year horizon, higher wages pressures could also translate into higher inflation rates.

## SEE (Source: Raiffeisen Research)

The average real GDP in SEE reached 2.8 per cent in 2015 and is expected at 3.1 per cent in 2016. Overall the growth figures are at moderate levels, which is the result of pending but needed structural reforms and the only slowly decreasing level of private sector indebtedness. Currently, Romania is the best performer in terms of growth as it is profiting from successfully implemented structural reforms, and thus is expected to grow at about 4 per cent in 2016. Albania is the second best performer with 3.5 per cent year over year, while growth rates are lower in the rest of SEE. Yet, on the positive side Croatia is posting positive growth numbers for the second year in a row, after six years in recession.

In Romania, tax cuts from early 2016 and wage increases from 2015 are still positively impacting domestic consumption but also pose the risk of renewed external and fiscal imbalances, a possible challenge for a new government to be elected in late 2016.

#### Russia (Source: Raiffeisen Research)

Russia could see the end of recession in 2016, but no substantial recovery lies ahead. Russia managed to cope with the oil price shock of 2014/2015 relatively successfully, by devaluing its currency, slashing imports and decreasing external debt, resulting in a stabilisation of hard currency reserves. Now economy in 2016 is expected to contract only half as much as in 2014, by -2.0 per cent after almost -4 per cent in 2015, based on an average oil price of USD 40 per barrel in 2016 (given the downward shift in oil prices we revised Russian growth from 0 per cent to -2 per cent in February 2016). Most recently, with oil prices having again recovered from lows under USD 30 per barrel and better economic data in early 2016, there are hopes that the economic contraction will be milder than our forecast.

However, the main challenge for Russia going forward is of a fiscal nature as the budget deficit of 3-4 per cent of GDP is paid out from a rainy-day fiscal fund which is expected to be depleted by end-2016/mid-2017 (a second fund may add another year of deficit funding). If oil revenues do not rebound sufficiently by the time the funds are depleted, Russian authorities will either have to slash expenditures or maximise issuance on internal and external markets.

#### Ukraine (Source: Raiffeisen Research)

The deep political and economic crisis and the conflict with Russia in 2014 and 2015 triggered a severe adjustment recession. GDP fell by almost 7 per cent year over year in 2014 and additional 10 per cent GDP in 2015. Yet, stabilisation/bottoming-out is seen to start already in late 2015, opening the possibility for a modestly positive economic growth in 2016 (1 2 per cent).

Ukraine's development is again threatened by political risks. In Ukraine, the trough of the recession was passed in mid-2015. However, a political crisis in early 2016 is threatening the macro-stabilisation of the country, as it further delays IMF and other donor payments to the country. With the Package of Measures for the Implementation of the Minsk Agreements dated 12 February 2015 – also known as the Minsk-II Agreement - also deadlocked and trade relations with Russia further deteriorating (while EU agricultural quotas hinder the country from gaining much from the new free trade agreement with the EU), no strong recovery in Ukraine is expected either.

In the medium run, GDP growth rates are projected closer to potential modest output growth rates of around 3 per cent (largely based on current economic and institutional structures), which would require an improvement of the geopolitical situation and at least partially successfully implemented structural reforms (as requested by a 2015-2018 IMF economic support package). At the same time, an economic reorientation away from the Russian market, challenges in integrating into EU markets as well as the demographic factor will play on the negative side as the reduction in the available work force (reduction by 10 per cent till 2020) is foreseen. Nevertheless, per capita incomes are expected to increase modestly going forward due to their depressed current base. However, according to our estimate, long term nominal GDP in EUR-terms will not recover to the 2012-2013 level over the next 10 years. GDP in EUR in 2024 is expected 15 per cent below 2012/2013 levels.

## Kazakhstan (Source: Raiffeisen Research)

Kazakhstan, as an oil exporting country has been strongly hit by the decline in oil prices in 2014-2016. Coming from around 5 per cent GDP growth per year before the crisis, the economy slowed down in 2015 to just 1.2 per cent year over year growth, but avoided recession. For 2016, the growth rate is expected to be even lower, i.e. the economy to stagnate. Besides slower growth, the lower oil prices also turned the current account from a surplus to a deficit of 2.6 per cent of GDP in 2015 and led to a devaluation of the Kazakh tenge to the US dollar by around 50%. Key for the Kazakh economy will be the development of the oil price and also to some extent the situation of the Russian and Chinese economies, major trading partners of Kazakhstan.

## Turkey (Source: Raiffeisen Research)

The Turkish economy is doing surprisingly well, considering the difficult external and internal political environment and security situation. GDP for 2015 came in at close to 4 per cent. Moreover, industrial output in late 2015 early 2016 is pointing in a positive direction as well. Furthermore, there are chances that healthy domestic demand trends will continue in 2016. The government is even more optimistic, pencilling in 4.5 to 5.0 per cent growth for 2016-2018 in its annual medium term economic programme. With regard to inflation developments, the picture looks less favourable. Headline inflation and core inflation both reached local highs close to 10 per cent year over year in early 2016. For headline inflation, some deceleration and lower inflation rates of around 8 per cent later in spring and summer are expected. Towards the end of the year, 2016 inflation could rise again on base effects. With this intra-year development, the average Consumer Price Index rate in 2016 should come in at slightly above 8 per cent year over year. In 2017, the inflation rate could then fall below 8 per cent. Overall, no rapid disinflation in the next 2-3 years is expected. The current account deficit, the Achilles' heel of the Turkish economy for years, showed a further decline in 2015. At USD 32 bn, the current account deficit was almost half the size compared to 2013. With the weaker lira, imports adjusted by USD 40 bn or 15 per cent over two years. In 2016, exports to Russia are curtailed by the deterioration in relations between Turkey and Russia; moreover, the difficult security situation could deter Western tourists as well. Nevertheless, only a limited increase of the current account deficit in 2016 towards USD 35-40 bn is expected.

# Competitive pressures in the financial services industry could adversely affect Raiffeisen Centrobank Group's business and results of operations.

The Group operates in a highly competitive environment. In business dealings with corporate customers, particularly in the area of investments banking, the Issuer is active in the same market as a number of foreign competitors, which have considerably expanded their presence in the markets which are relevant for the Issuer in the past years. Furthermore, substantial consolidation among companies in the financial services industry took place, and this trend accelerated over the course of 2008 and 2009 as the credit crisis has led to numerous mergers and asset acquisitions among industry participants and in certain cases to reorganisation, restructuring, or even bankruptcy. This trend also has hastened the globalisation of the securities and financial services markets. The Group will continue to experience intensified competition as continued consolidation in the financial services industry in connection with current market conditions may produce larger and better capitalised companies that are capable of offering a wider array of financial products and services at more competitive prices. To the extent Raiffeisen Centrobank Group expands into new business areas and new geographic regions, it may face competitors with more experience and more established relationships with clients, regulators and industry participants in the relevant market, which could adversely affect its ability to compete. In addition, technological advances and the growth of e-commerce have made it possible for financial institutions to compete with technology companies in providing electronic and internet-based financial solutions. As a consequence of this intense competition, it is frequently not possible to obtain reasonable margins in some areas of business and some business must compensate other low-margin or no-margin business in other areas.

Increased competition may affect the Group's results of operations by creating pressure to lower prices on its products and services and reducing market share and could thus limit the Issuer's ability to service payments under Securities issued under the Programme and potentially adversely affect the market value of such Securities.

## Raiffeisen Centrobank Group is exposed to credit, counterparty and concentration risk.

When the Group loans money, commits to loan money or enters into a letter of credit or other contract with a counterparty, it incurs credit risk, i.e. the risk of losses if its borrowers do not repay their loans or its other counterparties fail to perform according to the terms of their contracts. A number of the Group's contracts expose it to credit risk. The counterparty risk comprises in addition to the classical credit risk of default also country risk and issuer risks as well as counterparty credit risk and settlement risks arising from commercial transactions.

The Group estimates and establishes reserves for credit risks and potential credit losses inherent in its group exposure. This process, which is critical to the Group's financial results and condition, requires difficult, subjective and complex judgements, including forecasts of economic conditions and how these economic conditions might impair the ability of the Groups counterparties to perform according to the terms of their contracts. There is the risk that the Group will fail to identify the relevant factors or that the Group will fail to accurately estimate the impacts of factors that it identifies. Raiffeisen Centrobank Group's ability to assess the creditworthiness of its counterparts may be impaired if the models and approaches it uses become less predictive of future behaviours, valuations, assumptions or estimates.

The Group is also subject to a concentration of credit risk to a particular industry, counterparty, borrower or issuer. A deterioration in the financial conditions or prospects of a particular industry or failure or downgrade of, or default by, any particular entity or group of entities could negatively impact the Group's businesses, perhaps materially, and the systems by which the Group sets limits and monitors the level of its credit exposure to individual entities, industries or countries may not function as the management of the Group has anticipated. While the Group's activities expose it to many different industries and counterparties, the Group routinely executes a high volume of transactions with counterparties in the financial services industry, including brokers and dealers, commercial banks, investment funds and insurers. This has resulted in significant credit concentration with respect to this industry. In particular, the Group has a material part of its liquid funds deposited with RBI and is thus, to a high level exposed to the credit risk of RBI.

The development of the Issuer's and the Group's operating performance, loan loss levels or write-downs and impairments could adversely affect their results and may result in capital requirements that could constrain their operations, reducing the Issuer's ability to service payments under the Securities and potentially adversely affecting the trading price of the Securities.

#### The Group may be adversely impacted by declining asset values.

The Group has a large portfolio of trading assets. These positions include a stock portfolio and other securities, warrants, and purchased structured products representing hedge positions for certificates and warrants issued by Raiffeisen Centrobank. As the trading assets are accounted for at fair value, declines in the values of assets could have a direct and significant negative impact on the earnings of Raiffeisen Centrobank.

The Group may incur additional losses as a result of increased market volatility or decreased market liquidity, which may adversely impact the valuation of its trading and investment positions. If an asset is marked to market, declines in asset values directly and immediately impact the Group's earnings, unless the Group has effectively "hedged" its exposures to such declines. These exposures may continue to be impacted by declining values of the underlying assets. In addition, the prices at which observable market transactions occur and the continued availability of these transactions, and the financial strength of counterparties, such as financial guarantors, with whom the Group has economically hedged some of its exposure to these assets, will affect the value of these assets. Sudden declines and significant volatility in the prices of assets may substantially curtail or eliminate the trading activity for these assets, which may make it very difficult to sell, hedge or value such assets. The inability to sell or effectively hedge assets reduces the Group's ability to limit losses in such positions and the difficulty in valuing assets may increase its risk-weighted assets which requires the Group to maintain additional capital and increases its funding costs.

Negative impacts of declines in asset values could lead to material adverse effects on Raiffeisen Centrobank's financial condition.

Asset values also directly impact revenues from the Group's asset management business. The Group receives asset-based management fees based on the value of its clients' portfolios or investment in funds managed by the Group and, in some cases, the Group also receives incentive fees based on increases in the value of such investments. Declines in asset values could reduce the value of the Group's clients' portfolios or fund assets, which in turn could have reduced the fees the Group earns

for managing such assets. This could reduce the Issuer's ability to service payments under the Securities and potentially adversely affecting the trading price of the Securities.

# Since a large part of the Issuer's and the Group's operations, assets and customers are located in CEE and other countries that are not part of the Euro-zone, the Issuer is exposed to currency risks

A large part of the Raiffeisen Centrobank's and Raiffeisen Centrobank Group's operations, assets and customers are located in CEE and (other) countries that are not part of the Euro-zone (as defined herein), and financial transactions in currencies other than the euro give rise to foreign currency risks, leading to a material adverse effect on the Issuer's and the Group's business, operations, financial condition or prospects which, in turn, could have a material adverse effect on the amount of payments which investors will receive in respect of the Securities.

# The trading results of Raiffeisen Centrobank may be volatile and depend on many factors that are outside its control.

The trading results of the Issuer may be volatile and depend on many factors that are outside the control of Raiffeisen Centrobank such as the general market environment, interest rates, currency fluctuations and general market volatility. Trading suspensions or market disruptions are outside the control of the Issuer and could materially restrict the Issuer's ability to conduct its business of trading securities. Therefore, there is no guarantee that the trading result achieved in the last business years will be retained or even improved. A material decline in the trading result of the Issuer could detract from the Issuer's capacity to operate profitably and could have a material adverse impact on the financial and earnings position of the Issuer.

In the case of certain securities issues, the Issuer enters into hedging transactions. In such hedging transactions, the Issuer depends, on the one hand, on the reliability of its hedging partners, and on the other hand, on its own assessment regarding the scope of the required hedging transactions. If a partner to a hedging transaction is not in a position to meet its contractual obligations, this could lead to open positions for the Issuer that could have a negative effect on the Issuer's earning, financial and trading position. Should the Issuer falsely assess the scope of the required hedging transactions, this could also have a negative influence on the Issuer's earning, financial and trading position and thus, limit the Issuer's ability to service payments under the Securities and potentially adversely affecting the trading price of the Securities.

# Raiffeisen Centrobank faces risks stemming from its investments in other companies.

The Issuer holds shares in diverse unlisted companies. To efficiently control the development of such portfolios, management expenses and refinancing costs are incurred. There is no guarantee that these investments will contribute positively to the results of the Issuer in the future and that the Issuer will not be required to write-down the value of such investments. Accordingly, risks stemming from its investments in other companies could limit the Issuer's ability to service payments under the Securities and potentially adversely affecting the trading price of the Securities.

## The Group is exposed to liquidity risk.

Liquidity is essential to the Group's businesses. The Group's liquidity could be impaired by an inability to access the capital markets or by unforeseen outflows of cash. This situation may arise due to circumstances that the Group may be unable to control, such as a general market disruption, negative views about the financial services industry generally, or an operational problem that affects third parties or the Group. The Group's ability to raise funding in the capital markets at favourable conditions has been and could continue to be adversely affected by conditions in the Euro-zone and international markets and economy. Global capital and credit markets have been and still are experiencing high volatilities and volatility of government spreads reached unprecedented levels. In some cases, the markets have produced downward pressure on stock prices and credit availability for issuers without regard to those issuers' underlying financial strength. The Group's ability to borrow from other financial institutions or to engage in other funding transactions on favourable terms or at all

could be adversely affected by further disruptions in the capital markets or by other events, including actions by rating agencies and deteriorating investor expectations. The materialisation of liquidity risk could reduce the Issuer's ability to service payments under the Securities and potentially adversely affecting the trading price of the Securities.

### The Group is exposed to market risk.

The Group is directly and indirectly affected by changes in market conditions. Market risk generally represents the risk that values of assets and liabilities or revenues will be adversely affected by changes in market conditions. For example, changes in interest rates could adversely affect the Group's net interest margin - the difference between the yield the Group earns on its assets and the interest rate the Group pays for deposits and other sources of funding - which could in turn affect its net interest income and earnings. Market risk is inherent in the financial instruments associated with the Group's operations and activities including loans, deposits, securities, short-term borrowings, long-term debt, trading account assets and liabilities, and derivatives. Just a few of the market conditions that may shift from time to time, thereby exposing the Group to market risk, include fluctuations in interest and currency exchange rates, equity and futures prices, changes in the implied volatility of interest rates, credit spreads and price deterioration or changes in value due to changes in market perception or actual credit quality of either the issuer or its country of origin. Accordingly, depending on the instruments or activities impacted, market risks can have wide ranging, complex adverse effects on the Group's results from operations and the Group's overall financial condition.

The models that the Group uses to assess and control the Group's market risk exposures reflect assumptions about the degrees of correlation or lack thereof among prices of various asset classes or other market indicators. In times of market stress or other unforeseen circumstances, such as the market conditions experienced during 2008, previously uncorrelated indicators may become correlated, or previously correlated indicators may move in different directions. These types of market movements have at times limited the effectiveness of the Group's hedging strategies and have caused the Group to incur significant losses, and they may do so in the future. These changes in correlation can be exacerbated where other market participants are using risk or trading models with assumptions or algorithms that are similar to the Group's. In these and other cases, it may be difficult to reduce the Group's risk positions due to the activity of other market participants or widespread market dislocations, including circumstances where asset values are declining significantly or no market exists for certain assets. To the extent that the Group makes investments directly in securities that do not have an established liquid trading market or are otherwise subject to restrictions on sale or hedging, the Group may not be able to reduce its positions and therefore reduce its risk associated with such positions.

Like the rest of the Group, Raiffeisen Centrobank also, faces counterparty risk. Valuation of these exposures to counterparty risk will continue to be impacted by external market factors, including default rates, rating agency actions, and the prices at which observable market transactions occur and the continued availability of these transactions. Raiffeisen Centrobank's ability to mitigate its risk by selling or hedging its exposures is also limited by the market environment, and its future results may continue to be materially impacted by the valuation adjustments applied to these positions. The materialisation of market risk could limit the Issuer's ability to service payments under the Securities.

# Raiffeisen Centrobank Group is exposed to risks related to its commodities business.

The Group is exposed to environmental, reputational, regulatory, market and credit risk as a result of its commodities related activities (i.e. rubber and olefin trading) conducted by the subsidiaries of Centrotrade Holding GmbH, a 100% subsidiary of Raiffeisen Centrobank. Through its commodities business, the Group enters into exchange-traded contracts, financially settled over-the-counter derivatives, contracts for physical delivery. Contracts relating to physical ownership, delivery and/or related activities can expose the Group to numerous risks, including performance, environmental and reputational risks. For example, the Group may incur civil or criminal liability under certain environmental laws and its business and reputation may be adversely affected. Risks stemming from the Issuer's commodity business could affect the Issuer's business, financial position and results of operations and could thus, limit its ability to fulfil its obligations under the Securities.

#### The Group may be adversely affected by governmental fiscal and monetary policy.

The Group's businesses and earnings are affected by domestic and international fiscal and monetary policy. For example, the European Central Bank (the "ECB") regulates the supply of money and credit in the Euro-zone and its policies determine in large part the Group's cost of funds for lending, investing and capital raising activities and the return the Group earns on those loans and investments, both of which affect its net interest margin. The actions of the ECB also can materially affect the value of financial instruments the Group holds, such as debt securities and mortgage servicing rights and its policies also can affect the Group's borrowers, potentially increasing the risk that they may fail to repay their loans. The Group's businesses and earnings also are affected by the fiscal or other policies that are adopted by various regulatory authorities of Austria, non-Austrian governments and international agencies. Changes in domestic and international fiscal and monetary policy are beyond the Group's control and hard to predict and could have material negative effects of the Issuer's business, financial position and results of operations and could thus, limit its ability to fulfil its obligations under the Securities.

The Raiffeisen Centrobank Group is exposed to a risk of losses due to any inadequacy or failure of internal proceedings, people, systems (in particular IT systems), or external events, whether caused deliberately or accidentally or by natural circumstances (operational risk).

The Group is exposed to various risks due to potential inadequacies or failures of internal controls, proceedings, people, systems, or external events, whether caused deliberately or accidentally or by natural circumstances, and which may cause material losses. Such operational risks include the risk of unexpected losses incurred as a consequence of individual events resulting, among other things, from faulty information systems, inadequate organisational structures or ineffective control mechanisms. Such risks also include the risk of cost increases or losses due to unfavourable overall economic or trade-specific trends. Any reputational damage to the Issuer as a result of the occurrence of one of these events also falls into this risk category.

The operational risk is inherent in all activities of the Issuer and cannot be eliminated. In particular, investors should be aware that the Raiffeisen Centrobank Group, like other banks, is increasingly dependent on highly sophisticated information technology ("IT") systems. IT systems are vulnerable to a number of problems, such as computer virus infection, malicious hacking, physical damage to vital IT centres and software or hardware malfunctions.

Furthermore, the economic development of the Issuer is significantly depended upon its management and key personnel. There is the risk, that current members of the management or key personnel may not be available to the Issuer in the future.

Failure to manage such risks may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under the Securities.

New governmental or regulatory requirements and changes in perceived levels of adequate capitalisation and leverage could subject Raiffeisen Centrobank to increased capital requirements or standards and require it to obtain additional capital or liquidity in the future.

In response to the global financial crisis and the European sovereign debt crisis, a number of initiatives relating to the regulatory requirements applicable to European credit institutions, including the Issuer and Raiffeisen Group, have been (and are currently being) implemented, adopted, or developed. These include the following:

• Basel III and CRD IV Package. In June 2011 and January 2013, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) published its (final) international regulatory framework for credit institutions (known as "Basel III"), which is a comprehensive set of reform measures to strengthen the regulation, supervision and risk management of the banking sector. On 27 June 2013, the "Directive 2013/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on access to the activity of credit institutions and the prudential supervision of credit institutions and investment firms, amending Directive 2002/87/EC and repealing Directives 2006/48/EC and 2006/49/EC" (Capital Requirements Directive IV - "CRD IV") and the "Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of

26 June 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012" (*Capital Requirements Regulation* - "**CRR**") transposing (main parts of) Basel III into European law, have been published.

The CRD IV package in particular (further) increased the qualitative and quantitative requirements for regulatory capital (own funds) and the required capital for derivative positions as well as newly introduced requirements for liquidity standards and a leverage ratio.

The CRR (an EU-regulation which directly applies in all EU-Member States without any national implementation) as well as the Austrian federal law implementing the CRD IV into Austrian law, which includes amendments to the Austrian Banking Act (and certain related regulations), are applicable since 1 January 2014 subject to certain transitional provisions.

- framework set by Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments and amending Directive 2002/92/EC and Directive 2011/61/EU (Markets in Financial Instruments Directive II "MiFID II") and Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 (Markets in Financial Instruments Regulation "MiFIR") which will effect regulatory changes affecting derivatives and other financial instruments. As a result, there will be increased costs or increased regulatory requirements. As such changes are still in the process of being implemented, the full impact of MiFID II and MiFIR remains to be clarified. According to a press release dated 10 February 2016, the European Commission has proposed a one year extension to the entry into application of MiFID II.
- European Banking Authority's 2016 EU-wide Stress Test. One of the responsibilities of the European Banking Authority ("EBA") is to ensure the orderly functioning and integrity of financial markets and the stability of the financial system in the EU. To this end, the EBA is mandated to monitor and assess market developments as well as to identify trends, potential risks and vulnerabilities stemming from the micro-prudential level. One of the primary supervisory tools to conduct such an analysis is the EU-wide stress test exercise. The EBA's EU-wide stress tests are conducted in a bottom-up fashion, using consistent methodologies, scenarios and key assumptions developed in cooperation with the European Systemic Risk Board ("ESRB"), the ECB and the European Commission.

On 24 February 2016, the EBA launched the 2016 EU-wide stress test and published the methodology and macroeconomic scenarios for this exercise. The 2016 EU-wide stress test is designed to provide supervisors, credit institutions and other market participants with a common analytical framework to consistently compare and assess the resilience of EU credit institutions to economic shocks. For this exercise, no single capital thresholds have been defined as the results will inform the 2016 round of Supervisory Review and Evaluation Processes ("SREP") under which decisions are made on appropriate capital resources. The 2016 EU-wide stress test will be conducted on a sample of 51 EU credit institutions covering 70% of the banking sector in the EU and will be run at the highest level of consolidation. The process for running the exercise will involve close cooperation between the EBA and the competent authorities (including the Single Supervisory Mechanism ("SSM")), the ECB, the ESRB and the European Commission. The EBA expects to publish the results of the exercise in early third quarter 2016.

The common methodology of the 2016 EU-wide stress test assesses solvency and covers all main risk types including credit risk and securitisation, market risk, sovereign risk, funding risk and operational and conduct risks. The 2016 EU-wide stress test is run on credit institutions' models and the results are then challenged by supervisors in the relevant competent authorities. To ensure consistency, the methodology contains key constraints such as a static balance sheet assumption, which precludes any mitigating actions by credit institutions, and a series of caps and floors, for example on risk weighted assets (RWAs) and net trading income.

The adverse scenario, designed by the ESRB, reflects the four systemic risks that are currently assessed as representing the most material threats to the stability of the EU banking sector: (i) an abrupt reversal of compressed global risk premia, amplified by low secondary market liquidity; (ii) weak profitability prospects for credit institutions and insurers in a low nominal

growth environment, amid incomplete balance sheet adjustments; (iii) rising of debt sustainability concerns in the public and non-financial private sectors, amid low nominal growth; and (iv) prospective stress in a rapidly growing shadow banking sector, amplified by spill over and liquidity risk.

- Changes in Recognition of Own Funds. Due to regulatory changes, certain existing regulatory capital instruments (which have been issued in the past) will be subject to (gradual) exclusion from own funds (grandfathering) or reclassification as a lower category of own funds. For example, existing hybrid capital instruments will, over time, be phased out as additional tier-1 capital ("AT 1").
- Stricter and Changing Accounting Standards. Prospective changes in accounting standards as well as those imposing stricter or more extensive requirements to carry assets at fair value, could also impact the Issuer's and Raiffeisen Group's capital needs.
- Bank Recovery and Resolution Legislation. The "Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 establishing a framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms and amending Council Directive 82/891/EEC, and Directives 2001/24/EC, 2002/47/EC, 2004/25/EC, 2005/56/EC, 2007/36/EC, 2011/35/EU, 2012/30/EU and 2013/36/EU, and Regulations (EU) No 1093/2010 and (EU) No 648/2012, of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms" (Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive - "BRRD") has been implemented in Austria into national law by the Austrian Recovery and Resolution Act (Sanierungs- und Abwicklungsgesetz -"BaSAG") which entered into force on 1 January 2015 in its entirety (i.e. including the bail-in tool). The BRRD/BaSAG establishes a framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and, inter alia, requires institutions to draw up "recovery plans" which set out certain arrangements and measures that may be taken to restore the long-term viability of the financial institution in the event of a material deterioration of its financial position. In addition, institutions have to meet at all times minimum requirements for own funds and eligible liabilities ("MREL") set by the resolution authority on a case-by-case basis. Measures undertaken under the BRRD/BaSAG may also have a negative impact on debt instruments (in particular subordinated securities, but under certain circumstances also senior securities and the Securities) by allowing resolution authorities to order the write-down of such instruments or convert them into CET 1 instruments (see also the risk factor "The Securities may be subject to write down or conversion to equity upon the occurrence of a certain trigger event, which may result in Securityholders losing some or all of their investment in the Securities (statutory loss absorption)."). Apart from potentially being subject to resolution tools as set out under the BRRD/BaSAG, the Issuer may also be subject to national insolvency proceedings.
- Single Resolution Mechanism for European Banks. The Single Resolution Mechanism ("SRM") which started operationally in January 2016 is one of the components of the Banking Union, alongside the Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM) and a common deposit guarantee scheme. It is set to centralise key competences and resources for managing the failure of any credit institution in the participating Member States. The SRM complements the SSM and aims to ensure that if a credit institution subject to the SSM faces serious difficulties, its resolution can be managed efficiently with minimal costs to taxpayers and the real economy. The interaction and cooperation among resolution and supervisory authorities is a key element of the SRM. The SSM will assist the SRM in reviewing the resolution plans, with a view to avoiding a duplication of tasks.

The SRM is governed by: (i) a SRM regulation covering the main aspects of the mechanism and broadly replicating the BRRD rules on the recovery and resolution of credit institutions; and (ii) an intergovernmental agreement related to some specific aspects of the Single Resolution Fund ("SRF").

The SRF shall be constituted by contributions of all credit institutions in the participating EU Member States. The SRF has a target level of covering at least 1% of covered deposits which shall be reached over an eight-year period. During this transitional period, the SRF comprises national compartments corresponding to each participating EU Member State. The resources

- accumulated in these compartments are progressively mutualised over a period of eight years, starting with 40% of these resources in the first year (i.e. 2016).
- MREL. On 3 July 2015, EBA submitted its "Final draft regulatory technical standards on criteria for determining the minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities under Directive 2014/59/EU" (EBA/RTS/2015/05) ("RTS on MREL") which included references to the conditions for accessing resolution, specific provisions for setting the MREL requirements for systemic institutions, and an option to set a limited compliance transition period. In order to ensure the effectiveness of bail-in and other resolution tools introduced by the BRRD, the BRRD requires that all institutions must meet an individual MREL requirement, calculated as a percentage of total liabilities and own funds and set by the relevant resolution authorities, with effect from 1 January 2016. The RTS on MREL provide for resolution authorities to allow institutions a transitional period of up to four years to reach the applicable MREL requirements. Each resolution authority is required to make a separate determination of the appropriate MREL requirement for each group or institution within its jurisdiction, depending on the resolvability, risk profile, systemic importance and other characteristics of each institution. Items eligible for inclusion in MREL will include an institution's own funds (within the meaning of CRR), along with "eligible liabilities", meaning liabilities which do not qualify as own funds and are not excluded from bail-in and which may comprise instruments which, inter alia, are issued and fully paid up, have a maturity of at least one year (or do not give the investor a right to repayment within one year) and do not arise from derivatives.
- On 17 December 2015, the European Commission proposed a number of amendments to the RTS on MREL, in particular, to amend the reference to the burden-sharing requirement by shareholders and creditors of institutions of significant importance. On 9 February 2016, the ECB has issued an opinion on the European Commission's intention to amend the RTS on MREL (EBA/Op/2016/02): Although the EBA agrees with the European Commission's argument that the RTS cannot set a harmonised level of MREL, it dissents from some of these amendments as it believes legal clarity and certainty is needed when setting MREL for a systemic institution which may need to access resolution funds. In addition, the European Commission proposed to remove several specific provisions relating to the criteria for setting MREL for systemic institutions, to the consultation between competent and resolution authorities on specific matters and the upper limit on the transitional compliance period. The EBA dissents from these amendments as it believes they would reduce the effectiveness of the RTS on MREL in promoting smooth cooperation and convergence when setting MRELs. With this opinion the EBA also calls on the Commission to promptly adopt these important RTS on MREL. With EBA's RTS on MREL not yet being in a legally binding form or an EU-regulation and the resolution authorities' approach still developing, regulatory standards on MREL may therefore be subject to change.
- If the RTS on MREL are implemented in their current form however, it is possible that the Issuer may have to issue a significant amount of additional MREL eligible liabilities (including, potentially, further Tier 2 instruments and/or senior debt which rank senior to the Notes) in order to meet the additional capital requirements.
- TLAC. On 9 November 2015, the Financial Stability Board ("FSB") issued the final Total Loss-Absorbing Capacity ("TLAC") standard for global systemically important banks ("G-SIBs"). The TLAC standard has been designed so that failing G-SIBs will have sufficient loss-absorbing and recapitalisation capacity available in resolution for authorities to implement an orderly resolution that minimises impacts on financial stability, maintains the continuity of critical functions, and avoids exposing public funds to loss. The TLAC standard defines a minimum requirement for the instruments and liabilities that should be readily available for bail-in within resolution at G-SIBs, but does not limit authorities' powers under the applicable resolution law to expose other liabilities to loss through bail-in or the application of other resolution tools. G-SIBs will be required to meet the TLAC requirement alongside the minimum regulatory requirements set out in the Basel III framework from 1 January 2019 on. In the most recent list of G-SIBs updated by the FSB and the BCBS on 3 November 2015 Raiffeisen Group is not included and therefore, currently would not be subject to the TLAC standard. Whilst there are a number of similarities between the MREL requirements and the TLAC standard, there are also certain differences in the requirements and the timescales for

implementation. It remains to be seen whether there will be any further convergence which may have impact on Raiffeisen Centrobank Group through MREL or any additional or amended requirements in the future within the EU applicable to Raiffeisen Group.

• Structural Reform of the European Banking Sector. On 29 January 2014, the European Commission has proposed new rules on structural measures to improve the resilience of EU credit institutions. The proposal aims at further strengthening the stability and resilience of the EU banking system and shall complete the financial regulatory reforms undertaken over the last few years by setting out rules on structural changes for "too-big-to-fail" banks. Therefore, the proposal focuses mainly on credit institutions with significant trading activities, whose failure could have a detrimental impact on the rest of the financial system and the whole economy.

The proposal foresees the following structural measures:

- (i) ban of proprietary trading in financial instruments and commodities (i.e. trading on own account for the sole purpose of making profit for the credit institution);
- (ii) granting supervisors the power and, in certain instances, the obligation to require the transfer of other high-risk trading activities (such as market-making, complex derivatives and securitisation operations) to separate legal trading entities within the group; credit institutions shall have the possibility of not separating activities if they can show to the satisfaction of their supervisor that the risks generated are mitigated by other means; and
- (iii) providing rules on the economic, legal, governance, and operational links between the separated trading entity and the rest of the banking group.

These proposed structural separation measures shall be accompanied by provisions improving the transparency of shadow banking and foresee respective transition periods: the proprietary trading ban would apply as of 1 January 2017 and the effective separation of other trading activities as of 1 July 2018.

For the time being, it remains unclear whether the Issuer would be subject to the structural measures once implemented.

Capital buffers. Articles 128 to 140 CRD IV introduce provisions that may require institutions to maintain newly defined specific capital buffers in addition to the CET 1 capital maintained to meet the own funds requirements imposed by the CRR and potentially any Pillar II additional own funds requirements. In Austria, these provisions have been implemented into national law in §§ 23 to 23d BWG. Most of these buffer requirements will be gradually phased in starting from 1 January 2016 until 1 January 2019. On 1 January 2016, the Austrian Capital Buffers Regulation (Kapitalpuffer-Verordnung - "KP-V") of the FMA which also takes into account recommendations of the Austrian Financial Market Stability (Finanzmarktstabilitätsgremium - "FMSG") entered into force. Currently, the KP-V stipulates the determination and recognition of the countercyclical buffer rate pursuant to § 23a (3) BWG, the determination of the capital buffer rate for systemic vulnerability and for systemic concentration risk (i.e. systemic risk buffer) pursuant to § 23d (3) BWG which has to be determined on a consolidated level and the more precise elaboration of the calculation basis pursuant to § 23a (3) (1) BWG and § 24 (2) BWG (the latter concerning the calculation of the Maximum Distributable Amount).

Pursuant to the KP-V, the countercyclical buffer rate amounts to 0.00% for significant credit exposures located in Austria. In addition, also national countercyclical buffers determined by the designated authorities of another EU Member State or a third country for significant credit exposures located in its territory might apply. However, if such national countercyclical buffer rates exceed 2.50%, a countercyclical buffer rate amounting to 2.50% is used for such credit exposures. According to the KP-V, the FMA does not impose on the Issuer a capital buffer rate for systemic vulnerability or systemic concentration risk. On 16 March 2016, the FMA has published intended amendments to the KP-V stipulating the capital buffer for systemically important institutions ("O-SII buffer") pursuant to § 23c (5) BWG which has to be determined on a consolidated level and which should enter into force on 1 June 2016. For Raiffeisen Centrobank Group, the amendments of the KP-V should not lead to any changes.

• Basel RWA Reviews. The BCBS is currently working on the review of the standardised approaches of the capital requirement frameworks for credit risk and market risks as well as for operational risks. These reviews cover the standardised as well as the internal model approaches for all risk types. While standards for a revised market risk framework were finalised in January 2016, proposals for revisions to the credit and operational risk frameworks are still in a consultative phase. The BCBS has also issued a consultative document on the design of a capital floor framework based on the revised standardised approaches for all risk types. This framework will replace the current capital floor for banks using internal models, which is based on the Basel I standard. The consultation covers plans to institute a capital floor framework but the calibration of the floor is outside the scope of this consultation. The BCBS will consider the calibration alongside its other work on revising the risk-based capital framework. There is a high degree of uncertainty with regards to the BCBS' final calibration of the proposed new frameworks, and subsequently how and when this will be implemented in the EU. It is thus too early to draw firm conclusions regarding the impact of the potential future capital requirements, and consequently how this will affect the capital requirements.

Additional, stricter and/or new regulatory requirements may be adopted in the future, and the existing regulatory environment in many markets in which the Issuer and Raiffeisen Group operate continues to develop, implement and change, including, for example, the SSM and the Banking Union within the EU. The substance and scope of any such (new or amended) laws and regulations as well as the manner in which they are (or will be) adopted, enforced or interpreted may increase Raiffeisen Group's financing costs and could have an adverse effect on the Issuer and Raiffeisen Group's business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

In addition to complying with capital requirements on a consolidated basis of Raiffeisen Group, the Issuer itself is also subject to capital requirements on an unconsolidated basis. Furthermore, members of Raiffeisen Group which are subject to local supervision in their country of incorporation may, on an individual and on a consolidated basis, be required to comply with applicable local regulatory capital requirements. It is therefore possible that individual entities within Raiffeisen Group or sub-groups require additional own funds, even though the own funds of Raiffeisen Group on a consolidated basis are sufficient.

Legislative and/or regulatory changes in the current definitions of what is deemed to qualify as own funds could reduce the Issuer's and Raiffeisen Group's eligible capital and/or increase the risk-weighted assets ("RWA") of the Issuer on an individual or Raiffeisen Group on a consolidated basis. There can be no assurance that, in the event of any further changes of the applicable rules, adequate grandfathering or transition periods will be implemented to allow the Issuer and/or Raiffeisen Group to repay or replace such derecognised own funds instruments in a timely fashion or on favourable terms.

The Issuer and/or Raiffeisen Group may therefore need to obtain additional own funds in the future. Such funds, whether in the form of ordinary shares or other instruments recognised as own funds, may not be available on attractive terms or at all. Further, any such regulatory development may expose the Issuer and/or Raiffeisen Group to additional costs and liabilities, may require the Issuer and/or Raiffeisen Group to change how to conduct their business or otherwise have a negative impact on their business, the offered products and services as well as the value of its assets. There can be no assurance that the Issuer and/or Raiffeisen Group would be able to increase their eligible capital (respectively their capital ratios) sufficiently or on time. If the Issuer and/or Raiffeisen Group are unable to increase its capital ratios sufficiently, their ratings may drop and their cost of funding may increase, the occurrence of which could have a material adverse effect on their business, financial condition and results of operations.

# Risk of changes in the tax framework, in particular regarding bank tax and the introduction of a financial transaction tax.

The future development of the Issuer's assets, financial and profit position, *inter alia*, depends on the tax framework. Every future change in legislation, case law and the tax authorities' administrative practice may negatively impact on the Issuer's assets, financial and profit position.

The Issuer is subject to bank tax (Stabilitätsabgabe) pursuant to the Austrian Bank Tax Act (Stabilitätsabgabegesetz). The tax basis is the average unconsolidated balance sheet total of the

financial year ending before the calendar year in which bank tax falls due. It is reduced by secured deposits, subscribed capital and reserves, certain liabilities of credit institutions that are being wound up or that are being restructured, certain export finance related liabilities for which the Republic of Austria has posted a guarantee and certain liabilities resulting from the holding of assets on trust. The tax rate is 0.09% for that part of the tax basis exceeding EUR 1 billion but not exceeding EUR 20 billion and 0.11% for that part exceeding EUR 20 billion. In addition, for calendar years including 2017 a surcharge to bank tax is levied.

Pursuant to the proposal by the European Commission for a "Council Directive implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of financial transaction tax" eleven EU Member States, i.e. Austria, Belgium, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Portugal, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia and Spain ("Participating Member States") shall charge a financial transaction tax ("FTT") on financial transactions as defined if at least one party to the transaction is established in the territory of a Participating Member State and a financial institution established in the territory of a Participating Member State is party to the transaction, acting either for its own account or for the account of another person, or is acting in the name of a party to the transaction (residency principle). In addition, the proposal contains rules pursuant to which a financial institution and, respectively, a person which is not a financial institution are deemed to be established in the territory of a Participating Member State if they are parties to a financial transaction in certain instruments issued within the territory of that Participating Member State (issuance principle). According to a publication by the Council of the European Union dated 8 December 2015, shares and derivatives shall be taxed initially. All Participating Member States except for Estonia have agreed on main features of the tax base, but not on the respective tax rates. It is unclear whether the FTT will be introduced in the proposed form at all. The proposed FTT has a very broad scope and could, if introduced in its current form, apply to certain dealings in the Securities (including secondary market transactions) in certain circumstances. If the FTT is introduced, due to higher costs for investors there is a risk that it would result in fewer transactions taking place, thereby negatively affecting the earnings of the Issuer. Prospective holders of the Securities are advised to seek their own professional advice in relation to the FTT.

# The Issuer may not be able to meet the minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities.

In line with the BRRD / BaSAG, each institution has to ensure that it meets at all times (on an individual basis and in case of EU parent undertakings also on a consolidated basis) a minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities. Such minimum requirement shall be determined by the resolution authority and shall be calculated as the amount of own funds and eligible liabilities expressed as a percentage of the total liabilities and own funds of the institution. There is a risk that the Issuer may not be able to meet these minimum requirements for own funds and eligible liabilities which could materially adversely affect the Issuer's ability to make payments on the Securities.

The Issuer is obliged to contribute amounts to the Single Resolution Fund and to *ex-ante* financed funds of the deposit guarantee schemes; this results in additional financial burdens for the Issuer and thus, materially adversely affects the financial position of the Issuer and the results of its business, financial condition and results of operations.

The Single Resolution Mechanism (SRM) includes establishing a Single Resolution Fund (SRF) to which all the banks in the participating EU Member States have to contribute.

Furthermore, the "Directive 2014/49/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on deposit guarantee schemes" (*Directive on Deposit Guarantee Schemes* – "**DGSD**") stipulates financing requirements for the Deposit Guarantee Schemes ("**DGS**") for the first time since the introduction of mandatory DGS in 1994. In principle, the target level of *ex-ante* financed funds for DGS is 0.8% of covered deposits to be collected from credit institutions until the final date (3 July 2024). According to the Austrian Deposit Guarantee and Investor Protection Act (*Einlagensicherungs-und Anlegerentschädigungsgesetz* – *ESAEG*), which implements the DGSD in Austria, the deposit guarantee fund must therefore be established until 3 July 2024 (final date).

In addition to *ex-ante* contributions, if necessary, credit institutions will have to pay additional (*ex-post*) contributions to a certain extent, which will be limited in order to avoid pro-cyclicality and worsening the financial situation of healthy credit institutions.

In the past, the Austrian mandatory DGS did not require *ex-ante* funding, but merely has obliged the respective DGS-members (*ex-post*) to contribute after deposits of any member have become unavailable (protection event). Therefore, the implementation of the DGSD into Austrian law which stipulates *ex-ante* contributions triggers an additional financial burden for the Issuer.

The obligation to contribute amounts for the establishment of the SRF and the *ex-ante* funds to the DGS results in additional financial burdens for the Issuer and thus, materially adversely affects the financial position of the Issuer and the results of its business, financial condition and results of operations.

## There is a risk of increased regulation and public sector influence.

Recent developments in the global markets have led to an increase in the involvement of various governmental and regulatory authorities in the financial sector and in the operations of financial institutions. In particular, governmental and regulatory authorities in the European Union and Austria have provided additional capital and funding facilities to financial institutions and are implementing other measures including increased regulatory control in their respective banking sectors including additional capital requirements. Where the public domain invests directly in a financial institution, it is possible that it will also interfere with that institution's business decisions. It is uncertain how the more rigorous regulatory climate will impact financial institutions including Raiffeisen Centrobank and it may in fact significantly negatively affect Raiffeisen Centrobank Group's business and results of operations and could reduce its ability to fulfil its obligations under the Securities.

# Raiffeisen Centrobank Group's business model is dependent on its diversified and competitive mix of products and services

The Raiffeisen Centrobank Group's business model is based on a diversified mix of businesses that provides a broad range of financial products and services, delivered through multiple distribution channels. The Group's performance depends, in part, on its ability to adapt its products and services to evolving industry standards. There is increasing pressure by competition to provide products and services at lower prices. This can reduce the Group's net interest margin and revenues from its feebased products and services.

In addition, the widespread adoption of new technologies, including internet services, could require the Group to incur substantial expenditures to modify or adapt its existing products and services. The Group might not be successful in developing and introducing new products and services, responding or adapting to changes in consumer spending and saving habits, achieving market acceptance of its products and services, or developing and maintaining loyal customers.

Any failure of Raiffeisen Centrobank Group in adapting its products and services to evolving industry standards and/or in developing and introducing new products and services, responding or adapting to changes in consumer habits could have material negative effect on Raiffeisen Centrobank Group's business, and financial position and results of operations and could thus, limit its ability to fulfil its obligations under the Securities.

## Raiffeisen Centrobank Group's operations have inherent reputational risk

The Group's ability to attract and retain customers and employees could be adversely affected to the extent its reputation is damaged. The Group's actual or perceived failure to address various issues could give rise to reputational risk that could cause harm to the Group and its subsidiaries and its business prospects. These issues include, but are not limited to, appropriately addressing potential conflicts of interest; legal and regulatory requirements; ethical issues; money-laundering; privacy; properly maintaining customer and associate personal information; record keeping; sales and trading practices; and the proper identification of the legal, reputational, credit, liquidity and market risks inherent in the Group's products. Failure to appropriately address any of these issues could also give

rise to additional regulatory restrictions, reputational harm and legal risks, which could among other things increase the size and number of litigation claims and damages asserted or subject the Group to enforcement actions, fines and penalties and cause the Group to incur related costs and expenses which could, in turn, reduce the Issuer's ability to service payments under the Securities.

# The results of the Group's operations are significantly impacted by the Group's ability to identify and manage risks

The Group's risk monitoring and risk mitigation techniques and the judgments that accompany their application cannot anticipate every economic and financial outcome or the specifics and timing of such outcomes. Accordingly, the Group's ability to identify and manage risks facing it is an important factor and if the Group fails to do so, that can significantly negatively impact the Group's results and limit its ability to fulfil its obligations under the Securities.

#### Raiffeisen Centrobank Group faces geopolitical risks

Geopolitical conditions can affect the Group's earnings. Acts or threats of terrorism, actions taken by Austria, the EU or other governments in response to acts or threats of terrorism and/or military conflicts could affect business and economic conditions in Austria and other countries where Raiffeisen Centrobank Group operates and could thus negatively affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under the Securities.

# Risk of potential conflicts of interest of members of the administrative, managing and supervisory bodies of the Issuer

Certain members of the administrative, managing and supervisory bodies of the Issuer are also members of administrative, managing and supervisory bodies of other entities within the Raiffeisen Group or have other functions in these entities. Accordingly, conflicts of interests between the duties of such members of administrative, managing and supervisory bodies vis-à-vis the Issuer and their duties vis-à-vis other entities cannot be excluded.

If members of the administrative, managing and supervisory bodies of the Issuer have such conflicts of interests they may make decisions which are detrimental to the Issuer and the Group which could have a material adverse effect on the Issuer and the Group and could reduce its ability to service payments under the Securities.

## Raiffeisen Centrobank Group is exposed to additional risks and uncertainties

The Group is a diversified group of companies providing financial services. In addition to banking, it provides investment, investment banking and foreign exchange services. Accordingly, the Group's earnings could be subject to different risks and uncertainties than the ones discussed herein. If any of the risks that the Group faces actually occur, irrespective of whether those risks are described in this section, the Group's business, financial condition and operating results and thus, its ability to fulfil its obligations under the Securities, could be materially adversely affected.

#### GENERAL RISKS RELATING TO THE SECURITIES

The Securities may not be a suitable investment for investors if they do not have sufficient knowledge and/or experience in the financial markets and/or access to information and/or financial resources and liquidity to bear all the risks of an investment and/or a thorough understanding of the terms and conditions of the Securities and/or the ability to evaluate possible scenarios for interest and foreign exchange rates, asset prices and other economic and non-economic factors that may affect their investment.

Each potential investor in the Securities must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor should:

- have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Securities, the merits and risks of investing in the Securities and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus or any applicable supplement hereto;
- have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation and the investment(s) it is considering, an investment in the Securities and the impact the Securities will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all the risks of an investment in the Securities;
- understand thoroughly the terms and conditions of the Securities and be familiar with the behaviour of financial markets; and
- be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate, Underlyings and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

# There may be conflicts of interest which have a negative effect on the Securities and/or potential investors.

The Issuer may from time to time be engaged in transactions involving securities or indices or related derivatives which may affect the market price, liquidity or value of the Securities and which could be deemed to be adverse to the interests of the holders of Securities (each a "Securityholder"). The Issuer or any of its affiliates may deal with and engage generally in any kind of commercial or investment banking or other business with any of: (i) the issuer of any underlying of Securities; (ii) any other entity which may influence the assets taken up in a underlying of Securities; (iii) such issuer's or other entity's affiliates; (iv) any guarantor; and (v) any other person or entity having obligations relating to the above mentioned issuer or other entity or its affiliates or any guarantor; in the same manner as if any Securities issued under the Programme did not exist, regardless of whether any such action might have an adverse effect on an issuer of the underlyings of the Securities or assets taken up in an underlying, any of its affiliates or any guarantor.

Potential conflicts of interest may arise also between the Calculation Agent and the Securityholders, including with respect to certain discretionary determinations and judgements that the Calculation Agent may make pursuant to the Terms and Conditions which may influence the amount receivable under the Securities including the redemption amount and interest payments.

Furthermore, potential investors should note that entities which are distributing the Securities for the Issuer generally may receive various kinds of remuneration for such services, e.g. commissions, issue surcharges, etc. Such remuneration will typically be up to 3% of the issue price of the Securities and may vary from issue to issue significantly. For Securities which are offered in a certain subscription period, issue surcharges between 1% and 3% would generally be charged. Where the Issuer is in position to provide information on such remuneration of distributors in a way to be depicted in a condensed form, the Issuer will disclose such information ion the relevant Final Terms. However, potential investors are advised by the Issuer to inquire any remuneration received by any distributor of Securities by the relevant distributor.

There can be no assurance that a liquid secondary market for the Securities will develop or, if it does develop, that it will continue. In an illiquid market, an investor may not be able to sell his Securities at fair market prices (liquidity risk).

Securities issued under the Programme will be new securities which may not be widely distributed and for which there may be no active trading market. If the Securities are traded after their initial issuance, they may trade below their initial offering price, depending *inter alia* on prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities, general economic conditions and the financial condition of the Issuer.

There is no assurance that applications which may be made for the Securities issued under the Programme to be admitted to listing on stock exchange - or admitted to trading on any market - within the European Economic Area or any other stock exchange will be accepted, that any particular Series of Securities will be so admitted or that an active trading market will develop. Accordingly, there is no assurance as to the development or liquidity of any trading market for any particular Series of Securities.

As a consequence, the Issuer can give no assurance that a holder of a Security will be able to sell its Securities prior to their maturity (if any) at all or at fair prices.

# The market value of the Securities is dependent on various factors and may be significantly lower than the purchase price.

The market value of the Securities will be affected by the creditworthiness of the Issuer and certain additional factors, including, the price of the Underlyings. The price of the Underlyings will again be dependent *inter alia* on the volatility of such Underlyings and further factors like possible returns of the Underlying (for example if the underlying is an index, basket or fund, the dividend or return on the securities comprised in the relevant Underlying). The market price of the Securities will further be affected by market interest and yield rates and the remaining tenor of the Securities. The price of the Securities and any Underlyings to which the Securities are linked further depends on a number of correlating factors, including economic, financial and political events such as factors affecting capital markets generally and the stock exchanges on which the Securities and, as the case may be, the Underlyings, to which the Securities are linked, are traded. The price at which a holder of a Security will be able to sell the Securities prior to maturity (if at all) may be (substantially) below the issue price or the purchase price paid by such purchaser. The historical market prices of the Underlyings should not be taken as a reliable indication of their future performance. Furthermore, also historical interest rates and correlation details which applied in the past cannot be taken into account regarding its future performance.

If an investor decides to sell the Securities prior to their maturity (if this is possible at all) such investor may receive a significantly lower amount of money than such investor has invested in the Securities.

## The legality of the purchase of Securities is not guaranteed.

Neither the Issuer nor any of its affiliates has assumed or assumes responsibility vis-à-vis any prospective investor for the legality of the acquisition of any Securities, whether under the laws of the jurisdiction of the investor's incorporation or residence or the jurisdiction in which it operates (if different), or for compliance by that prospective investor with any law, regulation or regulatory policy applicable to it. Accordingly, each prospective investor is required in its sole responsibility to gather information on any applicable laws, regulations and regulatory policies which could restrict the legality of the acquisition of the Securities.

In the case that an investment in the Securities is illegal for any investor such investor could suffer material adverse effects, including, but not limited to, criminal sanctions and the purchase of the Securities being null and void. In this case the investor is not entitled to claim the Issuer for any damages and must carry these sanctions itself.

## Securityholders may be required to pay taxes or other documentary charges or duties.

Prospective purchasers and sellers of Securities should be aware that they may be required to pay taxes or other documentary charges or duties in accordance with the laws and practices of the country where the Securities are transferred to or held or other jurisdictions. In some jurisdictions, no official statements, rulings and/or guidelines of the tax authorities or court decisions may be available for innovative financial instruments such as the Securities may be. Potential investors are advised not to rely on the tax summary contained in this document but to ask for their own tax advisers' advice on their individual taxation with respect to the acquisition, sale or redemption of the Securities. Only these advisors are in a position to duly consider the specific situation of the prospective investor.

Taxes or other documentary charges or duties triggered by the holding of or any transaction related to the Securities may have to be borne by investors and could have material negative impacts on any earnings Securityholders may receive in connection with the Securities or could even make such earnings become negative.

#### Prospective investors are required to obtain independent review and advice.

Each prospective holder of Securities must determine, based on its own independent review and such professional advice as it deems appropriate under the circumstances, that its acquisition of the Securities is fully consistent with its (or if it is acquiring the Securities in a fiduciary capacity, the beneficiary's) financial needs, objectives and condition, complies and is fully consistent with all

investment policies, guidelines and restrictions applicable to it (whether acquiring the Securities as principal or in a fiduciary capacity) and is a fit, proper and suitable investment for it (or if it is acquiring the Securities in a fiduciary capacity, for the beneficiary), notwithstanding the substantial risks inherent in investing in or holding the Securities. A prospective investor may not rely on the Issuer or any of its affiliates in connection with its determination as to the legality of its acquisition of the Securities or as to the other matters referred to above.

If a prospective investor fails to obtain proper independent review and advice as to the suitability of an investment in the Securities, such Securityholder must solely bear such risks and any related disadvantages and may not rely on the Issuer.

# Financing the purchase of Securities by loan or credit significantly increases the volume of potential losses.

If a prospective investor in the Securities decides to finance the purchase of Securities through funds borrowed from a third party, it should make sure in advance that it can still continue to service the interest and principal payments on the loan or credit in the event of a loss in connections with the Securities. It should not rely on gains or profits from the investment in the Securities which could enable it to repay interest and principal of the loans when due and payable. Investors financing the acquisition of any Securities by loan or credit must bear in mind that in the event they do not receive payments under the Securities for whatsoever reasons such investors will still be required to pay interest on and repay the principal of the loan or credit. Thus, the volume of any loss suffered in connection with the Securities can be significant higher than if the acquisition of such Securities would be financed by own funds.

# Transaction costs related in particular to the purchase and sale of the Securities have a significant impact on the profit potential of the Securities.

Commissions and other transaction costs which may be incurred in connection with the purchase and/or sale of the Securities may, in particular in combination with a low invested amount, lead to cost burdens which may substantially reduce any potential profit connected with such Security down to zero (total loss). It is therefore recommended that prior to the sale or purchase of a Security, an investor should keep itself informed of all costs connected with such investment.

If an investor fails to obtain information on transaction costs or to properly include such information in his investment considerations, this may lead to significant lower profit potentials of the Securities or render them even worthless.

# Exchange rates may affect the value of the Securities or the Underlying(s).

Prospective investors in the Securities should be aware that their investment may involve exchange rate risks. The Securities may be denominated in a currency other than the currency in which the Investor seeks to receive funds. Exchange rates between currencies are determined by factors of supply and demand in the international currency markets which are *inter alia* affected by macro-economic factors, speculation and central bank and government intervention (including the imposition of currency controls and restrictions). Fluctuations in exchange rates may affect the value of the Securities or the underlying(s).

In the case that an investor purchases Securities denominated in another currency than the currency in which he requires funds such investor bears the risk of any unfavourable development in the value of the currency in which he requires funds against the currency in which the respective Securities are denominated. Any Securityholder is exposed to the risk of negative impacts that changes in currency rates may have on Securities.

#### Securityholders may not be able to hedge the risks associated with the Securities.

Other than the Issuer, investors in Securities may not be able to make transactions to preclude or limit risks at all times during the term of the Securities. Their ability to do so will depend on market conditions and the underlying terms and conditions. Furthermore, in certain cases investors may be able to make such transactions only at a market price that is disadvantageous to them, so that a significant loss could be incurred.

# In case of Securities which entail limits (e.g. a cap) for certain values which are relevant for any payments under such Securities, Securityholders will not be able to benefit from any actual favourable development beyond such limit.

The terms and conditions of Securities may foresee that values which are relevant for the calculation of any payments under such Securities are limited (e.g. by a cap). The effect of such limit is that the holder of such Securities will not be able to benefit from any actual favourable development of the respective value beyond the limit. The yield could therefore be considerably lower than that of similarly structured Securities without such limit.

If an investor purchases a Security with one or more such limits, he bears the risk that he may not participate fully in a favourable development of the relevant values (e.g. prices of the Underlying) and may in fact receive considerably lower payments under the Securities than if he would have invested directly in the respective Underlying.

# Securities with redemption by physical delivery bear particular risks and may not be suitable for many investors.

In case of Securities redeemed by physical delivery of a certain quantity of reference assets (each, a "Reference Asset"; see Terms and Conditions), the holders of such Securities will instead of a monetary amount receive a right to the respective Reference Assets that is transferable in accordance with the terms and conditions of the relevant clearing system for the redemption of the Securities. In such a case, as the holders of such Securities will be exposed to the specific issuer and security risks associated with the Reference Assets, the holder of such Securities should exercise their own due diligence with respect to the Reference Assets and their issuers when purchasing the Securities. Furthermore, holders of such Securities should not assume that they will be able to sell the Reference Assets delivered as redemption for the Securities for a specific price, in particular not for a price corresponding to the original investment including any acquisition costs of the Securities. The Reference Assets delivered at redemption of the Securities might have a substantially lower market price or its market price might even be zero. In this case the holder of such Securities would lose its entire (total loss) investment (including the associated transaction costs). Commissions and other transaction costs that, as the case may be, may arise on disposal or redemption of the Reference Assets may - in particular in the case of a low order value - lead to an exceptionally negative effect on the costs and therefore lower the proceeds (if any) from the Reference Assets.

# Open-end Securities (which have no pre-determined maturity) expose Securityholders to the risk that the Issuer may exercise its termination right at a time which is unfavourable for the Securityholders.

Securities without a specified Maturity Date (Open-end Securities) give their holder an entitlement to receive the payment of a redemption amount or the delivery of Reference Assets on redemption dates or termination dates to be decided by the Issuer. No automatic payment of the redemption amount is specified for any date. In order for such payment or delivery to take place, either the holder of such Securities must exercise the Securities (if foreseen by the applicable Terms and Conditions), or the Issuer must terminate the Securities in accordance with the relevant Terms and Conditions. Because the Issuer has a right to terminate, the term of open-end Securities may be truncated. The Issuer may e.g. exercise its termination right at a time when the price for the Securities in the secondary market is lower than the purchase price paid by the holder of the Security. In that case, there can be no assurance that the price of the Securities will recover before the termination date.

# In the event that any Securities are redeemed prior to their maturity, a holder of such Securities is exposed to particular additional risks, including the risk that his investment will have a lower than expected yield (risk of early redemption).

The applicable Final Terms will indicate whether the Issuer may have the right to call the Securities prior to maturity on one or several dates determined beforehand or whether the Securities will be subject to early redemption upon the occurrence of an event specified in the applicable Final Terms. In addition, the Issuer may according to the relevant Terms and Conditions have the right to redeem the Securities in certain extraordinary circumstances, e.g. if the Issuer would incur certain problems in connection with its hedging transactions, in case of insolvency related circumstances related to the issuer of certain Underlyings and/or in certain extraordinary events in connection with the Underlying,

in case of market disruptions and certain further extraordinary circumstances, all as set out in the applicable Terms and Conditions.

Where the relevant Terms and Conditions foresee an optional call right, the Issuer can be expected to exercise such call right if the fair market value of the Securities reaches or exceeds the optional redemption amount on any optional redemption date, i.e. the investor may consider the optional redemption amount as maximum market price of the Securities on such date. It should be noted, however, that the Issuer may or may not exercise any optional call right irrespective of the fair market value of the Securities on any optional redemption date.

In any case, if the Issuer redeems the Securities prior to their maturity, a holder of such Securities is exposed to the risk that due to such early redemption his investment will have a lower yield than possibly expected and the investor may only be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in comparable instruments with a lower yield.

# There is a risk that trading in the Securities and/or Underlyings will be suspended, interrupted or terminated.

If Securities are listed on one (or more) markets (which may be regulated or unregulated), the listing of such Securities may - depending inter alia on the rules applicable to such stock exchange and applicable law - be suspended or interrupted by the respective stock exchange or a competent regulatory authority upon the occurrence of a number of reasons, including violation of price limits. breach of statutory provisions, occurrence of operational problems of the market or generally if deemed required in order to secure a functioning market or to safeguard the interests of investors. Furthermore, trading in the Securities may be terminated, either upon decision of the market, a regulatory authority or upon application by the Issuer. Where trading in an Underlying of the Securities is suspended, interrupted or terminated, trading in the respective Securities will usually also be suspended, interrupted or terminated and existing orders for the sale or purchase of such Securities will usually be cancelled. Investors should note that the Issuer has no influence on trading suspension or interruptions (other than where trading in the Securities is terminated upon the Issuer's decision) and that investors in must bear the risks connected therewith. In particular, investors may not be able to sell their Securities where trading is suspended, interrupted or terminated, and the market quotations of such Securities may not adequately reflect the value of such Securities. Furthermore, a trading suspension, interruption or termination of Underlyings of the Securities may cause a suspension, interruption or termination of trading in the Securities and may as well result in an artificial or wrong valuation of the Securities. Finally, investors should note that even if trading in Securities or Underlyings is suspended, interrupted or terminated, such measures may neither be sufficient nor adequate nor in time to prevent disruptions of the market price or to safeguard the investors' interests; for example, where trading in Securities is suspended after price-sensitive information relating to such Securities has been published, the market price of such Securities may already have been adversely affected. All these risks could have a material adverse effect on the investors.

## Hedging transactions concluded by the Issuer may influence the price of the Securities.

The Issuer may at any point in time during the term of the Securities effect transactions in (e.g. buy or sell) such Securities on a market or through any other public or not-public transaction. The Issuer trades the Securities and Underlyings in the course of its normal business activities and partially or fully hedges itself against financial risks connected with the Securities by concluding hedge contracts on such Underlyings.

Hedging activities of the Issuer may influence the market price of the Underlyings and/or the Securities and/or payments and/or deliveries to be received by the holder of the Securities.

The Issuer has no obligation to notify the holders of Securities about such transactions or other events (for example the conclusion of hedging contracts) which may have an influence on the market price of the Securities and/or the Underlyings. The holders of Securities are therefore required to keep themselves informed of the development of the market price of the Securities and/or the Underlyings.

Securityholders are exposed to the risk that the market price of their Securities develops negatively by reason of transactions concluded by the Issuer or a member of the Group.

#### Due to future money depreciation (inflation), the real yield of an investment may be reduced.

Inflation risk describes the possibility that the value of assets such as the Securities or income therefrom will decrease as inflation shrinks the purchasing power of a currency. Inflation causes the rate of return to decrease in value.

Securityholders must bear the risk of reduced yields due to increased inflation rates.

#### Investors have to rely on the functionality of the relevant clearing system

The Securities are purchased and sold through different clearing systems, such as OeKB CSD GmbH. The Issuer does not assume any responsibility for to whether the Securities are actually transferred to the securities portfolio of the relevant investor. Investors have to rely on the functionality of the relevant clearing system.

Each Securityholder is exposed to the risk that he may not sell his Securities (at all or within reasonable period in time) due to problems related to the clearing system.

An Austrian court can appoint a trustee (*Kurator*) for the Securities to exercise the rights and represent the interests of Securityholders on their behalf in which case the ability of Securityholders to pursue their rights under the Securities individually may be limited.

Pursuant to the Austrian Notes Trustee Act (*Kuratorengesetz*), a trustee (*Kurator*) can be appointed by an Austrian court upon the request of any interested party (e.g. a Securityholder) or upon the initiative of the competent court, for the purposes of representing the common interests of the Securityholders in matters concerning their collective rights. In particular, this may occur if insolvency proceedings are initiated against the Issuer, in connection with any amendments to the terms and conditions of the Securities or changes relating to the Issuer, or under other similar circumstances. If a trustee is appointed, it will exercise the collective rights and represent the interests of the Securityholders and will be entitled to make statements on their behalf which shall be binding on all Securityholders. Where a trustee represents the interests and exercises the rights of Securityholders, this may conflict with or otherwise adversely affect the interests of individual or all Securityholders.

Under the EU Savings Directive, if a payment were to be made or collected through a paying agent in a state which has opted for a withholding system and an amount of, or in respect of, tax were to be withheld from that payment, neither the Issuer nor any paying agent nor any other person would be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any Securities as a result of the imposition of such withholding tax (No gross-up).

Council Directive 2003/48/EC of 3 June 2003 on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments, as amended (the "EU Savings Directive") obliges each EU Member State to provide to the tax authorities of other EU Member States details of payments of interest (or similar income) paid by a paying agent within its jurisdiction to an individual resident in that other EU Member State, except that originally Austria, Belgium and Luxembourg had instead imposed a withholding system for a transitional period (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries) unless during that period they elect otherwise. Belgium and Luxembourg in the meantime switched from the withholding system to the exchange of information system. A number of other non-EU countries and territories, including Switzerland, have agreed to adopt measures similar to those contained in the EU Savings Directive (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland) with effect from the adoption of the EU Savings Directive.

Pursuant to Council Directive (EU) 2015/2060 of 10 November 2015 repealing Council Directive 2003/48/EC, the EU Savings Directive was in general repealed with effect from 1 January 2016. However, pursuant to detailed grandfathering provisions, Austria shall in general continue to apply it until 31 December 2016.

If a payment were to be made or collected through a paying agent in a state which has opted for a withholding system and an amount of, or in respect of, tax were to be withheld from that payment, neither the Issuer nor any paying agent nor any other person would be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any Securities as a result of the imposition of such withholding tax.

The Securities are governed by Austrian law, and changes in applicable laws, regulations or regulatory policies may have an adverse effect on the Issuer, the Securities and the Securityholders.

The Terms and Conditions of the Securities are governed by Austrian law. Securityholders should thus note that the governing law may not be the law of their own home jurisdiction and that the law applicable to the Securities may not provide them with similar protection as their own law. Furthermore, no assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to Austrian law, or administrative practice after the date of this Prospectus.

The Securities may be subject to write down or conversion to equity upon the occurrence of a certain trigger event, which may result in Securityholders losing some or all of their investment in the Securities (statutory loss absorption).

On 12 June 2014, the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive ("BRRD") has been published.

The stated aim of the BRRD is to provide relevant authorities with common tools and powers to address banking crises pre-emptively in order to safeguard financial stability and minimise taxpayers' exposure to losses.

The Austrian Recovery and Resolution Act (Sanierungs- und Abwicklungsgesetz – "BaSAG") implementing BRRD entered into force on 1 January 2015.

The powers provided to "resolution authorities" (in Austria the FMA) include write down and conversion powers to ensure that, inter alia, relevant capital instruments fully absorb losses at the point of non-viability (defined below) of the issuing institution and applying the bail-in tool with the objective of restoring the capital of the failing institution to enable it to continue to operate as a going concern. Accordingly, resolution authorities will be required to order the write down of such capital instruments on a permanent basis, or convert them into Common Equity Tier 1 items ("CET 1") (such as ordinary shares or other instruments of ownership), at the point of nonviability and before any other resolution tool (except the resolution authority decides to apply the bail-in tool) is made use of (statutory loss absorption). Resolution authorities shall order to exercise the write-down in relation to statutory loss absorption in a way that results in (i) CET 1 items being reduced first in proportion to the relevant losses and (ii) thereafter, if CET 1 is not sufficient to cover the relevant losses, the principal amount of Additional Tier 1 instruments ("AT 1") being reduced, (iii) thereafter, if CET 1 and AT 1 are not sufficient to cover the relevant losses, the principal amount of Tier 2 instruments ("Tier 2") being reduced; and in case of a bailin tool also: (iv) thereafter, if CET 1, AT 1 and Tier 2 are not sufficient to cover the relevant losses, other subordinated debt (in accordance with the hierarchy of claims in the normal insolvency proceedings), and (v) if still insufficient, the rest of eligible liabilities including certain senior debt (such as the Securities may be) (in accordance with the hierarchy of claims in the normal insolvency proceedings) being reduced down to zero on a permanent basis. When the bail-in tool is applied for the purpose of restoring the capital of the institution, conversion of nonequity instruments into CET 1 items is to be made in the same order.

As safeguard, no creditor shall by use of these measures (either the bail-in tool or the write-down and conversion powers) be in a worse position than in ordinary insolvency proceedings ("no creditor worse off principle").

For the purposes of the statutory loss absorption, the point of non-viability is the point at which the following conditions are met:

- 1. the competent authority or the resolution authority determines that the institution is failing or likely to fail, i.e.:
  - (a) the conditions for the withdrawal of the authorisation by the competent authority are met or there are objective elements to support a determination that this will be the case in the near future, including but not limited to because the institution has incurred or is likely to incur losses that will deplete all or a significant amount of its own funds;

- (b) the assets of the institution are or there are objective elements to support a determination that the assets of the institution will, in the near future, be less than its liabilities:
- (c) the institution is or there are objective elements to support a determination that the institution will, in the near future, be unable to pay its debts or other liabilities as they fall due;
- (d) extraordinary public financial support is required except when, the extraordinary public financial support takes certain forms in order to remedy a serious disturbance in the economy of a Member State and preserve financial stability; and
- 2. having regard to timing and other relevant circumstances, there is no reasonable prospect that any alternative private sector measures, including measures by an institutional protection scheme, or supervisory action, including early intervention measures or the write down or conversion of relevant capital instruments taken in respect of the institution, would prevent the failure of the institution within a reasonable timeframe; and
- 3. in case of the application of the bail-in tool, a resolution action is necessary in the public interest.

Any write-down or conversion of all or part of the principal amount of any instrument, including accrued but unpaid interest in respect thereof, in accordance with the bail-in tool respectively the write-down and conversion powers would not constitute an event of default under the terms of the relevant instruments. Consequently, any amounts so written down or converted would be irrevocably lost and the holders of such instruments would cease to have any claims thereunder, regardless whether or not the institution's financial position is restored.

Hence, it cannot be excluded that the Securities may be subject to write down or conversion into CET 1 upon the occurrence of the relevant trigger event, which may result in Securityholders losing some or all of their investment in the Securities. The exercise of any such power or any suggestion or anticipation of such exercise could, therefore, materially adversely affect the market price of the Securities.

Besides of potentially being subject to resolution tools as set out above, the Issuer may also be subject to national insolvency proceedings.

# Securityholders are exposed to the risk of partial or total failure of the Issuer to make payments under the Securities.

Securityholders are subject to the risk of a partial or total failure (total loss) of the Issuer to make payments that the Issuer is obliged to make under the terms and conditions of the Securities. The worse the creditworthiness of the Issuer, the higher the risk of loss (see also "Risks that may affect the Issuer" above). A materialisation of the credit risk may result in partial or total failure of the Issuer to make payments under the Securities.

# Securityholders assume the risk that the credit spread of the Issuer widens resulting in a decrease in the price of the Securities.

A credit spread is the margin payable by the issuer to the holder of a debt instrument (like the Securities) as a premium for the assumed credit risk. Credit spreads are offered and sold as premiums on current risk-free interest rates or as discounts on the price.

Factors influencing the credit spread include, among other things, the creditworthiness and rating of the Issuer, probability of default, recovery rate, remaining term to maturity of the Securities and obligations under any collateralisation or guarantee and declarations as to any preferred payment or subordination. The liquidity situation of the market, the general level of interest rates, overall economic developments, and the currency, in which the relevant obligation is denominated may also have a positive or negative effect.

Securityholders are exposed to the risk that the credit spread of the Issuer widens resulting in a decrease in the price of the Securities.

As no conclusion may be drawn from the indicated Aggregate Principal Amount or Number of Units in case where the Aggregate Principal Amount or Number of Units is specified in the Final Terms as "up to", investors are exposed to the risk of not being able to estimate the actual volume of the issue and thus the possible liquidity of the Securities.

In case of Securities offered and issued as tap issues ("up to" Securities) the indicated aggregate principal amount or number of units of such "up to" Securities as set out in the relevant Final Terms will represent the maximum issue volume of such "up to" Securities to be offered. The actual volume issued, however, may be lower than the maximum issue volume and may vary during the life of the "up to" Securities depending in particular on the demand for the "up to" Securities offered. No conclusion may therefore be drawn from the indicated aggregate principal amount or number of units of "up to" Securities offered and issued as tap issues with regard as to the liquidity of the "up to" Securities in the secondary market.

Securityholders should note that the applicable tax regime may change to the disadvantage of the Securityholders and therefore, the tax impact of an investment in the Securities should be carefully considered.

Payments on Securities, or profits realised by a Securityholder upon the sale or repayment of Securities, may be subject to taxation in its home jurisdiction or in other jurisdictions in which it is required to pay taxes. Prospective investors should contact their own tax advisors for advice on the tax impact of an investment in the Securities. Furthermore, the applicable tax regime may change to the disadvantage of the investors in the future.

Any redemption or interest payment of the Securities to Securityholders that (i) fail to comply with tax certifications or identification requirements relevant to FATCA (including providing a waiver of any laws prohibiting the disclosure of such information to a taxing authority) or (ii) are financial institutions that fail to comply with the FATCA or any analogous provisions of non-U.S. laws, including any voluntary agreements entered into with a taxing authority pursuant thereto, may be subject to a withholding tax of 30 percent.

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the United States Internal Revenue Code 1986 (the "Code"), its accompanying U.S. Treasury Regulations §§ 1.1471 through 1.1474, any agreement entered into by a Foreign Financial Institution with the United States Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") pursuant to such sections of the Code ("FFI-Agreement"), or an intergovernmental agreement ("IGA") between the United States and another jurisdiction in furtherance of such sections of the Code (including any non-U.S. laws implementing such an intergovernmental agreement) (referred to as the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act - FATCA) impose a new reporting regime and potentially a 30% withholding tax with respect to certain payments to (i) any non-U.S. financial institution (a foreign financial institution or "FFI", as defined by FATCA) that does not become a "Participating FFI" by entering into an agreement with the IRS to provide the IRS with certain information in respect of its account holders and investors, unless otherwise exempt from or deemed to be in compliance with FATCA, or, where applicable, the FFI complies with any local laws enacted in respect of an intergovernmental agreement with the United States and (ii) any investor that - unless otherwise exempted - does not provide certain tax certifications or ownership information, or, if applicable, a waiver of any laws prohibiting disclosure of such information to a taxing authority (a "Recalcitrant Holder"). There can be no assurances that the Issuer, a financial intermediary, or the Securities will not be subject to the requirements imposed under FATCA.

Withholding under FATCA will be phased in beginning 1 July, 2014 for "withholdable payments", i.e. certain payments from sources within the United States as defined by FATCA, and will apply to "foreign passthru payments" no earlier than 1 January, 2019 or the date of publication in the U.S. Federal Register of final regulations defining the term "foreign passthru payments".

The United States have negotiated several intergovernmental agreements (each, an "IGA") with other jurisdictions, including Austria, to facilitate the implementation of FATCA. Under the terms of the IGA with Austria (the "Austrian IGA"), an Austrian FFI is required to register with the IRS and agree to comply with the terms of FATCA, as modified by the Austrian IGA. The requirements applicable to the Issuer and Securityholders to achieve FATCA compliance under the Austrian IGA may therefore differ in some respects from those described herein.

As at the date of this Prospectus, the Issuer has registered with the IRS and certified its status as a "Participating Financial Institution not covered by an IGA or a Reporting Financial Institution under a Model 2 IGA (Reporting Model 2 FFI)" and has received "28CWN4.00013.ME.040" as Global Intermediary Identification Number (GIIN).

The Issuer expects to comply with FATCA, including any applicable IGAs. There is no assurance, however, that the Issuer will always be able to comply with the relevant requirements or that it or a financial intermediary would not be required to deduct FATCA withholding from payments on the Securities. Accordingly, the Issuer and financial institutions through which payments on the Securities are made may be required to deduct a FATCA withholding if (i) any FFI through which or to which payments on the Securities is made is not a Participating FFI, an IGA compliant FFI, or otherwise exempt from or in deemed compliance with FATCA or (ii) the Securityholder is a Recalcitrant Holder.

In the event that the Issuer or an intermediary is required to deduct a withholding tax on payments on Securities in compliance with FATCA, no additional amounts will be payable to the Securityholder of a Security under the Terms and Conditions of the Securities in order to compensate for the withheld amount.

FATCA is particularly complex and the full extent of its application to the Issuer, intermediaries and the Securities is uncertain. The Issuer's ability to avoid the withholding taxes under FATCA may not be within its control. In addition, there can be no assurance that payments on a Security will not be subject to withholding under FATCA. The above description is based in part on regulations, official guidance and IGAs, all of which are subject to change or may be implemented in a materially different form. Accordingly, potential investors should consult their own tax advisers about how FATCA may affect an investment in the Securities.

The following notice (IRS Circular 230 notice) is based on U.S. Treasury Regulations governing Practice before the U.S. Internal Revenue Service: (i) any U.S. federal tax discussion contained herein is not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used by any taxpayer for the purpose of avoiding U.S. federal tax penalties that may be imposed on the taxpayer; (ii) any such advice is written to support the promotion or marketing of the transactions described herein; and (iii) each taxpayer should seek advice based on the taxpayer's particular circumstances from an independent tax advisor.

#### GENERAL RISKS OF SECURITIES LINKED TO UNDERLYINGS

In general, an investment in Securities which are, either directly or inversely, linked to an Underlying (e.g., a share, an index, a commodity, a future, a fund, cash on deposit or a basket of such assets) may entail significant risks not associated with similar investments in a conventional debt security.

Such risks include the risks that the holder of such Security will receive no payments under the Securities at all, or that the resulting yield will be less than that payable on a conventional debt security at the same time and/or that the holder of such Security could lose all or a substantial portion of its investment.

# Securityholders may lose all or a substantial portion of their investment if the price of the relevant Underlying develops unfavourably (risk of substantial or total loss).

Investors should be aware that the market price of Securities linked to Underlyings may be very volatile (depending on the volatility of the relevant underlying). Neither the current nor the historical value of the relevant Underlying should be taken as an indication of future performance of such Underlying during the term of any such Security. As a rule, the market value of a Security is not an exact reflection of the performance of the Underlying because other factors will also influence prices of the Securities, e.g. market expectations and the liquidity of the relevant Underlying, the credit spread of the issuer, etc. In case of Securities being redeemed at a redemption amount linked to an Underlying, where no kind of principal protection element (e.g. by an unconditional minimum redemption amount or a redemption amount equal to the specified denomination of a Security) is provided by the relevant Terms and Conditions investors may lose all (total loss) or a substantial portion of their investment if the price of the relevant Underlying performs unfavourable.

#### Securityholders bear the risk of fluctuations in exchange rates.

Underlying(s) of the Securities may be denominated in a currency other than the currency of the purchaser's home jurisdiction and/or in a currency other than the currency in which a purchaser seeks to receive funds. If the currency exchange risk remains with the investor in the Securities the investor may incur additional losses. Exchange rates between currencies are determined by factors of supply and demand in the international currency markets which are influenced by macro-economic factors, speculation and central bank and government intervention (including the imposition of currency controls and restrictions). Fluctuations in exchange rates may affect the value of the Underlyings.

Particular types of Underlyings carry different risks and investors should be aware that each effect on the Underlying may have an even stronger adverse effect on the Securities.

#### RISKS RELATING TO PARTICULAR TYPES OF UNDERLYINGS

This section explains several typical risks dependent on the Underlyings to which the Securities may be linked. Investors should be aware that each of the below mentioned factors which may influence the Underlying and accordingly the price of their Securities – dependent on the structure of the relevant Security – may have a significant stronger material adverse effect on the Securities than on the Underlying.

#### **Indices as Underlyings**

An index is a value calculated by the respective index sponsor which reflects the performance of prices and volumes, e.g. of certain shares on a regulated market. Depending on the index, the risks connected with the Security relating thereto may vary, depending on the index components (which may include bonds, shares, warrants, derivatives, real estate or other values) that the index comprises. In certain situations, this may lead to a total loss of the capital invested in Securities.

Securities relating to an index are exposed to the risk of the index composition and calculation method as well as the risk originating from each index component among other risks.

The risk of the index composition comprises the decisions of the index sponsor relating to the selection of the index components and their weighting within the index. Furthermore, the index sponsor may have the right, generally or only in certain circumstances, to adjust the composition of the index and every such adjustment – or even its omission – may be detrimental to the investor, while the investor has no influence on decisions of the index sponsor relating to the index composition or adjustments to it.

The method of calculating the index value has a substantial influence on the value of the index and the index sponsor will calculate the index without consideration of the Issuer and the Securities. Even if the index components perform favourable from the investor's point of view, the value of the index itself may perform adverse, and this may even lead to a total loss of the invested capital.

As the value of an index is derived from the index components, their value is of fundamental importance to the value of the index itself. So, the risk originating from each index component is equal to the risk of such a component itself, and therefore the risk of the index as a whole contains the risk of all the index components which may include the risk of a total loss of the invested capital. Additionally, if index components are priced in another currency than the currency of the index, current exchange rates will be used for the calculation of the index value, which exposes the investor to exchange rate risk.

# **Equity Securities (Shares) as Underlyings**

Equity securities or shares are securities which represent a participation right in a stock corporation that issued the shares (the "**Share Issuer**"). The holder of a share, i.e. the shareholder, participates in the share capital of the Share Issuer and may receive from time to time dividend payments.

Securities relating to a share are exposed to the price and dividend risk of the share as well as the risk of low liquidity among other risks.

Generally, the price of a share depends upon the performance of the stock corporation as well as general economic and political factors and, in addition, irrational factors like e.g. market predictions and speculations.

The amount of dividend payments – if any at all – and their payment dates can change at any time. Dividends, which are not paid out by the Securities to the Securityholders, are usually taken into account by the Issuer for the pricing of the Securities, and changes in the amount or the payment date of dividends may therefore adversely affect the value of the Security. If, on the other hand, dividends are paid out by the Security, the Securityholder cannot trust in receiving regular dividend payments.

Shares trading with low liquidity entail the risk that they may not easily be bought or sold and therefore are prone to increased cost of hedging.

None of the Issuer or any of its respective affiliates makes any representation as to any Share Issuer. Any of such persons may have acquired, or during the term of the Securities may acquire, non-public information with respect to the Share Issuer that is or may be material in the context of the Securities. The issue of the Securities will not create any obligation on the part of any such persons to disclose to the Securityholders or any other party such information (whether or not confidential). Securityholders should therefore bear in mind that it may well be that the Issuer or any of its respective affiliates have more information about the shares underlying the Securities and/or obtain such information earlier than the investors. Therefore, investors have to bear the risk that the Issuer may take actions (e.g. early redemption or exercising any other options for the Issuer under the Securities) with regard to any Equity Linked Security which are based on better quality of information than the investors have and at an earlier point in time. This preferred position of the Issuer with respect to information of the Securities' underlyings may have negative effects on the Securityholders.

#### **Funds as Underlyings**

An investment fund pools the money of its investors and invests it on their behalf in different assets like shares, commodities, bonds, indices or other values. The investment company issuing such funds is then responsible for managing those assets and will assign one or more fund managers to this task. The value of an investment fund is called net asset value and is equal to the value of all assets of the investment fund less the value of its liabilities. The method for calculating this may vary between different funds.

Hedge funds are a special kind of investment funds. They are generally not supervised by regulatory authorities and may invest in a wide range of assets. Usually they are managed much more aggressively than conventional investment funds. Their ability to invest in derivative securities and to short sell assets will typically increase the leverage of the fund.

Securities relating to a fund are exposed to the risk of the fund composition, risk relating to the investment company and the risk originating from each asset contained in the fund among other risks. If the fund shares are traded on an exchange, Securities are also exposed to the price risk of the fund shares as well as the risk of low liquidity. Additional risk is associated with hedge funds.

The risk of the fund composition comprises the decisions of the fund manager relating to the selection of the fund assets and their weighting within the fund. Furthermore, the fund manager will generally adjust the composition of the fund and every such adjustment – or even its omission – may be detrimental to the investor, while the investor has no influence on decisions of the fund manager relating to the fund composition or adjustments to it.

The risk relating to the investment company is similar to the risk an investor in unsecured Securities has relating to the issuer of such Securities and may include amongst others: market risk, liquidity risk, credit risk, changes in law or regulations, general political risks (doubled issuer risk).

As the net asset value of a fund is derived from its assets, their value is of fundamental importance to the value of the fund itself. So, the risk originating from each fund asset is equal to the risk of that asset itself, and therefore the risk of the fund as a whole contains the risk of all the fund assets which may include the risk of a total loss of the invested capital. Additionally, if fund assets are priced in another currency than the currency of the fund, current exchange rates will be used for the calculation of the net asset value, which exposes the investor to exchange rate risk.

If the fund shares are traded on an exchange, the traded price of such fund shares depends upon the net asset value of the fund as well as general economic and political factors and, in addition, irrational factors like e.g. market predictions and speculations.

Investment fund shares are either not continuously traded at all or, if they are continuously traded on an exchange, might be traded with low liquidity and therefore are prone to increased cost of hedging.

The risk of a **hedge fund** is typically higher, as the net asset value of a hedge fund may be subject to significant volatility and may be affected by, amongst others, lack of diversification of its assets, risks relating to low equity ratios as there are no regulatory limits for the use of debt facilities by hedge funds, risks relating to the availability of skilled management and risks relating to engagements in future and forward transactions, derivatives, the use of short selling and investments in highly illiquid assets.

An investment in fund-linked Securities may bear similar risks to those associated with a direct investment in the funds which serve as Underlyings to such Securities, and investors should take advice accordingly. In particular, an investor may be exposed to the market risk associated with the investments made by the fund as well as the risk that the management of the fund may act negligently or fraudulently. The performance (positive or negative) of the fund may have a direct impact on the fund-linked Security. In certain cases, an investor may lose all or a substantial part of the invested capital.

#### Commodities

Commodities like gold, oil, copper, corn, etc. are traded worldwide either as spot trades that must be settled immediately (spot market) or as forward transactions which are settled at a future point in time (futures market).

Securities relating to a commodity are exposed to the price risk of the commodity as well as the risk of low liquidity among other risks. If the Securities are not relating to the spot price of the commodity but instead to a futures contract on that commodity, they bear additional risks (see Futures as Underlying).

Generally, the price of a commodity depends strongly on supply and demand but also on general economic, political and technical factors and, in addition, irrational factors like e.g. market predictions and speculations. Some commodities may also exhibit some kind of seasonality, e.g. natural gas, which may be used for heating, will usually trade higher in winter rather than in summer. Transport costs for commodities in regions where these are needed also affect their prices. Unfavourable weather conditions can influence the supply of certain commodities for the entire year. This kind of supply crisis can lead to severe and unpredictable price fluctuations. Diseases and epidemics can influence the prices for commodities which are agricultural products. Commodities are often produced in emerging market countries, with demand stemming from industrialized nations. The political and economic situation of emerging markets is often far less stable than in industrialized nations. They are generally much more susceptible to the risks of rapid political change and economic setbacks. Political crises can affect investor confidence, which can as a consequence influence commodity prices. Armed conflicts can also have impact on the supply and demand for certain commodities. It is also possible for industrialized nations to impose embargos on imports and exports of goods and services. This can directly and indirectly impact commodity prices. Furthermore, numerous commodity producers have joined forces to establish organizations or cartels in order to regulate supply and influence prices.

Not all commodities markets are liquid and able to quickly and adequately react to changes in supply and demand. The fact that there are only a limited number of market participants active on the commodities markets means that large speculative investments can have negative consequences and may distort prices. Commodities trading with low liquidity entail the risk that they may not easily be bought or sold and therefore are prone to increased cost of hedging.

The risk of these issues is therefore in a false assessment of expected developments for world market prices for the relevant commodities. Fluctuations in the price of the respective commodity may result in a total loss of the capital invested in the commodity linked Securities. Accordingly, an investment in Securities linked to commodities may bear similar risks as a direct commodity investment and investors should take advice accordingly.

#### FX Rates (foreign exchange rates) as Underlyings

The exchange rate of two currencies defines the rate at which one currency can be exchanged for another.

Securities relating to an exchange rate are exposed to the risk of supply and demand, central bank decisions, macroeconomic effects and political decisions among other risks.

Supply and demand of a currency strongly influence the exchange rate of this currency to another. Supply and demand are mainly driven by transaction demand originating from economic activity, expectations about development of inflation and purchasing power as well as speculations of market participants.

The central bank responsible for a currency may at any time decide to increase or decrease its supply of the respective currency, set minimum or maximum exchange rates to other currencies, peg its currency to another currency, restrict the currencies convertibility or similar actions. Interest rate decisions by the central bank may also influence the exchange rates of its currency.

Exchange rates may be influenced by macroeconomic effects including among others inflation, unemployment, purchasing power, productivity and output of a country.

Political decisions may strongly affect economic situation of a country and therefore influence exchange rates of its currency.

## **Interest Rates as Underlyings**

An interest rate is the rate at which the lender of money will receive interest from the respective borrower. Depending on the characteristics of the debt and its borrower (debt issuer), different interest rates will be demanded by the lenders.

Securities relating to an interest rate are exposed to the risk of supply and demand, changes in creditworthiness of the debt issuer, central bank decisions, macroeconomic effects and political decisions among other risks.

Supply and demand of debt strongly influence its interest rate. Supply and demand are mainly driven by (re)financing needs of debt issuers, market expectations of interest rates and inflation, and creditworthiness of debt issuers.

The interest rate of debt strongly depends on the creditworthiness of the debt issuer. If the debt issuer faces financial or economic difficulties, interest rates may rise sharply. However, if the debt issuer has solid finances, interest rates usually trend lower.

The central bank responsible for a currency may at any time decide to change the prime rate or any related interest rate. These decisions may affect not only government bonds, but also any other debt issued in the respective currency.

Interest rates may be influenced by macroeconomic effects including among others inflation, unemployment, purchasing power, productivity and output of a country.

Political decisions may strongly affect economic situation of a country and therefore influence interest rates of debt issued in its currency.

#### **Futures as Underlyings**

Futures (futures contracts) are standardised forward transactions relating to financial instruments (e.g. shares, indices, interest rates or currencies) – so-called financial futures – or to commodities (e.g. gold, oil, copper, corn) – so-called commodities futures. A futures contract represents a contractual obligation to buy or sell a fixed amount of the underlying commodity or financial instrument on a fixed date (delivery date) at an agreed price. Futures contracts are traded on futures exchanges and are, consequently, standardised with respect to contract amount, type, and quality of the futures underlying, as well as delivery locations and dates where applicable.

Securities relating to a futures contract are exposed to the price risk, the risk of the futures contracts underlying as well as the risk of low liquidity among other risks.

The price of a futures contract is usually equal to the spot price of its underlying plus some discount or premium. Generally, the discount or premium depends on interests, dividends, warehouse charges or similar earnings/payments and, in addition, irrational factors like e.g. market predictions and speculations.

The major part of the risk of a futures contract is equal to the risk of its underlying, but additional risk originates from its discount/premium. Especially interest rates, dividend expectations and market predictions may significantly contribute to the overall risk of a futures contract.

Futures trading with low liquidity entail the risk that they may not easily be bought or sold and therefore are prone to increased cost of hedging.

A Security relating to futures contracts may also be exposed to the risk of roll-over costs. A roll-over is usually necessary if the futures contract underlying the Security expires before the Security itself. The underlying of the Security is then changed to a new futures contract (i.e. the futures contract is rolled to a new futures contract) and therefore it is necessary to sell/buy the current futures contract and buy/sell the new futures contract. The financial outcome of such a transaction (the roll-over cost) may – even substantially – reduce the value of the Security.

## Cash on deposit as Underlyings

Securities relating to cash on deposit are exposed to the risk of changes in interest rates as well as credit risk among other risks.

The interest rate levels on the money and capital markets may fluctuate and cause the value of cash deposits to change. They are strongly affected by public budget policy, the policies of the central bank, the overall economic development and inflation rates, as well as by foreign interest rate levels and exchange rate expectations.

If the cash deposit is hold at an entity different to the issuer, the investor is exposed to the credit risk of that entity.

However, the importance of individual factors cannot be directly quantified and may change over time. The change of the underlying interest rates may cause price fluctuations during the term of any such Security, and may result in a loss of part or the whole capital invested by the investor.

#### **Baskets as Underlyings**

The value of a basket is calculated by the Issuer and derived from other instruments (the basket components) like shares, commodities, cash, indices or other values.

Securities relating to a basket are exposed to the risk of the basket composition, the risk originating from each basket component, the risk of the calculation method, exchange rate risk and the risk of unfavourable basket adjustments among other risks.

The risk of the basket composition comprises the decisions of the basket advisor (either the Issuer itself or an independent Basket Supervisor) relating to the selection of the basket components and their quantities within the basket.

As the value of a basket is derived from the basket components, their value is of fundamental importance to the value of the basket itself. So, the risk originating from each basket component is equal to the risk of such a component itself, and therefore the risk of the basket as a whole contains the risk of all the basket components which may include the risk of a total loss of the invested capital.

## Spread Baskets

Baskets may have a negative quantity assigned to one or more basket components. In such a case the performance of those basket components has a reverse effect on the performance of the basket itself. Furthermore the value of such a basket can become zero or even negative. Spread Baskets therefore carry the additional risk that the value of the basket decreases even if all or the majority of the basket components perform favourable. To avoid doubt: a negative value of a Spread Basket does not imply a negative value of a security linked to such a basket.

#### Calculation methods

The method of calculating the basket value has a substantial influence on the value of the basket. Even if the basket components perform favourable from the investor's point of view, the value of the basket itself may perform adverse, and this may even lead to a total loss of the invested capital.

- If the calculation method of a basket is either **best-of** or **worst-of**, the value of the basket as a whole completely depends on the value of a single basket component (e.g. in case of a best-of basket the one which performs best and in case of a worst-of basket, the one which performs worst) and therefore the diversification effect of a basket which typically reduces the overall-risk is removed and so the risk of the basket increased.
- If the calculation method of a basket is **cappuccino**, the positive and/or negative contribution of each basket component may be limited by a cap and/or a floor and therefore the value of the basket as a whole is restricted and so the risk of the basket increased.
- If the calculation method of a basket is **value-weighted**, the value of the basket as a whole may depend on the value of just a few or even a single basket component and therefore the diversification effect of a basket which typically reduces the overall-risk is removed and so the risk of the basket increased.
- If the calculation method of a basket is either **minimum-deviation** or **maximum-deviation**, the value of the basket as a whole completely depends on the value of a single basket component (e.g. in case of a minimum-deviation basket the one with the smallest relative deviation from its reference level and in case of a maximum-deviation basket, the one with the greatest relative deviation from its reference level) and therefore the diversification effect of a basket which typically reduces the overall-risk is removed and so the risk of the basket increased.

#### Currency conversion

Special attention should be given to the kind of currency conversion, if basket components are priced in another currency than the currency of the basket.

- If the basket currency is **not** specified as **Quanto**, current exchange rates will be used for the calculation of the basket, which exposes the investor to exchange rate risk (i.e. it could happen that notwithstanding a price development of a basket component in favour of the Securityholder, the effect of such positive price movement could be negative to the investor due to an exchange rate between the basket component currency and the basket currency which is unfavourable to the investor).
- If, on the other hand, the basket currency is specified as **Quanto**, fixed rates will be used for the calculation of the basket, which poses the risk that the actually used (fixed) rates are disadvantageous compared to the current market exchange rates (i.e. the Quanto feature excludes the investor from the possibility to participate in favourable changes in the relevant currency exchange rates).

## Adjusted Baskets

Some baskets may have their composition adjusted on a regular basis. Every such adjustment – or even its omission – may be detrimental to the investor, while the investor has no influence on decisions relating to the adjustments of the basket composition.

• A basket with **Volatility Adjusted** as basket adjustment method always consists of two basket components: one which is intended to have a high volatility (the "**Basket Volatility Component**") and one which is intended to have a very low volatility (the "**Basket Cash Component**"). The realized volatility of the Basket Volatility Component is determined on a regular basis. Based on the determined realized volatility, the quantity of the components will be adjusted as follows: the higher the determined volatility is, the lower the quantity of the Basket Volatility Component will be set and the higher will be the quantity of the Basket Cash Component. If the determined volatility exceeds a certain limit, the quantity of the Basket Volatility Component might even be reduced to zero. If, on the other hand, the determined volatility is below another certain limit, the quantity of the Basket Cash Component might be

reduced to zero. Such basket adjustments ensure that the volatility of the basket itself does not rise above a certain level.

For the definition of volatility see the section headed "PARTICULAR RISKS OF CERTAIN SECURITIES".

- If the basket adjustment method is **Reinvestment**, distributions (like e.g. dividend payments) of the basket components will be reinvested into the basket either as a separate cash amount, investment in the basket component from which the distribution originates or into the basket as whole. These reinvestments will increase the quantity of one or more basket components and, therefore, increase the value of the basket.
- If the basket adjustment method is **Weighting Reset**, the weighting of each basket component has to be within some specific limits. On certain predetermined dates, the weightings of all basket components are verified and, if necessary, adjusted.
- If the basket adjustment method is **Barrier Event Kick-Out**, one or more basket components will be removed from the basket as soon as the value of the basket reaches a predetermined level and only if the number of basket components is not below a given limit.
- If the basket adjustment method is **Supervised Basket**, the basket supervisor may change on certain predetermined dates the weighting of any basket component and/or replace any basket component with another security of the same underlying type.

## PARTICULAR RISKS OF CERTAIN SECURITIES

This section describes these risks of Securities which do not originate from the Issuer (see the section headed "RISKS THAT MAY AFFECT THE ISSUER") or risks which may be inherent to all kinds of Securities (see the section headed "GENERAL RISKS RELATING TO THE SECURITIES") or which originate from the fact that Securities might generally be linked to Underlyings (see the section headed "GENERAL RISKS OF SECURITIES LINKED TO UNDERLYINGS") or from certain kind of Underlying (see the section headed "RISKS RELATING TO PARTICULAR TYPES OF UNDERLYINGS"), but from the structure of the Security itself. For a detailed description of the Securities see section "DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURITIES".

For a detailed description of the risks of Securities an understanding of the following terms is necessary:

- Volatility is an indicator of the magnitude of price fluctuations. While the historical volatility states, how much a price has fluctuated in the past, the implicit volatility expresses the market expectation of future price fluctuations.
- A Security is called "currency-hedged" or "Quanto" if necessary currency conversions are performed not with current foreign exchange rates but with fixed ratios instead. While this efficiently removes the risk of unfavourable exchange rates it introduces the risk that the fixed ratios are worse than the current foreign exchange rates.
- The leverage effect describes the situation in which a change in price of the underlying leads to a disproportionally higher change in price of the Security. Therefore a relatively small price move in the underlying could lead to a significant loss for the derivative.

The risks connected with a specific Security must be divided into two categories: (1) the risks prevailing during the term of the Security and (2) the risks at the end of the term of the Security. Furthermore risks may be related to the redemption and to variable interest payments (if any) of the Security.

All risks during the term of a Security have in common, that they prevent the investor from selling the Security at a price at least equal to the price at which the investor bought the Security. The payout profile – especially a guaranteed amount – is usually only valid on the redemption date(s) and the price of the Security at different, arbitrary dates during the term is typically determined by the issuer, taken several factors into account. Therefore these factors bear the following risks which are the main source of (pricing) risk during the term of a Security and they may include:

- "Underlying Price Risk" being the risk originating from the relevant price of the underlying at the valuation dates of the Security. If the price has developed unfavourable, this might result even in a total loss of the invested capital if no minimum redemption amount is specified for the Security.
- "Interest Rate Risk" being the risk originating from market interest rates of all currencies involved in the Security and its underlying. Changes in interest rates may have a significant influence on the price of a Security.
- "Volatility Risk" being the risk originating from implicit volatility of the underlying which expresses the market expectation of future price fluctuations. Changes in implicit volatility may have a significant influence on the price of a Security.
- "Exchange Rate Risk" being the risk originating from foreign exchange rates if the underlying is priced in a different currency than the Security. Even if a relevant price or value needed for the determination of the value of the Security performs favourable in one currency, it might be unfavourable after converted into the needed currency.
- "Settlement Risk" being the risk originating from settlement disruptions, which may cause the payment of the coupons, dividends or similar payments to be delayed.
- "**Term Risk**" being the risk originating from the remaining term of the Security. The value of a Security may depreciate only due to time decay.
- "Leverage Risk" being the risk originating from the leverage effect.

The redemption of a Security on the redemption date(s) (usually the end of the term) may face the following risks:

- "Underlying Price Risk" being the risk originating from the relevant price of the underlying at the valuation dates of the Security. If the price has developed unfavourable, this might result even in a total loss of the invested capital if no minimum redemption amount is specified for the Security.
- "Exchange Rate Risk" being the risk originating from foreign exchange rates if the underlying is priced in a different currency than the Security. Even if a relevant price or value needed for the determination of the value of the Security performs favourable in one currency, it might be unfavourable after converted into the needed currency.
- "Settlement Risk" being the risk originating from settlement disruptions, which cause the payment of the redemption amount or the delivery of assets to be delayed.
- "Term Risk" being the risk originating from the fact, that the investor might be forced to realize a loss at the end of the term.

Although some Securities may pay out dividends, interests or comparable payments, the investor may not trust that these incomes will offset losses originating from those Securities.

The below tables set out which of the above mentioned risks apply for certain Securities.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Please note that with respect to certain Securities the existence of certain risks, particularly the Leverage Risk during the term and the Interest Rate Risk may not be determined in before such Securities are issued as the existence of these risks is dependent on a variety of factors, such as the remaining term of the instrument, the interest rates, the distance from the reference price to any strike, etc. These risks are indicated below as "possible".

# Risks related to the redemption of the Securities

# **Investment Products: Capital Protection (11)**

Winner Guarantee Certificates (1100) / Winner Certificates (1100) / Capped Winner Guarantee Certificates (1120) / Capped Winner Certificates (1120) / Step-Up Guarantee Certificates (1199) / Step-Down Guarantee Certificates (1199) / Step-Down Certificates (1199) / Express Safe Guarantee Certificates (1199) / Express Safe Certificates (1199) / Reverse Express Safe Guarantee Certificates (1199) / Reverse Express Safe Certificates (1199) / Range Winner Guarantee Certificates (1199) / Range Winner Certificates (1199)

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	No	Yes
Leverage Risk	No	-

#### Guarantee Certificates (1140) / Protected Certificates (1140)

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	No	No
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	No	-
Exchange Rate Risk	No	No
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	No	Yes
Leverage Risk	No	-

This Security will always feature variable interest payments.

# Stay-Above Guarantee Certificates (1199) / Stay-Above Certificates (1199)

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	No	Yes
Leverage Risk	No	-

If the barrier of this Security is touched or fallen short of, the maximum achievable redemption amount will be reduced.

Capped Twin-Win Safe Guarantee Certificates (1199) / Capped Twin-Win Safe Certificates (1199)

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	No	Yes
Leverage Risk	Possible	-

If the barrier of this Security is touched or fallen short of, the investor will not be able to profit from the underlying falling below the strike.

# Bonus Safe Guarantee Certificates (1199) / Bonus Safe Certificates (1199)

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	No	Yes
Leverage Risk	Possible	-

If a barrier of this Security is touched or fallen short of, the investor forfeits its claim to receive the associated bonus amount at the end of the term.

# **Investment Products: Yield Enhancement Products (12)**

# Discount Certificates (1200)

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	No	Yes
Leverage Risk	No	-

## Reverse Convertible (1220)

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	Yes	Yes
Leverage Risk	No	-

# Protected Reverse Convertible (1230)

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	Yes	Yes
Leverage Risk	Possible	-

If the barrier of this Security is touched or fallen short of, the investor forfeits its claim to receive at least the nominal amount at the end of the term.

# Capped Bonus Certificates (1250)

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	No	Yes
Leverage Risk	Possible	-

If the barrier of this Security is touched or fallen short of, the investor forfeits its claim to receive at least the bonus amount at the end of the term.

# Express Certificates (1260)

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	No	Yes
Leverage Risk	Possible	-

If the barrier of this Security is touched or fallen short of, the investor forfeits its claim to receive at least the security amount at the end of the term.

# Capped Reverse Bonus Certificates (1299)

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	No	Yes
Leverage Risk	Possible	-

If the barrier of this Security is touched or exceeded, the investor forfeits its claim to receive at least the bonus amount at the end of the term.

# Capped Twin-Win Certificates (1299)

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	No	Yes
Leverage Risk	Possible	-

If the barrier of this Security is touched or fallen short of, the investor forfeits its claim to receive at least the strike amount at the end of the term.

# Inversion Certificates (1299) / Reverse Inversion Certificates (1299)

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	No	Yes
Leverage Risk	Possible	-

# **Investment Products: Participation Products (13)**

# Index Certificates (1300) / Participation Certificates (1300)

For open-end Index Certificates and Participation Certificates the following table applies:

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	If Quanto	-
Volatility Risk	If Quanto	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	No	Yes
Settlement Risk	No	Yes
Leverage Risk	No	-

For Index Certificates and Participation Certificates, for which a term was fixed at the start of the issue, the following applies:

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Possible	-
Volatility Risk	If Quanto	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	If Quanto	Yes
Settlement Risk	No	Yes
Leverage Risk	No	-

# Outperformance Certificates (1310)

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	No	Yes
Leverage Risk	Possible	-

# Bonus Certificates (1320)

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	No	Yes
Leverage Risk	Possible	-

If the barrier of this Security is touched or fallen short of, the investor forfeits its claim to receive at least the bonus amount at the end of the term.

Twin-Win Certificates (1340)

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	No	Yes
Leverage Risk	Possible	-

If the barrier of this Security is touched or fallen short of, the investor forfeits its claim to receive at least the strike amount at the end of the term.

# **Leverage Products without Knock-Out (21)**

Call (2100) / Put (2100) / Capped Call (2110) / Capped Put Warrants (2110)

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	If not European exercise	Yes
Leverage Risk	Yes	-

# **Leverage Products with Knock-Out (22)**

Turbo Long Certificates (2210) / Turbo Short Certificates (2210)

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	No	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	No	Yes
Leverage Risk	Yes	-

For all Turbo Certificates it is valid that as soon as a barrier event happens, the Turbo Certificate will be terminated and only a residual value will be paid, which might be zero.

# **Constant Leverage Products (23)**

Factor Certificates (2300)

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	If Quanto	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	No	Yes
Leverage Risk	Yes	-

Factor Certificates tend to lose value in sideways market, i.e. if the underlying raises/falls from some arbitrary value and then returns to the same value, a Factor Certificate usually will have lost some value.

# Risks related to fixed interest payments

Some Securities may bear the right to receive fixed interest payments. This section describes the risk of those fixed interest payments. These risks are <u>in addition</u> to the Risks related to the redemption of the Securities described above.

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	No	No
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	No	-
Exchange Rate Risk	No	No
Term Risk	Yes	No
Settlement Risk	Yes	Yes
Leverage Risk	No	-

# Risks related to variable interest payments

Some Securities may bear the right to receive interest payments which depend on the development of the underlying. This section describes the risk of those interest payments. These risks are <u>in addition</u> to the Risks related to the redemption of the Securities described above.

## Barrier Digital

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	Yes	Yes
Leverage Risk	Possible	-

If the barrier of down-and-out and up-and-out interest is triggered, the investor forfeits its claim to receive the interest. If the barrier of down-and-in and up-and-in interest is not triggered, the investor forfeits its claim to receive the interest.

#### Range Digital

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	Yes	Yes
Leverage Risk	Possible	-

If at least one of the barriers of Knock-out interest is triggered, the investor forfeits its claim to receive the interest. If none of the barriers of Knock-in interest is triggered, the investor forfeits its claim to receive the interest.

#### Reference Rate

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Possible	-
Volatility Risk	If Quanto	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	If Quanto	Yes
Settlement Risk	Yes	Yes
Leverage Risk	Possible *)	-

<sup>\*)</sup> If the interest participation is greater than 100%.

# Capped Reference Rate Performance / Capped Reference Rate Reverse Performance

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	Yes	Yes
Leverage Risk	Yes	-

# Barrier Reference Rate Performance

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	Yes	Yes
Leverage Risk	Yes	-

If the barrier of down-and-out and up-and-out interest is triggered, the investor forfeits its claim to participate in the performance of the interest underlying and instead receives the fallback interest rate, which might be zero. If the barrier of down-and-in and up-and-in interest is not triggered, the investor forfeits its claim to participate in the performance of the interest underlying and instead receives the fallback interest rate, which might be zero.

# Performance / Capped Performance / Capped Absolute Performance

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	Yes	Yes
Leverage Risk	Yes	-

## Barrier Performance / Capped Barrier Performance

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	Yes	Yes
Leverage Risk	Yes	-

If the barrier of down-and-out and up-and-out interest is triggered, the investor forfeits its claim to participate in the performance of the interest underlying and instead receives the fallback interest rate, which might be zero. If the barrier of down-and-in and up-and-in interest is not triggered, the investor forfeits its claim to participate in the performance of the interest underlying and instead receives the fallback interest rate, which might be zero.

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Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	Yes	Yes
Leverage Risk	Possible	-

#### Ladder

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	Yes	Yes
Leverage Risk	Possible	-

#### Accumulated Distribution

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	No	No
Interest Rate Risk	No	-
Volatility Risk	No	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	No	No
Settlement Risk	Yes	Yes
Leverage Risk	No	-

If the distributions of the underlying are postponed or reduced, the coupon might be reduced or even be zero.

# Range Accrual

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes
Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	Yes	Yes
Leverage Risk	Possible	-

If the price of the underlying of Stay-in interest is every relevant day of the interest period not within the range specified by both barriers, the investor forfeits its claim to receive the interest. If the price of the underlying of Stay-out interest is every relevant day of the interest period within the range specified by both barriers, the investor forfeits its claim to receive the interest.

## Pyramid

Risk	During the term	End of the term
Underlying Price Risk	Yes	Yes

Interest Rate Risk	Yes	-
Volatility Risk	Yes	-
Exchange Rate Risk	If different currencies	If different currencies
Term Risk	Yes	Yes
Settlement Risk	Yes	Yes
Leverage Risk	Possible	-

If at least one of the barriers associated to a specific pyramid rate is triggered, the investor forfeits its claim to receive the respective pyramid rate. If for all specified pyramid rates at least one of the associated barriers is triggered, the investor receives only the fallback interest rate, which might be zero.

#### ADDITIONAL RISKS OF CREDIT LINKED SECURITIES

The Securityholders of Securities which the relevant Final Terms specify to be Credit Linked Securities are exposed to high additional risks of total loss.

If the Final Terms of a certain issue of Securities determine that the Securities are Credit Linked Securities, the Securityholder's claim to receive the (entire) Redemption Amount and/or interest is conditional upon the non-occurrence of a Credit Event. If a Credit Event occurs, the Redemption Amount in respect of each Security will be reduced accordingly and/or interest payments will be terminated. The Securityholders of such Securities have, in addition to the risks associated with the Issuer, to bear risks, in particular the insolvency risk, relating to the Credit Reference Entity. If the Credit Reference Entity becomes insolvent or unable to pay its debt and/or repay the Credit Reference Obligation, there is a high risk of total loss of the investment and/or interest payments for the Securityholders. If the Final Terms specify a Credit Reference Entity Founder, the aforesaid is also true for such Credit Reference Entity Founder. Before investing in such Securities, investors are required by the Issuer to inform themselves about and conduct their own analysis of the creditworthiness of the Credit Reference Entity (and the Credit Reference Entity Founder, if any) and the likelihood of a default by the Credit Reference Entity to repay the Credit Reference Obligation. Securityholders should be aware that it could significantly increase the risk of a total loss of the investment if they fail to obtain such information or make a mistake when assessing such information. In addition, Securityholders are subject to the risk that the Credit Reference Obligation cannot be repaid for other reasons than the insolvency of the Credit Reference Entity, including payment transfer restrictions imposed by the jurisdiction of incorporation of the Credit Reference Entity.

# The Securityholders do not have any rights of recourse in relation to the Credit Reference Entity

Even if the amount of the payments to be made on the Securities is entirely dependent on the Credit Reference Entity, the Securities do not establish a legal relationship between the Securityholders and the Credit Reference Entity. In the event of loss, the Securityholders have no recourse against the Credit Reference Entity.

The volatility of the price of the Securities is dependent, amongst others, on the creditworthiness of the Credit Reference Entity and the general credit derivatives market.

Since the payments from the Securities are dependent on the non-occurrence of a credit event in relation to the Credit Reference Entity, the price of the Securities, amongst others, is dependent on the creditworthiness of the Credit Reference Entity, on the evaluation of this creditworthiness by rating agencies or the financial market participants as well as on the price development of other financial instruments which relate to the creditworthiness of the Credit Reference Entity such as, for example, credit derivatives (Credit Default Swaps) in relation to the Credit Reference Entity, Securities of the Credit Reference Entity, securities which relate to the Credit Reference Entity such as the existing credit-linked notes and other capital market instruments which relate to the Credit Reference Entity. The price development of these other financial instruments is, in addition, not only dependent on the expected creditworthiness of the Credit Reference Entity, but also for example in the case of credit derivatives on the market expectation in relation to the general default rates of debtors. This can for example result in the price of the Securities being negatively affected, due to price changes in the

entire credit derivatives market, even if no change has occurred to the expected creditworthiness of the Credit Reference Entity.

Holders may not rely on ratings of the Credit Reference Entity given in the Final Terms, if applicable, and neither the Issuer nor the rating agency assumes any responsibility for the correctness of this rating

The Credit Reference Entity may have been assigned credit ratings by one or more rating agencies. Within the context of a rating, it is evaluated whether an entity will be in the position in the future to fulfil its/their credit obligations as contractually agreed. Of great significance for such an evaluation is the evaluation of the business, financial position and results of operation of the relevant entity. A rating merely presents, despite its widespread application, a compressed rating parameter of an obligor's ability to pay. Parameters influencing the formation of a rating are not always transparent. The rating agencies expressly indicate that their ratings merely serve as support and not as a replacement for own analyses. There is the risk that a rating (if any) does not reflect the actual creditworthiness of the Credit Reference Entity because, for example, the respective rating agency did not have important information within the framework of the evaluation or unforeseen and short-term changes in the business, financial position and results of operation of the Credit Reference Entity do not allow for a prompt adjustment of the rating. Therefore, there is the risk that the Credit Reference Entity, despite good ratings, will not be able to fulfil its/their obligations or impose bankruptcy proceedings or a moratorium or it otherwise declares itself unable to pay. Should a rating by a rating agency be incorrect, holders of the Securities may not assert compensation claims against such a rating agency due to such incorrectness. Therefore, a rating of the Credit Reference Entity may not be the sole basis for an investment decision. No statement, estimation or assurance of the Issuer on the creditworthiness of the Credit Reference Entity or on the probability of a credit event occurring is linked with the issuance of the Securities. Such evaluations must be made by the investors themselves. There is, therefore, the risk of a false evaluation for the investor.

# **DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURITIES**

The following section provides explanations on the Securities which Raiffeisen Centrobank intends to issue most frequently under the Programme. This section is designed to help investors understand how the price of their investment is influenced by the value of the Underlying(s) particularly in cases where the risks are the most apparent.

**Warning**: Investors must bear in mind that the behaviour of a Security which may pay out interest depends on the development of both, (i) the Redemption Amount and (ii) the Interest Rate.

If not otherwise stated, the following descriptions assume that the security is quoted in non-par value with a multiplier of one.

The values given in the column "typical values" in the table in the respective "Specified at issue" section should be regarded as exemplary values for the most commonly used values and are provided for illustrative purposes only. The actual values may differ.

In some cases for one or more parameters of a security not only one value might be specified in the final terms but also an additional second value - which is more advantageous from the point of view of the investor - to which the parameter might be increased/reduced to by Raiffeisen Centrobank on or before the initial valuation date.

In the respective section "During the term" the price behaviour of the respective security during its term is described for the most common cases only. In certain circumstances the price behaviour may differ. For an explanation of the terms "implicit volatility" and "leverage effect" see section PARTICULAR RISKS OF CERTAIN SECURITIES.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE REDEMPTION AMOUNT

# INVESTMENT PRODUCTS WITH CAPITAL PROTECTION (11)

Winner Guarantee Certificates (1100) and Winner Certificates (1100)

#### Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value	
Protection amount	100% of the Issue Price	
Strike	Near or above the price of the underlying	
Participation	100% or less	

#### End of term

The investor receives at least the protection amount. If the price of the underlying is above the strike, the investor receives additionally an amount equal to the participation multiplied by the difference of the – possible averaged - price of the underlying and the strike.

# During the term

The value of the certificate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but to a different extent. If the price of the underlying is below the strike, a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the certificate. If the price of the underlying is above the strike, the absolute change in value of the certificate might be very close to the absolute change in the price of the underlying multiplied by the participation.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	rises
Interest rates	decline
Remaining term	is shorter

## Capped Winner Guarantee Certificates (1120) and Capped Winner Certificates (1120)

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Protection amount	100% of the Issue Price
Strike	Near or above the price of the underlying
Cap	(Far) above the price of the underlying
Participation	100% or greater

## End of term

The investor receives at least the protection amount. If the price of the underlying is equal to or above the strike, the investor receives additionally an amount equal to the participation multiplied by the difference of the – possible averaged - price of the underlying and the strike. The additional amount is in any case limited by the participation multiplied by the difference of the cap and the strike.

#### During the term

The value of the certificate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but to a different extent. If the price of the underlying is below the strike or above the cap, a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the certificate. Otherwise the absolute change in value of the certificate might be very close to the absolute change in the price of the underlying multiplied by the participation.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	rises
Interest rates	decline
Remaining term	is shorter

#### **Guarantee Certificates (1140) and Protected Certificates (1140)**

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Protection amount	100% of the Issue Price

Guarantee Certificates and Protected Certificates will always feature variable interest payments.

# End of term

The investor receives the protection amount.

#### During the term

The development of the value of the redemption amount of the certificate is usually not affected by changes in the price of the underlying.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	no effect
Implicit volatility	no effect
Interest rates	decline
Remaining term	is shorter

# Step-Up Guarantee Certificates (1199) and Step-Up Certificates (1199)

#### Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Protection amount	100% of the Issue Price
Step-up level	Near or above the price of the underlying
Step-up redemption	Above 100% of the Issue Price
amount	

# End of term

The investor receives an amount equal to the greatest step-up redemption amount for which the associated step-up level is less than or equal to the price of the underlying. In any case the investor receives at least the protection amount.

# During the term

The value of the certificate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but to a different extent. If the price of the underlying is below the smallest step-up level or above the largest step-up level, a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the certificate.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	<ul> <li>rises (generally)</li> <li>declines (if underlying's price is above the largest step-up level)</li> </ul>
Interest rates	<ul> <li>rises (generally)</li> <li>declines (if underlying's price is below the smallest step-up level or above the largest step-up level)</li> </ul>
Remaining term	<ul><li>is shorter (generally)</li><li>is longer (slightly below any step-up level)</li></ul>

# Step-Down Guarantee Certificates (1199) and Step-Down Certificates (1199)

# Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Protection amount	100% of the Issue Price
Step-down level	Near or below the price of the underlying
Step-down	Above 100% of the Issue Price
redemption amount	

## End of term

The investor receives an amount equal to the greatest step-down redemption amount for which the associated step-down level is greater than or equal to the price of the underlying. In any case the investor receives at least the protection amount.

## During the term

The value of the certificate generally develops in the opposite direction as the underlying, but to a different extent. If the price of the underlying is below the smallest step-down level or above the largest step-down level, a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the certificate.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	declines
Implicit volatility	<ul> <li>rises (generally)</li> <li>declines (if underlying's price is below the smallest step-down level)</li> </ul>
Interest rates	<ul> <li>rises (generally)</li> <li>declines (if underlying's price is below the smallest step-down level or above the largest step- down level)</li> </ul>
Remaining term	<ul><li> is shorter (generally)</li><li> is longer (slightly above any step-down level)</li></ul>

## Express Safe Guarantee Certificates (1199) and Express Safe Certificates (1199)

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Protection amount	100% of the Issue Price
Express valuation	Evenly distributed dates, including the
date	date of the regular end of term
Express valuation	Near the price of the underlying
level	
Express redemption	A few days after each Express valuation
date	date, including the maturity date
Express redemption	Above 100% of the Issue Price
amount	

## End of term

If at any express valuation date the price of the underlying is at or above the respective express valuation level, the term of the certificate ends and the investor receives on the respective express redemption date the respective express redemption amount, which is at least the protection amount. The regular end of term is usually also an express valuation date.

On the regular end of term of the certificate the investor receives the protection amount.

# During the term

The value of the certificate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but not to the same extent. Shortly before the next express valuation date a leverage effect might be present below the respective express valuation level.

Shortly before an express valuation date a change in the underlying's price above the respective express valuation level may cause only a very small change in value of the certificate. If in such case the price of the underlying continues to rise, the value of the certificate may not increase at all further.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	<ul> <li>declines (above the next express valuation level)</li> <li>rises (below the next express valuation level)</li> </ul>
Interest rates	<ul> <li>decline (above the next express valuation level)</li> <li>rise (near the next express valuation level)</li> </ul>
Remaining term	<ul> <li>is shorter (generally)</li> <li>is longer (slightly below the next express valuation level)</li> </ul>

## Reverse Express Safe Guarantee Certificates (1199) and Reverse Express Safe Certificates (1199)

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Protection amount	100% of the Issue Price
Express valuation	Evenly distributed dates, including the
date	date of the regular end of term
Express valuation	Near the price of the underlying
level	
Express redemption	A few days after each Express valuation
date	date, including the maturity date
Express redemption	Above 100% of the Issue Price
amount	

#### End of term

If at any express valuation date the price of the underlying is at or below the respective express valuation level, the term of the certificate ends and the investor receives on the respective express redemption date the respective express redemption amount, which is at least the protection amount. The regular end of term is usually also an express valuation date.

On the regular end of term of the certificate the investor receives the protection amount.

## During the term

The value of the Reverse certificate generally develops in the opposite direction as the underlying, but not to the same extent. Shortly before the next express valuation date a leverage effect might be present above the respective express valuation level.

Shortly before an express valuation date a change in the underlying's price below the respective express valuation level may cause only a very small change in value of the certificate. If in such case the price of the underlying continues to fall, the value of the certificate may not increase at all further.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	declines
Implicit volatility	<ul> <li>declines (below the next express valuation level)</li> <li>rises (above the next express valuation level)</li> </ul>
Interest rates	declines
Remaining term	• is shorter (generally)
	<ul> <li>is longer (slightly above the next express valuation level)</li> </ul>

# Range Winner Guarantee Certificates (1199) and Range Winner Certificates (1199)

#### Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Protection amount	100% of the Issue Price
Range Lower Level	Near or above the price of the underlying
Range Upper Level	(Far) above the price of the underlying
Range Participation	100% or greater

# End of term

The investor receives at least the protection amount. Within each range from one range lower level to the respective range upper level, the investor participates with the respective range participation in the performance of the underlying. Below the lowest range lower level, above the highest range upper level or between the specified ranges, the investor does not participate in the performance of the underlying.

#### During the term

The value of the certificate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but to a different extent. If the price of the underlying is below the lowest range lower level or above the highest range upper level, a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the certificate.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	<ul> <li>declines (near a range upper level)</li> <li>rises (near a range lower level)</li> </ul>
Interest rates	declines (near a range upper level)      rises (near a range level)
Remaining term	• rises (near a range lower level)
Kemaning term	• is shorter (generally)
	• is longer (near a range lower
	level)

## Stay-Above Guarantee Certificates (1199) and Stay-Above Certificates (1199)

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Protection amount	100% of the Issue Price
Stay-Above	Above the Issue Price
redemption amount	
Barrier	(Far) below the price of the underlying
Barrier observation	The whole term
period	

The underlying of this certificate is always a worst-of basket, where components are removed from as soon as they trigger a certain barrier.

## End of term

The investor receives at least the protection amount. If a Stay-Above redemption amount is specified for the number of basket components present within the basket at the end of the term, the investor receives such higher amount.

# During the term

The value of the certificate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but to a different extent. If the value of the underlying basket at any time during the barrier observation period is equal to or below the barrier, the basket component with the worst performance will be removed from the basket. If no more components may be removed from the basket, a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the certificate.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	declines
Interest rates	declines
Remaining term	is shorter

# Capped Twin-Win Safe Guarantee Certificates (1199) and Capped Twin-Win Safe Certificates (1199)

#### Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Protection amount	100% of the Issue Price
Strike	At or above the price of the underlying
Barrier	(Far) below the price of the underlying
Barrier observation	The whole term
period	
Cap	At or above the strike

#### End of term

The investor receives at least the protection amount. If the price of the underlying is equal to or above the strike, the investor receives in addition to the protection amount the difference between the price of the underlying (maximum the cap) and the strike. If the price of the underlying is below the strike, but has during the barrier observation period never touched or fallen below the barrier, the investor receives in addition to the protection amount the difference between the strike and the price of the underlying.

## During the term

Above resp. below the strike the value of the certificate generally develops in the same resp. opposite direction as the underlying, but not to the same extent. Especially slightly above the barrier a leverage effect might be present. Near the strike or the cap a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the certificate. If the price of the underlying rises above the cap, the value of the certificate may not increase at all further.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	<ul> <li>rises (above the strike)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>declines (below the strike)</li> </ul>
Implicit volatility	<ul> <li>rises (far above the barrier)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>declines (near the barrier)</li> </ul>
Interest rates	<ul> <li>decline (far above the barrier)</li> </ul>
	• rise (near the barrier)
Remaining term	• is shorter (below the strike or far
	above the strike)
	• is longer (near the strike)

# Bonus Safe Guarantee Certificates (1199) and Bonus Safe Certificates (1199)

#### Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Protection amount	100% of the Issue Price
Barrier	(Far) below the price of the underlying
Barrier observation	The whole term
period	
Bonus amount	Above the Issue Price

# End of term

The investor receives an amount equal to the greatest bonus amount for which the associated barrier during the barrier observation period was less than any price of the underlying. In any case the investor receives at least the protection amount.

#### During the term

The value of the certificate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but not to the same extent. Especially slightly above a barrier a leverage effect might be present. If the price of the

underlying is far above the largest barrier or below the smallest barrier, a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the certificate.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	declines
Interest rates	<ul> <li>decline (generally)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>rise (slightly above a barrier)</li> </ul>
Remaining term	is shorter

# **INVESTMENT PRODUCTS: YIELD ENHANCEMENT PRODUCTS (12)**

## **Discount Certificates (1200)**

#### Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Cap	Near or above the price of the underlying

#### End of term

The investor receives an amount equal to the price of the underlying, whereby the amount is limited by the cap.

## During the term

The value of the Discount Certificate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but to a lesser extent. The higher the underlying rises, the smaller the increase in value of the Discount Certificate usually will be. If the price of the underlying rises above the cap, the value of the Discount Certificate may not increase at all further.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	declines
Interest rates	decline
Remaining term	is longer

# Reverse Convertible (1220)

#### Specified at issue

Reverse Convertibles usually are issued as par value securities.

Parameter	Typical value
Strike	Near the price of the underlying
Interest Rate	Above the market interest rate

# End of term

If the price of the underlying is equal to or above the strike, the investor receives the nominal amount. Otherwise the investor either receives a number of underlyings or an amount equal to the monetary value of such number of underlyings, whereas the number of underlyings is equal to the nominal amount divided by the strike. Independent from the underlying's price the investor receives in any case an interest payment.

# During the term

The value of the Reverse Convertible generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but to a lesser extent. The higher the underlying rises, the smaller the increase in value of the Reverse Convertible usually will be. If the price of the underlying rises above the strike, the value of the Reverse Convertible may not increase at all further.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	declines
Interest rates	decline
Remaining term	is longer

## **Protected Reverse Convertible (1230)**

#### Specified at issue

Protected Reverse Convertibles usually are issued as par value securities.

Parameter	Typical value
Strike	Near the price of the underlying
Interest Rate	Above the market interest rate
Barrier	(Far) below the strike
Barrier observation	The whole term
period	

## End of term

The investor receives the nominal amount if the price of the underlying is equal to or above the strike or the price of the underlying during the barrier observation period has never touched or fallen below the barrier. Otherwise the investor either receives a number of underlyings or an amount equal to the monetary value of such number of underlyings, whereas the number of underlyings is equal to the nominal amount divided by the strike. Independent from the underlying's price the investor receives in any case an interest payment.

# During the term

The value of the Protected Reverse Convertible generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but not to the same extent. Especially slightly above the barrier a leverage effect might be present. Near the strike a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the Protected Reverse Convertible. If the price of the underlying rises above the strike, the value of the Protected Reverse Convertible may not increase at all further.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	declines
Interest rates	decline
Remaining term	is shorter

#### **Capped Bonus Certificates (1250)**

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Bonus level	At or above the price of the underlying
Barrier	(Far) below the price of the underlying
Barrier observation	The whole term
period	
Cap	At or above the bonus level

# End of term

The investor receives an amount equal to the price of the underlying, but at least the bonus level, if the price of the underlying during the barrier observation period has never touched or fallen below the barrier. The amount is in any case limited by the cap.

#### During the term

The value of the Capped Bonus Certificate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but not to the same extent. Especially slightly above the barrier a leverage effect might be present. Near the bonus level or the cap a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the Capped Bonus Certificate. If the price of the underlying rises above the cap, the value of the Capped Bonus Certificate may not increase at all further.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	declines
Interest rates	decline
Remaining term	is shorter

#### **Express Certificates (1260)**

# Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Express valuation	Evenly distributed dates, including the
date	date of the regular end of term
Express valuation	Near the price of the underlying
level	
Express redemption	A few days after each Express valuation
date	date, including the maturity date
Express redemption	Above the price of the underlying
level	
Barrier	(Far) below the price of the underlying
Barrier observation	The end of the (regular) term
period	
Security level	Near of above the price of the underlying

## End of term

If at any express valuation date the price of the underlying is at or above the respective express valuation level, the term of the Express Certificate ends and the investor receives on the respective express redemption date an amount equal to the respective express redemption level. The regular end of term is usually also an express valuation date.

On the regular end of term of the Express Certificate the investor receives an amount equal to the price of the underlying, but at least the security level, if the underlying's price during the barrier observation period has never touched or fallen below the barrier.

#### During the term

The value of the Express Certificate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but not to the same extent. Especially near the barrier or shortly before the next express valuation date and below the respective express valuation level a leverage effect might be present.

Shortly before an express valuation date and above the respective express valuation level a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the Express Certificate. If in such case the price of the underlying continues to rise, the value of the Express Certificate may not increase at all further.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	<ul> <li>declines (above the barrier)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>rises (near or below the barrier)</li> </ul>
Interest rates	<ul> <li>decline (above the barrier)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>rise (near or below the barrier)</li> </ul>
Remaining term	• is shorter (generally)
	<ul> <li>is longer (slightly below the</li> </ul>
	barrier)

## **Capped Reverse Bonus Certificates (1299)**

#### Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Bonus level	At or below the price of the underlying
Barrier	(Far) above the price of the underlying
Barrier observation period	The whole term
Reverse level	Twice the price of the underlying
Cap	At or below the bonus level

#### End of term

The investor receives an amount equal to the difference of the reverse level and the price of the underlying. If the underlying's price during the barrier observation period has never touched or risen above the barrier, the investor receives at least the difference of the reverse level and the bonus level. The amount is in any case limited by the difference of the reverse level and the cap.

#### During the term

The value of the Capped Reverse Bonus Certificate generally develops in the opposite direction as the underlying, but not to the same extent. Especially slightly below the barrier a leverage effect might be present. Near the bonus level or the cap a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the Capped Reverse Bonus Certificate. If the price of the underlying falls below the cap, the value of the Capped Reverse Bonus Certificate may not increase at all further.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	declines
Implicit volatility	declines
Interest rates	decline
Remaining term	is shorter

#### **Capped Twin-Win Certificates (1299)**

#### Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Strike	At or above the price of the underlying
Barrier	(Far) below the price of the underlying
Barrier observation	The whole term
period	
Cap	At or above the strike

## End of term

If the price of the underlying is equal to or above the strike or during the barrier observation period has touched or fallen below the barrier, the investor receives the price of the underlying but maximum the cap. Otherwise the investor receives an amount equal to difference of twice the strike and the price of the underlying.

## During the term

Above resp. below the strike the value of the Capped Twin-Win Certificate generally develops in the same resp. opposite direction as the underlying, but not to the same extent. Especially slightly above the barrier a leverage effect might be present. Near the strike or the cap a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the Capped Twin-Win Certificate. If the price of the underlying rises above the cap, the value of the Capped Twin-Win Certificate may not increase at all further.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	<ul> <li>rises (above the strike)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>declines (below the strike)</li> </ul>
Implicit volatility	<ul> <li>rises (far above the barrier)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>declines (near the barrier)</li> </ul>
Interest rates	<ul> <li>decline (far above the barrier)</li> </ul>
	• rise (near the barrier)
Remaining term	• is shorter (below the strike or far
	above the strike)
	• is longer (near the strike)

#### **Inversion Certificates (1299)**

## Specified at issue

The underlying of an Inversion Certificate is usually a foreign exchange rate.

Parameter	Typical value
Minimum	(Far) below the Issue Price, possibly zero
redemption amount	
Strike	Near the price of the underlying

## End of term

The investor receives at least the minimum redemption amount. If the price of the underlying is equal to or below the strike, the investor receives the nominal amount. Otherwise the investor receives an amount equal to the nominal amount multiplied by the strike and divided by the price of the underlying, but at least the minimum redemption amount.

## During the term

The value of Inversion Certificate generally develops in the opposite direction as the underlying, but to a different extent. Especially slightly above the strike a leverage effect might be present. Below the strike or far above the strike a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the Inversion Certificate. If the price of the underlying falls far below the strike, the value of the Inversion Certificate may not increase at all further.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	declines
Implicit volatility	<ul><li>rises (above the strike)</li><li>declines (near or below the strike)</li></ul>
Interest rates	decline
Remaining term	<ul><li> is shorter (generally)</li><li> is longer (far above the strike)</li></ul>

## **Reverse Inversion Certificates (1299)**

#### Specified at issue

The underlying of a Reverse Inversion Certificate is usually a foreign exchange rate.

Parameter	Typical value
Maximum	(Far) above the Issue Price
redemption amount	
Strike	Near the price of the underlying

## End of term

If the price of the underlying is equal to or above the strike, the investor receives the nominal amount. Otherwise the investor receives an amount equal to the nominal amount multiplied by the strike and

divided by the price of the underlying, whereby the amount is limited by the maximum redemption amount.

#### During the term

The value of Reverse Inversion Certificate generally develops in the opposite direction as the underlying, but to a different extent. Especially far below the strike a leverage effect might be present. Slightly below the strike or above the strike a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the Reverse Inversion Certificate. If the price of the underlying rises above the strike, the value of the Reverse Inversion Certificate may not fall at all further.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	declines
Implicit volatility	rises
Interest rates	decline
Remaining term	is shorter

# **INVESTMENT PRODUCTS: PARTICIPATION PRODUCTS (13)**

# Index Certificates (1300) and Participation Certificates (1300)

These Securities may be issued either with a fixed term or as open-end securities, whereas the latter is the more common case. If no end of term was fixed, the issuer is entitled to specify one.

#### End of term

The investor receives an amount equal to the price of the underlying.

#### During the term

The value of the Securities develops identically with the price of the underlying.

For open-end Index Certificates and Participation Certificates the following table applies:

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	no effect
Interest rates	no effect
Remaining term	no effect

For Index Certificates and Participation Certificates, for which a term was fixed at the start of the issue, the following applies:

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	<ul> <li>no effect (generally)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>situation-related (if Quanto)</li> </ul>
Interest rates	situation-related
Remaining term	situation-related

# **Outperformance Certificates (1310)**

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Strike	Near the price of the underlying
Participation	Above 100%

#### End of term

If the price of the underlying is equal to or below the strike, the investor receives an amount equal to the price of the underlying. Otherwise the investor receives an amount equal to the strike and additionally an amount equal to the participation multiplied with the difference of the price of the underlying and the strike.

## During the term

The value of the Outperformance Certificate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but not to the same extent. Especially above the strike a leverage effect might be present.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	rises (generally)
Interest rates	decline
Remaining term	is longer (if underlying's price is near the
	strike)

#### **Bonus Certificates (1320)**

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Bonus level	At or above the price of the underlying
Barrier	(Far) below the price of the underlying
Barrier observation	The whole term
period	

#### End of term

The investor receives an amount equal to the price of the underlying, but a least the bonus level, if the price of the underlying during the barrier observation period has never touched or fallen below the barrier.

#### During the term

The value of the Bonus Certificate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but not to the same extent. Especially slightly above the barrier a leverage effect might be present. Near the bonus level a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the Bonus Certificate.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	<ul> <li>declines (generally)</li> <li>rises (if underlying's price is above or slightly below the bonus level)</li> </ul>
Interest rates	decline
Remaining term	<ul> <li>is shorter (generally)</li> <li>is longer (if underlying's price is above the bonus level)</li> </ul>

# Twin-Win Certificates (1340)

#### Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Strike	At or above the price of the underlying
Barrier	(Far) below the price of the underlying
Barrier observation	The whole term
period	

#### End of term

If the price of the underlying is equal to or above the strike or during the barrier observation period has touched or fallen below the barrier, the investor receives the price of the underlying. Otherwise the investor receives an amount equal to difference of twice the strike and the price of the underlying.

# During the term

Above resp. below the strike the value of the Twin-Win Certificate generally develops in the same resp. opposite direction as the underlying, but not to the same extent. Especially slightly above the barrier a leverage effect might be present. Near the strike a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the Twin-Win Certificate.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	<ul> <li>rises (above the strike)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>declines (below the strike)</li> </ul>
Implicit volatility	<ul> <li>rises (far above the barrier)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>declines (near the barrier)</li> </ul>
Interest rates	• decline (far above the barrier)
	<ul><li>rise (near the barrier)</li></ul>
Remaining term	• is shorter (below the strike or far
	above the strike)
	<ul> <li>is longer (near the strike)</li> </ul>

## LEVERAGE PRODUCTS WITHOUT KNOCK-OUT (21)

#### Call Warrants (2100)

#### Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Strike	At, below or above the price of the
	underlying

# End of term

If the warrant is physically settled, the investor has the right to buy the underlying at the strike price.

If the warrant is cash settled, the investor receives an amount equal to the difference of the price of the underlying and the strike if the price of the underlying is above the strike; otherwise the investor receives no payment.

# During the term

The value of the Call warrant generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but to a different extent. If the price of the underlying is equal to or below the strike, a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the warrant. If the price of the underlying is above the strike, the absolute change in value of the warrant might be very close to the absolute change in the price of the underlying.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	rises
Interest rates	rise
Remaining term	is longer

#### Put Warrant (2100)

# Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Strike	At, below or above the price of the
	underlying

#### End of term

If the warrant is physically settled, the investor has the right to sell the underlying at the strike price.

If the warrant is cash settled, the investor receives an amount equal to the difference of the strike and the price of the underlying if the price of the underlying is below the strike; otherwise the investor receives no payment.

## During the term

The value of the Put warrant generally develops in the opposite direction as the underlying and with a different extent. If the price of the underlying is above the strike, a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the warrant. If the price of the underlying is below the strike, the absolute change in value of the warrant might be very close to the reverted, absolute change in the price of the underlying.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	declines
Implicit volatility	rises
Interest rates	decline
Remaining term	• is longer (near or above the strike)
	• is shorter (below the strike)

## Capped Call Warrant (2110)

#### Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Strike	At, below or above the price of the
	underlying
Cap	Above the strike

#### End of term

If the price of the underlying is equal to or below the strike, the investor receives no payment. Otherwise the investor receives an amount equal to the difference of the price of the underlying and the strike, whereas the amount is in any case limited by the difference of the cap and the strike.

# During the term

The value of the Capped call warrant generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but to a different extent. If the price of the underlying is below the strike or above the cap, a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the warrant. If the price of the underlying is above the strike and below the cap, the absolute change in value of the warrant might be very close to the absolute change in the price of the underlying.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	<ul> <li>rises (near or below the strike)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>declines (near or above the cap)</li> </ul>
Interest rates	• rise (near or below the cap)
	<ul> <li>decline (above the cap)</li> </ul>
Remaining term	• is longer (near or below the
	strike)
	• is shorter (above the strike)

## Capped Put Warrant (2110)

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Strike	At, below or above the price of the
	underlying
Floor	Below the strike

#### End of term

If the price of the underlying is equal to or above the strike, the investor receives no payment. Otherwise the investor receives an amount equal to the difference of the strike and the price of the underlying, whereas the amount is in any case limited by the difference of the strike and the floor.

# During the term

The value of the Capped put warrant generally develops in the opposite direction as the underlying and to a different extent. If the price of the underlying is above the strike or below the floor, a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the warrant. If the price of the underlying is below the strike and above the floor, the absolute change in value of the warrant might be very close to the absolute change in the price of the underlying.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	declines
Implicit volatility	• rises (near or above the strike)
	<ul> <li>declines (near or below the floor)</li> </ul>
Interest rates	• rise (near or below the floor)
	<ul> <li>decline (above the floor)</li> </ul>
Remaining term	<ul> <li>is longer (above the floor)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>is shorter (near or below the</li> </ul>
	floor)

## LEVERAGE PRODUCTS WITH KNOCK-OUT (22)

# **Turbo Long Certificates (2210)**

Turbo Long Certificates are issued as open-end securities, i.e. without fixed term, but the issuer is entitled to specify one.

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Strike	(Far) below the price of the underlying
Barrier	At or slightly above the strike

#### End of term

If the price of the underlying during the term of the Turbo Long Certificate has never touched or fallen below the barrier, the investor receives an amount equal to the difference of the price of the underlying and the strike. Otherwise the investor receives no payment.

# During the term

The value of the Turbo Long Certificate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but to a larger extent. As soon as the price of the underlying touches or falls below the barrier, the Turbo Long Certificate ends and the investor receives only a residual value, which might be zero.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	(no effect)
Interest rates	decline (due to daily adjustments)
Remaining term	(no effect)

## **Turbo Short Certificates (2210)**

Turbo Short Certificates are issued as open-end securities, i.e. without fixed term, but the issuer is entitled to specify one.

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Strike	(Far) above the price of the underlying
Barrier	At or slightly below the strike

## End of term

If the price of the underlying during the term of the Turbo Short Certificate has never touched or risen above the barrier, the investor receives an amount equal to the difference of the strike and the price of the underlying. Otherwise the investor receives no payment.

## During the term

The value of the Turbo Short Certificate generally develops in the opposite direction as the underlying and to a larger extent. As soon as the price of the underlying touches or rises above the barrier, the Turbo Short Certificate ends and the investor receives only a residual value, which might be zero.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	declines
Implicit volatility	(no effect)
Interest rates	rise (due to daily adjustments)
Remaining term	(no effect)

# **CONSTANT LEVERAGE PRODUCTS (23)**

#### Factor Long Certificates (2300)

Factor Long Certificates are usually issued as open-end securities, i.e. without fixed term, but the issuer is entitled to specify one.

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Leverage factor	2 or greater
Factor level	(Far) below the price of the underlying
Protection level	Slightly above the factor level

## End of term

The investor receives an amount equal to the difference of the price of the underlying and the factor level.

## During the term

The value of the Factor Long Certificate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but to a larger extent. The daily performance of the underlying is generally leveraged by a constant factor equal to the leverage factor, after considering interest. To sustain the constant factor, the factor level, multiplier and protection level will be adjusted on a daily basis, i.e. the leverage of the Factor Long Certificate is reset to the leverage factor.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	(no effect)
Interest rates	decline (due to daily adjustments)
Remaining term	(no effect)

# **Factor Short Certificates (2300)**

Factor Short Certificates are usually issued as open-end securities, i.e. without fixed term, but the issuer is entitled to specify one.

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Leverage factor	-1 or less
Factor level	(Far) above the price of the underlying
Protection level	Slightly below the factor level

## End of term

The investor receives an amount equal to the difference of the factor level and the price of the underlying.

## During the term

The value of the Factor Short Certificate generally develops in the opposite direction as the underlying and to a larger extent. The daily performance of the underlying is generally reverted and leveraged by a constant factor equal to the leverage factor, after considering interest. To sustain the constant factor, the factor level, multiplier and protection level will be adjusted on a daily basis, i.e. the leverage of the Factor Short Certificate is reset to the leverage factor.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	(no effect)
Interest rates	rise (due to daily adjustments)
Remaining term	(no effect)

# DESCRIPTION OF THE INTEREST RATE

## FIXED INTEREST RATE

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Interest Rate	Near market interest rates

# End of the interest period

The investor receives a fixed interest rate.

## During the interest period

The fixed interest rate is not affected by changes in the price of the underlying

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	no effect
Implicit volatility	no effect
Interest rates	decline
Remaining term	is shorter

## VARIABLE INTEREST RATES

## **Barrier Digital**

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Interest barrier	<ul> <li>(Far) below the price of the underlying (down-and-in and down-and-out)</li> <li>(Far) above the price of the underlying (up-and-in and up-and-out)</li> </ul>
Interest barrier	The whole term
observation period	
Digital interest rate	Above market interest rate

## End of the interest period

The investor receives interest equal to the digital interest rate if:

- in case of down-and-out or up-and-out: no barrier event has occurred.
- in case of down-and-in or up-and-in: a barrier event has occurred.

Otherwise the investor receives no interest.

In case the Barrier Digital interest rate is down-and-out or down-and-in a barrier event has occurred if the price of the underlying during the interest barrier observation period has touched or fallen below the barrier; otherwise a barrier event has occurred if the price of the underlying during the barrier observation period has touched or risen above the barrier.

## During the interest period

The Barrier Digital interest rate generally develops in the same (down-and-out or up-and-in) resp. opposite (down-and-in or up-and-out) direction as the underlying, but to a different extent. If the price of the underlying is below (down-and-in or up-and-out) resp. above (down-and-out or up-and-in) the barrier, a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in the Barrier Digital interest rate.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	• rises (down-and-out and up-and-in)
	• declines (down-and-in and up-and-out)
Implicit volatility	• rises (down-and-in and up-and-in)
	<ul> <li>declines (down-and-out and up-and-</li> </ul>
	out)
Interest rates	• decline (generally)
	• rise (down-and-out near the barrier)
	• rise (up-and-in far below the barrier)
Remaining term	• is longer (down-and-in and up-and-in)
	• is shorter (down-and-out and up-and-
	out)

## Range Digital with Knock-Out

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Interest lower	(Far) below the price of the underlying
barrier	
Interest upper	(Far) above the price of the underlying
barrier	
Interest barrier	The whole term
observation period	
Digital interest rate	Above market interest rate

## End of the interest period

The investor receives interest equal to the digital interest rate if the price of the underlying during the interest barrier observation period has (i) never touched or fallen below the interest lower barrier, and (ii) never touched or risen above the interest upper barrier. Otherwise the investor receives no interest.

## During the interest period

The Range Digital interest rate develops in the same direction as the underlying, but to a different extent, if the price of the underlying is near the interest lower barrier. The Range Digital interest rate develops in the opposite direction as the underlying, but to a different extent, if the price of the underlying is near the interest upper barrier. If the price of the underlying is near the middle of both barriers, a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in the Range Digital interest rate.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	• rises (near the interest lower barrier)
	<ul> <li>declines (near the interest upper</li> </ul>
	barrier)
Implicit volatility	declines
Interest rates	• decline (generally)
	• rise (near the interest lower barrier)
Remaining term	is shorter

## Range Digital with Knock-In

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Interest lower	(Far) below the price of the underlying
barrier	
Interest upper	(Far) above the price of the underlying
barrier	
Interest barrier	The whole term
observation period	
Digital interest rate	Above market interest rate

## End of the interest period

The investor receives interest equal to the digital interest rate if the price of the underlying during the interest barrier observation period has (i) touched or fallen below the interest lower barrier, or (ii) touched or risen above the interest upper barrier. Otherwise the investor receives no interest.

## During the interest period

The Range Digital interest rate develops in the opposite direction as the underlying, but to a different extent, if the price of the underlying is near the interest lower barrier. The Range Digital interest rate develops in the same direction as the underlying, but to a different extent, if the price of the underlying

is near the interest upper barrier. If the price of the underlying is near the middle of both barriers, a change in the underlying price may cause only a very small change in the Range Digital interest rate.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	• rises (near the interest upper barrier)
	<ul> <li>declines (near the interest lower</li> </ul>
	barrier)
Implicit volatility	rises
Interest rates	• decline (generally)
	• rise (near the interest upper barrier)
Remaining term	is longer

## **Reference Rate**

The underlying of a Reference Rate interest rate is always an interest rate.

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Interest participation	100%

## End of the interest period

The investor receives interest equal to the underlying rate multiplied by the interest participation.

#### During the interest period

The Reference Rate interest rate develops identically with the underlying rate, but, if the participation is not 100%, to a different extent.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying rate	rises
Implicit volatility	(no effect)
Interest rates	(no effect)
Remaining term	(no effect)

# **Capped Reference Rate Performance**

The underlying of a Capped Reference Rate Performance interest rate is always an interest rate.

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Interest strike	Near the underlying rate
Interest cap level	(Far) above the interest strike
Interest participation	100% or greater

## End of the interest period

If the underlying rate is above the interest strike, the investor receives interest equal to the interest participation multiplied by the amount by which the underlying rate or the interest cap level, whichever is less, exceeds the interest strike; otherwise the investor receives no interest.

# During the interest period

The value of the Capped Reference Rate Performance interest rate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying rate, but to a different extent. If the underlying rate is below the interest strike or above the interest cap level, a change in the underlying rate may cause only a very small change in the interest rate.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying rate	rises
Implicit volatility	<ul> <li>rises (near and below the interest strike)</li> <li>declines (near and above the interest cap level)</li> </ul>
Interest rates	<ul><li>rise (generally)</li><li>declines (above the interest cap level)</li></ul>
Remaining term	<ul> <li>is longer (far below the interest cap level)</li> <li>is shorter (near and above the interest cap level)</li> </ul>

# **Capped Reference Rate Reverse Performance**

The underlying of a Capped Reference Rate Reverse Performance interest rate is always an interest rate.

# Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Interest strike	Near the underlying rate
Interest floor level	(Far) below the interest strike
Interest participation	100% or greater

# End of the interest period

If the underlying rate is below the interest strike, the investor receives interest equal to the interest participation multiplied by the amount by which the underlying rate or the interest floor level, whichever is greater, is below the interest strike; otherwise the investor receives no interest.

## During the interest period

The value of the Capped Reference Rate Reverse Performance interest rate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying rate, but to a different extent. If the underlying rate is above the interest strike or below the interest floor level, a change in the underlying rate may cause only a very small change in the interest rate.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying rate	declines
Implicit volatility	<ul> <li>rises (near and above the interest strike)</li> <li>declines (near and below the interest floor level)</li> </ul>
Interest rates	<ul> <li>rise (near or below the interest floor level)</li> <li>decline (above the interest floor level)</li> </ul>
Remaining term	<ul> <li>is longer (above the interest floor level)</li> <li>is shorter (near or below the interest floor level)</li> </ul>

#### **Barrier Reference Rate Performance**

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Interest strike	Near the underlying rate
Interest participation	100% or less
Interest barrier	<ul> <li>(Far) below the underlying rate (downand-in and down-and-out)</li> <li>(Far) above the underlying rate (upand-in and up-and-out)</li> </ul>
Interest barrier observation period	The whole term
Fallback interest rate	0%

## End of the interest period

The investor receives interest equal to the interest participation multiplied by the amount by which the underlying rate exceeds the interest strike, if the underlying rate is above the interest strike and:

- in case of down-and-out or up-and-out: no barrier event has occurred.
- in case of down-and-in or up-and-in: a barrier event has occurred.

Otherwise the investor receives interest equal to the fallback interest rate (which might be zero), if:

- in case of down-and-out or up-and-out: a barrier event has occurred.
- in case of down-and-in or up-and-in: no barrier event has occurred.

In any other case the investor receives no interest.

In case the Barrier Reference Rate Performance interest rate is down-and-out or down-and-in, a barrier event has occurred if the underlying rate during the interest barrier observation period has touched or fallen below the interest barrier; otherwise a barrier event has occurred if the underlying rate during the interest barrier observation period has touched or risen above the interest barrier.

## During the interest period

The Barrier Reference Rate Performance interest rate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying rate, but to a different extent. If the underlying rate is below the interest strike, a change in the underlying rate may cause only a very small change in value of the interest rate. Despite what was mentioned before, the interest rate may rise (up-and-in and down-and-in) resp. fall (up-and-out and down-and-out) if the underlying rate comes close to the barrier.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying rate	situation-related
Implicit volatility	situation-related
Interest rates	situation-related
Remaining term	situation-related

#### **Performance**

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Interest strike	Near the price of the underlying
Interest participation	100% or less

## End of the interest period

If the price of the underlying is above the interest strike, the investor receives interest that is proportional to the interest participation multiplied by the amount by which the price of the underlying exceeds the interest strike; otherwise the investor receives no interest.

## During the interest period

The Performance interest rate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but to a different extent. If the price of the underlying is below the interest strike, a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in the interest rate.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	rises
Interest rates	rise
Remaining term	is longer

## **Capped Performance**

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Interest strike	Near the price of the underlying
Interest cap level	(Far) above the interest strike
Interest participation	100% or greater

## End of the interest period

If the price of the underlying is above the interest strike, the investor receives interest that is proportional to the interest participation multiplied by the amount by which the price of the underlying or the interest cap level, whichever is less, exceeds the interest strike; otherwise the investor receives no interest.

## During the interest period

The value of the Capped Performance interest rate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but to a different extent. If the price of the underlying is below the interest strike or above the interest cap level, a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in the interest rate.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	<ul> <li>rises (near and below the interest strike)</li> <li>declines (near and above the interest cap level)</li> </ul>
Interest rates	<ul><li>rise (generally)</li><li>declines (above the interest cap level)</li></ul>
Remaining term	is longer (far below the interest cap level)     is shorter (near and above the interest cap level)

## **Capped Absolute Performance**

# Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Interest strike	Near the price of the underlying
Interest cap level	(Far) above the interest strike
Interest floor	(Far) below the interest strike
Interest positive	100% or greater
participation	
Interest negative	100% or greater
participation	

## End of the interest period

If the price of the underlying is above the interest strike, the investor receives interest that is proportional to the interest positive participation multiplied by the amount by which the price of the underlying or the interest cap level, whichever is less, exceeds the interest strike.

If the price of the underlying is below the interest strike, the investor receives interest that is proportional to the interest negative participation multiplied by the amount by which the price of the underlying or the interest floor, whichever is greater, falls below the interest strike.

## During the interest period

The value of the Capped Absolute Performance interest rate develops in the same direction (above the interest strike) resp. opposite direction (below the interest strike) as the underlying, but to a different extent. If the price of the underlying is far below the interest floor, far above the interest cap level or near the interest strike a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in the interest rate.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	• rises (above the interest strike)
	• declines (below the interest strike)
Implicit volatility	• declines (generally)
	<ul> <li>rises (near the interest strike)</li> </ul>
Interest rates	decline (generally)
	• rise (near the interest strike)
Remaining term	• is shorter (generally)
	• is longer (near the interest strike)

#### **Barrier Performance**

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Interest strike	Near the price of the underlying
Interest participation	100% or less
Interest barrier	<ul> <li>(Far) below the price of the underlying (down-and-in and down-and-out)</li> <li>(Far) above the price of the underlying (up-and-in and up-and-out)</li> </ul>
Interest barrier	The whole term
observation period	
Fallback interest	0%
rate	

## End of the interest period

The investor receives interest that is proportional to the interest participation multiplied by the amount by which the price of the underlying exceeds the interest strike, if the price of the underlying is above the interest strike and:

- in case of down-and-out or up-and-out: no barrier event has occurred.
- in case of down-and-in or up-and-in: a barrier event has occurred.

Otherwise the investor receives interest equal to the fallback interest rate (which might be zero), if:

- in case of down-and-out or up-and-out: a barrier event has occurred.
- in case of down-and-in or up-and-in: no barrier event has occurred.

In any other case the investor receives no interest.

In case the Barrier Performance interest rate is down-and-out or down-and-in, a barrier event has occurred if the price of the underlying during the interest barrier observation period has touched or fallen below the interest barrier; otherwise a barrier event has occurred if the price of the underlying during the interest barrier observation period has touched or risen above the interest barrier.

## During the interest period

The Barrier Performance interest rate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but to a different extent. If the price of the underlying is below the interest strike, a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the interest rate. Despite what was mentioned before, the interest rate may rise (up-and-in and down-and-in) resp. fall (up-and-out and down-and-out) if the price of the underlying comes close to the barrier.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	situation-related
Implicit volatility	situation-related
Interest rates	situation-related
Remaining term	situation-related

## **Capped Barrier Performance**

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Interest strike	Near the price of the underlying
Interest cap level	(Far) above the interest strike
Interest participation	100% or less
Interest barrier	<ul> <li>(Far) below the price of the underlying (down-and-in and down-and-out)</li> <li>(Far) above the price of the underlying (up-and-in and up-and-out)</li> </ul>
Interest barrier	The whole term
observation period	
Fallback interest	0%
rate	

## End of the interest period

The investor receives interest that is proportional to the interest participation multiplied by the amount by which the price of the underlying or the interest cap level, whichever is less, exceeds the interest strike, if the price of the underlying is above the interest strike and:

- in case of down-and-out or up-and-out: no barrier event has occurred.
- in case of down-and-in or up-and-in: a barrier event has occurred.

Otherwise the investor receives interest equal to the fallback interest rate (which might be zero), if:

- in case of down-and-out or up-and-out: a barrier event has occurred.
- in case of down-and-in or up-and-in: no barrier event has occurred.

In any other case the investor receives no interest.

In case the Capped Barrier Performance interest rate is down-and-out or down-and-in, a barrier event has occurred if the price of the underlying during the interest barrier observation period has touched or fallen below the interest barrier; otherwise a barrier event has occurred if the price of the underlying during the interest barrier observation period has touched or risen above the interest barrier.

## During the interest period

The Capped Barrier Performance interest rate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but to a different extent. If the price of the underlying is below the interest strike or above the interest cap level, a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in value of the interest rate. Despite what was mentioned before, the interest rate may rise (up-and-in and down-and-in) resp. fall (up-and-out and down-and-out) if the price of the underlying comes close to the barrier.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	situation-related
Implicit volatility	situation-related
Interest rates	situation-related
Remaining term	situation-related

## Cliquet

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Interest performance	At least two equidistant dates within each
valuation dates	interest period
Interest performance	Near or above market interest rates
cap	
Interest performance	0% or below (negative possible)
floor	
Interest participation	100%
Variable interest	Near or above market interest rates
rate cap	
Variable interest	0% or above (negative not possible)
rate floor	

## End of the interest period

The investor receives interest equal to the interest participation multiplied by the sum of the performances of the underlying from one interest performance valuation date to the next, whereas each performance value is maximum the interest performance cap and at least the interest performance floor.

In any case the interest rate is at least the variable interest rate floor and maximum the variable interest rate cap.

## During the interest period

The Cliquet interest rate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but to a different extent.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	rises
Implicit volatility	rises
Interest rates	rise
Remaining term	is longer

## Ladder

For each interest ladder level an interest ladder rate is associated, whereat for increasing interest ladder levels also the associated interest ladder rates increase.

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Interest ladder levels	At or above the price of the underlying
Interest ladder rates	0% or above; usually about half of the rates are above market interest rates

## End of the interest period

The investor receives interest equal to the greatest interest ladder rate for which the associated interest ladder level is smaller than or equal to the price of the underlying. If no interest ladder level is less than or equal to the price of the underlying, the investor receives no interest.

## During the interest period

The Ladder interest rate generally develops in the same direction as the underlying, but to a different extent.

Price factor	Price will be higher when	
Underlying price	rises	
Implicit volatility	rises	
Interest rates	<ul><li>rise (generally)</li><li>decline (above the greatest interest ladder level)</li></ul>	
Remaining term	<ul> <li>is longer (generally)</li> <li>is shorter (near or above the greatest interest ladder level)</li> </ul>	

#### **Accumulated Distribution**

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Interest Distribution	100% of the Net Distribution of any
Amount	Ordinary Dividend

## End of the interest period

The investor receives interest equal to the sum of all distribution yields (e.g. dividend yields) of the underlying within the interest period.

## During the interest period

The Accumulated Distribution interest rate is usually not affected by changes in the price of the underlying, but instead by changes in the expected distribution payments within the interest period.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	no effect
Implicit volatility	no effect
Interest rates	no effect
Remaining term	is shorter

## Range Accrual with Stay-in

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Interest lower	(Far) below the price of the underlying
barrier	
Interest upper	(Far) above the price of the underlying
barrier	
Interest barrier	The whole interest period
observation period	_
Digital interest rate	Above market interest rate

# End of the interest period

The investor receives interest equal to the digital interest rate multiplied by the ratio of the relevant days the underlying stays within the range specified by the interest lower barrier and interest upper barrier to the total number of relevant days within the interest period. If the relevant price of the underlying was on every relevant day of the interest period not within such range, the investor receives no interest.

## During the interest period

The Range Accrual interest rate develops in the same direction as the underlying, but to a different extent, if the price of the underlying is near the interest lower barrier. The Range Accrual interest rate develops in the opposite direction as the underlying, but to a different extent, if the price of the

underlying is near the interest upper barrier. If the price of the underlying is near the middle of both barriers, a change in the underlying's price may cause only a very small change in the Range Accrual interest rate.

Price factor	Price will be higher when	
Underlying price	• rises (near the interest lower barrier)	
	<ul> <li>declines (near the interest upper</li> </ul>	
	barrier)	
Implicit volatility	declines	
Interest rates	• decline (generally)	
	• rise (near the interest lower barrier)	
Remaining term	• is longer (within the range)	
	• is shorter (outside the range)	

## Range Accrual with Stay-out

## Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value		
Interest lower	Below the price of the underlying		
barrier			
Interest upper	Above the price of the underlying		
barrier			
Interest barrier	The whole interest period		
observation period	_		
Digital interest rate	Above market interest rate		

## End of the interest period

The investor receives interest equal to the digital interest rate multiplied by the ratio of the relevant days the underlying stays outside the range specified by the interest lower barrier and interest upper barrier to the total number of relevant days within the interest period. If the relevant price of the underlying was on every relevant day of the interest period within such range, the investor receives no interest.

# During the interest period

The Range Accrual interest rate develops in the opposite direction as the underlying, but to a different extent, if the price of the underlying is near the interest lower barrier. The Range Accrual interest rate develops in the same direction as the underlying, but to a different extent, if the price of the underlying is near the interest upper barrier. If the price of the underlying is near the middle of both barriers, a change in the underlying price may cause only a very small change in the Range Accrual interest rate.

Price factor	Price will be higher when		
Underlying price	• rises (near the interest upper barrier)		
	<ul> <li>declines (near the interest lower</li> </ul>		
	barrier)		
Implicit volatility	rises		
Interest rates	• decline (generally)		
	• rise (near the interest upper barrier)		
Remaining term	• is longer (outside the range)		
	• is shorter (within the range)		

#### **Pyramid**

For each interest pyramid rate an interest lower barrier and an interest upper barrier is associated, whereat for increasing interest pyramid rates the associated interest lower barriers increase and the associated interest upper barriers decrease.

# Specified at issue

Parameter	Typical value
Interest lower barriers	Below the price of the underlying
Interest upper barriers	Above the price of the underlying
Interest pyramid rates	Above market interest rates
Interest barrier observation period	The whole interest period
Fallback interest	0%
rate	

## End of the interest period

The investor receives interest equal to the greatest interest pyramid rate for which during the respective interest barrier observation period every price of the underlying was greater than the respective interest lower barrier and less than the respective interest upper barrier. If no interest pyramid rate is specified for which during the respective interest barrier observation period every price of the underlying was greater than the respective interest lower barrier and less than the respective interest upper barrier, the investor receives only the fallback interest rate, which might be zero.

## During the interest period

Below the greatest interest lower barrier, the value of the Pyramid interest develops generally in the same direction as the underlying, while above the lowest interest upper barrier, the value of the Pyramid interest develops generally in the opposite direction as the underlying, in any case not to the same extent.

Price factor	Price will be higher when
Underlying price	<ul> <li>rise (below greatest interest lower barrier)</li> <li>decline (above lowest interest upper barrier)</li> </ul>
Implicit volatility	declines
Interest rates	<ul><li>decline (generally)</li><li>rise (slightly above any interest lower barrier)</li></ul>
Remaining term	is shorter

# **UNDERLYINGS**

## TYPES OF UNDERLYINGS

As to the type of the Underlying and the place where information on the Underlying may be obtained, see the Final Terms (item "Provisions for the Underlying"). Regarding the risks associated with several types of Underlyings, see page 72ff. Information about the past and future performance of the Underlying(s) and its (their) volatility may be obtained from the source indicated in the Final Terms (see item "Provisions for the Underlying"). Where the Underlying is a security, the name of the issuer of the Underlying, the ISIN (international security identification number) or other such security identification code, where the Underlying is an index, the name of the index and where information about the index can be obtained, where the Underlying is an interest rate, a description of the interest rate, or, where the Underlying does not fall within the categories specified above, equivalent information, and where the Underlying is a basket, disclosure of the relevant Quantities of each Component in the basket shall be set out in the Final Terms (item "Provisions for the Underlying").

## EXERCISE PRICE OR FINAL PRICE OF THE UNDERLYING

Unless provided otherwise in the applicable Terms and Conditions or the applicable Final Terms, the final reference price is the price of the Underlying on the respective final valuation date.

## MARKET AND SETTLEMENT DISRUPTIONS

The applicable Terms and Conditions (cf § 9 (Market Disruptions)) contain provisions concerning the disruption of the market or the settlement and the consequences attached thereto.

## ADJUSTMENT RULES

The applicable Terms and Conditions (cf § 9 (Market Disruptions), § 10 (Adjustments)) contain provisions on the adjustment with respect to events concerning the Underlying and the relevant Final Terms may also contain further specifications.

# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds from the issue of any Securities may be used by the Issuer for any whatsoever purpose and will, generally, be used by the Issuer for the generation of profits and its general funding purposes. If pursuant to the respective Final Terms of a certain Series, the Paying Agent is a foreign local branch (*Zweigstelle*) of the Issuer, the net proceeds (and the costs) of such Series will be attributed to such foreign local branch (*Zweigstelle*).

# RAIFFEISEN CENTROBANK AG

#### INTRODUCTION

Raiffeisen Centrobank is registered as an Austrian Law Stock Corporation in the Austrian Companies Register at the Vienna Commercial Court under the registration number 117507 f. The registered office of Raiffeisen Centrobank is Tegetthoffstraße 1, 1015 Vienna, Austria, and its telephone number is +43-1-51520-0. The legal name of the Issuer is "Raiffeisen Centrobank AG", the Issuer uses the commercial name "Raiffeisen Centrobank" or "RCB".

The Issuer was founded on 22 October 1973 in Vienna, Austria through the conversion of "Centrofin, Finanzierungsvermittlungs-, Handels- und Treuhandgesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung" into "Centro Internationale Handelsbank Aktiengesellschaft". The initial registration in the Austrian Companies Register was made on 29 March 1974. The Issuer is established for an indefinite period of time. The share capital of the issuer at the time of the initial registration was Austrian schillings 350,000,000 (approximately EUR 25,435,491.96) and was increased by a registration made on 13 June 1998 to Austrian schillings 655,000,000 (approximately EUR 47,600,706.38). This amount was adjusted at the time of the takeover by the Raiffeisen Group which was resolved at the extraordinary shareholders' meeting of 14 November 2001 with the registration in the Austrian Companies Register of 21 December 2001 to EUR 47,598,850, which represents the current share capital of Raiffeisen Centrobank. Since the end of 2001, the Issuer has been part of the Raiffeisen Group.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Issuer is a specialised financial institution for the equity business within the Raiffeisen Group and operates in the local markets in Central and Eastern Europe. Raiffeisen Centrobank was among the first equity houses in Austria to develop a network of direct stock exchange connections for its customers in Austria and in Central and Eastern Europe. Currently, Raiffeisen Centrobank operates 11 direct stock exchange connections which it makes available to its institutional and private investors.

The business of Raiffeisen Centrobank is focused on stocks. The Issuer sees itself as specialist for domestic and Central and East European stocks and as a leading market participant in this region.

Raiffeisen Centrobank has experience in the field of developing and placing of certificates. The expertise in this field makes Raiffeisen Centrobank one of the leading certificate houses in Austria by volume.

The products of the Issuer's research department include regular sector and company analyses, quarterly strategy publications, weekly market outlooks and equity daily as well as event-based commentaries. The research experts of Raiffeisen Centrobank provide support for the Issuer's sales team as well as institutional customers and the investment advisors of the Raiffeisen Group.

Furthermore, Raiffeisen Centrobank's investment services department focuses on servicing customers of the Raiffeisen network banks in the CEE region, offering tailor-made investment solutions for private and institutional customers.

## **GROUP STRUCTURE**

## **Equity participations and shares in affiliated companies**

The following table contains information on companies in which the Issuer directly held a minimum of 20 per cent shareholding.

		in thousand	ısand EUR	
Company, registered headquarter (country)	Share in %	Equity	Annual result for 2015	
Centrotrade Holding GmbH, Vienna (AT)	100	5,869	2,147	
Centrotrade Chemicals AG, Zug (CH)	100	6,693	(1,478)	

in liquidation

Syrena Immobilien Holding AG, 21 29,315 (298) Spittal/Drau (AT)

Source: Internal information of the Issuer -- unaudited figures as of 31 December 2015, save for the share percentage figures which are as of the date of this Prospectus

Following the transfer of RCB's M&A and ECM business segments into Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Raiffeisen Investment Advisory GmbH was transferred into Raiffeisen Bank International AG. Centrotrade Chemicals AG has been in liquidation since November 2015 as the sales process was not successful. Centro Asset Management Limited was liquidated in November 2015 yielding proceeds of roughly € 3,000.

In 2015, the carrying amount of former Centrotrade Holding AG, now Centrotrade Holding GmbH, was appreciated by  $\[ \in \]$  490,000 to initial acquisition costs. In 2015, appreciation is subject to a payout block. Since the sale of the commodity trading subsidiaries, Centrotrade Holding GmbH has not performed any operational activities.

# SHARE CAPITAL OF RAIFFEISEN CENTROBANK

By 31 December 2015, Raiffeisen Centrobank's nominal share capital amounted to EUR 47,598,850 divided into 655,000 non par-value ordinary shares.

The vast majority of 654,999 shares, equalling a stake of 99.9% of the shares in Raiffeisen Centrobank, are through RBI KI-Beteiligungs GmbH and its subsidiary RBI IB Beteiligungs GmbH, Vienna (indirectly) held by Raiffeisen Bank International AG ("**RBI**"). The remainder of 1 share (0.1%) is held by Lexxus Services Holding GmbH, Vienna, which is an indirect subsidiary of RBI. As a consequence Raiffeisen Centrobank is an indirect subsidiary of RBI. The shares in Raiffeisen Centrobank are not listed on any stock exchange.

# **BUSINESS OVERVIEW**

# RELATIONSHIP WITH AND DEPENDENCE WITHIN RAIFFEISEN SECTOR

The parent company of Raiffeisen Bank International AG, RZB was founded in 1927. On 10 October 2010, Raiffeisen Bank International AG merged with Cembra Beteiligungs AG, to which the principal business areas of Raiffeisen Zentralbank Österreich AG had been spun off beforehand. RBI is a leading commercial and investment bank in Austria. RBI is organized in certain sectors and the Issuer belongs to the investment banking sector along with Raiffeisen Investment Advisory GmbH.

The Raiffeisen Group is a banking group with its origins in Austria which is active in the Central and Eastern European market. Apart from the Central and Eastern European markets, the Raiffeisen Group is also represented in a number of international financial marketplaces and in the emerging markets of Asia.

The parent company of the Raiffeisen Group is Raiffeisen-Landesbanken-Holding GmbH, Vienna, which is the majority shareholder of RZB. The latter is the majority shareholder of RBI. The Issuer is included in the consolidated financial statements of RBI and RBI is included in the consolidated financial statements of RZB. RZB is included in the consolidated financial statements of Raiffeisen Landesbanken-Holding GmbH.

Raiffeisen Centrobank is a joint stock corporation and dependent on its shareholders (see "SHARE CAPITAL OF RAIFFEISEN CENTROBANK" above). Raiffeisen-Landesbanken-Holding GmbH, Vienna, the ultimate parent of Raiffeisen Centrobank, is an indirect shareholder and therefore has the possibility of exercising influence over Raiffeisen Centrobank, amongst other things, by appointing or dismissing members of the Supervisory Board or by changing the articles of association in shareholders' meetings.

#### **BUSINESS SEGMENTS**

In 2014, it was decided to restructure the business model of Raiffeisen Centrobank AG and to focus the core areas of business on equity trading and sales as well as on certificates. Following these decisions, the Equity Capital Markets (ECM), Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A) including the respective subsidiaries were transferred into Raiffeisen Bank International AG or the respective network banks and parts of the Private Banking segments were transferred to Kathrein Privatbank AG. The business segment of the commodity trading subsidiaries was partly sold or is in liquidation.

## **Operations of Raiffeisen Centrobank**

## Treasury & Trading

With a considerable market share on the spot market, Raiffeisen Centrobank AG is one of the largest market participants on the Vienna Stock Exchange. In market making the sales volume of  $\in$  1,566,000 was mildly down on the 2014 result.

In the specialist tender on the Vienna Stock Exchange in April 2015, Raiffeisen Centrobank AG received 11 mandates and holds a total of 36 market maker mandates in the prime market. On the Warsaw Stock Exchange Raiffeisen Centrobank AG acts as market maker for 25 equities. Moreover, market making in single stock futures and Warsaw Stock Exchange Index futures and options is provided Raiffeisen Centrobank AG expanded its market maker activities as well on other Eastern European exchanges and increased the number of its mandates in Prague and Budapest to 11 titles.

#### **Global Equity Sales**

In 2015, the share of Raiffeisen Centrobank AG in the customer business segment on the Vienna Stock Exchange was down on the previous year result due to the challenging market environment against the backdrop of persisting geopolitical uncertainties. Sales volume on the Vienna Stock Exchange (agent

account) dropped in 2015. In 2015, no primary market transactions were carried out by Raiffeisen Centrobank.

Raiffeisen Centrobank AG intends to continue its strategy to offset low trading volumes by new customer acquisition and by broadening its product range and has therefore kept its marketing activities on a high level. 80 company roadshows, 19 investor lunches and 45 analyst roadshows were held by Raiffeisen Centrobank in 2015. In November 2015 an investor conference was organized in cooperation with the Vienna Stock Exchange. Both, the market entry into the French capital market and the cooperation with Global Securities to market Turkish stocks are showing the first signs of success potential.

In close cooperation and coordination with Raiffeisen Centrobank's parent company RBI, joint priorities both in equity research and the service provided for institutional investors have been defined. Together with the Equity Capital Markets team of RBI, Raiffeisen Centrobank carries out research and sales activities in relation to equity capital market transactions including initial public offerings, capital increases, block trades, equity-linked products (convertible/exchangeable bonds), listings, take-over offers of listed companies, squeeze-outs (exclusion of minority shareholders) and follow-up services for listed companies.

#### Structured Products

The positive course of business for Raiffeisen Centrobank's structured products department continued with another favourable result in 2015. Open interest for Raiffeisen Centrobank certificates rose again. Total turnover of structured products department for 2015 came to € 1.3 billion and was almost on the level achieved in the previous years. With a turnover share of over 60 per cent, guarantee certificates and certificates with partial protection were the most popular product categories by far. As an Austrian issuer, Raiffeisen Centrobank's activity focused not only on products based on the traditionally important home market, but also on major European and global indices such as the Euro STOXX 50, STOXX Global Select Dividend 100 and on Eastern European underlyings. Heavy leaps on the commodities markets, primarily in the oil price, translated into a rise in turnover of commodity certificates.

In aggregate, Raiffeisen Centrobank issued 2,817 products in 2015, bringing the total of its publicly offered issues to 4,163 at the end of 2015. In addition to the Vienna Stock Exchange, Raiffeisen Centrobank certificates are listed on the leading European certificate exchanges in Stuttgart (EUWAX) and Frankfurt. Raiffeisen Centrobank places particular focus on the CEE exchanges, with a considerable number of new listings and product innovations. In addition, Raiffeisen Centrobank acts as market maker on the exchanges in Warsaw, Prague, Budapest and Bucharest. Raiffeisen Centrobank is currently active in nine CEE countries and intensified its collaboration with the local network banks. Furthermore, a number of issues (subscriptions and private placements) and education measures were completed. Successful transactions were completed with Tatra bank in Slovakia and Raiffeisen Polbank. Both banks were involved in the major single issues in 2015.

## **Investment Services**

In the wake of re-aligning Raiffeisen Centrobank's business segments, the private banking segment was renamed to investment services. Investment services focuses on servicing customers of the Raiffeisen network banks in the CEE region, offering tailor-made investment solutions for private and institutional customers.

#### Company Research

Raiffeisen Centrobank's coverage universe comprises Austrian, Eastern European and Russian companies and includes about 130 shares. In 2015, the company research department again focused on expanding its publishing activities as well as on intensifying relationships between investors and analysts. In 2015, the company research department published a total of 1,500 reports (company updates, sector reports, first impressions, company news, sector news, equity daily, equity weekly). In addition to holding regular conference calls, analyst roadshows were marketed in Zurich, Geneva, London, Paris, Frankfurt, Milano, Stockholm, Warsaw, Prague, Dublin, Vienna and Linz. The topics

included strategies for Austria and Poland as well as various sector road shows. "Strategy Austria & CEE" was prepared together with Raiffeisen Research every quarter.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Because of its specialization in trading equities and equity derivatives, it is particularly important for Raiffeisen Centrobank to maintain a modern, professional, and active risk management system. Risk Management is responsible for assessing the current risk situation in accordance with the Issuer's risk-bearing capacity and the corresponding risk limits, and thereby assists the Managing Board with the management of Raiffeisen Centrobank's overall risk. In its interdepartmental and intercompany role, Raiffeisen Centrobank's risk management is also responsible for the refinement of the risk identification, measurement, and management methods and for maintaining and updating the relevant rules.

## TREND INFORMATION

For information in trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on the issuer's prospects for at least the current financial year, please see "RISKS THAT MAY AFFECT THE ISSUER" (commencing on page 45), in particular the risk factors "The Raiffeisen Centrobank Group may be adversely impacted by business and economic conditions, and difficult market conditions have adversely affected the Raiffeisen Centrobank Group", "Raiffeisen Centrobank and the Raiffeisen Centrobank Group are dependent on the economic environment in the markets where they operate" and "New governmental or regulatory requirements and changes in perceived levels of adequate capitalisation and leverage could subject Raiffeisen Centrobank Group to increased capital requirements or standards and require it to obtain additional capital or liquidity in the future."

# ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGING AND SUPERVISORY BODIES

## MANAGING BOARD

#### Wilhelm Celeda

#### Chairman

Wilhelm Celeda was born on 18 April 1964. He is member of the managing board since 1 January 2013 (since 1 January 2015 Chairman) and represents the Raiffeisen Centrobank jointly with another member of the Managing Board or with an officer holding a general power of attorney. Before becoming member of the Managing Board he was the head of Raiffeisen Centrobank's equities & derivatives department.

Other board memberships:

CEESEG AG, Vienna, Austria Member of the Supervisory Board

Wiener Börse Aktiengesellschaft, Vienna, Austria

#### Marie-Valerie Brunner

Marie-Valerie Brunner was born on 10 December 1967. She represents Raiffeisen Centrobank since 1 January 2016 jointly with another member of the management board or with an officer holding a general power of attorney. Before becoming member of the management board she was the head of Global Corporate Customers within RBI Corporate Banking. Mrs. Brunner has 24 years of work experience in Corporate Banking and bank wide strategic initiatives throughout the entire RBI Group.

The address of the members of the Managing Board is Tegetthoffstraße 1, 1015 Vienna, Austria.

## SUPERVISORY BOARD

## Members of the Supervisory Board

## Chairman

Dkfm. Klemens Breuer Member of the Managing Board Raiffeisen Bank International AG Am Stadtpark 9 A-1030 Vienna

Other board memberships:

Chairman of the Supervisory Board RBI London Branch, London, Great Britain

> Raiffeisen (Beijing) Investment Management Co. Ltd., Beijing, China

Vice Chairman of the Kathrein Privatbank Aktiengesellschaft, Vienna, Austria Supervisory Board

FMS Wertmanagement AöR, Munich Germany

Member of the Supervisory Board Raiffeisen Bank Polska S.A., Warsaw, Poland

Raiffeisen Bank S.A., Bucharest, Romania

AO Raiffeisenbank, Moscow, Russia

Tatra banka a.s., Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Raiffeisenbank a.s., Prague, Czech Republic

## Deputy Chairman

Mag. Michael Höllerer Member of the Managing Board Raiffeisen Zentralbank Österreich Aktiengesellschaft Am Stadtpark 9 A-1030 Vienna

Other board memberships:

Chairman of the Supervisory Board Raiffeisen Wohnbaubank Aktiengesellschaft, Vienna, Austria

Raiffeisen Bausparkasse Gesellschaft m.b.H., Vienna, Austria

Raiffeisen-Leasing Management Gesellschaft m.b.H., Vienna,

Austria

Member of the Supervisory Board Raiffeisen Bank International Aktiengesellschaft, Vienna Austria

Raiffeisen Versicherung Aktiengesellschaft, Vienna, Austria

card complete Service Bank Aktiengesellschaft, Vienna, Austria

Österreichische Bundesforste Aktiengesellschaft, Purkersdorf,

Austria

Holder of Unlimited Procuration Österreichische Raiffeisen-Einlagensicherung eGen, Vienna,

Austria

## Member

Dr. Hannes Mösenbacher Holder of Unlimited Procuration / Head of Division Risk Controlling Raiffeisen Bank International AG Am Stadtpark 9 A-1030 Vienna

Other board memberships:

Chairman of the Supervisory Board Raiffeisen Banka d.d., Maribor, Slovenia

#### Member

Mag. Werner Kaltenbrunner Holder of Unlimited Procuration / Head of Division Participations Raiffeisen Bank International AG Am Stadtpark 9 A-1030 Vienna

Other board memberships:

Managing Director RBI LEA Beteiligungs Gesellschaft m.b.H., Vienna, Austria

RBI PE Handels- und Beteiligungs Gesellschaft m.b.H., Vienna,

Austria

Raiffeisen CEE Region Holding Gesellschaft m.b.H., Vienna,

Austria

Raiffeisen CIS Region Holding Gesellschaft m.b.H., Vienna,

Austria

Raiffeisen SEE Region Holding Gesellschaft m.b.H., Vienna,

Austria

Raiffeisen RS Beteiligungs Gesellschaft m.b.H., Vienna, Austria

Member of the Supervisory Board Kathrein Privatbank Aktiengesellschaft, Vienna, Austria

DAV-Holding Kft., Budapest, Hungary

Raiffeisen-Leasing Management Gesellschaft m.b.H., Vienna,

Austria

# STATE COMMISSIONERS

#### State Commissioner

Mag. Alfred Hacker Head of department IV/2, Organisation of the Tax and Coordination Office; Gaming Federal Ministry of Finance Johannesgasse 5 1010 Vienna

## **Deputy State Commissioner**

MR Karl-Heinz Tscheppe Deputy Head of department IV/3, Prevention of Fraud Tax and Customs Federal Ministry of Finance Johannesgasse 5 1010 Vienna

# **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Raiffeisen Centrobank is not aware of any conflicts of interests between any duties to Raiffeisen Centrobank of members of the Supervisory Board or Managing Board and their private interests and / or other interests. As per the risk of existing conflicts of interest, please see the Risk Factor "There may be conflicts of interest which have a negative effect on the Securities and/or potential investors" on page 63.

## SHAREHOLDERS OF RAIFFEISEN CENTROBANK

Raiffeisen Centrobank's major shareholder, Raiffeisen Bank International AG, is the leading bank of the Raiffeisen Sector in Austria and holds indirectly a stake of 100% of the shares in Raiffeisen Centrobank. (see also the paragraphs under the heading "Share Capital of Raiffeisen Centrobank AG" on page 126).

## PREVENTION OF CONTROL ABUSE

According to the Stock Corporation Act, the members of the Managing Board of the Issuer must act in their own responsibility in the best interest of the Issuer, taking into account its shareholders, employees and the public interest. In particular, the members of the Managing Board are not obliged to follow instructions of shareholders or members of the supervisory board; if such instructions would be detrimental to the issuer or would be contrary to its best interest, the members of the Managing Board would need to reject such instructions. The appointment and dismissal of members of the Managing Board is effected by the supervisory board by a simple majority vote.

# HISTORICAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Parts of the Audited Financial Statements of Raiffeisen Centrobank for the financial years ended 31 December 2015 and 2014, together in each case with the audit report thereon, are incorporated by reference in this Prospectus.

Extracts from the Audited Financial Statements of Raiffeisen Centrobank for the financial years ended 31 December 2015 and 2014 are included below.

# Income Statements of Raiffeisen Centrobank for the year ended 31 December 2015 and 2014

	For the financial 31 December	year ended
in thousand EUR	2015 audited	2014 audited
Net interest result	-12,555	-7,302
Income from securities and financial investments	8,489	12,167
Fee and commission result	-2,723	7,487
Net profit on financial trading activities	51,739	45,690
Other operating income	4,078	3,814
Operating income	49,028	61,856
Staff expenses	-20,103	-27,327
Other administrative expenses	-13,828	-15,007
Depreciation	-1,557	-1,710
Other operating expenses	-504	-2,148
Operating expenses	-35,992	-46,193
Operating result	13,036	15,663
Value adjustments, net proceeds	-0,753	-3,300
Result on ordinary activities	12,284	12,364
Taxes	-5,373	-3,766
Net income for the year	6,911	8,598

Source: Audited Financial Statements of Raiffeisen Centrobank for the financial year ended 31 December 2015

# Balance Sheet of Raiffeisen Centrobank as at 31 December 2015 and 2014

	As of 31 December	
in thousand EUR	2015 audited	2014 audited
Assets		
Cash in hand and deposits with central banks	1,430	2,898
Bonds and notes issued by public bodies eligible for refinancing with central banks	103,176	64,912
Loans and advances to credit institutions	1,942,882	1,691,112

Loans and advances to customers	59,174	126,485
Bonds, notes and other fixed-interest securities	74,876	239,353
Shares and other variable-yield securities	242,802	438,878
Equity participations	5,137	5,137
Shares in affiliated companies	8,475	10,665
Intangible fixed assets	134	115
Tangible fixed assets	12,535	15,157
Other assets	73,184	117,093
Prepayments and other deferrals	1,113	1,567
Total assets	2,524,919	2,713,373
Equity and liabilities		
Liabilities to credit institutions	15,089	74,894
Liabilities to customers	201,714	230,463
Securitised liabilities	791,234	771,677
Other liabilities	1,391,983	1,514,807
Accruals and deferred items	126,202	331
Provisions	13,548	18,612
Subscribed capital	47,599	47,599
Capital reserves	20,651	6,651
Retained earnings	22,463	24,531
Liability reserve pursuant to Article 57 para 5 Austrian Banking Act	13,539	13,539
Net profit for the year	6,974	10,268
Total equity and liabilities	2,524,919	2,713,373
Source: Audited Financial Statements of Raiffeisen Centrobank for the financial year ende	ed 31 December 2015	
Off-balance sheet items		
Eligible own funds pursuant to Part 2 of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013	101,729	87,740
Capital requirements pursuant to Article 92 of Regulation (EU)	532,665	682,985

Source: Audited Financial Statements of Raiffeisen Centrobank for the financial year ended 31 December 2015

The financial information provided above has been audited by KPMG Austria GmbH. The financial year of Raiffeisen Centrobank is the calendar year.

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# **Auditors' Reports**

Own funds requirement

No 575/2013 (Total risk-weighted assets)

The Auditors' Reports on the financial statements as of 31 December 2015 and 2014 are incorporated by reference.

# **MATERIAL CONTRACTS**

The Issuer has not concluded material contracts that are not entered into in the ordinary course of the issuer's business, which could result in any Group member being under an obligation or entitlement that is material to the issuer's ability to meet its obligation to security holders in respect of the securities.

# **TAXATION**

The statements herein regarding certain tax issues in Austria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, and Slovenia as well as FATCA-related tax issues are based on the laws in force in those jurisdictions as of the date of this Prospectus and are subject to any changes in such laws. The following summaries do not purport to be comprehensive descriptions of all the tax considerations which may be relevant to a decision to purchase, own or dispose of Securities and further disclosure may be included in the Final Terms or a supplement to this Prospectus. Prospective holders of Securities should consult their tax advisors as to the relevant tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of Securities.

The Issuer assumes no responsibility with respect to taxes withheld at source.

## **AUSTRIA**

This section on taxation contains a brief summary of the Issuer's understanding with regard to certain important principles which are of significance in connection with the purchase, holding or sale of the Securities in Austria. This summary does not purport to exhaustively describe all possible tax aspects and does not deal with specific situations which may be of relevance for certain potential investors. The following comments are rather of a general nature and included herein solely for information purposes. They are not intended to be, nor should they be construed to be, legal or tax advice. This summary is based on the currently applicable tax legislation, case law and regulations of the tax authorities, as well as their respective interpretation, all of which may be amended from time to time. Such amendments may possibly also be effected with retroactive effect and may negatively impact on the tax consequences described. It is recommended that potential investors in the Securities consult with their legal and tax advisors as to the tax consequences of the purchase, holding or sale of the Securities. Tax risks resulting from the Securities shall in any case be borne by the investor. For the purposes of the following it is assumed that the Securities are legally and factually offered to an indefinite number of persons.

## **General remarks**

Individuals having a domicile (*Wohnsitz*) and/or their habitual abode (*gewöhnlicher Aufenthalt*), both as defined in section 26 of the Austrian Federal Fiscal Procedures Act (*Bundesabgabenordnung*), in Austria are subject to income tax (*Einkommensteuer*) in Austria on their worldwide income (unlimited income tax liability; *unbeschränkte Einkommensteuerpflicht*). Individuals having neither a domicile nor their habitual abode in Austria are subject to income tax only on income from certain Austrian sources (limited income tax liability; *beschränkte Einkommensteuerpflicht*).

Corporations having their place of management (*Ort der Geschäftsleitung*) and/or their legal seat (*Sitz*), both as defined in section 27 of the Austrian Federal Fiscal Procedures Act, in Austria are subject to corporate income tax (*Körperschaftsteuer*) in Austria on their worldwide income (unlimited corporate income tax liability; *unbeschränkte Körperschaftsteuerpflicht*). Corporations having neither their place of management nor their legal seat in Austria are subject to corporate income tax only on income from certain Austrian sources (limited corporate income tax liability; *beschränkte Körperschaftsteuerpflicht*).

Both in case of unlimited and limited (corporate) income tax liability Austria's right to tax may be restricted by double taxation treaties.

## **Income taxation of the Securities**

Pursuant to section 27 (1) of the Austrian Income Tax Act (*Einkommensteuergesetz*), the term investment income (*Einkünfte aus Kapitalvermögen*) comprises:

• income from the letting of capital (*Einkünfte aus der Überlassung von Kapital*) pursuant to section 27 (2) of the Austrian Income Tax Act, including dividends and interest;

- income from realised increases in value (*Einkünfte aus realisierten Wertsteigerungen*) pursuant to section 27 (3) of the Austrian Income Tax Act, including gains from the alienation, redemption and other realisation of assets that lead to income from the letting of capital, zero coupon bonds and broken-period interest; and
- income from derivatives (*Einkünfte aus Derivaten*) pursuant to section 27 (4) of the Austrian Income Tax Act, including cash settlements, option premiums received and income from the sale or other realisation of forward contracts like options, futures and swaps and other derivatives such as index certificates.

Also the withdrawal of the Securities from a securities account (*Depotentnahme*) and circumstances leading to a restriction of Austria's taxation right regarding the Securities *vis-à-vis* other countries, *e.g.* a relocation from Austria (*Wegzug*), are in general deemed to constitute a sale (*cf.* section 27 (6) of the Austrian Income Tax Act).

Individuals subject to unlimited income tax liability in Austria holding the Securities as non-business assets are subject to income tax on all resulting investment income pursuant to section 27 (1) of the Austrian Income Tax Act. In case of investment income from the Securities with an Austrian nexus (inländische Einkünfte aus Kapitalvermögen), basically meaning income paid by an Austrian paying agent (auszahlende Stelle) or an Austrian custodian agent (depotführende Stelle), the income is subject to withholding tax (Kapitalertragsteuer) at a flat rate of 27.5%; no additional income tax is levied over and above the amount of tax withheld (final taxation pursuant to section 97 (1) of the Austrian Income Tax Act). In case of investment income from the Securities without an Austrian nexus, the income must be included in the investor's income tax return and is subject to income tax at the flat rate of 27.5%. In both cases upon application the option exists to tax all income subject to income tax at a flat rate pursuant to section 27a (1) of the Austrian Income Tax Act at the lower progressive income tax rate (option to regular taxation pursuant to section 27a (5) of the Austrian Income Tax Act). Section 27 (8) of the Austrian Income Tax Act, inter alia, provides for the following restrictions on the offsetting of losses: negative income from realised increases in value and from derivatives may be neither offset against interest from bank accounts and other non-securitized claims vis-à-vis credit institutions (except for cash settlements and lending fees) nor against income from private foundations, foreign private law foundations and other comparable legal estates (Privatstiftungen, ausländische Stiftungen oder sonstige Vermögensmassen, die mit einer Privatstiftung vergleichbar sind); income subject to income tax at a flat rate pursuant to section 27a (1) of the Austrian Income Tax Act may not be offset against income subject to the progressive income tax rate (this equally applies in case of an exercise of the option to regular taxation); negative investment income not already offset against positive investment income may not be offset against other types of income.

Pursuant to section 93 (6) of the Austrian Income Tax Act, the Austrian custodian agent is obliged to automatically offset negative investment income against positive investment income, taking into account all of a taxpayer's securities accounts with the custodian agent. If negative and at the same time or later positive income is earned, then the negative income is to be offset against the positive income. If positive and later negative income is earned, then withholding tax on the positive income is to be credited, with such tax credit being limited to at most 27.5% of the negative income. In certain cases, the offsetting is not permissible. The custodian agent has to issue a written confirmation on each offsetting of losses to the taxpayer.

Individuals subject to unlimited income tax liability in Austria holding the Securities as business assets are subject to income tax on all resulting investment income pursuant to section 27 (1) of the Austrian Income Tax Act. In case of investment income from the Securities with an Austrian nexus the income is subject to withholding tax at a flat rate of 27.5%. While withholding tax has the effect of final taxation for income from the letting of capital, income from realised increases in value and income from derivatives must be included in the investor's income tax return (nevertheless income tax at the flat rate of 27.5%). In case of investment income from the Securities without an Austrian nexus, the income must always be included in the investor's income tax return (generally income tax at the flat rate of 27.5%). In both cases upon application the option exists to tax all income subject to income tax at a flat rate pursuant to section 27a (1) of the Austrian Income Tax Act at the lower progressive income tax rate (option to regular taxation pursuant to section 27a (5) of the Austrian Income Tax Act).

Pursuant to section 6(2)(c) of the Austrian Income Tax Act, depreciations to the lower fair market value and losses from the alienation, redemption and other realisation of financial assets and derivatives in the sense of section 27 (3) and (4) of the Austrian Income Tax Act, which are subject to income tax at the flat rate of 27.5%, are primarily to be offset against income from realised increases in value of such financial assets and derivatives and with appreciations in value of such assets; only 55% of the remaining negative difference may be offset against other types of income.

Pursuant to section 7 (2) of the Austrian Corporate Income Tax Act (*Körperschaftsteuergesetz*), corporations subject to unlimited corporate income tax liability in Austria are subject to corporate income tax on income in the sense of section 27 (1) of the Austrian Income Tax Act from the Securities at a rate of 25%. In the case of income in the sense of section 27 (1) of the Austrian Income Tax Act from the Securities with an Austrian nexus, the income is subject to withholding tax at a flat rate of 27.5%. However, a 25% rate may pursuant to section 93 (1a) of the Austrian Income Tax Act be applied by the withholding agent, if the debtor of the withholding tax is a corporation. Such withholding tax can be credited against the corporate income tax liability. Under the conditions set forth in section 94 (5) of the Austrian Income Tax Act withholding tax is not levied in the first place. Losses from the alienation of the Securities can be offset against other income.

Pursuant to section 13 (3) (1) in connection with section 22 (2) of the Austrian Corporate Income Tax Act, private foundations (*Privatstiftungen*) pursuant to the Austrian Private Foundations Act (*Privatstiftungsgesetz*) fulfilling the prerequisites contained in section 13 (3) and (6) of the Austrian Corporate Income Tax Act and holding the Securities as non-business assets are subject to interim taxation at a rate of 25% on interest income, income from realised increases in value and income from derivatives (*inter alia*, if the latter are in the form of securities). Interim tax does not generally fall due insofar as distributions subject to withholding tax are made to beneficiaries in the same tax period. In case of investment income from the Securities with an Austrian nexus, the income is in general subject to withholding tax at a flat rate of 27.5%. However, a 25% rate may pursuant to section 93(1a) of the Austrian Income Tax Act be applied by the withholding agent, if the debtor of the withholding tax is a corporation. Such withholding tax can be credited against the tax falling due. Under the conditions set forth in section 94 (12) of the Austrian Income Tax Act withholding tax is not levied.

Individuals and corporations subject to limited (corporate) income tax liability in Austria are taxable on investment income from the Securities if they have a permanent establishment (*Betriebsstätte*) in Austria and the Securities are attributable to such permanent establishment (*cf.* section 98 (1) (3) of the Austrian Income Tax Act, section 21 (1) (1) of the Austrian Corporate Income Tax Act). Individuals subject to limited income tax liability in Austria are also taxable on interest in the sense of the Austrian EU Withholding Tax Act (*EU-Quellensteuergesetz*, see below) from the Securities if withholding tax is levied on such interest (this does not apply, *inter alia*, to individuals falling within the scope of the Austrian EU Withholding Tax Act; *cf.* section 98 (1) (5) (b) of the Austrian Income Tax Act).

## EU withholding tax (EU Savings Directive)

Section 1 of the Austrian EU Withholding Tax Act – implementing Council Directive 2003/48/EC of 3 June 2003 on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments – provides that interest payments paid or credited by an Austrian paying agent (*Zahlstelle*) to a beneficial owner who is an individual resident in another EU Member State (or in certain dependent or associated territories, which currently include Anguilla, Aruba, the British Virgin Islands, Curaçao, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Jersey, Montserrat, Sint Maarten and the Turks and Caicos Islands) are subject to EU withholding tax (*EU-Quellensteuer*) of 35%. Section 10 of the Austrian EU Withholding Tax Act provides for an exemption from EU withholding tax if the beneficial owner presents to the paying agent a certificate drawn up in his/her name by the competent authority of his/her EU Member State of residence for tax purposes, indicating the name, address and tax or other identification number or, failing such, the date and place of birth of the beneficial owner, the name and address of the paying agent, and the account number of the beneficial owner or, where there is none, the identification of the security; such certificate shall be valid for a period not exceeding three years. Regarding the issue of whether also index certificates are subject to EU withholding tax, the Austrian tax authorities distinguish between index certificates with and without a capital guarantee, a capital guarantee being the promise of

repayment of a minimum amount of the capital invested or the promise of the payment of interest. The exact tax treatment of index certificates furthermore depends on their underlying.

Pursuant to guidelines published by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance, income from warrants, pursuant to which an investor is entitled (but not obliged) to buy or sell a specified underlying at a specific price or to receive or pay a difference amount relating to the value of such underlying at a predetermined date (*Optionsscheine*), does not qualify as interest within the meaning of the Austrian EU Withholding Tax Act.

Pursuant to Council Directive (EU) 2015/2060 of 10 November 2015 repealing Council Directive 2003/48/EC, the latter was in general repealed with effect from 1 January 2016. However, pursuant to detailed grandfathering provisions, Austria shall in general continue to apply it until 31 December 2016.

# Tax treaties Austria/Switzerland and Austria/Liechtenstein

The Treaty between the Republic of Austria and the Swiss Confederation on Cooperation in the Areas of Taxation and Capital Markets and the Treaty between the Republic of Austria and the Principality of Liechtenstein on Cooperation in the Area of Taxation provide that a Swiss, respectively Liechtenstein, paying agent has to withhold a tax amounting to 25% or 27.5%, respectively, on, inter alia, interest income, dividends and capital gains from assets booked with an account or deposit of such Swiss, respectively Liechtenstein, paying agent if the relevant holder of such assets (i.e. in general individuals on their own behalf and as beneficial owners of assets held by a domiciliary company (Sitzgesellschaft)) is tax resident in Austria. The same applies to such income from assets managed by a Liechtenstein paying agent if the relevant holder of the assets (i.e. in general individuals as beneficial owners of a transparent structure) is tax resident in Austria. For Austrian income tax purposes this withholding tax has the effect of final taxation regarding the underlying income if the Austrian Income Tax Act provides for the effect of final taxation for such income. The treaties, however, do not apply to interest covered by the agreements between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation, respectively the Principality of Liechtenstein, regarding Council Directive 2003/48/EC on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments. The taxpayer can opt for voluntary disclosure instead of the withholding tax by expressly authorising the Swiss, respectively Liechtenstein, paying agent to disclose to the competent Austrian authority the income, which subsequently has to be included in the income tax return.

## Austrian inheritance and gift tax

Austria does not levy inheritance or gift tax.

Certain gratuitous transfers of assets to private law foundations and comparable legal estates (privatrechtliche Stiftungen und damit vergleichbare Vermögensmassen) are subject to foundation transfer tax (Stiftungseingangssteuer) pursuant to the Austrian Foundation Transfer Tax Act (Stiftungseingangssteuergesetz) if the transferor and/or the transferee at the time of transfer have a domicile, their habitual abode, their legal seat or their place of management in Austria. Certain exemptions apply in cases of transfers mortis causa of financial assets within the meaning of section 27 (3) and (4) of the Austrian Income Tax Act (except for participations in corporations) if income from such financial assets is subject to income tax at a flat rate pursuant to section 27a (1) of the Austrian Income Tax Act. The tax basis is the fair market value of the assets transferred minus any debts, calculated at the time of transfer. The tax rate generally is 2.5%, with a higher rate of 25% applying in special cases. Special provisions apply to transfers of assets to entities falling within the scope of the tax treaty between Austria and Liechtenstein.

In addition, there is a special notification obligation for gifts of money, receivables, shares in corporations, participations in partnerships, businesses, movable tangible assets and intangibles if the donor and/or the donee have a domicile, their habitual abode, their legal seat or their place of management in Austria. Not all gifts are covered by the notification obligation: In case of gifts to certain related parties, a threshold of EUR 50,000 per year applies; in all other cases, a notification is obligatory if the value of gifts made exceeds an amount of EUR 15,000 during a period of five years.

Furthermore, gratuitous transfers to foundations falling under the Austrian Foundation Transfer Tax Act described above are also exempt from the notification obligation. Intentional violation of the notification obligation may trigger fines of up to 10% of the fair market value of the assets transferred.

Further, gratuitous transfers of the Securities may trigger income tax at the level of the transferor pursuant to section 27 (6) (2) of the Austrian Income Tax Act (see above).

## **CROATIA**

This section on taxation contains a brief summary of the Issuer's understanding with regard to certain important principles which are of significance in connection with the purchase, holding or sale of securities in general in the Republic of Croatia. This summary does not purport to exhaustively describe all possible tax aspects and does not deal with specific situations which may be of relevance for certain potential investors. The following comments are rather of a general nature and included herein solely for information purposes. These comments are not intended to be, nor should they be construed to be, legal or tax advice. This summary is based on the currently valid tax legislation which may be amended from time to time. Such amendments may possibly also be effected with retroactive effect and may negatively impact on the tax consequences described. It is recommended that potential purchasers of the Securities consult with their legal and tax advisors as to the tax consequences of the purchase, holding or sale of the Securities. Tax risks resulting from the Securities shall in any case be borne by the purchaser. For the purposes of the following it is assumed that the Securities are legally and factually offered to an indefinite number of persons.

The Issuer assumes no responsibility with respect to taxes withheld at source.

#### **Natural Persons**

#### General Remarks

Pursuant to the Croatian Income Tax Act, individuals having a permanent domicile and/or their habitual abode in Croatia are subject to income tax in Croatia on their worldwide income (unlimited income tax liability). Individuals having neither a permanent domicile nor their habitual abode in Croatia (non-residents) are subject to income tax only on income from certain Croatian sources (limited income tax liability).

Depending on the tax base, income tax rates are (i) tax base up to HRK 2,200 (approx. EUR 290) - 12%, (ii) tax base from HRK 2,200 to HRK 13,200 (approx. EUR 290 to EUR 1,740) - 25%, (iii) tax base above HRK 13,200 (approx. EUR 1,740) - 40%. The aforementioned tax rates can be further increased in accordance with applicable surtax ranging from 0% to 18% depending on the exact location of residence in Croatia.

The general rules outlined above apply to the extent there are no limitations imposed under applicable double taxation treaties.

#### Capital Income

Capital income, as defined by the Croatian Income Tax Act, includes receipts from interest, exclusions of property and usage of services at the expense of profit of the current period, capital gains and profit shares acquired by grants or optional purchases of own shares, as well as receipts from dividends and profit shares based on shares of capital that are realized in the tax period.

Receipts from any type of claims are considered as interest, and especially (i) receipts from interest on savings in Croatian Kuna or foreign currencies, (ii) receipts from interest that are based on securities, (iii) receipts of interest on the basis of given loans, and (iv) receipts from distribution of income of an investment fund in the form of interest, if they are not taxed as profit shares on the basis of the distribution of profit or income of an investment fund. Receipts from interest realized by investing into bonds, irrespective of the issuer and type of bonds are not considered as interests for capital income tax purposes.

Capital income from capital gains represents the difference between the purchase value and agreed selling price or receipt assessed on the basis of market value of the financial property that is being disposed of. Receipts are also considered those from disposing of financial instruments and structured products (hereinafter: financial property), *i.e.*, receipts from (i) transferrable securities and structured products, including shares of companies and other associations whose shares may be disposed of similarly as shares of companies, (ii) money market instruments, (iii) units of joint venture entities, (iv) derivatives, and (v) a proportional part of the salvage value in a case of dissolution of the investment fund and other receipts from ownership shares in a case of dissolution, winding up or withdrawal.

Disposal of financial property includes sale, exchange, gift and other types of transfer, but does not include: (i) transfer of shares from one voluntary pension fund to another, (ii) exchange of securities with equivalent securities of the same issuer, provided that the relations among the holders of shares

and capital of the issuer are not affected, as well as exchange of securities or financial instruments with other securities or financial instruments, and acquisition of securities or financial instruments in a case of change of status, provided that in all such cases there is no cash flow and the sequence of acquisition of financial property is ensured (where the value assessed on the date of the first acquisition of financial property shall be considered to be the purchase value), (iii) division of stocks of the same issuer, provided that there is no change of share capital or cash flow, (iv) exchange of shares among investment sub-funds of the same umbrella fund, or exchange of shares among investment funds that are managed by the same management company, provided that the sequence of acquisition of financial property is ensured (where the value assessed on the date of the first acquisition of financial property shall be considered to be the purchase value), and (v) repurchase of shares of the Croatian War Veterans' Fund.

The capital income from receipts from units of joint venture entities shall be assessed in the amount of realized yield that is decreased by the costs of the management of investments or property of the investment fund (net yield), or in a case of discounted securities and zero-coupon bonds, in the amount of the difference of the purchase value at the time of issue and realized value at the time of maturity if the purchaser shall hold the security until it becomes mature. The capital income from capital gains from investing financial property into portfolios, pursuant to the regulations that are regulating the capital market, shall be assessed at the time of realization of the yield from the portfolio, decreased by the costs of the management of portfolio (net yield).

The capital income from capital gains shall not be taxed if the disposing of was made between spouses and first-degree relatives and other members of the immediate family, between divorced spouses if the disposing of is directly related to the divorce, and inheritance of financial property if the financial property was disposed after more than three years from the date of acquisition of such property.

If financial property was acquired as a gift and disposed of within three years from the date of acquisition, the capital income shall be assessed as the difference between the purchase value and agreed selling price or receipt assessed on the basis of the market value of the financial property that is being disposed of, whereas the date at which the giver acquired the financial property is considered to be the date of acquisition, and the market value at the time of acquisition shall be considered to be the purchase value.

Capital losses may be deducted only from the income from capital gains that is realized in the same calendar year. Capital losses may be stated up to the amount of the tax basis. Capital losses shall be recognized in the annual report that states the total capital gains as of the last day of the tax period for which the report is being made and submitted.

Capital income that is realized in a foreign currency shall be converted to HRK counter value by applying the middle exchange rate of the Croatian National Bank valid at the date of payment.

The general rules outlined above apply to the extent there are no limitations imposed under applicable double taxation treaties.

## Corporations, legal entities and individuals engaged in economic activities

## General remarks

Companies, legal entities and individuals independently and permanently engaged in economic activities for the purpose of generating profit, having their place of effective management and/or their registered legal seat in Croatia, are subject to profit tax pursuant to the Croatian Profit Tax Act (unlimited corporate income tax liability). Such companies, legal entities and individuals having neither their place of effective management nor their registered legal seat in Croatia are subject to corporate income tax only on income from certain Croatian sources (limited corporate income tax liability).

Generally, the profit tax base is the difference between revenues and expenditures assessed pursuant to accounting rules, which is then increased and reduced for tax-specific items under the profit tax provisions. The tax base for residents is based on their worldwide income, while for non-residents is based only on income from Croatian sources.

Profit tax is taxable at the rate of 20%. Accordingly, if a Croatian company, other legal and natural persons or business unit of a non-resident subject to paying profit tax is a holder of securities, income

on this basis would not be taxed directly, but such persons, should their overall operations generate profit, would be required to pay a profit tax of 20%.

The general rules outlined above apply to the extent there are no limitations imposed under applicable double taxation treaties.

## Withholding Tax

Profit generated in Croatia by a non-resident is subject to withholding tax pursuant to the Croatian Profit Tax Act. Withholding tax payment is the obligation of the person who distributes the profit.

Interest, dividends, profit shares, copyrights and other intellectual property rights payable to a non-resident natural person are all subject to withholding tax. The tax base is calculated as the gross amount of profit distributed from a Croatian resident to a non-resident.

The withholding tax rate is 15%, except for dividends and profit shares for which the withholding tax is paid at a rate of 12%. If the company uses a tax allowance for reinvested profit, other than that earned in the banking or the financial non-banking sector, withholding tax on such dividends and profit shares does not apply. Interest payments on commodity loans for the purchase of goods used for carrying out a taxpayer's business activity, loans granted by a non-resident bank or other financial institution, and holders of government or corporate bonds who are non-resident legal persons are exempted from withholding tax payment.

All other services, except the aforementioned, paid to foreign entities whose place of seat or management is in countries considered to be tax havens or financial centres on the list of countries published by the Ministry of Finance are subject to a withholding tax rate of 20%.

Finally, the withholding tax rates may be lower if Croatia and the non-resident's country have entered into a double taxation treaty or exempt if the Securities qualify for exemption pursuant to the terms prescribed under the relevant EU directive applicable to interest and royalty payments made between associated companies of different member states.

## EU savings directive

Council directive 2003/48/EC of 3 June 2003 is implemented in the Croatian law system through Chapter IX. of the Croatian General Tax Act. Accordingly, Croatian paying agents shall collect certain specified details in respect of interest payments made to beneficial owners from EU Member States and provide them to the Croatian Tax Authority. The Croatian Tax Authority will provide the information to the competent body of the beneficial owner's Member State of residence. The same regime also applies in respect of certain non-EU countries and independent territories, such as Switzerland, San Marino, Monaco, Andorra and Liechtenstein.

# Taxation of inheritance and gifts

If Securities are received as an inheritance or gift, or acquired on any other basis without compensation on the territory of the Republic of Croatia, the receiver would be required to pay taxes in the amount of 5% of the market value of the Securities.

The following persons are exempt from taxation: (i) spouse, ancestors and descendants of the deceased person/donor, (ii) certain persons living in a common household with the deceased person/donor at the moment of death/receiving the gift, (iii) individuals and legal entities that receive gifts or donations for purposes laid down by special regulations, and (iv) humanitarian organizations, religious communities, trusts, foundations and public authorities.

## **CZECH REPUBLIC**

#### General

Czech tax implications largely depend on whether the Securities qualify as securities under Czech legislation. The Czech Civil Code defines the term "securities". The definition is more general than in the former Czech Capital Markets Act – and involves also the securities that are not explicitly specified by Czech law provided that they meet the general conditions, i.e. information about an issuer and a right associated with the security. This right shall be part of the securities or as reference to the issue conditions.

The information below is based on the assumption that the Securities fulfil all conditions for the treatment as securities under Czech law. For Czech taxation purposes, proceeds from specific Securities will be treated either as interest income or capital gains, which may result in differences in taxation. Prospective investors should verify, among others, the nature of the Securities and the type of income for each type of the Securities.

Responsibility for the withholding of taxes

In accordance with Czech legislation, only a Czech payer of income deriving from ownership of the Securities (e.g. interest) has responsibility for performing the appropriate withholding tax at source. As RCB is not a Czech entity, it does not assume responsibility with respect to withholding tax payable at source.

#### Residents

#### Interest

According to the double taxation treaty between Austria and the Czech Republic, interest (if any) paid from Austria to a Czech tax resident is taxable in the Czech Republic. However, the Austrian paying agent may under certain conditions deduct withholding tax from interest payments on the Securities in Austria if the Council Directive 2003/48/EC of 3 June 2003 on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments (the "EU Savings Directive") is applicable (see "Austria" above).

Interest paid on the Securities to a Czech tax resident from foreign sources is subject to income tax in the Czech Republic.

## Individuals

An individual must include the interest received in the overall personal income tax base, which is taxable at a flat rate of 15% in 2016.

If a withholding tax is deducted on interest in Austria pursuant to the EU Savings Directive, the individual Czech tax resident may declare the tax deducted in Austria on the Czech income tax return and claim a credit against his Czech tax liability due on the income in respect of which the deduction was made.

# Corporation

A corporation must include the interest received in its general corporate income tax base, which is taxable at a flat rate of 19% in 2016.

## Capital gains

According to the double taxation treaty between Austria and the Czech Republic, capital gains from the sale of the Securities by a Czech tax resident to an Austrian tax resident are taxable in the Czech Republic.

Individuals

Capital gains from the sale of the Securities are exempt from Czech personal income tax if an individual has held the Securities as a non-business asset for an uninterrupted period of more than three years except for income from the sale of ordinary share (in Czech "kmenový list"). Capital gains from sale of ordinary share are exempt after five years of ownership.

Either way, the exemption only applies if the Securities have not been included in the individual's business assets at any point in time prior to their sale.

If capital gains from the sale of the Securities held by individuals as a non-business asset are not tax-exempt, they are subject to personal income tax at a flat rate of 15% in 2016, the tax base being calculated as the income from the sale of the Securities reduced by the purchase price of the Securities and charges related to their acquisition. A loss from the sale of the Securities may be offset against gains from the sale of the Securities or other securities in the same fiscal period. In addition to the above, income from the sale of any securities is exempt if the total income does not exceed CZK 100,000 during the taxable period.

In the case of individuals holding the Securities as a business asset the capital gain from the sale of the Securities is included in their general income tax base and taxed at a flat rate of 15% in 2016. A loss from the sale of the Securities may be offset against overall taxable income (other than employment income) in the current fiscal period and the following five fiscal periods.

## **Corporations**

Capital gains from the sale of the Securities held by corporations are included in their general income tax base and taxed at a flat rate of 19% in 2016. A loss from the sale of the Securities may be offset against profits in the current fiscal period and the following five fiscal periods.

## Inheritance and gift tax

Inheritance tax and gift tax are incorporated in the Czech Income Taxes Act.

Acquiring the Securities as inheritance is fully tax exempt. In case of receipt of a gift resident individuals are liable to pay tax at a flat rate of 15 % and corporations are liable to pay tax at flat rate of 19%.

Individual's income from gift may be tax exempt depending on the relationship between the donor on the one hand and the donee on the other hand. Occasional individual's income below CZK 15,000 is fully tax exempt.

## Other taxes

No other taxes are levied in the Czech Republic on the acquisition, holding and sale of the Securities.

#### **Non-residents**

Tax non-residents are subject to tax only on their Czech source income. Income derived by a permanent establishment located in the Czech Republic is deemed to be Czech source income.

Income may be exempt from taxation under the relevant EU Directives or the tax liability may be reduced under the terms of a relevant double taxation treaty. If no double taxation treaty applies, the following Czech taxation rules should be taken into account:

#### Interest

Interest paid to non-resident is subject to 15% or 35% withholding tax unless the rate is reduced under the relevant double taxation treaty or exempt under the EU Savings Directive.

The standard rate is 15%. Withholding tax amounting to 35% is levied on interest income paid to resident of states outside the EU/EEA that have not concluded the double taxation treaty or agreement for exchanges of information on tax issues with the Czech Republic.

If the interest is considered as income of a permanent establishment, the withholding tax does not apply and the individual or corporation having the permanent establishment has to pay tax on the interest income in the same way as tax residents (see the section on residents above).

The tax treatment of interest income is the same for individuals as well as for corporations.

Under the EU Savings Directive, the interest paid by the Czech company to related company located in EU countries or in Switzerland, Norway or Iceland may be exempt from withholding tax if certain additional conditions are met.

## Capital gains

Income from the sale of the Securities payable by a Czech tax resident or by a permanent establishment of a Czech tax non-resident located in the Czech Republic to a non-resident shall be treated as a Czech source income taxable in the Czech Republic.

The income from the sale of the Securities may, however, be exempt from taxation under the terms of a relevant double taxation treaty. If no double taxation treaty applies, the following Czech taxation should be taken into account:

#### Individuals

Capital gains from the sale of the Securities are newly exempt from Czech personal income tax if an individual has held the Securities as a non-business asset for an uninterrupted period of more than three years except for income from the sale of ordinary shares (in Czech "kmenový list"). Capital gains from the sale of ordinary shares are exempt after 5 years of ownership.

Either way, the exemption only applies if the Securities have not been included in the individual's business assets at any point in time prior to their sale.

If capital gains from the sale of the Securities held by individuals as a non-business asset are not tax-exempt, they are subject to personal income tax at a flat rate of 15% in 2016, the tax base being calculated as the income from the sale of the Securities reduced by the purchase price of the Securities and charges related to their acquisition. A loss from the sale of the Securities may be offset against gains from the sale of the Securities or other securities in the same fiscal period. In addition to the above, income from the sale of Securities is exempt if the total income does not exceed CZK 100,000 during the taxable period.

In the case of individuals holding the Securities as a business asset the capital gain from the sale of the Securities is included in their general income tax base and taxed at a flat rate of 15% in 2016. A loss from the sale of the Securities may be offset against overall taxable income (other than employment income) in the current fiscal period and the following five fiscal periods.

#### **Corporations**

Capital gains from the sale of the Securities held by corporations are included in their general income tax base and taxed at a flat rate of 19% in 2016. A loss from the sale of the Securities may be offset against profits in the current fiscal period and the following five fiscal periods.

## Purchase of the Securities from a non-EEA resident

A Czech resident who purchases the Securities from a non EU/EEA resident is obliged to withhold and pay a tax security advance at a rate of 1% of the purchase price for the Securities to the Czech tax authorities on behalf of a non EU/EEA resident as an advance payment of income tax unless the respective double taxation treaty provides tax exemption of the capital gain in the Czech Republic.

If no double taxation treaty is applicable, the seller should file a Czech corporate/personal income tax return, in which the withheld tax security advance is deducted from the final tax liability assessed at regular tax rates. If no tax return is filed, the tax security advance withheld will be treated as the final tax.

If the Securities are attributed to the permanent establishment of a non-Czech tax resident, a different tax regime applies. In general, the gain is taxed as a regular business profit of the permanent establishment in the Czech Republic.

## Inheritance and gift tax

Inheritance and gift taxes are incorporated in the Czech Income Taxes Act. Acquiring the Securities as inheritance is fully tax exempt. Income from donation derived by non-resident from Czech tax residents is treated as Czech source income and is subject to 15% withholding tax.

Individual's income from gift may be tax exempt depending on the relationship between the donor on the one hand and the donee on the other hand. Occasional individual's income below CZK 15,000 is fully tax exempt.

The Czech law is applicable only if a treaty does not provide otherwise.

## Implementation of the EU Savings Directive

The Czech Republic has implemented the EU Savings Directive. If the payments qualify as interest or other similar income under the EU Savings Directive, a Czech paying agent will collect certain specified details in respect of the payments of interest and other similar income to an individual in another EU Member State and provide them to its competent tax authority. The Czech Republic will provide the information to the tax authorities in other EU Member States. The same regime also applies in respect of certain non-EU countries and independent territories, such as Switzerland, San Marino, Monaco, Andorra and Liechtenstein.

## Other taxes

No other taxes are levied in the Czech Republic on the acquisition, holding and sale of the Securities.

#### **GERMANY**

#### General

The following is a general discussion of certain German tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and the sale, assignment or redemption of Securities and the receipt of interest thereon. It does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all tax considerations, which may be relevant to a decision to purchase Securities, and, in particular, does not consider any specific facts or circumstances that may apply to a particular purchaser. This summary is based on the laws of Germany currently in force and as applied on the date of this Prospectus, which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive or retrospective effect. It is limited to Securities that are issued and acquired after 31 December 2008. The tax treatment of Securities issued and acquired prior to 1 January 2009 may differ significantly from the description in this summary.

With regard to certain types of Securities, neither official statements of the tax authorities nor court decisions exist, and it is not clear how these Securities will be treated. Furthermore, there is often no consistent view in legal literature about the tax treatment of instruments like certain types of Securities, and it is neither intended nor possible to mention all different views in the following summary. Where reference is made to statements of the tax authorities, it should be noted that the tax authorities may change their view even with retroactive effect and that the tax courts are not bound by circulars of the tax authorities and, therefore, may take a different view. Even if court decisions exist with regard to certain types of securities, it is not certain that the same reasoning will apply to the Securities due to certain peculiarities of such Securities. Furthermore, the tax authorities may restrict the application of judgements of tax courts to the individual case with regard to which the judgement was rendered.

As each Series of Securities may be subject to a different tax treatment, due to the specific terms of such Series, the following summary only provides some very generic information on the possible tax treatment and has to be read in conjunction with the more specific information on the taxation of each Series of Securities as provided in the relevant Final Terms. Furthermore, the taxation of the different types of Securities may differ from each other. The following summery only describes the tax treatment of Securities in general and certain particularities with respect to individual types of Securities.

Prospective purchasers of Securities are advised to consult their own tax advisors as to the German tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and the sale, assignment or redemption of Securities and the receipt of interest thereon, including the effect of any state or local taxes, under the tax laws of Germany and each country of which they are residents or citizens or may otherwise be liable to tax. Only these advisers will be able to take into account appropriately the details relevant to the taxation of the respective holders of the Securities.

It should also be noted that the following summary does not provide for information with respect to the tax treatment of any underlying (e.g. shares, commodities, currencies, funds) received upon a physical delivery under the Securities unless otherwise explicitly referred to.

#### **Tax Residents**

According to the double taxation treaty between Austria and Germany, interest on the Securities payable by the Issuer to a German tax resident, capital gains from the sale, assignment or redemption of Securities and income from derivative transactions by a German tax resident are, in general, subject to taxation in Germany. However, the Austrian paying agent may under certain conditions be obliged to deduct a withholding tax from interest payments on the Securities if the EU Savings Directive (Council Directive 2003/48/EC of 3 June 2003 on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments) is applicable (see the section on "Austria" above). As regards the credit for such withholding tax, if any, on the German income tax see below "Withholding" and "Business Investors".

#### **Private Investors**

## Interest and Capital Gains

Interest payable on the Securities, if any, to persons holding the Securities as private assets ("**Private Investors**") who are tax residents of Germany (i.e. persons whose residence or habitual abode is located in Germany) qualifies as investment income (*Einkünfte aus Kapitalvermögen*) according to section 20 (1) of the German Income Tax Act (*Einkommensteuergesetz*) and is generally taxed at a separate tax rate of 25% (*Abgeltungsteuer*, in the following also referred to as "**flat tax**"), plus 5.5% solidarity surcharge thereon and, if applicable, church tax.

Capital gains from the sale, assignment or redemption of the Securities, including interest having accrued up to the disposition of a Security and credited separately ("Accrued Interest", Stückzinsen), if any, qualify – irrespective of any holding period – as investment income pursuant to section 20 (2) of the German Income Tax Act and are also taxed at the flat tax rate of 25%, plus 5.5% solidarity surcharge thereon and, if applicable, church tax. If the Securities are assigned, redeemed, repaid or contributed into a corporation by way of a hidden contribution (verdeckte Einlage in eine Kapitalgesellschaft) rather than sold, as a rule, such transaction is treated like a sale.

Capital gains are determined by taking the difference between the sale, assignment or redemption price (after the deduction of expenses directly and factually related to the sale, assignment or redemption) and the issue or acquisition price of the Securities. Where the Securities are issued in a currency other than EUR the sale, assignment or redemption price and the acquisition costs have to be converted into EUR on the basis of the foreign exchange rates prevailing on the acquisition date and the sale, assignment or redemption date respectively.

Expenses (other than such expenses directly and factually related to the sale, assignment or redemption) related to interest payments or capital gains under the Securities are – except for a standard lump sum (*Sparer-Pauschbetrag*) of EUR 801 (EUR 1,602 for married couples filing jointly) – not deductible.

According to the flat tax regime losses from the sale, assignment or redemption of the Securities can only be set-off against other investment income including capital gains. If the set-off is not possible in the assessment period in which the losses have been realised, such losses can only be carried forward into future assessment periods and can be set-off against investment income including capital gains generated in these future assessment periods. Losses resulting from the sale of shares in a stock corporation (*Aktien*), which may be received in case of a physical delivery, can only be set-off against capital gains from the sale of other shares in a stock corporation.

If a so-called other capital claim (sonstige Kapitalforderung) in the meaning of section 20 (1) number 7 of the German Income Tax Act is not repaid in cash at the maturity date but the holder of such claim receives securities (Wertpapiere) instead of a repayment, section 20 (4a) sentence 3 of the German Income Tax Act construes the consideration for the acquisition of the other capital claim as its sales price. At the same time the consideration for the acquisition of the other capital claim is qualified as acquisition cost of the securities received, i.e. no taxable capital gain would be triggered due to the conversion. Section 20 (4a) sentence 3 of the German Income Tax Act in particular also applies to so-called "full risk certificates" (Vollrisikozertifikate), i.e. certain index or share basket etc. linked securities which do not provide for a guaranteed repayment or any capital yield, with a put offer (Andienungsrecht).

Further particularities apply with respect to full risk certificates with several payment dates. According to the decree of the German Federal Ministry of Finance (*Bundesfinanzministerium*) dated 18 January 2016 (IV C 1 – S 2252/08/10004:017) all payments to the investor under such certificates that are made prior to the final maturity date shall qualify as taxable income from a so-called other capital claim pursuant to section 20 (1) number 7 of the German Income Tax Act, unless the offering terms and conditions stipulate that such payments shall be redemption payments and the parties act accordingly. If there is no final redemption payment, the final maturity date shall not constitute a sale-like event in the meaning of section 20 (2) of the German Income Tax Act. Therefore, capital losses, if any, shall not be deductible. The same applies with respect to so-called knock-out and other certificates if the investor does not receive any payment at the final maturity date or the certificate will be prematurely cancelled according to its terms and conditions because the underlying reaches or breaks

any knock-out threshold or barrier prior to the final maturity date. Although this decree only refers to certain types of certificates, it cannot be excluded that the tax authorities may apply the above described principles to other kinds of certificates as well.

Further, the German Federal Ministry of Finance in its decree dated 18 January 2016 (IV C 1 – S 2252/08/10004:017) has taken the position that a bad debt loss (*Forderungsausfall*) and a waiver of a receivable (*Forderungsverzicht*) shall, in general, not be treated as a sale, so that losses suffered upon such bad debt loss or waiver shall not be deductible for tax purposes. This position is subject to controversial discussions among tax experts. In this respect, it is not clear, as well, whether the position of the tax authorities may affect securities which are linked to a reference value in case such value decreases. Furthermore, according to the decree dated 18 January 2016 (IV C 1 – S 2252/08/10004:017), the German Federal Ministry of Finance holds the view that a disposal (*Veräuβerung*) (and, as a consequence, a tax loss resulting from such disposal) shall not be recognised if (i) the sales price does not exceed the actual transaction cost or (ii) the level of transaction costs is restricted because of a mutual agreement that the transaction costs are calculated by subtracting a certain amount from the sales price. In addition, restrictions with respect to the claiming of losses may also apply if the certain types of Securities (e.g. certain knock-out certificates) would have to be qualified as derivative transactions (*Termingeschäfte*) and expire worthless.

## Withholding

If the Securities are held in custody with or administrated by a German credit institution, financial services institution (including a German permanent establishment of such foreign institution), securities trading company or securities trading bank (the "Disbursing Agent"), the flat tax at a rate of 25% (plus 5.5% solidarity surcharge thereon and, if applicable, church tax) will be withheld by the Disbursing Agent on interest payments and the excess of the proceeds from the sale, assignment or redemption (after the deduction of expenses directly and factually related to the sale, assignment or redemption) over the issue or acquisition costs for the Securities (if applicable converted into EUR terms on the basis of the foreign exchange rates as of the issue or acquisition date and the sale, assignment or redemption date respectively). In the case of interest and capital gains received after 31 December 2014, church tax is collected by way of withholding as a standard procedure unless the Private Investor has filed a blocking notice (Sperrvermerk) with the German Federal Central Tax Office (Bundeszentralamt für Steuern).

The Disbursing Agent will provide for the set-off of losses with current investment income including capital gains from other securities. If, in the absence of sufficient current investment income derived through the same Disbursing Agent, a set-off is not possible, the holder of the Securities may – instead of having a loss carried forward into the following year – file an application with the Disbursing Agent until 15 December of the current fiscal year for a certification of losses in order to set-off such losses with investment income derived through other institutions in the holder's personal income tax return.

If custody has changed since the acquisition and the acquisition data is not proved as required by section 43a (2) of the German Income Tax Act or not relevant, the flat tax rate of 25% (plus 5.5% solidarity surcharge thereon and, if applicable, church tax) will be imposed on an amount equal to 30% of the proceeds from the sale, assignment or redemption of the Securities.

In the course of the tax withholding provided for by the Disbursing Agent foreign taxes may be credited in accordance with an applicable double taxation treaty and the German Income Tax Act. Taxes withheld on the basis of the EU Savings Directive on investment income may be credited or refunded in the course of the tax assessment procedure.

If the Securities are not kept in a custodial account with a Disbursing Agent, the flat tax will apply on interest paid by a Disbursing Agent upon presentation of a coupon (whether or not presented with the Security to which it appertains) to a holder of such coupon (other than a non-German bank or financial services institution) (*Tafelgeschäft*), if any. In this case proceeds from the sale, assignment or redemption of the Securities will also be subject to the flat tax.

In general, no flat tax will be levied if the holder of a Security has filed a withholding exemption certificate (*Freistellungsauftrag*) with the Disbursing Agent (in the maximum amount of the standard lump sum of EUR 801 (EUR 1,602 for married couples filing jointly)) to the extent the income does not exceed the maximum exemption amount shown on the withholding exemption certificate.

Similarly, no flat tax will be deducted if the holder of a Security has submitted to the Disbursing Agent a valid certificate of non-assessment (*Nichtveranlagungsbescheinigung*) issued by the competent local tax office.

For Private Investors the flat tax withheld is, in general, definitive. Exceptions apply e.g., if and to the extent the actual investment income exceeds the amount which was determined as the basis for the withholding of the flat tax by the Disbursing Agent. In such case, the exceeding amount of investment income must be included in the Private Investor's income tax return and will be subject to the flat tax in the course of the assessment procedure. According to the decree of the German Federal Ministry of Finance dated 18 January 2016 (IV C 1 – S 2252/08/10004:017), however, any exceeding amount of not more than EUR 500 per assessment period will not be claimed on grounds of equity, provided that no other reasons for an assessment according to section 32d (3) of the German Income Tax Act exist. Further, Private Investors may request their total investment income, together with their other income, to be subject to taxation at their personal, progressive income tax rate rather than the flat tax rate, if this results in a lower tax liability. In order to prove such capital investment income and the withheld flat tax thereon the investor may request a respective certificate in the officially required form from the Disbursing Agent. According to section 32d (2) number 1 of the German Income Tax Act the flat tax is also not available in situations where an abuse of the flat tax rate is assumed (e.g. "back-to-back" financing).

Investment income not subject to the withholding flat tax (e.g. since there is no Disbursing Agent) must be included in the personal income tax return and will be subject to the flat tax rate of 25% (plus 5.5% solidarity surcharge thereon and, if applicable, church tax), unless the investor requests the investment income to be subject to taxation at lower personal, progressive income tax rate or the investment income is not subject to the flat tax rate according to section 32d (2) number 1 of the German Income Tax Act. Foreign taxes may be credited in accordance with an applicable double taxation treaty and the German Income Tax Act. Taxes withheld on the basis of the EU Savings Directive on investment income may be credited or refunded in the course of the tax assessment procedure.

## Application of the tax provisions of the German Investment Tax Act

Tax consequences different from those discussed above would arise if the respective Securities or the underlying securities delivered upon physical delivery were to be regarded as foreign investment fund units (*Investmentanteil*). According to previous understanding index or fund linked securities were, in principle, not regarded to represent foreign investment fund units. Whether this still applies under the amended German Investment Tax Act (*Investmentsteuergesetz*) has not been finally clarified yet. However, there are good arguments, that index or fund linked securities will remain to be exempted from the scope of application of the German Investment Tax Act.

## **Business Investors**

Interest payable on the Securities to persons holding the Securities as business assets ("**Business Investors**") who are tax residents of Germany (i.e. Business Investors whose residence, habitual abode, statutory seat or place of effective management and control is located in Germany) and capital gains, including Accrued Interest, if any, from the sale, assignment or redemption of the Securities are subject to corporate income tax or income tax, as the case may be, (each plus solidarity surcharge thereon and, if applicable, church tax) in the hands of a Business Investor at the investor's personal tax rate and also have to be considered for trade tax purposes. Losses from the sale, assignment or redemption of the Securities, are generally recognized for tax purposes (this may be different, if certain (e.g. index linked) Securities would have to be qualified as derivative transactions).

If instead of a cash-settlement at maturity of a Security, the holder of such Security receives securities, such delivery would be regarded as a taxable sale of the Security and the corresponding capital gain will be taxable.

The withholding tax, if any, including solidarity surcharge thereon, is credited as a prepayment against the Business Investors' corporate or personal income tax liability and the solidarity surcharge in the course of the tax assessment procedure, i.e. the withholding tax is not definitive. Any potential surplus will be refunded. However, in general and subject to further requirements no withholding deduction

will apply on capital gains from the sale, assignment or redemption of the Securities and in the case of derivative transactions if (i) the Securities are held by a corporation, association or estate in terms of section 43 (2) sentence 3 number 1 of the German Income Tax Act or (ii) the proceeds from the Securities qualify as income of a domestic business and the investor notifies this to the Disbursing Agent by use of the required official form according to section 43 (2) sentence 3 number 2 of the German Income Tax Act (*Erklärung zur Freistellung vom Kapitalertragsteuerabzug*).

Foreign taxes may be credited in accordance with an applicable double taxation treaty and the German Income Tax Act. Such taxes may also be deducted from the tax base for German income tax purposes. Taxes withheld on the basis of the EU Savings Directive on investment income may be credited or refunded in the course of the tax assessment procedure.

## Particularities regarding the Taxation of Securities qualifying as warrants

Securities qualifying as warrants (and, as the case may be, also other Securities where the redemption amount and/or the interest is linked to a reference value) may qualify as derivative transactions in terms of section 20 (2) sentence 1 number 3 of the German Income Tax Act rather than as other capital claims in terms of section 20 (1) number 7 of the German Income Tax Act.

Payments made in connection with the acquisition of warrants (option premiums, *Optionsprämien*) qualify as acquisition costs for the option right (*Optionsrecht*). Bank charges, commission fees and other transaction costs, if any, paid by the investor increase such acquisition cost.

If the warrants are held as private assets and the holder of the warrants exercising its option right receives a number of underlying securities instead of cash, the acquisition cost for the warrants belong to the acquisition cost for the securities delivered. Capital gains from a later sale of the delivered underlying securities qualify – irrespective of any holding period – as capital investment income and are taxed at the flat tax rate of 25%, plus 5.5% solidarity surcharge thereon and, if applicable, church tax, if the securities qualify as assets in terms of section 20 (2) of the German Income Tax Act (e.g. shares or Securities). Capital losses from the sale of the securities can only be set-off against other investment income including capital gains; further restrictions apply for capital losses from the sale of shares of a stock corporation, which can only be set-off against capital gains from the sale of other shares of a stock corporation.

If the holder of the warrants exercising its option right receives a repayment in cash (cash settlement, *Barausgleich*) any capital gain, i.e. the difference between the repayment in cash and the acquisition cost of the warrants (*Differenzausgleich*), is subject to the flat tax rate of 25%, plus 5.5% solidarity surcharge thereon and, if applicable, church tax. The acquisition cost and expenses directly and factually related to the acquisition have to be considered for the determination of the capital gain pursuant to section 20 (4) sentence 5 of the German Income Tax Act.

According to the view of the German Federal Ministry of Finance outlined in its decree dated 18 January 2016 (IV C 1 - S 2252/08/10004:017), which is subject to controversial discussions and court decisions, any payment made in respect to the acquisition of the warrants shall not be considered for German income tax purposes in case the warrants simply expire at the end of their running term, as such expiration is not considered to represent a disposal transaction (*Verfall*).

If the warrants are held as business assets, capital gains or losses from the sale or exercise of the warrants increase or decrease the taxable income of such business and are subject to corporate income tax or income tax at the investor's personal, progressive tax rate, as the case may be, (each plus solidarity surcharge thereon) in the hands of a Business Investor and have also to be considered for trade tax purposes.

Capital losses from the sale or the lapse of warrants according to section 15 (4) sentence 3 of the German Income Tax Act may only be set-off against capital gains from other derivative transactions. A set-off against other income may not be possible. Exceptions may apply with respect to derivative transactions, which are part of the ordinary business of a credit institution, financial services institution and financial services company in terms of the German Banking Act (*Kreditwesengesetz*) or which serve for the hedging of ordinary business activities.

#### Non-residents

Interest payable on the Securities and capital gains, including Accrued Interest, if any, are not subject to German taxation, unless (i) the Securities form part of the business property of a permanent establishment, including a permanent representative, or a fixed base maintained in Germany by the holder of the Securities; or (ii) the interest income otherwise constitutes German-source income; or (iii) the Securities are not kept in a custodial account with a Disbursing Agent and interest or proceeds from the sale, assignment or redemption of the Securities are paid by a German credit institution, financial services institution (including a German permanent establishment of such foreign institution), securities trading company or securities trading bank upon presentation of a coupon to a holder of such coupon (other than a non-German bank or financial services institution) (*Tafelgeschäft*), if any. In the cases (i), (ii) and (iii) a tax regime similar to that explained above under "Tax Residents" applies.

Non-residents of Germany are, as a rule, exempt from German withholding tax on interest and the solidarity surcharge thereon, even if the Securities are held in custody with a Disbursing Agent. However, where the interest income is subject to German taxation as set forth in the preceding paragraph and the Securities are held in a custodial account with a Disbursing Agent or in case of a *Tafelgeschäft*, withholding flat tax is levied as explained above under "Tax Residents". The withholding tax may be refunded based upon an applicable double taxation treaty or German national tax law.

For derivative transactions, similar rules apply as described in the preceding paragraphs.

#### **Inheritance and Gift Tax**

No inheritance or gift taxes with respect to any Security will arise under the laws of Germany, if, in the case of inheritance tax, neither the decedent nor the beneficiary, or, in the case of gift tax, neither the donor nor the donee, is a resident of Germany and such Security is not attributable to a German trade or business for which a permanent establishment is maintained or a permanent representative has been appointed in Germany. Exceptions from this rule apply to certain German expatriates.

According to the German Federal Constitutional Court (judgement of 17 December 2014) the current inheritance tax law does not comply with German constitutional law with regard to the inheritance tax privilege for business assets. Therefore, amendments to the German inheritance tax law have to be expected.

## **Other Taxes**

No stamp, issue, registration or similar taxes or duties will be payable in Germany in connection with the issuance, delivery, execution or conversion of the Securities. Currently, net assets tax is not levied in Germany. It is intended to introduce a financial transaction tax. However, it is unclear if and in what form such tax will be actually introduced (for further details please see above under "Risk Factors - Risk of changes in the tax framework, in particular regarding bank tax and the introduction of a financial transaction tax").

## **EU Residents**

The Council of the European Union has adopted a Directive repealing the European Directive on the taxation of savings income (EU Council Directive 2003/48/EC, "EU Savings Directive") from 1 January 2016 (1 January 2017 in the case of Austria) (in each case subject to transitional arrangements). However, the Council of the European Union has also adopted Directive 2014/107/EU (the "Amending Cooperation Directive"), amending Directive 2011/16/EU on administrative cooperation in the field of taxation so as to introduce an extended automatic exchange of information regime in accordance with the Global Standard released by the OECD Council in July 2014. The Amending Cooperation Directive requires EU Member States to adopt national legislation necessary to comply with it by 31 December 2015, which legislation must apply from 1 January 2016 (1 January 2017 in the case of Austria). The Amending Cooperation Directive is generally broader in scope than the EU Savings Directive, although it does not impose withholding taxes.

## HUNGARY

#### General

The purpose of the following description is to provide a high-level overview of the relevant Hungarian tax rules based on the laws in force in Hungary as of the date of this Prospectus. The present description does not include a comprehensive analysis of all tax implications that might be relevant to an investment decision. Please note that this disclosure does not substitute for the consultation between the prospective investors and their professional advisors since in order to determine the tax implications of a particular transaction several circumstances should be examined and considered in detail.

The Issuer assumes no responsibility with respect to taxes withheld at source, unless statutory provisions require so.

#### Residents

#### Private individuals

Income from 'controlled capital market transactions'

Preferential personal income tax rules may apply to income from 'controlled capital market transactions' of private individuals, provided that certain specific conditions meet.

For the purpose of these preferential rules, 'controlled capital market transactions' include, among others, certain qualifying transactions concluded with investment service providers, or by the assistance of an investment service provider, in each case for the sale or purchase of financial instruments, goods and foreign currencies at fair market value. Transactions must comply with the respective Hungarian rules and should be carried in the form of activities supervised by the Hungarian National Bank. ('MNB', which is the successor of Hungarian Financial Supervisory Authority PSZÁF).

Preferential rules on 'controlled capital market transactions' could also apply where private individuals conclude any of the above OTC transactions with an investment service provider operating in any EEA member state, or any other state with which Hungary has an agreement on the avoidance of double taxation, provided that (a) the transaction is executed within the framework of activities supervised by the competent financial supervisory authorities of that state, and (b) if the given state is not an EEA member state, there are facilities in place to ensure the exchange of information between the competent authorities and MNB, and (c) the private individual has a certificate made out by the investment service provider to his name, containing all data and information for each transaction concluded during the tax year for the assessment of his tax liability.

Income from 'controlled capital market transactions' shall be calculated as the difference between the total profit and the total loss realized on transactions during the tax year. In 2016 a 15% personal income tax rate would apply to that income.

Due to the preferential tax treatment of 'controlled capital market transactions', the private individual could be entitled to tax compensation with respect to losses realized from controlled capital market transactions during the tax year and/or during the year preceding the current tax year, and/or in the two years preceding the current tax year. Tax 'calculated' for such losses could reduce the taxes calculated on gains realized by the private individual from controlled capital market transactions during the tax year and/or during the year preceding the current tax year, and/or in the two years preceding the current tax year.

As a general rule, interest income could not qualify for the application of the preferential rules as described above.

The profit realized on controlled capital market transactions and the tax payable on such income should be declared on the basis of self-assessment executed by the private individual and supported by an appropriate certificate of execution issued by the investment service provider. Also, the private individual would need to keep specific records on any income from controlled capital market transactions. The private individual should pay the related personal income tax by the deadline prescribed for filing the tax return for the respective period.

Income from 'qualified long-term investments'

Preferential personal income tax rules may apply to income from 'qualified long-term investments' of private individuals, provided that certain specific conditions fulfil.

Income derived from 'qualified long-term investments' shall mean the profit the private individual realizes under a long-term investment contract concluded with an investment service provider or a credit institution. Under the long-term investment contract the private individual places an amount of at least HUF 25,000 (approx. EUR 81) on his account for a minimum period of three (and further two) years, and the parties agree on applying the preferential taxation rules laid down by the Hungarian Personal Income Tax Act. If all the conditions prescribed by law meet and the 'qualified long-term investment' is held for less than three years, for the 2016 tax year a 15% rate may apply, while if the investment lasts at least three years, a preferential 10% rate is applicable; income from 'qualified long-term investments' would be subject to a 0% rate, if the investment is held for at least five years.

From 1 January 2014 private individuals have the possibility to transfer the whole amount of the terminated long term investments to another financial institute. This is called by the law 'deposit transfer'.

Please note that profits and losses derived in the framework of a 'qualified long-term investment' could not qualify for the calculation of the income derived from 'controlled capital market transactions' as described above.

#### Interest

Resident individuals are taxed on their worldwide income, including interest income.

It may occur that the source country of the interest income, if other than Hungary, imposes a withholding tax on the same income. In order to eliminate double taxation, the Hungarian domestic legislation grants personal income tax credit for the taxes paid abroad. The maximum amount of the tax credit would be subject to certain limitations. If there is a double taxation treaty in force between the two countries concerned, the relevant double taxation treaty rules will apply in order to eliminate double taxation. In the lack of a double taxation treaty, the Hungarian domestic legislation could grant a tax credit for the income taxes paid abroad. In relation to Austria and Hungary, the double taxation treaty concluded between the two countries provides that interest paid to Hungarian residents from Austrian sources shall be taxable only in Hungary.

Interest income of a Hungarian resident private individual will be subject to Hungarian personal income tax. Furthermore, health tax ('egészségügyi hozzájárulás', 'EHO') will also apply to private individuals' interest income, if no exemption is applicable.

The Hungarian Personal Income Tax Act applies a broad definition of interest income; in connection with publicly offered and traded debt securities and collective investments in transferable securities, interest shall mean the following:

- the income paid to the private individual under the title of interest and/or yield, if the securities are held at a specific time prescribed as a precondition for entitlement to interest and/or yield,
- b) in certain cases, the capital gains achieved when securities are called, redeemed, or transferred. In connection with collective investments in transferable securities, redemption shall also cover when the securities are exchanged upon the transformation or merger of the investment fund for the investment certificates of the successor fund. Gains from the transfer of collective investments in transferable securities in certain qualified exchange markets or in a market of an EU, EEA or OECD State will not qualify as interest income, but will be considered as income from capital gains for Hungarian tax law purposes.

Interest income would be subject to personal income tax at a rate of 15% in 2016. In the event that the interest income is paid in the form of valuable assets (e.g. securities) and the Hungarian paying agent

cannot withhold the relevant tax, the taxable base would be assessed in the amount of the fair market value of the valuable asset received multiplied by 1.18 or if interest income would be subject to health tax, the multiplication rate shall be 1.27.

Interest income realized after 1 August 2013 would be subject also to health tax ('egészségügyi hozzájárulás', 'EHO') at the rate of 6%. On certain limited cases exemption may apply. Especially, interest income realized in connection with debt securities issued by an EEA state and denominated in HUF could be exempt.

In the event that the interest income is received from a Hungarian paying agent, the paying agent should withhold the personal income tax. In the event that the interest income is not received from a Hungarian paying agent, the tax should be assessed, declared and paid to the tax authority by the private individual himself within the frame of his regular annual tax return.

If the interest income is received from a country other than Hungary, the rules of the relevant double taxation treaty will also apply. In the absence of a double taxation treaty, the Hungarian tax burden may be reduced by the tax paid abroad. However, the maximum amount of the credit will be subject to certain limitations and at least 5% of the taxable base shall be payable in Hungary.

Payments distributed by 'controlled foreign taxpayers' would be subject to personal income tax at a 15% rate in 2016. In the unlikely situation that the payer of the interest would qualify as a controlled foreign taxpayer for Hungarian tax purposes, the recipient would be subject also to health tax at a 27% rate (egészségügyi hozzájárulás, EHO).

## Capital gains

As a general rule, capital gains achieved when debt securities are redeemed or transferred are usually treated as income from controlled capital market transactions or interest income for personal income tax purposes unless certain conditions are met (please see our comments regarding the taxation of income from controlled capital market transactions and interest income).

Notwithstanding the above, capital gains derived from the sale of the Securities by a resident private individual are categorized as income from capital and are subject to personal income tax at 15% and to health tax at 14% (the latter would be capped at HUF 450,000 *per annum*, which is approximately EUR 1,452). The tax should be withheld by the paying agent if the provider of the capital gain is a Hungarian paying agent; in any other case the tax shall be assessed and paid by the private individual himself within the frame of his regular annual tax return. If the income from capital gains is received from abroad, the rules of the relevant double taxation treaty would overrule the domestic rules. In the absence of a double taxation treaty, if certain conditions fulfil, the Hungarian tax to be borne could be reduced by the tax paid abroad. In any case, the Hungarian tax shall be at least 5% of the taxable base and other limitations may also apply.

Capital gains realised on the purchase and sale of securities issued by 'controlled foreign taxpayers' established in low-tax-rate jurisdictions would be subject to personal income tax at a 15% rate in 2016. In the unlikely situation that the issuer of the Securities would qualify as a 'controlled foreign taxpayer', the recipient should also pay a health tax at a 27% rate (egészségügyi hozzájárulás, EHO).

As a general requirement, private individuals shall keep detailed records of all securities in their possession. Also, purchase, subscription, sale or similar rights in securities must be recorded. Records shall be supported by appropriate certificates issued by the investment service providers (if applicable). The certificates should contain all data and information necessary for determining the taxable income and fulfilling tax obligations, and the list of the data to be included in the records is prescribed by statutory law.

## **Corporations**

## Interest

Interest income of a Hungarian resident entity shall be included in the ordinary corporate income tax base and as a consequence would be subject to Hungarian corporate income tax at 19% in 2016.

However, for that part of the corporate income tax base not exceeding HUF 500 million (approximately EUR 1,612,903), a reduced 10% rate would apply.

If any interest income is also subject to tax abroad, the rules of the relevant double taxation treaty will apply. In the absence of a double taxation treaty the domestic Hungarian rules will provide for a credit opportunity, as a result of which the tax paid abroad could be credited against the Hungarian corporation tax. However, the maximum amount of the foreign tax to be credited is subject to certain limitations.

#### Capital gains

Income from capital gains of a Hungarian resident corporation is included in the ordinary corporate income tax base and as a consequence will be subject to corporate income tax at a 19% rate in 2016. However, for that part of the corporate income tax base not exceeding HUF 500 million (approximately EUR 1,612,903), a reduced 10% rate would apply.

If any income from capital gains is also subject to tax abroad, the rules of the relevant double taxation treaty will apply. In the absence of a double taxation treaty the tax paid abroad can be credited against the Hungarian corporate income tax under the Hungarian domestic rules. However, the maximum amount of the foreign tax to be credited is subject to certain limitations.

#### **Non-Residents**

#### Private individuals

#### Interest

Interest income of a non-resident private individual generally is not subject to Hungarian personal income tax. Please note, however, that in case the interest is payable via a Hungarian place of business (permanent establishment), branch or commercial representation of the obligor, or if the interest payable is in fact tied to the non-resident private individual's Hungarian place of business, the interest income should be regarded as Hungarian source income and, thus, should be taxed in Hungary. In such a case the Hungarian source income would be taxed at 15% as a general rule. This tax rate is usually overruled and limited by double taxation treaties (if applicable). If a Hungarian paying agent provides the interest payment to the private individual, the paying agent should withhold the tax, otherwise the private individual himself should assess, declare and pay the relevant Hungarian tax.

## Capital gains

Capital gains from the disposal of securities realized by non-resident private individuals should not be subject to Hungarian personal income tax. In the unlikely event that a Hungarian double taxation treaty allocates the taxation rights to Hungary instead of the recipient's residence state, Hungarian withholding tax may apply.

## **Corporations**

## Interest

Interest income of a non-resident entity should be taxable in Hungary if it relates to the entity's Hungarian business activity carried on by its Hungarian permanent establishment. The applicable corporate income tax rate is 19% in 2016, however, the part of the overall corporate income tax base not exceeding HUF 500 million (approximately EUR 1,612,903) would be taxed at a reduced 10% rate. Double taxation treaties may limit or eliminate this tax burden.

## Capital gains

Capital gains income from the disposal of securities of a non-resident entity should be taxable in Hungary only if they relate to the entity's Hungarian business activity carried out by its Hungarian permanent establishment. The applicable corporate income tax rate is 19% in 2016, however, the part of the overall corporate income tax base not exceeding HUF 500 million (approximately EUR 1,612,903) would be taxed at a reduced 10% rate.

Hungarian double taxation treaties might override the domestic rules and allocate the taxation right to the residence state. In absence of an applicable double taxation treaty, the Hungarian domestic rules allow the corporation to credit against the Hungarian corporate income tax a determined part of the corporate income tax paid (payable) abroad in relation to the capital gains income.

## Inheritance and gift tax

The acquisition of the Securities as part of a Hungarian inheritance would incur Hungarian inheritance tax, regardless of the successor's tax residency. In case of a non-Hungarian inheritance, inheritance tax could only arise if the successor (private individual or corporation) is tax resident in Hungary. Even in such case, no inheritance tax should be paid if the successor certifies that inheritance tax was due in the country of inheritance.

The generally applicable inheritance tax rate is 18%. Inheritance between relatives of lineal kinship would be exempt. Further exemptions may also apply.

The donation of the Securities would be subject to gift tax if the donation takes place in Hungary, regardless of the residency of the parties. The generally applicable gift tax rate is 18% in 2016. No gift tax is due on donations between relatives of lineal kinship. If the value of the transferred assets does not exceed HUF 150,000 (approx. EUR 484) and the parties do not conclude a written agreement regarding the donation, no gift tax has to be paid. Further exemptions may also apply.

The base of the inheritence and gift tax is the net values of inheritence and gift received. The net value of the inheritance or the gift is the fair market value of the acquired asset, less deductions.

#### **Further tax considerations**

Hungary has introduced a 'financial transaction tax' ('Hungarian FTT') as of 1 January 2013. The Hungarian FTT is levied on financial service providers, financial institutions and intermediary service providers seated in Hungary or having a Hungarian branch. Even if the Hungarian FTT would not be imposed on Note-Holders directly, the tax may have an impact on bank charges.

## Implementation of the EU Savings Directive

Hungary has implemented the EU Savings Directive. Therefore, Hungarian authorities will provide tax authorities of other EU Member States with the details of the payments of interest and other similar income by a Hungarian paying agent to an individual being resident for tax purposes in another Member State.

## **ITALY**

#### General

The following is an overview of current Italian law and practice relating to the taxation of the Securities, drafted on the basis of the provisions in force as of the date of this Prospectus. It should be noted that the taxation of the Securities may change as a result of future changes in the relevant provisions (which may, in some cases, have retroactive effect), as well as future interpretations of tax authorities and tax courts. Please note that this Prospectus will not be amended to take into account such future changes.

The following description involves a non-exhaustive overview of some of the possible tax consequences of an investment in the Securities and, therefore, is not a complete depiction of all information that may be relevant in connection with making an investment decision with respect to the Securities; it does not purport to deal with the tax consequences applicable to all categories of investors, some of which may be subject to special rules. Therefore, the following description cannot serve as the sole basis for judging the tax consequences of an investment in the Securities. Please note that this description does not address the case of non-resident, apart from the case of non-resident companies holding the Securities through an Italian permanent establishment and does not describe the tax consequences for an investor with respect to Securities that will be redeemed by physical delivery.

This overview sets out only general remarks and should not, therefore, be mistaken for a binding guarantee in an insufficiently defined field, namely that of the tax treatment of investments in the Securities.

It is recommended that investors promptly consult with a tax advisor who can take into consideration the personal situation of the investor in connection with analysing the tax consequences and the applicability of the following general principles.

## Tax treatment of securities qualifying as debentures similar to bonds

Legislative Decree No. 239 of 1 April 1996, as subsequently amended ("**Decree 239**"), sets out the applicable regime with respect to the tax treatment of interest, premium and other income (including the difference between the redemption amount and the issue price) (hereinafter collectively referred to as "**Interest**") from securities falling within the category of bonds (*obbligazioni*) or debentures similar to bonds (*titoli similari alle obbligazioni*) issued, *inter alia*, by non-Italian resident issuers.

For these purposes, pursuant to Article 44 of Presidential Decree No. 917 of 22 December 1986 ("ITC"), debentures similar to bonds (*titoli similari alle obbligazioni*) are defined as securities that incorporate an unconditional obligation to pay, at maturity, an amount not less than their nominal value (whether or not providing for periodic payments) and that do not give any right to directly or indirectly participate in the management of the issuer or of the business in relation to which they are issued nor any type of control on the management.

Where an Italian resident securityholder is:

- (a) an individual not engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the securities are connected (unless the investor has opted for the application of the *risparmio gestito regime* see under "Capital gains tax" below); or
- (b) a non-commercial partnership; or
- (c) a non-commercial private or public institution; or
- (d) an investor exempt from Italian corporate income taxation,

Interests relating to the securities, accrued during the relevant holding period, are subject to a substitute tax, referred to as "imposta sostitutiva", levied at the rate of 26%.

In the event that the securityholders described under (a) and (c) above are engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the securities are connected, the *imposta sostitutiva* applies as a provisional tax and may be deducted from the taxation on income due.

Where an Italian resident securityholder is a company or similar commercial entity, or a permanent establishment in Italy of a foreign company to which the securities are effectively connected, and the securities are deposited with an authorised intermediary, Interest from the securities will not be subject to *imposta sostitutiva*, but must be included in the relevant securityholder's income tax return and are therefore subject to general Italian corporate taxation (IRES) (and, in certain circumstances, depending on the "status" of the securityholder, also to IRAP (the regional tax on productive activities)).

If the securityholder is resident in Italy and is an open-ended or closed-ended investment fund (subject to the regime provided for by Law No. 77 of 23 March 1983, a "Fund"), a société d'investissement à capital variable (a "SICAV") or a société d'investissement à capital fixe (a "SICAF") not exclusively or primarily investing in real estate, and the securities are held by an authorised intermediary, Interest accrued during the holding period on the securities will not be subject to *imposta sostitutiva*, but will be included in the management result of the Fund, the SICAV or SICAF. The Fund, SICAV or SICAF will not be subject to taxation on such result, but a withholding tax up to 26 per cent will be levied on proceeds distributed by the Funds or the SICAV to certain categories of unitholders upon redemption or disposal of the units.

Where an Italian resident securityholder is a pension fund (subject to the regime provided for by article 17 of the Italian Legislative Decree No. 252 of 5 December 2005) and the securities are deposited with an authorised intermediary, Interest relating to the securities and accrued during the holding period will not be subject to *imposta sostitutiva*, but must be included in the result of the relevant portfolio accrued at the end of the tax period, to be subject to a 20 per cent. substitute tax (the "**Pension Fund Tax**").

Italian real estate investment funds to which the provisions of Law Decree No. 351 of 25 September 2001, converted into law with amendments by Law No. 410 of November 2001, as subsequently amended, and Italian resident SICAFs to which the provisions of Article 9 of Legislative Decree No. 44 of 4 March 2014 apply, are subject neither to any substitute tax at the fund level nor to any other income tax in the hands of the fund.

Pursuant to Decree 239, *imposta sostitutiva* is applied by banks, SIMs, fiduciary companies, SGRs, stockbrokers and other entities identified by a decree of the Ministry of Finance (each an "**Intermediary**").

An Intermediary must (a) be resident in Italy or (b) be a permanent establishment in Italy of a non-Italian resident financial intermediary which intervenes, in any way, in the collection of Interest or in the transfer of the securities. For the purpose of the application of the *imposta sostitutiva*, a transfer of securities includes any assignment or other act, either with or without consideration, which results in a change of the ownership of the relevant securities or in a change of the Intermediary with which the securities are deposited. Where the securities are not deposited with an Intermediary, the *imposta sostitutiva* is applied and withheld by any entity paying interest to an investor.

## Capital gains tax

According to Article 67 of ITC and Legislative Decree No. 461/1997 where an Italian resident securityholder is (i) an individual not engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the securities are connected, (ii) non-commercial partnerships or *de facto* partnerships, (iii) private or public institutions not carrying out mainly or exclusively commercial activities, or (iv) investors exempt from Italian corporate taxation, capital gain accrued under (a) the sale of securities falling within the category of debentures similar to bonds under ITC or (b) the sale or redemption of securities which may be qualified as derivative securities (derivative financial instruments or bundles of derivative financial instruments, through which the securityholders purchase indirectly underlying financial instruments) are subject to a 26% per cent substitute tax.

In respect of the application of *imposta sostitutiva* on capital gains taxpayers may opt for one of the three regimes described below:

(a) Under the "tax declaration" regime (*regime della dichiarazione*), which is the default regime for Italian resident individuals not engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the securities are connected, the *imposta sostitutiva* on capital gains will be chargeable, on a cumulative basis, on all capital gains (net of any offsettable capital loss) realised by the Italian resident individual

securityholder holding the securities. In this instance, "capital gains" means any capital gain not connected with an entrepreneurial activity pursuant to all sales or redemptions of the securities carried out during any given tax year. Italian resident individuals holding the securities not in connection with an entrepreneurial activity must indicate the overall capital gains realised in any tax year, net of any relevant offsettable capital loss, in the annual tax return and pay the *imposta sostitutiva* on such gains together with any balance income tax due for such year. Capital losses in excess of capital gains may be carried forward against capital gains realised in any of the four succeeding tax years. Pursuant to Law Decree No. 66 of 24 April 2014 ("Decree No. 66"), capital losses may be carried forward to be offset against capital gains of the same nature realised after 30 June 2014 for an overall amount of: (i) 48.08 per cent. of the relevant capital losses realised before 1 January 2012; and (ii) 76.92 per cent. of the capital losses realised from 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2014.

- (b) As an alternative to the tax declaration regime, Italian resident individual securityholders holding the securities not in connection with an entrepreneurial activity may elect to pay the *imposta sostitutiva* separately on capital gains realised on each sale or redemption of the securities (the "*risparmio amministrato*" regime). Such separate taxation of capital gains is allowed subject to:
  - (i) the securities being deposited with Italian banks, SIMs or certain authorised financial intermediaries; and
  - (ii) an express and valid election for the *risparmio amministrato* regime being timely made in writing by the relevant securityholder.

The depository must account for the *imposta sostitutiva* in respect of capital gains realised on each sale or redemption of the securities (as well as in respect of capital gains realised upon the revocation of its mandate), net of any incurred capital loss. The depository must also pay the relevant amount to the Italian tax authorities on behalf of the taxpayer, deducting a corresponding amount from the proceeds to be credited to the securityholder or using funds provided by the securityholder for this purpose. Under the *risparmio amministrato* regime, where a sale or redemption of the securities results in a capital loss, such loss may be deducted from capital gains subsequently realised, within the same securities management, in the same tax year or in the following tax years up to the fourth. Pursuant to Decree No. 66, capital losses may be carried forward to be offset against capital gains of the same nature realised after 30 June 2014 for an overall amount of: (i) 48.08 per cent. of the relevant capital losses realised before 1 January 2012; and (ii) 76.92 per cent. of the capital losses realised from 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2014. Under the *risparmio amministrato* regime, the securityholder is not required to declare the capital gains in its annual tax return.

(c) In the "asset management" regime (the "risparmio gestito" regime), any capital gains realised by Italian resident individuals holding the securities not in connection with an entrepreneurial activity who have entrusted the management of their financial assets (including the securities) to an authorised intermediary, will be included in the computation of the annual increase in value of the managed assets accrued, even if not realised, at year end, subject to a 26% substitute tax, to be paid by the managing authorised intermediary. Any depreciation of the managed assets accrued at the year-end may be carried forward against increase in value of the managed assets accrued in any of the four succeeding tax years. Pursuant to Decree No. 66, decreases in value of the management assets may be carried forward to be offset against any subsequent increase in value accrued as of 1 July 2014 for an overall amount of: (i) 48.08 per cent. of the relevant decreases in value registered before 1 January 2012; and (ii) 76.92 per cent. of the decreases in value registered from 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2014. The securityholder is not required to declare the capital gains realised in the annual tax return.

Where an Italian resident securityholder is a company or a similar commercial entity (including Italian permanent establishment of a foreign commercial entity to which the securities are effectively connected), capital gains arising from securities will not be subject to *imposta sostitutiva* but must be included in the relevant securityholder's income tax return and therefore subject to Italian corporate tax regime and, in certain circumstances, depending on the 'status' of the securityholder, also to IRAP.

Any capital gain realised by a securityholder who is a Fund or a SICAV will not be subject to *imposta* sostitutiva, but will be included in the result of the relevant portfolio. Such result will not be subject to

tax with the Fund or SICAV, but a withholding tax up to 26 per cent will be levied on proceeds distributed by the Fund or the SICAV to certain categories of unitholders upon redemption or disposal of the units.

Any capital gains realised by a securityholder who is an Italian pension fund (subject to the regime provided for by article 17 of the Italian Legislative Decree No. 252 of 5 December 2005) will be included in the result of the relevant portfolio accrued at the end of the tax period, to be subject to the Pension Fund Tax.

Any capital gains realised to securityholders who are Italian real estate funds to which the provisions of Law Decree No. 351 of 25 September 2001, converted into law with amendments by Law No. 410 of November 2001, as subsequently amended apply and Italian resident SICAFs to which the provisions of Article 9 of Legislative Decree No. 44 of 4 March 2014 apply, are not subject to any substitute tax at the fund level nor to any other income tax in the hands of the fund.

## Securities qualifying as atypical securities

Securities that cannot be qualified as debentures similar to bonds under ITC could be considered as 'atypical' securities pursuant to Article 8 of Law Decree No. 512 of 30 September 1983 as implemented by Law No. 649 of 25 November 1983. In this event, payments relating to securities may be subject to an Italian withholding tax, levied at the rate of 26%.

The withholding tax is levied by the Italian intermediary appointed by the issuer intervening in the collection of the relevant income or in the negotiation or repurchasing of the securities.

The 26 per cent withholding tax mentioned does not apply to payments made to an Italian resident holder of the securities which is: (i) a company or similar commercial entity (including the Italian permanent establishment of foreign entities, (ii) a commercial partnership or (iii) a commercial private or public institution. In such cases the relevant income arising from the securities shall be reported in the investor's income tax return.

# Stamp duty

Pursuant to Article 19 (1) of Decree No. 201 of 6 December 2011 ("**Decree 201**"), as subsequently amended, a proportional stamp duty applies on an annual basis to the periodic reporting communications sent by financial intermediaries to their clients for the securities deposited therewith. The stamp duty applies at a rate of 0.20%. This stamp duty is determined on the basis of the market value or – if no market value figure is available – the nominal value or redemption amount of the securities held. The stamp duty cannot exceed the amount of EUR 14,000 if the recipient of the periodic communications is an entity (i.e. not an individual).

## Wealth Tax on securities deposited abroad

Pursuant to Article 19 (18) of Decree 201, as subsequently amended, Italian resident individuals holding the securities outside the Italian territory are required to pay an additional tax at a rate of 0.2%. This tax is calculated on the market value of the securities at the end of the relevant year or – if no market value figure is available – the nominal value or the redemption value of such financial assets held outside the Italian territory. Taxpayers are entitled to an Italian tax credit equivalent to the amount of wealth taxes paid in the State where the financial assets are held (up to an amount equal to the Italian wealth tax due).

## **Financial Transaction Tax**

Law No. 228 of 24 December 2012 (the "Stability Law") introduced a fixed levy Italian Financial Transaction Tax ("FTT") that applies to all transactions involving equity derivatives which have Italian shares, Italian equity-like instruments or Italian equity-related instruments as their underlying assets. An equity derivative is subject to the FTT if the underlying or reference value consists as to more than 50 per cent., of the market value of Italian shares, Italian equity-like instruments or Italian equity-

related instruments. The FTT applies even if the transfer takes place outside Italy and/or any of the parties to the transaction are not resident in Italy. The FTT on derivative trades also applies to transactions in bonds and debt securities which allow the acquisition or the transfer of the financial instruments referred to above and which do not entail an unconditional obligation to pay, at maturity, an amount not lower than their nominal value. The amount of tax due depends on the type of derivative instrument and on the contract's value, but is subject to a maximum of Euro 200.00. This FTT is reduced to 1/5 of the relevant amount if the transfer takes place on a regulated market or multilateral trading system.

The FTT is due from each party involved in the relevant transaction. The FTT must be paid and accounted for to the Italian tax authorities by any intermediary intervening in any way in the execution of such transactions, e.g. banks, fiduciary companies or investment firms licensed to provide investment services on a professional basis to the public in accordance with Article 18 of Italian Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, including non-Italian resident intermediaries. However, the Stability Law provides that such an intermediary is permitted to refrain from executing the relevant transaction until they have received from the relevant person referred to above the amount of FTT due on the transaction. In terms of compliance with the FTT, non-Italian resident intermediaries may (i) fulfil all the relevant obligations through their Italian permanent establishment, if any; (ii) appoint an Italian withholding agent as a tax representative; or (iii) identify themselves by filing a request with the Italian Tax Administration for an Italian tax code. In the event that several financial intermediaries are involved, the obligation to make payment of the FTT to the Italian tax authorities falls on the party that directly receives the transaction order from the parties. If no intermediary is involved in a transaction, the relevant parties referred to above must pay the FTT due directly to the Italian tax authorities.

If a derivative is equity-settled, the consequent share transaction is ordinarily subject to the FTT on equity transactions (i.e. a stamp duty-like FTT of 0.2 per cent. on the transfer of shares and other equity-like instruments issued by Italian resident entities).

Some exemptions may apply.

## Inheritance and gift tax

Inheritance and gift tax has recently been re-introduced under Italian tax law by Law No. 286 of 24 November 2006, as amended by Law No. 296 of 27 December 2006 (Finance Bill 2007). Accordingly, transfers of Securities by way of a donation or a gift or transfers *mortis causa* may be subject to inheritance and gift tax, which applies at proportional rates ranging from 4% to 8% depending on the relationship between the transferor and the transferee.

## Tax monitoring

Pursuant to Law Decree No. 167 of 28 June 1990, ratified and converted by Law No. 227 of 4 August 1990, as amended, resident individuals that, during the year, hold investments abroad or who have financial activities abroad must, in certain circumstances, disclose the aforesaid and related transactions to the tax authorities. The above reporting is not required with respect to securities deposited at source with qualified Italian intermediaries and with respect to contracts entered into through their intervention, provided that the financial flows and income derived from the Notes are subject to tax by the same intermediaries.

# Implementation of the EU Savings Directive

Under EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC on taxation of savings income, each EU Member State is required to provide to the tax authorities of another EU Member State details of payments of interest or other similar income paid by a person within its jurisdiction to, or collected by such a person for, an individual resident in that other EU Member State. Italy has implemented the EU Savings Directive through Legislative Decree No. 84 of 18 April 2005.

On 24 March 2014, the European Council adopted an EU Council Directive amending and broadening the scope of the requirements described above. In particular, the changes expand the range of payments

covered by the Directive to include certain additional types of income, and widen the range of recipients, payments to whom are covered by the Directive, to include certain other types of entity and legal arrangement. Member States are required to implement national legislation giving effect to these changes by 1 January 2016 (which national legislation must apply from 1 January 2017).

#### **POLAND**

#### General

According to the Act on Personal Income Tax of 26 July 1991 (consolidated text in Journal of Laws of 2012 item 361, as amended, the "**Polish Personal Income Tax Law**") natural persons are subject to tax liability in the Republic of Poland relating to all their income (revenues) regardless of the location of the source of such revenues (unlimited tax liability) if they have their place of residence in the Republic of Poland (Polish tax residents). A person whose place of residence is in the Republic of Poland is a natural person who: (i) has his/her center of personal or economic interests (center of life interests) in the Republic of Poland; or (ii) stays in the Republic of Poland more than 183 days in a tax year (article 3 section 1 and 1a of the Polish Personal Income Tax Law).

These principles apply without prejudice to double taxation treaties signed by Poland (article 4a of the Polish Personal Income Tax Law). In particular, these double tax treaties may define the "place of residence" in a different manner or further clarify the notion of the "center of life interests". Individuals whose place of residence is not located in Poland are subject to tax liability only with respect to the income (revenues) generated within the territory of Poland (limited tax liability) (article 3 section 2a of the Polish Personal Income Tax Law).

Under the Act on Corporate Income Tax of 15 February 1992 (consolidated text in Journal of Laws of 2011, no. 74, item 397, as amended, the "Polish Corporate Income Tax Law") taxpayers subject to corporate income tax in the Republic of Poland (the "Polish Corporate Taxpayers") are legal persons, companies under organization and entities with no legal personality (other than companies and partnerships that are not afforded legal personality such as civil, general, limited partnerships and professional partnerships, which are deemed transparent for income tax purposes in Poland), as well as partnerships having their seats or places of management in other states if they are treated as legal persons under tax law provisions of a given state and they are liable to tax on the total amount of their incomes, irrespective of the place where they are earned. Starting from 1 January 2014 the limited joint-stock partnerships are no longer transparent for the income tax purposes in Poland and are the Polish Corporate Taxpayers (article 1 section 1, 2 and 3 of the Polish Corporate Income Tax Law). The corporate income tax rate in Poland is 19%.

Polish Corporate Taxpayers having their registered office or place of management in the Republic of Poland (Polish tax residents) are subject to tax liability with respect to all their income, wherever generated (unlimited tax liability). Polish Corporate Taxpayers who have neither their seat nor their place of management in Poland are subject to tax liability in Poland only with respect to the income (revenues) earned within the territory of Poland (limited tax liability) (article 3 section 1 and 2 of the Polish Corporate Income Tax Law).

All references to "**residence**" for the purposes of this section are to residence for the purposes of Polish tax law and applicable double taxation treaties.

#### Securities

Currently, interest paid on the Securities and discounts in their full amount are considered taxable income. The term "interest" is identical to that used in the double taxation treaties meaning income from debt claims of every kind.

Securities linked to base instruments such as shares, indexes, commodities, futures, funds and combinations thereof may be treated as financial derivatives for Polish tax purposes. Such a treatment is also attributed to warrants. The taxation of financial derivatives is a highly unregulated area and as such subject to varying interpretations. Under article 16 (1) (8b) of the Polish Corporate Income Tax Law and article 23 (1) (38a) of the Polish Personal Income Tax Law, any expenses incurred in relation to the acquisition of financial derivatives may be tax deductible at the moment of realization of the derivatives, withdrawal from the derivatives or their disposal for consideration, unless the expenses are capitalized to the value of fixed assets/intangibles.

## **Residents**

## Private property

Interest on the Securities paid by the Issuer to a Polish tax resident and the discount will be taxed subject to the double taxation treaty between Poland and Austria, on the basis of which the Issuer generally withholds from such payments Austrian income tax in the amount of 5% of the amounts paid. In Poland, a taxpayer would be entitled to deduct from the calculated Polish income tax, an amount of income tax paid in Austria on those earnings. However, such deduction shall not exceed that part of Polish income tax, computed before the deduction, which is attributable to income taxed in Austria. Income-related costs cannot be deducted.

Interest on the Securities and the discount derived from Austria are subject to income tax in Poland upon receipt (or equivalent to receipt such as offset, compoundment, etc.). The income tax rate amounts to 19% of the gross amount.

Before 2016, interest and discounts, including interest accrued or capitalised at the sale, refund or redemption of the debt claims, could be subject to EU withholding tax (35% rate) pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC ("EU Savings Directive"), if they were paid out by an Austrian paying agent to a natural person who had his or her domicile in another member state of the EU. EU withholding tax was not levied if the investor presented to the Issuer a confirmation of his or her home tax office on the disclosure of such income. The EU Savings Directive was repealed following the introduction of a series of measures aimed at preventing tax evasion, and because of developments that are to usher in automatic tax information exchange. In December 2014, the Council adopted Directive 2014/107/EU, which brings interest, dividends, gross proceeds from the sale of financial assets and other income, and account balances within the scope of the automatic exchange of information between member states. It entered into force on 1 January 2016, and member states will begin exchanging the information required by the end of September 2017. Austria will apply the Directive a year later than other EU member states.

Securityholders are obliged to declare such income from the Securities (i.e. interest, discounts) in their annual tax return to be filed for the previous year until 30 April of the following year. This rule shall also apply even if such income is collected through a Polish paying agent. Until the end of the year 2011 some Polish tax authorities took the approach that Polish paying agents were tax remitters obliged to deduct income tax from payments made with respect to interest and discounts, however, since implementing of changes in tax regulations in this respect Polish paying agents should not deduct income tax from income derived outside of the Republic of Poland. Current tax rulings tend to confirm that standpoint.

Capital gains (i.e. the difference between the sales prices and the acquisition cost of the Securities) derived from the sale of the Securities by a Polish tax resident prior to their maturity – if performed outside the scope of an individual's business activity - are subject to Polish income tax in the amount of 19%. Income-related costs can be deducted. Capital gains will accrue on the cash basis with the income tax being specified in the annual tax return. The annual tax return shall be filed for the previous year until 30 April of the following year.

Amounts denominated in a foreign currency should be converted into Polish currency pursuant to article 11a of the Polish Personal Income Tax Law. Income tax declared in the tax return for the previous year to be filed until 30 April of the following year should be also paid until 30 April of the following year.

Under article 17 (1) (10) of the Polish Personal Income Tax Law, income from financial derivatives (realization) is classified as income from money capitals and taxed at a flat tax rate of 19%. The tax is declared in the same manner as in the case of income from Securities, however such income will accrue at the date of realization.

Income from Convertible Securities should generally follow the tax treatment of derivatives, however, this issue is controversial. There are some opinions claiming deferral of taxation until the ultimate disposal of the converted equity.

Furthermore, individuals who have their habitual residence in Poland or Polish citizenship are subject to Polish inheritance and gift tax in the case of an acquisition of Securities *inter mortuos* or *inter vivos*, the rate of such tax depending upon the value of the Securities transferred and upon the relationship between the deceased/the donor on the one hand and the heir/the donee on the other hand. Certain exemptions and thresholds exist, e.g. with regard to transfers between relatives provided that certain conditions are met (for example sending the appropriate notice on transaction to the tax authority). The tax payer is the heir/the donee. The tax rate can be up to 20%.

The possible double taxation regarding the inheritance tax in Poland and Austria can be avoided pursuant to the Polish-Austrian Convention from 24 November 1926 with respect to Inheritance Tax.

## **Business** activity

In the event that the Securities are attributable to the Polish business activity of a Polish tax resident, generally, they will be subject to taxation only in Poland taking into account the provisions of the double taxation treaty concluded between Poland and Austria. However, according to the double taxation treaty, income related to interest and discounts on the Securities may also be taxed in Austria at the rate of 5%. Austrian withholding tax, if any, can be credited against the Polish income tax in Poland. However, such a deduction shall not exceed that part of the Polish income tax, computed before the deduction, which is attributable to income taxed in Austria.

Profits from the sale of the Securities performed as a business activity prior to their final maturity shall be subject to income tax as of the date of such a sale. In case of capital gains resulting from the sale of Securities as a business activity the acquisition costs of the Securities constitute tax deductible costs as of the date of the sale. Income from financial derivatives generated as a result of a business activity may generally be taxed at the moment of the realization or the disposal. Income from Convertible Securities should generally follow the tax treatment of derivatives, however, this issue is controversial. There are some opinions claiming deferral of taxation until the ultimate disposal of the converted equity. The capital gains realised shall be specified in the current corporate or individual income tax calculation (monthly or quarterly reporting requirement applies), as well as in the annual corporate income tax or annual personal income tax returns. The corporate income tax rate amounts to 19%, while the income tax rate for individuals conducting business activity can be (depending on the choice of the entrepreneur) a 19% flat rate or can range as a progressive tax scale between 18% and 32% in the individual case. Such capital gains are taxed exclusively in Poland as the state of residence of the seller (article 13 of the double taxation treaty between Poland and Austria).

The loss incurred as a result of a sale (realization) of the Securities may be offset against the current year profits resulting from other business activity. The remaining amount of loss may be used to reduce profits resulting from the business activity in the next five years, provided that the amount of such reduction during any of such five years does not exceed 50% of the loss. Where Securities are issued in a currency other than PLN all income and costs will be converted for tax purposes into PLN pursuant to article 12 (2), article 15 (1) of the Polish Corporate Income Tax Law or article 11a, article 22 (1) of the Polish Personal Income Tax Law. If the exchange rates differ between the date of the sale and the date of the purchase price receipt, they shall be calculated pursuant to article 15a of the Polish Corporate Income Tax Law or article 24c of the Polish Personal Income Tax Law.

It should be noted that in some cases Polish tax authorities categorize income related to realization or sale of financial instruments as capital gains of an individual (article 17 of the Polish Personal Income Tax Law) and not as income related to the business activity of an individual. In such cases gains/losses realized in connection with the realization or sale of financial instruments should be declared separately from the gains/losses realized in connection with the business activity of an individual.

#### Legal transaction tax

Pursuant to article 9 no. 9 of the Polish Legal Transaction Tax Law (*ustawa o podatku od czynnosci cywilnoprawnych*) the sale of Securities to agencies maintaining securities accounts as well as the sale of securities by means of agencies maintaining securities accounts is exempt from legal transaction tax. Furthermore, the sale of Securities is not taxable if this legal transaction is subject to value added tax. If value added tax accrues, the sale shall be exempt from this transfer tax. The sale of Securities

(i) without the participation of agencies maintaining securities accounts and (ii) in case of the non-taxability on value added tax shall be subject to legal transaction tax in the amount of 1%. The basis of assessment shall be the current fair market value of the Securities sold. Only the purchaser is liable to pay transfer taxes on the sale of Securities provided the purchaser is resident in Poland and the legal transaction is carried out in Poland. The tax shall become due and payable within 14 days after conclusion of the sale agreement.

#### **Non-residents**

Non-Polish source income generated by non-residents is not taxable in Poland. Payments of interest on the Securities and the discount in accordance with their terms and conditions to a non-resident individual or corporation having no other connection to Poland are not subject to Polish taxation of income, even if such income is collected through a Polish paying agent. Capital gains from the sale of the Securities by Polish tax non-residents from countries which have concluded a double taxation treaty with Poland are taxed in general exclusively abroad in the state of residence of the seller. The same conclusion is the case in respect to income from the realization of financial derivatives.

According to the standpoint of the Ministry of Finance Polish non-residents from countries which have not concluded a double taxation treaty with Poland may be obliged to pay Polish income tax on capital gains derived from Securities (as well as from financial derivatives) if they are sold at the Polish stock exchange.

In the event that a Polish non-resident maintains a permanent establishment in Poland subject to income tax in Poland, to which the Securities are attributed economically, the tax treatment shall be governed by Polish taxation law (see above).

#### **ROMANIA**

#### General

Starting 1 January 2016, the main taxes and charges in Romania are covered by the new Romanian Fiscal Code (Law no. 227/2015 regarding the Fiscal Code), enforced on 1 January 2016. However, the legislation and regulations regarding taxation in Romania as well as the related procedures are still developing and subject to change and at times unclear.

Romanian tax law and procedures are at times unclear and not well developed on matters of taxation of securities-related income, being subject to frequent changes and interpretations. The local tax inspectors have considerable autonomy and may interpret tax rules inconsistently. Both the substantive provisions of Romanian tax law and the interpretation and application of those provisions by the Romanian tax authorities may be subject to more rapid and unpredictable change than in jurisdictions with more developed capital markets.

Moreover, the still evolving situation in Romania and the limited precedent in legislative interpretation or in the manner in which related practical procedures are to be followed may result in inconsistencies and contradictions of the Romanian tax authorities in interpreting various tax rules and regulations.

The following information is based on the Romanian legislation in force as of 17 January 2016 and may be subject to any changes based on the amendments to be brought in the Romanian laws. The Romanian Fiscal Code does not provide for specific tax treatment applicable to each type of Securities intended to be issued by the Issuer. Therefore, the information below is of a general nature, applicable to interest income and capital gains which may be realised by investors upon investment in the Securities and is not intended as an exhaustive list of all the Romanian tax implications which could arise in relation with each type of Security and which could be relevant to a decision to purchase, own or dispose of any of the Securities. Prospective investors in the Securities should consult their professional advisers with respect to particular circumstances, the effects of state, local or foreign laws to which they may be subject and as to their tax position.

The information below does not cover the Romanian withholding or procedural requirements applicable to taxes due from Romanian investors in the Securities.

The Romanian tax law defines securities (*titluri de valoare*) as being any participation title or any financial instrument, qualified as such by the relevant legislation of the state where they are issued. Therefore, the Securities intended to be issued may be classified as securities under the Romanian law.

Please be aware that Romanian tax law does not specifically define capital gains for taxation purposes. Under the domestic tax law (the Romanian Fiscal Code and the related Norms for Application approved by Government Decision no. 1/2016), capital gains realised by legal entities are subject to corporate income tax, while capital gains realised by individuals are taxed as investment income.

As a general rule, under the Romanian tax legislation, the Issuer would not normally assume responsibility with respect to Romanian taxes withheld at source. However, this aspect should be analysed from an Austrian law and relevant double tax treaty perspective, depending also on the type of income that would be paid by the Issuer at a given point in time.

Under the Structured Securities Programme, purchasers of the Securities do not receive any dividends during the holding of Securities. Therefore the tax aspects of this type of income paid to a Romanian tax resident or non-residents are not presented below.

#### Residents

Note that the domestic tax law does not distinguish between various types of Securities. Therefore the information below relates to the taxation of both types of income under the current domestic tax law and applicable double taxation treaties.

#### **Execution of the Securities**

## Profits / Income tax considerations

According to the Fiscal Code, expenses generated by the execution of derivative financial instruments (e.g. the Securities) booked according to accounting regulations should be viewed as being expenses performed in the view of the taxpayer's economic activity, thus they should be treated as tax deductible for profits tax purposes.

In respect of individuals, income realized by resident individuals shall be subject to 16% tax in Romania, unless specifically mentioned as non-taxable. Therefore, any potential income which would be realized by resident individuals upon the execution of derivative financial instruments (e.g. Securities) would be taxable with 16% income tax as investment income. The procedure to be followed in order to discharge such tax liabilities to the Romanian tax authorities should be investigated on a case-by-case basis.

The computation of the gain / loss from operations with derivative financial instruments which are carried out through an intermediary shall be performed at the end of the fiscal year by the intermediary, as defined by the relevant law, if such intermediary is a Romanian tax resident, cumulated for all derivative financial instruments, based on justifying documents. If the operations are not carried out through an intermediary, the computation of the gain shall be performed cumulated on a yearly basis, at the end of each fiscal year, by the beneficiary of the income, based on justifying documents.

If the operations are not carried out through an intermediary or the intermediary is not a Romanian tax resident, the computation of the earning shall be performed on a yearly basis, cumulated at the end of the fiscal year, for the closed positions during the respective year, by the income beneficiary.

Annual net gain / loss shall be determined as the difference between the earnings and losses incurred during the respective fiscal year, cumulated from the beginning of the year, from the transfer of securities (Rom: titluri de valoare) and from any other operations with financial instruments, including derivative financial instruments.

#### VAT considerations

Under the Romanian VAT legislation, there may be arguments to sustain the fact that the execution of the Warrants should be VAT exempt without credit. However, in case the execution of the Warrants implies e.g. a physical transfer of goods, the VAT treatment of such transactions should be investigated on a case by case basis, as the aforementioned VAT exemption would no longer apply. Moreover, care should be taken, as certain types of derivatives do not explicitly fall in the scope of VAT exemption under the Romanian and EU legislation and could trigger VAT implications.

## Interest

Under the current Fiscal Code interest is defined as "any amount that is required to be paid or received for the use of money, regardless whether required to be paid or received within a debt liability, in connection with a deposit, or under a finance lease agreement, instalment sale or other deferred payment sale".

#### **Individuals**

Romanian tax resident individuals (e.g. Romanian citizens with their domicile in Romania, non-residents fulfilling certain residency criteria, according to the Fiscal Code) are subject to 16% income tax on their worldwide income, including interest income obtained from abroad.

Please note that the domestic law provides for certain non-taxable income for resident individuals, for instance income realized from holding and trading financial instruments related to public debt, however not likely to be applicable to the Securities under discussion.

Under the Norms to the Fiscal Code, for individual tax purposes, interest income is considered to be the income obtained from bonds, term deposits, including deposit certificates, interest on loans granted, interest accrued for alternative investment instruments of the structures type (structured deposits) in which a derivative is linked to a deposit, as well as other income from receivable titles. However, if any withholding tax is retained in Austria on such interest, a tax credit may be available (subject to certain conditions being met) to the Romanian tax resident individuals (as a result of the application of the Romania-Austria Double Tax Treaty) within the limit assessed by applying the domestic income tax rate (i.e. 16%) to the interest income obtained from abroad.

As a general note, if Romania (the country of tax residency of the interest income beneficiary) has concluded a Double Tax Treaty ('DTT') with the country of tax residency of the income payer (e.g. Austria), the provisions of the treaty should take precedence over the domestic law, if more favourable. Thus, the current DTT concluded between Romania and Austria may apply with regard to interest income obtained by Romanian tax residents (legal entities or individuals), as described below.

Under the current DTT concluded between Romania and Austria, interest income may be taxed at a maximum rate of 3% in Austria if the Romanian recipient is the beneficial owner of such interest. According to the DTT Protocol, if and as long as Austria, under its national legislation, levies no withholding tax on interest paid to a resident of Romania, the percentage mentioned above shall be reduced to 0%. Starting 1 January 2015 there has been official information that Austria's internal tax legislation changed with respect to <u>individual</u> Austrian tax residents, withholding tax being levied, based on Austrian tax regulations, on interest payments performed to Austrian individual residents. Therefore, based on the provisions of the Romania – Austria DTT, 3% tax would be withheld in Austria from interest payments that would be performed to Romanian individual tax residents.

Nevertheless, under the same DTT, interest paid in respect of a loan granted by a bank or any financial institution shall be taxed only in the country of tax residency of the beneficial owner, i.e. in Romania. The above withholding tax implications in Austria would be different if the Romanian beneficial owner of the interest carried on a business in Austria through a permanent establishment, respectively, if it performed independent personal services from a fixed base situated in Austria and the interest paid were effectively connected with such permanent establishment or fixed base. In such a case, the Austrian domestic law would apply to such income at the level of the permanent establishment/fixed base.

However, if the interest income related to the Securities is subject to the EU Savings Directive, the Austrian paying agent would likely retain a withholding tax of 35% from the interest payments made to the Romanian tax resident individual qualifying as the beneficial owner of such interest income and Romania should reimburse to the Romanian tax resident individual such withholding tax.

#### Legal entities

A legal entity is resident in Romania if it is incorporated according to the Romanian legislation, if it is a foreign legal person having its place of effective management in Romania or if it is a legal entity having its registered office in Romania and it is incorporated according to the European legislation.

Under the domestic tax law, interest income obtained from Austria by a Romanian resident legal entity investing in the Securities is subject to corporate income tax at the standard rate of 16%, applicable on its worldwide income. In case any withholding tax is retained in Austria on such interest, a tax credit may be available to the Romanian legal entity (as a result of the application of the Romania-Austria DTT) within the limit established by applying the Romanian corporate income tax rate (i.e. 16%) to the taxable income obtained from Austria.

Please also refer to the above comments in respect of the provisions of the Romania – Austria DTT. We note that under the Romanian tax law, the more favourable provisions of the DTTs concluded by Romania with various countries are applicable only if the non-resident makes available a tax residency certificate to the Romanian resident taxpayer.

#### Capital gains/investment income

Please note that capital gains are not defined as such by the Fiscal Code and the Romanian tax authorities have not expressed an official position on this matter. Hence, there is no clear indication of the types of income arising for an investor in the Securities which would be subject to capital gains tax in Romania.

#### **Individuals**

As regards Romanian tax resident individuals under the domestic tax law, income from transfer of securities is taxable. Under the definition of "securities" (<u>titluri de valoare</u>) as per the Fiscal Code corroborated with the Romanian capital markets legislation (namely Law 297/2004 as subsequently amended and currently in force), any participation titles (including shares) and any financial instruments (including derivative financial instruments) qualified as such by the relevant legislation of the state where they are issued are included in the category of "securities" and thus taxable in Romania as per the rules applicable to such securities. Thus, capital gains from the transfer of securities or from any other operations with derivative financial instruments performed by Romanian tax resident individuals are subject to income tax in Romania at the rate of 16%.

Annual net tax losses from transfer of securities (Rom: *titluri de valoare*) and from any other operations with financial instruments, including derivative financial instruments, could be recovered by resident individuals from the annual net earnings obtained in the following seven consecutive fiscal years. Similarly, foreign net tax losses incurred by Romanian resident individuals may be reported and offset against income having the same nature and source, and received from the same source-country in the following seven consecutive fiscal years.

## Legal entities

Under the current domestic tax law capital gains obtained from Austria by a Romanian resident legal entity are subject to corporate income tax at the standard rate of 16% (which applies on the worldwide income of the Romanian legal entity), since there is no separate capital gains taxation concept in Romania. In case any tax is retained in Austria on such gains, a tax credit may be available to the Romanian legal entity (as a result of the application of the Romania-Austria DTT), within the limit established by applying the Romanian corporate income tax rate (i.e. 16%) to the taxable income obtained from Austria.

Nevertheless, as noted above, the DTT concluded between Romania and Austria could be invoked with regard to such capital gains. Thus, capital gains to be obtained by a Romanian resident from the transfer of such securities should fall under article 13 (5) of the treaty and therefore shall be taxed only in Romania.

# Non-residents (including Romanian permanents establishments - e.g. branches - of a foreign legal entity)

## Interest

Interest income to be obtained by a non-resident entity or person is subject to withholding tax in Romania if it qualifies as Romanian-sourced income, unless the interest is treated as an expense attributed to a Romanian permanent establishment of a non-resident entity. In case of Romanian permanent establishments, the tax implications described above in the "Residents" chapter would be applicable. The implications should nevertheless be checked on a case-by-case basis.

The domestic legislation does not provide for the concept of beneficial ownership in respect of interest payments, except with regard to the EU Savings Directive (which Romania adopted starting from 1 January 2007).

Therefore, the taxation of such interest obtained by non-residents should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, based on the application of relevant conventions for the avoidance of double taxation and/or the EU Savings Directive.

## Capital gains

Capital gains obtained by non-resident individuals from trading in any type of securities are subject to taxation in Romania if they qualify as Romanian-sourced income. There are arguments which may be brought to sustain the fact that the Securities have no connection to Romania and hence the related capital gain (if any) should not be deemed as Romanian-sourced income. However, the taxation of such capital gains should be analysed on a case-by-case basis, based on the specific conditions of the transactions and the applicable legislation.

Income derived by non-resident collective placement bodies without corporate status from the transfer of securities, respectively of shares, held directly or indirectly in a Romanian legal entity, is not taxable in Romania.

Under the Fiscal Code capital gains obtained by non-resident legal entities from the alienation of the Securities issued by the Austrian issuer should not be subject to taxation in Romania.

In case of Romanian permanent establishments of foreign legal entities, the tax implications described above in the "Residents" chapter would be applicable. The implications should nevertheless be checked on a case-by-case basis.

## Inheritance and gift tax

There is no inheritance or gift tax in Romania. In case the Securities are granted free of charge to a Romanian tax resident individual by its employer, the value of the gift may be subject to Romanian income tax (at 16%) and related social security contributions.

Moreover, if the granting of the Securities is performed in the legal form of a donation, the transaction may need to be authenticated by a notary public. For large values, such authentication could trigger fees of around 1% of the value of the transferred Securities.

## **VAT** considerations

Under the Romanian tax legislation, trading of financial instruments (such as the Securities) is normally VAT exempt without credit. Care should be taken and a more in-depth analysis should be performed on a case-by-case basis, as certain types of derivatives do not explicitly fall in the scope of VAT exemption under the Romanian and EU legislation and could trigger VAT implications. Moreover, the VAT implications in case of redemption of Securities by physical settlement should be taken into consideration on a case-by-case basis, considering the specifics of the transactions.

## SLOVAK REPUBLIC

#### General

The purpose of the summary below is to provide a general overview of the relevant Slovak tax rules based on the laws in force in Slovakia as of the date of this Programme. It does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all tax implications that might be relevant to an investment decision. Please note that Investors in the Securities should consult with their professional advisers particular circumstances which should be examined and considered in detail.

According to the Slovak Act on Securities and Investment Services (No. 566/2001 Coll.) a security is defined widely and shall mean any instrument or record which is assessable in monetary terms, created in a form stipulated by law, carrying rights as defined in that Act and in separate laws, in particular the right to demand certain assets or exercise certain rights against persons specified by law. The information below is based on the assumption that the Securities fulfil all conditions for the treatment as securities under the Slovak law.

From the tax perspective the Slovak Income Tax Act (No. 595/2003 Coll., hereinafter only "Slovak ITA") does not specify or provide any special rules for taxation of the different kinds of Securities (i.e. specific rules for Securities where the revenues from the Securities are calculated using different methods).

#### Residents

Individuals, who are residents in Slovakia, are subject to unlimited income tax liability on their world-wide income (i.e. income from domestic and foreign sources). According to the Slovak ITA an individual is resident in Slovakia if he has his domicile (a registered permanent stay) or habitual place of abode (is physically present for more than 183 days in a calendar year) in Slovakia.

Corporations having their registered office and/or their place of effective management (the place, in which management and business decisions are taken by statutory and supervisory bodies of the legal entity) in the territory of the Slovak Republic are subject to corporate income tax in Slovakia on their world-wide income (i.e. income from domestic and foreign sources).

#### Interest

## Individual investors

In case the income from interest of securities originates from sources abroad to an individual person, it shall be included in the special tax base. The tax rate for individuals will be at the level of 19% of the special tax base.

In the case the recipient of the interest payment from Austria's sources is a Slovak resident, the relevant provision of Double Tax Treaty between Austria and the Slovak Republic is applicable. Under this Double Tax Treaty, interest income received by a Slovak tax resident from Austria is taxable in the Slovak Republic. However, an Austrian paying agent may, under certain conditions, deduct the withholding tax from interest payments in Austria if the EU Savings Directive (2003/48/EC) is applicable. If the withholding tax under the EU Savings Directive is levied in Austria, it can be credited against the tax liability through a personal income tax return in Slovakia.

If the securities were issued by a Slovak branch of an Austrian bank, the income would be considered Slovak source, even if the securities would have an Austrian ISIN. In practice, it means that the withholding tax of 19% will be applied.

In case the securities are issued directly by an Austrian bank, the income would be considered also as a Slovak source if the revenues from these securities are attributed to the Slovak branch of an Austrian bank (issuer). The tax consideration is the same as in case of issuance of securities by a Slovak branch of an Austrian bank.

#### **Corporations**

In general a corporation must include the interest received in its general corporate income tax base, which is taxable at a tax rate of 22% in 2014. The amendment of the Income Tax Act with effect from 1 January 2014 introduces the institute of a tax licence (minimum tax) for specified corporate entities reporting a tax loss, zero or very low tax in a taxation period. The amount of the tax licence depends on conditions stated in the Income Tax Act (480 EUR, 960 EUR, 2 880 EUR). The tax licence will apply to business companies with the tax liability calculated in the tax return lower than the amount of tax licence

According to the Double Tax Treaty between Austria and the Slovak Republic, the interest paid from Austria to a Slovak tax resident is taxable only in Slovakia.

In case the interest and repayment from bonds and treasuries, except for interest and repayment from state bonds and state treasuries, are made to entities which have not been established to perform the business activities, National Bank of Slovakia and a foreign tax resident not performing business activities in Slovakia through a permanent establishment, the Slovak paying agent is obliged to withhold 19% tax which is considered as a final tax except of the foreign tax resident not having a permanent establishment in Slovakia (he may decide that the tax withheld will be regarded as a tax prepayment).

## Capital gains - Income from the sale of the Securities

Individual investors (private and business investors)

Income from the sale of securities issued in Austria is subject to the personal income tax in Slovakia if the recipient is a Slovak tax resident. Such an income should be included into income tax base of the taxpayer (no withholding tax is to be applied). Under certain legal conditions this income could be exempt from the tax from 1 January 2016.

When considering the taxation of the sale of securities the source of which is in Austria, the provisions of the existing Double Tax Treaty between Austria and the Slovak Republic should be taken into consideration. Under the provisions of this Double Tax Treaty, the capital gain from the sale of such securities is taxable in the Slovak Republic. The income tax is levied as follows:

The capital gain from the sale of the Securities is subject to personal income tax at the rate of 19% or 25%.

The tax base shall be equal to the taxable income less any expenses, which may be documented as having been incurred in order to generate the income. Expenses that can be deducted are the purchase price proven to be paid for the Securities, or when there is no purchase then the price for the Securities determined at the time when the Securities were acquired, and the expenses related to the acquisition or purchase of the Securities.

The capital gain from the sale of the Securities will be exempt from Slovak personal income tax if the aggregate of the tax base related to the Other income category (i.e. debentures, shares, bills of exchange etc.) does not exceed, in the tax period, the amount of EUR 500. The same limit for exemption relates to rental income, income from the transfer of options, income from the transfer of interests in a company etc. If the above mentioned limit is exceeded, only the income that exceeds the limit is included in the tax base.

Further, the income from the sale of securities accepted for the trading on a regulated marked or a similar foreign regulated market shall be exempt from tax, if the period between its acquisition and its sale exceeds one year. Such income from the sale of securities is not exempt from tax if the securities were included into business assets of the taxpayer.

From the tax shall be exempt income from the sale of securities, options and income from the derivative transactions derived from long-term investment savings after fulfilment of conditions set (determined) in the special act including income paid after 15 years from the beginning of long-term investment savings. Such income from the sale is not exempt from tax if such securities, options and income from the derivative transactions were included into business assets of the taxpayer.

In the case of the sale of securities, loss is generally treated as a tax non-deductible expense. However, a loss from the sale of securities may be offset against the gains from the sale of the Securities or other securities in the same fiscal period.

Under specific conditions stated below the loss incurred is entirely accepted as a tax deductible expense:

- Securities traded at a regulated market, the acquisition cost of which is not higher, and the proceeds from the sale of which are not lower than a deviation of 10% from the average quotation published by the regulated market on the date of purchase or sale, or, if the securities are not traded on such a date, from the last published average quotation. As regards the securities above, the expense shall be equal to the acquisition cost of shares, or, with respect to other securities, the acquisition cost adjusted by the valuation difference arising out of valuation at the fair market price which is included in the tax base,
- Bonds, the selling price of which is not lower by more than the interest accrued on the bonds and included in the tax base prior to the date of sale or the date of maturity of the bond.
- For taxable parties which are engaged in the trading with securities pursuant to special legislation, and which may deduct the expense of acquisition of securities up to the amount posted as their cost.

#### **Corporations**

The capital gain from the sale of the securities is included in the corporate income tax base and taxed at a tax rate of 22% (no withholding tax is to be applied). Further, according to the Double Tax Treaty between Austria and the Slovak Republic, the capital gains received by the Slovak tax resident from the sale of securities may be taxed in Slovakia only.

According to the Slovak ITA, in case a loss is generated from the sale of the Securities, it cannot be recognized for tax purposes. However, a loss from the sale of Securities may be in principal offset against gains from the sale of the Securities or other securities in the same fiscal period. Under specific conditions stated below the loss incurred is entirely accepted as a tax deductible expense:

- Securities traded at a regulated market, the acquisition cost of which is not higher, and the proceeds from the sale of which are not lower than a deviation of 10% from the average quotation published by the regulated market on the date of purchase or sale, or, if the securities are not traded on such a date, from the last published average quotation. As regards the securities above, the expense shall be equal to the acquisition cost of shares, or, with respect to other securities, the acquisition cost adjusted by the valuation difference arising out of valuation at the fair market price which is included in the tax base;
- Bonds, the selling price of which is not lower by more than the interest accrued on the bonds and included in the tax base prior to the date of sale or the date of maturity of the bond;
- For taxable parties which are engaged in the trading with securities pursuant to special legislation, and which may deduct the expense of acquisition of securities up to the amount posted as their cost.

#### Non-residents

Non-residents (both individuals and corporations) are subject to income tax only on income from certain Slovak sources. Income derived by a permanent establishment located in Slovakia is deemed to be Slovak source income. In case of non-residents Slovak's right to tax may be restricted (income may be exempt from taxation or the tax liability may be reduced) by a relevant double taxation treaty.

#### Interest

The tax treatment of interest income is the same for individuals and for corporations as well. The interest income paid by a Slovak non-resident (having no permanent establishment in Slovakia) to another Slovak non-resident is not sourced in Slovakia (not subject to taxation in Slovakia).

However, interest income paid by a Slovak paying agent to a non-resident may be treated as Slovak sourced income. In general the paying agent is obliged to withhold a 19% withholding tax from the interest paid (except of the interest paid to a Slovak permanent establishment).

The tax withheld is considered as a final tax in Slovakia except of income from Securities held by non-residents not performing business activities in Slovakia through a permanent establishment. These non-residents can decide that such tax will be regarded as a tax prepayment.

The withholding tax rate may be reduced based on the double taxation treaty (if any). Please note that income from the bonds paid to a tax non-resident is subject to withholding tax only if a tax non-resident does not perform business activities in Slovakia through a permanent establishment. If the interest is considered as income of a permanent establishment, the withholding tax does not apply and the individual or corporation having the permanent establishment has to pay tax on the interest income in the same way as tax residents (see the section on residents above).

## Capital gains

Income from the sale of securities payable by a Slovak tax non-resident (having no permanent establishment in Slovakia) to another Slovak non-resident is not sourced in Slovakia (not subject to taxation in Slovakia). In general, only the capital gains realised by Slovak tax non-residents on the sale of securities issued by tax payers having their seat in the territory of Slovakia, shall be taxed in Slovakia under local tax law except of the revenues from the state bonds and state treasury bills.

## EU savings Directive

The Slovak Republic has implemented the Directive 2003/48/EC regarding the taxation of savings income. Therefore, exchange of information between tax authorities is applicable. Under the Slovak ITA, a Slovak paying agent, who pays interest income to the individual beneficial owner from EU Member State or from some dependent or associated territory of the Member States, is obliged to provide specific information about such a payment to the relevant authority of that Member State.

Interest income subject to the automatic exchange of the information is defined in the Slovak ITA as follows: interests and other income from loans, interest from deposits in a term deposit and current accounts, income incurred from participation certificates, bonds, certificates of deposit, treasury bills and other securities of the similar characteristics during the holding of such a financial instrument or income accrued at the sale, refund or redemption of the financial instrument.

The aim of the automatic exchange of information between Member States concerning interest payments under the provisions of EU Savings Directive is the effective taxation of interest payments in the beneficial owner's Member State of residence in accordance with the national law of that State. Based on this and based on the transitional provisions of the EU Savings Directive, the Slovak tax resident is entitled to credit the tax withheld by the Austrian paying agent against the tax liability through an income tax return in Slovakia.

Further, according to the Slovak ITA (and in line with the EU Interest and Royalties Directive which has been implemented into the Slovak ITA), the interest may be exempt from tax if specific conditions (set by the Slovak ITA / Directive) are met.

## Other taxes

There is no inheritance or gift tax in the Slovak Republic. However, if Securities are donated by an employer to a Slovak tax resident who is an employee, or if Securities are donated to a Slovak tax resident who is a self-employed and these Securities are donated in connection with carrying out his

self-employment, the value of the gift is subject to Slovak income tax and related health insurance contributions.

No other taxes are levied in the Slovak Republic on the acquisition, sale or other disposal of the Securities by residents.

#### **SLOVENIA**

#### General

The following is a general description of certain Slovenian tax considerations relating to the Securities based on the Issuer's understanding of the current law and the practice in Slovenia relating to the taxation of the Securities under the Programme and is subject to changes therein. It does not purport to be a complete analysis of all tax considerations relating to the Securities. The tax considerations only relate to the positions of persons who are absolute beneficial owners of the Securities and the interest on them and may not apply to certain classes of persons, such as dealers. Prospective purchasers of Securities should consult their tax advisers as to the consequences under the tax laws of the country of which they are resident for tax purposes and the tax laws of the Republic of Slovenia of acquiring, holding and disposing of Securities and receiving payments of interest, principal and/or other amounts under the Securities. This summary is based upon the law as in effect on the date of this Prospectus and is subject to any change in law that may take effect after such date.

#### **Residents**

#### Interest

#### Individuals

Income from capital pursuant to the Slovenian Personal Income Tax Act (*Zakon o dohodnini*) includes interest from debt securities and from other similar financial claims on debtors. Tax on interest shall be payable on any compensation in connection with a financial debt arrangement that does not represent the repayment of principal, including compensations for risk or reduced value of the principal under the financial debt arrangement due to inflation, unless otherwise provided by this act. Tax on interest shall therefore also be payable on discounts, bonuses, premiums and similar income obtained by a taxpayer in connection with a financial debt arrangement as well as on income from a disposal or repurchase by the issuer of discounted debt securities (including non-coupon debt securities).

The tax base shall be the obtained interest unless otherwise provided by the Slovenian Personal Income Tax Act.

The tax base on interest resulting from the disposal of discounted debt securities prior to maturity of the security or upon purchase of the discounted debt security prior to or upon maturity of the paper shall be the interest calculated for the period from the day of acquisition to the day of disposal or purchase of the discounted debt security. Discounted debt securities shall also include non-coupon debt securities. The level of interest shall be determined according to the methodology of constant yield.

If in a particular financial debt arrangement it is not explicitly determined in advance what share of individual payment represents the repayment of the principal and what share is the interest, it shall be deemed for the purpose of taxation that interest calculated at the recognised rate of interest (*priznana obrestna mera*) determined by the Rules on the recognised rate of interest (*Pravilnik o priznani obrestni meri*), is paid out first.

Under Article 54 of the Slovenian Personal Income Tax Act interest on Securities issued in series held by a resident individual as business assets will generally qualify as non-business income, in which case it would be subject to the flat rate of 25% as described above, instead of the progressive tax rate of up to 50%, which generally applies to business income.

If a withholding tax is deducted from the interest in Austria under the Austrian provisions implementing the EU Savings Directive, the resident individual may claim a credit of the tax deducted in Austria against his/her Slovenian income tax liability. If the tax deducted exceeds the tax liability in Slovenia, the resident individual can apply for a refund of the excess amount from the Slovenian tax authorities.

The payment of interest on the Securities in accordance with their terms and conditions to a resident individual (within the meaning of the relevant provisions of the Slovenian Individual Income Tax Act) will generally be subject to Slovenian income tax at a flat rate of 25% (levied by way of withholding or by way of assessment), provided that these qualify as non-business assets. Income from interest is not subject of the annual personal income tax return.

#### **Corporations**

Interest on the Securities received by (i) a legal person resident for taxation purposes in the Republic of Slovenia; or (ii) by a permanent establishment (poslovna enota) in the Republic of Slovenia of a legal person not resident for taxation purposes in the Republic of Slovenia, is subject to Slovenian corporate income tax (Zakon o davku od dohodkov pravnih oseb) as a part of the overall income of such resident or, as the case may be, a non-resident legal person is subject to source taxation and taxation on income derived from carrying on business activities in a permanent establishment or through a permanent establishment in Slovenia.

The tax is levied on the net profits, defined according to the profit and loss account, as stipulated by the Corporate Income Tax Act and the Accounting Standards. The tax rate is 17%. A tax rate of 0% might apply to e.g. investment funds, pensions funds and insurance companies that have their own pension funds.

### Double taxation treaty between Slovenia and Austria

According to the double taxation treaty between Slovenia and Austria interest arising in Austria and paid to a resident of Slovenia shall be taxed in Slovenia (with Austria being entitled to levy a tax of at most 5%). Please note in addition that the Austrian paying agent may under certain conditions deduct a withholding tax from the interest payments on the Securities in Austria if the Council Directive 2003/48/EC of 3 June 2003 on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments (the "EU Savings Directive") is applicable.

### Capital gains

# Individuals

Pursuant to the Slovenian Individual Income Tax Act, capital gains from the sale or other disposition of debt securities held as non-business assets are in general exempt from taxation.

The Act on the Taxation of Profits from the Disposal of Derivatives (*Zakon o davku od dobička od odsvojitve izvedenih finančnih instrumentov*) stipulates taxing capital gains derived from the alienation of financial derivatives, as defined in the Financial Instruments Market Act (*Zakon o trgu finančnih instrumentov*) and debt securities, except for coupon debt securities and discount debt securities, by a resident individual at the rate of 40% in the first 12 months of holding and 25% in the following 4 years of holding. The tax rate is further reduced by 5 percentage points for every 5 years of holding, so that the rates of 15%, 10%, 5% and 0% apply from the 6th, 11th, 16th and 21st year of holding, respectively.

#### **Corporations**

Capital gains derived from the sale or other disposition of the Securities by (i) a legal person resident for taxation purposes in the Republic of Slovenia, or (ii) by a permanent establishment in the Republic of Slovenia of a legal person not resident for taxation purposes in the Republic of Slovenia will generally be part of the overall income of such resident or permanent establishment and as such be subject to Slovenian corporate income tax at a flat rate of 17%.

Double taxation treaty between Slovenia and Austria

According to the double taxation treaty between Austria and Slovenia capital gains from the sale of the Securities by a Slovenian tax resident to an Austrian tax resident are taxable in Slovenia.

#### **Non-residents**

In accordance with the Slovenian Personal Income Tax Act non-residents are subject to tax on income derived from a source in Slovenia. Withholding tax is levied at a rate of 25%. Source taxation may be entirely avoided or partially reduced pursuant to the terms of an applicable double taxation treaty, with the holder applying for a refund with the Slovenian tax authorities providing proof of eligibility.

No tax is levied on payments under the Securities to legal persons not resident for taxation purposes in the Republic of Slovenia and having no permanent establishment in the Republic of Slovenia except that a withholding tax at a rate of 15% is levied on payments of interest on the Securities to legal persons resident in certain non-EU jurisdictions, where the general or average nominal income tax rate is lower than 12.5% and which are listed as "tax havens" by the Ministry of Finance (currently the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Brunei, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Liberia, Liechtenstein, the Maldives, the Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Oman, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, the Seychelles, Uruguay and Vanuatu).

# Inheritance and gift taxation

A person subject to inheritance and gift tax is any natural person who inherits or receives property as a gift as well as any person who receives property on the basis of a lifetime maintenance contract. Property shall mean real property and rights on real property and other real rights as well as movable property (including securities and cash). The value of all gifts received by the same person in one year is considered when ascertaining the taxable amount starting from the moment of a receipt of the first gift. A gift or heritage consisting only of movable property is not taxable provided that the total value of movable property does not exceed EUR 5,000.

The taxable basis for inheritance and gift tax is the market value of the property at the time of the occurrence of tax liability, decreased by debts, costs and charges relating to this property, subject to taxation. In the case of movable property the tax base for inheritances and gifts is decreased by EUR 5,000.

Tax on inheritance and gifts is not paid by the heir or recipient of the gift of a first hereditary order (children and spouse).

Tax rates are progressive and differ depending on the hereditary order. Tax rates for inheritance and gift tax range from 5% up to 39%.

# Stamp duty

In principle, no stamp duty should be payable.

# UNITED STATES FOREIGN ACCOUNT TAX COMPLIANCE ACT (FATCA)

The Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act (HIRE Act) incorporating the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) into Chapter 4 of the Internal Revenue Code 1986 became law in the United States (U.S.) on 18 March 2010 as part of a worldwide initiative to tackle tax evasion and avoidance by U.S. citizens and residents for tax purposes who hold offshore assets. It creates a new U.S. tax information reporting and withholding regime for certain payments made or received by U.S. withholding agents, multinational companies, certain Foreign Financial Institutions (FFIs) and other foreign persons. FATCA came into force on 1 July 2014 imposing to all participating financial institutions duties of:

- Classification of clients and counterparts according to a specific FATCA typology;
- Reporting of accounts held by Specified U.S. persons or certain non-financial foreign entities
  with one or more Substantial U.S. Owners / Controlling Persons that is/are Specified U.S.
  person(s), as well as accounts held by Recalcitrants / non consenting account holders and
  nonparticipating FFIs;
- Tax withholding in certain circumstances, on withholdable payments or foreign passthru payments paid to FATCA non-compliant clients / counterparts.

The Issuer is committed to being and remaining fully FATCA compliant, thus under FATCA the Issuer may under certain circumstances need to report information about clients and may also be required to withhold 30 % withholding tax on certain U.S. source payments. U.S. source income that is fixed or determinable, annual or periodical (FDAP) income (starting 1 July 2014) and gross proceeds (starting 1 January 2019) from the sale or other disposition (including redemption) of property that can produce U.S. source interest or dividend income are "withholdable payments" that can be subject to 30 % withholding. Therefore, among others, custody business with U.S. securities (equities, bonds, notes, shares of investment funds, or other interest-bearing obligations issued by U.S. residents or U.S. corporations or the United States) may be impacted by FATCA withholding.

A withholding agent must withhold 30 % of any withholdable payment made after 30 June 2014 to a recalcitrant account holder (if not exempt from withholding by an IGA) or a nonparticipating FFI, unless the payment is made under a grandfathered obligation or constitutes gross proceeds from the disposition of such an obligation. The term grandfathered obligation means any obligation outstanding on 1 July 2014 with a fixed maturity, also any obligation that produces withholdable payments solely because the obligation gives rise to a dividend equivalent (any substitute dividend pursuant to a securities lending or a sale-repurchase transaction by reference to the payment of a dividend from sources within the U.S. and any payment made pursuant to a specified notional principal contract that directly or indirectly is determined by reference to the payment of a dividend from sources within the U.S.) and also payments in respect of collaterals securing one or more grandfathered obligations. Grandfathered obligations include, for example, a debt instrument (bond, a guaranteed investment certificate, a term deposit), a line of credit or a revolving credit facility, provided that the credit agreement fixes the material terms prior to 30 June 2014, or a derivatives transaction with underlying U.S. securities entered into on or prior to 30 June 2014. A grandfathered obligation does not include any legal agreement or instrument that is treated as equity; also obligations lacking a stated expiration or term (e.g. savings deposits or demand deposits), as well as any framework agreement that determines the standard terms for future transactions (like a brokerage agreement or a master agreement) but that does not set forth all of the specific terms necessary to conclude a particular transaction.

Solely for purposes of a foreign passthru payment, the term grandfathered obligation also includes any obligation that is executed on or before the date that is six months after the date on which U.S. final regulations defining the term foreign passthru payment are filed with the U.S. Federal Register.

However, a participating FFI is not required to deduct and withhold tax on a foreign passthru payment made by such participating FFI to an account held by a recalcitrant account holder or to a

nonparticipating FFI before the later of 1 January 2019, or the date of publication in the U.S. Federal Register of final regulations defining the term foreign passthru payment.

The Issuer and financial institutions through which foreign passthru payments on the Securities are made may be required to withhold U.S. tax at a rate of up to 30 % on all, or a portion of, payments in respect of the Securities made after 31 December 2018. This withholding tax does not apply to payments on Securities that are issued prior to the date that is six months after the date on which the final regulations that define "foreign passthru payments" are published with the Federal register (the "Grandfather Date") unless: (x) such Securities are "materially modified" after that date, (y) such Securities are characterised as equity for U.S. federal income tax purposes, pursuant to FATCA or similar law implementing an intergovernmental approach to FATCA, or (z) the Issuer issues further Securities on or after the Grandfather Date that form part of the same series as the existing Securities, other than pursuant to a "qualified reopening" for U.S. tax purposes.

As Austrian Financial Institution the Issuer already registered with the U.S. IRS declaring the FATCA classification "Participating Financial Institution not covered by an IGA; or Reporting Financial Institution under a Model 2 IGA (Reporting Model 2 FFI)" and received "28CWN4.00013.ME.040" as Global Intermediary Identification Number (GIIN); therefore, the Issuer may also be required to provide certain information about investors. Under such an FFI agreement, withholding may be triggered if: (a) an investor does not provide information sufficient for the relevant party to determine whether the investor is a U.S. person or should otherwise be treated as holding a "United States Account" of the Issuer, (b) an investor does not consent, where necessary, to have its information disclosed to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or (c) any investor or person through which payment on the Notes is made is not otherwise able to receive payments free of withholding under FATCA. The Issuer will not be required to make any payment of additional amounts for or on account of any withholding tax deducted by the Issuer or an intermediary in compliance with FATCA. For the avoidance of doubt, the withholding or deduction of any amounts which are withheld or deducted pursuant to a FATCA Agreement shall be treated as being required by law.

Austria negotiated an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA Model 2) with the United States (the "U.S.-Austrian IGA"), signed on 29 April 2014, adopted by the Austrian National Assembly on 23 October enacted as Austrian law on 2 February 2015, in order to facilitate the implementation of FATCA for Austrian financial institutions (i.e. custodial institutions, depository institutions, investment entities or specific insurance companies) and to allow reporting of specific customer information to the IRS on U.S. accounts and aggregate information on accounts held by Non-Consenting U.S. accounts and Non Participating FFIs. The term "U.S. Account" under the U.S.- Austrian IGA means a Financial Account maintained by a Reporting Austrian Financial Institution and held by one or more Specified U.S. Persons or by a Non-U.S. Entity with one or more Controlling Persons that is a Specified U.S. Person. The term "Specified U.S. Person" means a U.S. Person other than those listed in Art 1(1)(z) of the U.S.-Austrian IGA. "U.S. Persons" are considered U.S. citizens or resident individuals for tax purposes, partnerships or corporations organised in the United States or under the laws of the United States or any State thereof and certain trusts (namely those subject to the jurisdiction of a court within the United States with one or more U.S. persons having the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust (Controlling Persons, as defined by local AML/KYC provisions according to FATF terminology), or an estate of a decedent that is a citizen or resident of the United States). If a U.S. account holder does not consent towards the financial institution to disclose account specific information to the IRS, the financial institution will still be obliged to transmit aggregated account data to the IRS and such information may serve as the basis for group requests by the IRS to the Austrian tax administration in order to obtain individual information on such accounts so far reported on "pooled base". If an Austrian financial institution should fail to comply with the requirements set out by FATCA and the U.S.-Austria IGA (as briefly summarised above), it may ultimately lose its FATCA compliant status and thus become subject to FATCA withholding as described above. It is presently unclear if and when the United States and Austria might address withholding on "foreign passthru payments" (which may include payments on the Securities) or if such withholding will be required at all.

Furthermore, a switch from current U.S-Austrian IGA Model 2 to IGA Model 1 type (mostly agreed with the U.S. among European countries) is intended by the Austrian government and might be

negotiated and agreed between the parties of the treaty in the future. Under IGA Model 1 regulations FFIs do not report impacted customer data directly to the IRS but only to local tax authorities.

The Issuer is authorised to withhold or deduct from amounts payable under the Securities to Securityholders sufficient funds for the payment of any tax that it is required by law to withhold or deduct pursuant to FATCA, including under a voluntary agreement entered into with a taxing authority as described in Section 1471(b) of the United Stated Internal Revenue Code (the "FATCA Agreement").

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- (1) Application may be made to admit the Programme and/or Securities to the Markets.
- (2) The Issuer has obtained all necessary consents, approvals and authorisations in Austria in connection with the issue and performance of Securities.
- (3) Series of Securities will be issued under the Programme in accordance with resolutions of the Managing Board as in force from time to time.
- (4) Except as disclosed in this Prospectus, there has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Raiffeisen Centrobank Group and no material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer since 31 December 2015.
- (5) The Issuer is not aware of any recent events particular to the Issuer which are to a material extent relevant to the evaluation of the Issuer's solvency.
- (6) No governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the Issuer is aware), during the twelve months preceding the date of this Prospectus, may have, or have had in the recent past, significant effects on the Issuer and/or Raiffeisen Centrobank Group's financial position or profitability.
- (7) Where available, the Common Code, the Austrian and/or German *Wertpapierkennnummer* and the International Securities Identification Number (ISIN) and (where applicable) the identification number for any other relevant clearing system for each Series of Securities will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.
- (8) The address of the OeKB CSD GmbH is Strauchgasse 1-3, A-1010 Vienna.
- (9) The issue price and the (maximum) amount of the relevant Securities will be determined before filing of the relevant Final Terms of each Series. The issue price for Securities issued in tap issues shall be specified in the Final Terms at the start of their term and thereafter shall be fixed by the Issuer continuously according to market conditions then prevailing. In such case, the aggregate principal amount of the Securities may increase from time to time upon subscriptions being made, and the Issuer will in such case specify on the Issue Date the upper limit of the aggregate principal amount of the Securities in the Final Terms.
- (10) The offer of Securities under the Programme is not subject to any conditions, save for that the investors' offers to subscribe Securities need to be accepted by the Issuer. The Final Terms are to be read together with this Prospectus, and contain, together with this Prospectus, full and comprehensive information on the Programme and the issues of Securities.
- (11) The result of the offer is usually made public by notification of the total amount to the OeKB CSD GmbH.
- (12) The denominations of the Securities are set out in the Final Terms, if any.
- (13) The total nominal value of the issues of Securities under this Programme is not limited, and the authorisation for issues is applied for prior to the respective issue date of each issue of Securities. The aggregate principal amount or the number of units of each issue of Securities is set out in the Final Terms. The Issuer is entitled, at any time, to issue further Securities under the same conditions (but with a different issue date).
- (14) In general, the invitation to make an offer for the subscription of Securities is not made to a particular or restricted group of investors and therefore no different categories of investors exist.

- (15) The Programme provides for single as well as for permanent and/or repeated issues of Securities. Individual issues of Securities may be offered permanently, where Securities may be issued during most of their term at a price determined and adjusted from time to time by the Issuer ("tap issue"). The invitation to prospective investors to make offers for the subscription of Securities is carried out by the Issuer and distribution partners, if any. The offer to subscribe for Securities is to be made by the investor. The Issuer retains the right to accept or reject subscription offers, in whole or in part and the entity accepting subscriptions may set forth further conditions for the subscriptions.
- (16) Copies of the latest financial statements and interim accounts of the Issuer may be obtained, and copies of the Prospectus (including any supplement to the Prospectus), and any Final Terms will be available for inspection at the registered office of the Issuer during normal business hours, so long as any of the Securities are outstanding.
- (17) KPMG Austria GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungs- und Steuerberatungsgesellschaft (a member of "Kammer der Wirtschaftstreuhänder Österreich") of Porzellangasse 51, 1090 Vienna, has audited and rendered unqualified audit reports on the financial statements of the Issuer for the year ended 31 December 2015 (dated 04 April 2016) and for the year ended 31 December 2014 (dated 15 April 2015) which have been drawn up in accordance with the Austrian Companies Act (*Unternehmensgesetzbuch*) and the applicable provisions of the Austrian Banking Act (*Bankwesengesetzbuch*).
- (18) For so long as Securities may be issued pursuant to this Prospectus, the following documents will be available, during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays and public holidays excepted), for inspection at the registered office of the Issuer:
  - (i) the articles of association of the Issuer;
  - (ii) the published annual reports and audited financial statements and cash flow statements of the Issuer for the two most recent financial years ended prior to the date of this Prospectus and any subsequent interim financial statements of the Issuer;
  - (iii) each set of Final Terms for Securities; and
  - (iv) a copy of this Prospectus, any supplement thereto and any prospectuses incorporated by reference into this Prospectus.
- (19) Electronic versions of the following documents will be available on the website of the Issuer under "www.rcb.at":
  - (i) the Prospectus, any supplement thereto and any document incorporated by reference into this Prospectus (www.rcb.at News & Info Securities Prospectus; currently: www.rcb.at/en/news-info/securities-prospectus/);
  - (ii) each set of Final Terms for Securities (either www.rcb.at Investment Products (currently: www.rcb.at/en/investment-products/investment-products/overview/) or www.rcb.at Leverage Products (currently: www.rcb.at/en/leverage-products/leverage-products/overview/) or via the search function by filling in the relevant ISIN of the Security).
- (20) Information contained in this Prospectus which has been sourced from a third party has been accurately reproduced and as far as the Issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. The sources of any information received by a third party and the basis for any statements regarding the Issuer's competitive position are identified after the respective information (or, in case of tables, below such table) in this Prospectus in parentheses indicated by "Source".

- (21) The Issuer does not intend to publish any post-issuance information, except if required by any applicable laws and regulations. Applicants will be notified of the amount allotted by their respective depository bank
- (22) The Issuer's interest in the offering of the Securities is to issue and offer a multitude of Securities, as described in this Prospectus on several markets, and to generate profits by earning premiums on the issue price and in connection with secondary trading in the Securities. The Issuer and its affiliates may on the issue date of the Securities or thereafter be privy to information concerning the Securities and/or its Underlyings which may be material for the performance or valuation of the Underlying and which may not be publicly available.
- (23) As at the date of this Prospectus to the knowledge of the Issuer, securities of the same class of the Securities are already admitted to trading at the following markets: Budapest Stock Exchange, Bucharest Stock Exchange, Frankfurt Stock Exchange (Scoach), Prague Stock Exchange, Euwax of Stuttgart Stock Exchange, Warsaw Stock Exchange, Second Regulated Market of the Vienna Stock Exchange.

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SECURITIES AND RELATED INFORMATION

# GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SECURITIES

This Series of Securities is issued pursuant to the Structured Securities Programme of Raiffeisen Centrobank Aktiengesellschaft (the "Issuer") dated 12 May 2016. The provisions of these Terms and Conditions apply to the Securities as completed by the terms of the Final Terms which are attached hereto (the "Final Terms"). The blanks in the provisions of these Terms and Conditions which are applicable to the Securities shall be deemed to be completed by the information contained in the Final Terms as if such information were inserted in the blanks of such provisions; alternative or optional provisions of these Terms and Conditions as to which the corresponding provisions of the Final Terms are not completed or are deleted shall be deemed to be deleted from these Terms and Conditions; and all provisions of these Terms and Conditions which are inapplicable to the Securities (including instructions, explanatory Securities and text set out in square brackets) shall be deemed to be deleted from these Terms and Conditions, as required to give effect to the terms of the Final Terms. Copies of the Final Terms may be obtained free of charge by any holders of Securities (each a "Securityholder") at the specified office of the Issuer and on the Issuer's website (www.rcb.at).

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# § 1 (Product Currency. Denomination. Form. Common Depository)

- (1) Product Currency. Denomination. Form. This Series of Securities (the "Securities") of Raiffeisen Centrobank Aktiengesellschaft (the "Issuer") is issued in Product Currency (the "Product Currency") in an aggregate principal amount on the Issue Date (the "Issue Date") and is either divided in (i) denominations (in such case, the "Specified Denomination") or (ii) a number of units with a non-par value (the "Non-par value" and together with the Specified Denomination, each a "Nominal Amount") each of which is specified in the Final Terms. The Securities are being issued in bearer form, and the holders of the Securities (the "Securityholders") will not have the right to receive definitive securities.
- (2) Global Note. The Securities are represented by a permanent Global Note in bearer form (the "Global Note") without coupons which shall be signed by authorised signatories of the Issuer or carry an electronic copy of such signatures.
- (3) Securities Depositary. Each Global Note will be kept in custody by or on behalf of OeKB CSD GmbH and any successor in such capacity (the "CSD.Austria") in its function as a central securities depository until all obligations of the Issuer under the Securities have been satisfied. The Securityholders have claims to co-ownership shares in the respective Global Note which may be transferred in accordance with Austrian law and the rules and regulations of the CSD.Austria.

# § 2 (Status)

The Issuer's obligations under the Securities constitute unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer ranking equally among themselves and equally with all other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer, save for such obligations as may be preferred by mandatory provisions of law.

# § 3 (Principal Obligation, Due Date)

- (1) Interest. Unless Interest Payment is specified to apply in the Final Terms, the Securities bear no coupon and pay no periodic amounts. If Interest Payment is specified to apply in the Final Terms, the Issuer shall, on each Interest Payment Date as specified in the Final Terms in arrears, pay the relevant Interest Amount (as defined in § 4).
- (2) Redemption/Exercise. Each Security entitles each relevant Securityholder to receive from the Issuer (in accordance with § 7 and the Product Terms in § 23 (Redemption Amount)) in respect of each Specified Denomination (in case of par value) or per unit (in case of non-par value):
  - (a) where the Final Terms determine the Settlement Method to be "Cash", payment of the Redemption Amount (which is defined in the Product Terms and depends on the Product Type as specified in the relevant Final Terms but which shall always be equal to or greater than zero and, in the event that such amount will be less than zero, shall be deemed to be zero) to each relevant Securityholder; or
  - (b) where the Final Terms determine the Settlement Method to be "Physical",
    - in case of Securities other than Call and Put Warrants delivery of an amount of Reference Assets equal to the Reference Asset Quantity;
    - (ii) in case of Call Warrants delivery of Reference Assets equal to the Reference Asset Quantity against payment of the Strike; or

- (iii) in case of Put Warrants payment of the Strike against delivery of Reference Assets equal to the Reference Asset Quantity; or
- (c) where the Final Terms determine the Settlement Method to be "Conditional", either
  - (i) in case the Physical Settlement Condition as specified in the Product Terms is fulfilled, either payment or delivery according to the above-mentioned item (b); or
  - (ii) in case the Physical Settlement Condition as specified in the Product Terms is not fulfilled, payment according to the above-mentioned item (a).
- (3) Due date. The obligation described in § 3 (2) falls due on the Maturity Date (as specified in the Final Terms, the "Maturity Date"), provided that if the Final Valuation Date is moved forwards or backwards pursuant to these Terms and Conditions (e.g. by reason of the exercise of an Exercisable Security or of adjustments due to a Market Disruption Event, if any, and in any case subject to § 9) the Maturity Date shall be moved to the next Business Day following a period of time which is equal to the period of time by which the Final Valuation Date was moved, when the Security is duly exercised or redeemed.
- (3a) Early redemption in case of Product Specific Termination. The Product Terms for the Security may foresee a "Product Specific Termination". If this is the case, the Securities will be redeemed upon the first occurrence of a Product Specific Termination Event and Securityholders will neither receive any further payments (including interest, if any) or deliveries under the Securities, nor receive any compensation for such early redemption. Details of any Early redemption in case of Product Specific Termination can be found in § 12 (5) (if applicable).
- (4) Open-end Securities. If the relevant Final Terms specify the Maturity Date to be "open-end" for a Security (an "Open-end Security"), such Securities do not have a maturity fixed at issue ("open-end"), and the Issuer shall be entitled to determine the Maturity Date and the Final Valuation Date not earlier than after the expiry of three calendar months after the Issue Date, provided that at the date of such determination the remaining term of the Securities shall amount to at least one calendar month. The determination of the Maturity Date and the Final Valuation Date shall be published pursuant to § 20.
- (5) Conditions to Payment and/or Delivery. The obligation of the Issuer to make payment or delivery is subject to prior full payment of any amount due to be paid and/or delivery of Reference Assets to be delivered by the Securityholder to the Issuer pursuant to the Terms and Conditions. In particular, this includes any applicable Securityholder Expenses (as defined below) and, if the Security is specified to be a Put Warrant, delivery by the Securityholder of Reference Assets equal to the Reference Asset Quantity and if the Security is specified to be a Call Warrant, payment by the Securityholder of the Strike. Any due amount will, as far as covered by a cash amount(s) to be paid according to the Terms and Conditions, be directly subtracted from such cash amount(s). As long as a due amount has not been settled or a Reference Asset due to be delivered has not been delivered by a Securityholder, no payment or delivery shall be made by the Issuer under the Securities to such Securityholder.

#### As used herein:

"Securityholder Expenses" means, in respect of a Security, all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including any applicable depository charges, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duty, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising in connection with the exercise of such Security and/or any payment and/or delivery due following exercise or otherwise in respect of such Security.

(6) Reduced payments in case of a Credit Event. The Final Terms may determine that "Credit Linked Securities Provisions" apply to either redemption, interest or both. In this case, the Securityholder's claim to receive the (entire) Redemption Amount and/or interest, if any, is conditional upon the non-occurrence of a Credit Event (as defined below). If a Credit Event

occurs, no further interest will be paid and/or the Redemption Amount will be reduced accordingly.

For the purposes of this provision:

"Change of Control" (for Securities for which the Final Terms specify Change of Control to be an "Extraordinary Redemption Event") means that any person or any persons acting in concert or any third person or persons acting on behalf of any such person(s) at any time directly or indirectly acquire(s) a Controlling Participation in any Credit Reference Party. A "Controlling Participation" exists in relation to an entity if (i) more than 50% of the capital or the shares entitled to vote, or (ii) the majority of the voting rights associated with the participations in such entity, or (iii) the right to appoint or dismiss the majority of the directors of such entity, or (iv) the right to exercise a controlling influence on such entity by other means is maintained. "Credit Reference Party" means the Credit Reference Entity and the Credit Reference Entity Founder, if any.

"Credit Amount" means an amount as specified in the Final Terms.

"Credit Reference Entity" means such entity as specified in the Final Terms.

"Credit Reference Entity Founder" (if any) means the founder of the Credit Reference Entity as specified in the Final Terms.

"Credit Reference Obligation" means the obligation which is specified as such in the Final Terms.

"Credit Event Agent" means the entity specified as such in the Final Terms. If no such entity is specified in the Final Terms, "Credit Event Agent" means the Issuer.

"Credit Reduction Amount" means the amount by which the Credit Amount is to be reduced (potentially down to zero but never below zero) in order to compensate the Issuer after the occurrence of a Credit Event, so that the economic situation of the Issuer as a creditor under the Credit Reference Obligation as of the Final Valuation Date is not affected by the Credit Event.

"Credit Event" means any of the following events:

- (i) a bankruptcy or insolvency of the Credit Reference Entity or the Credit Reference Entity Founder (if any) or a moratorium is declared in respect of any Credit Reference Entity's indebtedness in an amount of not less than EUR 10,000,000 equivalent; or
- (ii) any amount of not less than EUR 10,000,000 equivalent due from the Credit Reference Entity under any agreement is or is capable of being accelerated or become due prior to its stated maturity as a result of occurrence of an event of default or a similar condition or event; or
- (iii) the Credit Reference Entity does not pay when due any amount not less than EUR 1,000,000 equivalent under any agreement; or
- (iv) a repudiation of a claim (or claims) in an amount of not less than EUR 10,000,000 equivalent; or
- (v) a restructuring of an obligation (or obligations) not less than an amount of EUR 10,000,000 equivalent; or
- (vi) the Credit Reference Obligation (including interest thereon) is not, or not fully, paid when due, which means in particular that the amount to discharge the Credit Reference Obligation (including interest thereon) is not or not in full received on the due date by the Issuer on the specified account, regardless of the reasons, in particular irrespective of

whether such failure of receipt is caused by a non-ability of the Credit Reference Entity to make payment, or any factual obstacle or other barrier in connection with the transfer of such funds, including but not limited to disruptions of payment systems or transfer restrictions imposed by the country in which the Credit Reference Entity is headquartered.

Upon the occurrence of a Credit Event and if "Credit Linked Securities Provisions" are applicable to interest, no further interest will be paid.

Upon the occurrence of a Credit Event and if "Credit Linked Securities Provisions" are applicable to redemption:

- (i) the Credit Event Agent will determine the Credit Reduction Amount;
- (ii) if not all information necessary for the determination of the Credit Reduction Amount is available to the Credit Event Agent on the Final Valuation Date, the determination of the Credit Reduction Amount will be postponed until all information necessary is available. In such event the Maturity Date of the Security will be postponed by the same number of Business Days.
- (iii) the determination of the Credit Reduction Amount will be published pursuant to § 20;
- (iv) after the regular determination of the Redemption Amount by the Calculation Agent the Redemption Amount will be further reduced by the Credit Reduction Amount. In the event that the reduced Redemption Amount will be less than zero it shall be deemed to be zero.

By acquiring a Security each investor agrees to the termination of interest payments and/or the reduction of the Redemption Amount as well as the possible postponement of the Maturity Date in case of the occurrence of a Credit Event.

WARNING: Securityholders have, in addition to the risks associated with the Issuer, to bear risks, in particular the insolvency risk, relating to the Credit Reference Entity. If the Credit Reference Entity becomes insolvent or unable to pay its debt and/or repay the Credit Reference Obligation, there is a **high risk of total loss** of the investment and/or interest payments for the Securityholders. Before investing in such Securities, investors are required by the Issuer to inform themselves about and conduct their own analysis of the credit-worthiness of the Credit Reference Entity and the likelihood of a default by the Credit Reference Entity to repay the Credit Reference Obligation. Securityholders should be aware that it **could significantly increase the risk of a total loss** of the investment if they fail to obtain such information or make a mistake when assessing such information. In addition, Securityholders are subject to the risk that the Credit Reference Obligation cannot be repaid for other reasons than the insolvency of the Credit Reference Entity, including payment transfer restrictions imposed by the jurisdiction of incorporation of the Credit Reference Entity.

# § 4 (Interest)

For Securities, which do not bear interest according to their Final Terms, the following applies:

The Securities do not pay out any interest.

# For Securities, which bear interest according to their Final Terms, the following applies:

(1) Interest Amount. The "Interest Amount" in respect of each Nominal Amount and each Interest Period (as defined below) is an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent as follows (and

which shall always be equal to or greater than zero and, in the event that such amount will be less than zero, shall be deemed to be zero):

Nominal Amount x Interest Rate x Day Count Fraction

Each Interest Amount will be rounded to the nearest sub-unit (or if the Product Currency does not have a sub-unit to the unit of the Product Currency) of the relevant Product Currency, half of any such (sub-)unit being rounded upwards.

whereby:

# if the Interest Type is "Fixed" pursuant to the Final Terms:

"Interest Rate" is a fixed rate as specified in the Final Terms.

# if the Interest Type is "Variable" pursuant to the Final Terms:

"Base Interest Rate" is a fixed rate as specified in the Final Terms.

"Interest Final Reference Price" of the Underlying means

- (i) if the Final Terms specify a price only, such price of the Underlying on the current Interest Final Valuation Date which is specified in the Final Terms; or
- (ii) if the Final Terms specify a price and Minimum Valuation Date(s), the lowest of all such prices of the Underlying which have been determined on each Minimum Valuation Date; or
- (iii) if the Final Terms specify a price and Maximum Valuation Date(s), the highest of all such prices of the Underlying which have been determined on each Maximum Valuation Date; or
- (iv) if the Final Terms specify a price and Averaging Valuation Date(s), the average (i.e. the arithmetic mean) of all such prices of the Underlying which have been determined on each Averaging Valuation Date.

"Interest Final Valuation Date" is any date specified as Interest Final Valuation Date in the Final Terms.

### "Interest Initial Reference Price" of the Underlying means

- (i) if the Final Terms specify a price only, such price of the Underlying for the respective Interest Initial Valuation Date; or
- (ii) if the Final Terms specify a price and Minimum Entry Valuation Date(s), the lowest of all such prices of the Underlying which have been determined on each Minimum Entry Valuation Date; or
- (iii) if the Final Terms specify a price and Maximum Entry Valuation Date(s), the highest of all such prices of the Underlying which have been determined on each Maximum Entry Valuation Date; or
- (iv) if the Final Terms specify a price and Averaging Entry Valuation Date(s), the average (i.e. the arithmetic mean) of all such prices of the Underlying which have been determined on each Averaging Entry Valuation Date.

"Interest Initial Valuation Date" is (i) the date specified as Initial Valuation Date in the Final Terms or (ii) if the Final Terms specify "Interest Reference Reset" to apply, (a) until the first Interest Final Valuation Date has occurred, the Initial Valuation Date, and thereafter (b) the immediate preceding Interest Final Valuation Date.

"Interest Observation Period" means each period from (but excluding) an Interest Initial Valuation Date to (and including) the immediately succeeding Interest Final Valuation Date.

"Interest Rate" means the sum of (i) the Base Interest Rate plus (ii) the Variable Interest Rate.

Whereby:

- if the Final Terms specify "Interest Lock-In" to apply, the Interest Rate for the relevant Interest Period is at least the highest Interest Rate which has been determined by the Calculation Agent for any previous Interest Period for the relevant Securities.
- if the Final Terms specify "Memory" to apply and if the Variable Interest Rate of the immediately preceding Interest Period, if any, was not equal to the respective Digital Interest Rate, all Digital Interest Rates are summed up starting from the immediately preceding Interest Period back to such Interest Period, which is the later of (i) the first Interest Period or (ii) an Interest Period for which the Variable Interest Rate of the immediately preceding Interest Period was equal to the respective Digital Interest Rate. The resulting rate is then added to the Interest Rate.

"Interest Valuation Period" means the period from (but excluding) the Initial Valuation Date to (and including) the first Interest Final Valuation Date, and (where there is more than one Interest Final Valuation Date) each period from (but excluding) an Interest Final Valuation Date to (and including) the next following Interest Final Valuation Date.

"Variable Interest Rate" The provisions for the calculation of the Variable Interest Rate are included in the Product Terms which are relevant for the Interest Type the Securities belong to (as specified in the Final Terms) and which are an integral part of these Terms and Conditions of the Securities. The Product Specific Definitions can be found on page 235ff. of the Prospectus. If the Underlying Currency is different from the Product Currency and the Product Currency is not specified as "Quanto", the Variable Interest Rate shall be divided by the Initial Exchange Rate and converted from the Underlying Currency to the Product Currency according to § 14. The "Initial Exchange Rate" (if any) is specified in the Final Terms.

### The following provisions apply to all Interest Types (end of "Variable" provisions)

"Interest Period" means the period from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date, and (where there is more than one Interest Payment Date) each period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date.

"Interest Payment Date" is any date specified as Interest Payment Date in the Final Terms, provided that if an Interest Final Valuation Date is moved forwards or backwards pursuant to these Terms and Conditions (e.g. due to a Market Disruption Event, if any) the Interest Payment Date of the relevant Interest Period shall be moved to the next Business Day following a period of time which is equal to the period of time by which the Interest Final Valuation Date was moved.

"Day Count Fraction", in respect of the calculation of an amount for any period of time (the "Calculation Period") means:

### (a) if "Actual/Actual (ICMA)" applies pursuant to the Final Terms:

- (A) where the Calculation Period is equal to or shorter than the Interest Period during which it falls, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by the product of (i) the actual number of days in such Interest Period and (ii) the number of Interest Periods in any calendar year; and
- (B) where the Calculation Period is longer than one Interest Period, the sum of: (i) the actual number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the Interest Period in which it begins divided by the product of (x) the actual number of days in such Interest Period and (y) the number of Interest Periods in any year; and (ii) the actual number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the next Interest Period divided by the product of (x) the actual number of days in such Interest Period and (y) the number of Interest Periods in any year.

# (b) if "30/360" applies pursuant to the Final Terms:

the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with twelve 30-day months (unless (i) the last day of the Calculation Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Calculation Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (ii) the last day of the Calculation Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30-day month)).

# (c) if "30E/360" or "Eurobond Basis" applies pursuant to the Final Terms:

the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360 (unless, in the case of the final Calculation Period, the Maturity Date or in case of Securities without fixed maturity date, the date of the actual redemption is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30-day month).

# (d) if "Actual/365" or "Actual/Actual (ISDA)" applies pursuant to the Final Terms:

the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of the Calculation Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (i) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (ii) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365).

# (e) if "Actual/365 (Fixed)" applies pursuant to the Final Terms:

the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365.

# (f) if "Actual/360" applies pursuant to the Final Terms:

the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360.

# (g) if "Period Independent" applies pursuant to the Final Terms:

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(2) Deferred Interest Payment Dates. If any Interest Payment Date would fall on a day which is not a Business Day (as defined in § 13 (2)), the payment date shall be:

# (a) if the "<u>Modified Following Business Day Convention</u>" applies pursuant to the Final Terms:

postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event the Interest Payment Date shall be the immediately preceding Business Day;

# (b) if the "Floating Rate Convention (FRN Convention)" applies pursuant to the Final Terms:

postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (i) the Interest Payment Date shall be the immediately preceding Business Day and (ii) each subsequent Interest Payment Date shall be the last Business Day in the month which falls the number of months which is specified in the Final Terms after the preceding applicable Interest Payment Date;

# (c) if the "Following Business Day Convention" applies pursuant to the Final Terms:

postponed to the next day which is a Business Day;

# (d) if the "Preceding Business Day Convention" applies pursuant to the Final Terms:

the immediately preceding Business Day;

# (e) if the "Following Unadjusted Business Day Convention" applies pursuant to the Final Terms:

postponed to the next day which is a Business Day provided that interest due with respect to such Interest Payment Date shall not accrue from and including such (original) interest payment date to and including the postponed interest payment date (i.e. the date of payment of such interest as so postponed); and

# (f) if the "Modified Following Unadjusted Business Day Convention" applies pursuant to the Final Terms:

postponed to the next day which is a Business Day provided that interest due with respect to such Interest Payment Date shall not accrue from and including such (original) Interest Payment Date to and including the postponed interest payment date (i.e. the date of payment of such interest as so postponed), and provided further that, if such day would thereby fall into the next calendar month the date of payment with respect to such Interest Payment Date will be moved to the Business Day immediately preceding such Interest Payment Date.

- (3) Notification of Interest Rate and Interest Amount. The Calculation Agent will cause the Interest Rate, each Interest Amount for each Interest Period, each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Issuer and the Securityholders in accordance with § 20 as soon as possible after the determination, but in no event later than the fourth Business Day (as defined in § 13 (2)) thereafter and if required by the rules of any stock exchange on which the Securities are from time to time listed, to such stock exchange as soon as possible after their determination. Each Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without prior notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. Any such amendment will be promptly notified to any stock exchange on which the Securities are then listed and to the Securityholders in accordance with § 20.
- (4) If the Issuer for any reason fails to render any payment in respect of the Securities when due, interest shall continue to accrue at the default rate established by statutory law on the outstanding amount from and including the due date to but excluding the day on which such payment is received by or on behalf of the Securityholders.

# § 5 (General Definitions)

"Change in Law" (for Securities for which the Final Terms specify Change in Law to be an "Extraordinary Redemption Event") means that, on or after the Issue Date of the Securities (A) due to the adoption of or any change in any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, any tax law), or (B) due to the promulgation of or any change in the interpretation by any court, tribunal or regulatory authority with competent jurisdiction of any applicable law or regulation (including any action taken by a taxing authority), (X) it has become illegal to hold, acquire or dispose of the underlying relating to the Securities or, where the Underlying is an Index, the Index Components or, where the Underlying is a Basket, the Basket Components, or (Y) the Issuer will incur a materially increased cost in performing its obligations under the Securities (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect on its tax position).

"Delivery Agent" means the institution which the Final Terms specify to be the Delivery Agent.

"Disruption Cash Settlement Amount" means such amount which is specified in the Final Terms per Specified Denomination or unit, as applicable.

**Extraordinary Redemption Event**" means any of "Change of Control" (as defined in § 3 (6)), "Change in Law", "Hedging Disruption", "Increased Cost of Hedging" and/or "Insolvency Filing" insofar as such event is specified in the relevant Final Terms as Extraordinary Redemption Event.

# "Final Reference Price" of the Underlying means

- (i) if the Final Terms specify a price only, such price of the Underlying on the Final Valuation Date; or
- (ii) if the Final Terms specify a price and Minimum Valuation Date(s), the lowest of all such prices of the Underlying which have been determined on each Minimum Valuation Date; or
- (iii) if the Final Terms specify a price and Maximum Valuation Date(s), the highest of all such prices of the Underlying which have been determined on each Maximum Valuation Date: or
- (iv) if the Final Terms specify a price and Averaging Valuation Date(s), the average (i.e. the arithmetic mean) of all such prices of the Underlying which have been determined on each Averaging Valuation Date,

whereas the relevant Underlying for the determination of the Final Reference Price will in any case be the Underlying for the calculation of the Redemption Amount.

"Final Valuation Date" means (i) for Securities with a fixed term which are redeemed on such date which is specified as "Final Valuation Date" in the Final Terms and (ii) with respect to an Exercisable Security which is validly exercised, the Exercise Date, provided that (A) if the Final Valuation Date is not an Underlying Business Day, such Final Valuation Date shall be postponed to the next Underlying Business Day, and (B) if a Final Valuation Date is moved forwards or backwards pursuant to these Terms and Conditions (e.g. by reason of the exercise of an Exercisable Security or of adjustments due to a Market Disruption Event, if any), it means the so moved date.

"Gross Amount" means the free and clear amount, without withholding or deduction for any taxes or duties of whatever nature.

"Gross Distribution" means the Gross Amount of any dividend, coupon or similar distribution amount paid on any underlying (as published by the issuer of the underlying).

"Gross Dividend" means the Gross Amount of any dividend declared on a respective underlying (as published by the issuer of the underlying).

"Hedging Disruption" (for Securities for which the Final Terms specify Hedging Disruption to be an "Extraordinary Redemption Event") means that the Issuer is unable, after using commercially reasonable efforts, to (A) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge price risks of issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Securities, or (B) realise, recover or remit the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s).

"Increased Cost of Hedging" (for Securities for which the Final Terms specify Increased Cost of Hedging to be an "Extraordinary Redemption Event") means that the Issuer would incur a materially increased (as compared with circumstances existing on the Issue Date) amount of tax, duty, expense or fee (other than brokerage commissions) to (A) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the price risk of issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Securities, or (B) realise, recover or remit the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s), provided that any such materially increased amount that is incurred solely due to the deterioration of the creditworthiness of the Issuer shall not be deemed an Increased Cost of Hedging.

# "Initial Reference Price" of the Underlying means

- (i) if the Final Terms specify a price only, such price of the Underlying on the Initial Valuation Date; or
- (ii) if the Final Terms specify a price and Minimum Entry Valuation Date(s), the lowest of all such prices of the Underlying which have been determined on each Minimum Entry Valuation Date; or

- (iii) if the Final Terms specify a price and Maximum Entry Valuation Date(s), the highest of all such prices of the Underlying which have been determined on each Maximum Entry Valuation Date; or
- (iv) if the Final Terms specify a price and Averaging Entry Valuation Date(s), the average (i.e. the arithmetic mean) of all such prices of the Underlying which have been determined on each Averaging Entry Valuation Date,

whereas the relevant Underlying for the determination of the Initial Reference Price will in any case be the Underlying for the calculation of the Redemption Amount.

- "Initial Valuation Date" means such date as specified in the Final Terms.
- "Net Amount" means an amount after deduction of any taxes and any duties.
- "Net Distributions" means the Net Amount of any dividend, coupon or similar distribution amount paid on any Underlying.
- "Net Dividend" means the Net Amount of any dividend.
- "Reference Asset" for Securities with delivery of Reference Assets means such assets as specified in the relevant Final Terms.
- "Reference Asset Quantity" for Securities with delivery of Reference Assets means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent on the Final Valuation Date in case of Securities which are not exercisable and on the Exercise Date in case of exercisable Securities in accordance with the provisions as set forth in the Final Terms.
- "Reference Price" means the Initial Reference Price, the Final Reference Price and each further price which is referred to as a "Reference Price" and/or the definition of which includes the term "Reference Price" in these Terms and Conditions and/or the Final Terms. The consequences of adjustment events, corrections, and extraordinary events on any Reference Price are set out in § 10, § 11 and § 12.
- "Settlement Disruption Event" for Securities with delivery of Reference Assets means in respect of a Reference Asset and a certain Securityholder, an event beyond the control of the Issuer or the Delivery Agent, as a result of which such Reference Asset cannot (or can only with disproportionate costs) be delivered to such Securityholder.
- "Valuation Date(s)" means the Initial Valuation Date and the Final Valuation Date and each other date (if any) which is referred to as "Valuation Date" in the Final Terms. If any Valuation Date is not a Scheduled Trading Day, it shall be deemed to be the immediately succeeding Scheduled Trading Day. The consequences of market disruptions on any Valuation Date are set out in § 9.

# § 6 (Underlying Definitions)

The underlying specific definitions in this § 6 of the Terms and Conditions are referred to as the "Underlying Definitions".

Each Security may either have one single Underlying, which is used for the calculation of the Redemption Amount as well as any Variable Interest Rate (if any), or two separate Underlyings, one of which is used solely for the calculation of the Redemption Amount and the other of which is used solely for the calculation of any Variable Interest Rate. Any Underlying of a Security may be a Basket consisting of multiple components, but it is the price of the Basket itself that is relevant for the calculation of any Reference Price.

# For each Underlying which is an **Index**, the following provisions apply:

- "Closing Price" means the official closing price of the Index as published by the Index Sponsor.
- "Exchange" means each exchange or quotation system specified as such for each Index Component by the Index Sponsor, any successor to such exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system to which trading in the Index Components has temporarily relocated (provided that

the Calculation Agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity relative to the Index Components on such temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original Exchange).

"Extraordinary Event" means an Index Adjustment Event and any Extraordinary Event of an Index Component.

"Index" or "Underlying" means each Index which is specified as Underlying in the relevant Final Terms. If the Index is (i) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and announced by a successor to the Index Sponsor (the "Successor Index Sponsor") acceptable to the Calculation Agent, or (ii) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of that Index, then such index (the "Successor Index") shall be deemed to be the Index so calculated and announced by the Successor Index Sponsor. If, in the determination of the Calculation Agent (I) on or before any Valuation Date the Index Sponsor makes a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating the Index or in any other way materially modifies the Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain the Index in the event of changes in constituent Index Components and capitalisation and other routine events) (an "Index Modification") or permanently cancels the Index and no Successor Index exists (an "Index Cancellation") or (II) on any Valuation Date the Index Sponsor fails to calculate and publish the Index (an "Index Disruption"), then instead of a published level for the Index, the Index level as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect before that change, failure or cancellation shall be used, but using only those Index Components that comprised the Index immediately prior to that Index Adjustment Event. The Calculation Agent shall notify the Securityholders thereof in accordance with § 20.

"Index Adjustment Event" means an Index Modification, Index Cancellation or Index Disruption, all as defined in these Terms and Conditions.

"Index Component" means those securities, assets or reference values of which the Index is comprised from time to time. For each Index Component, the specific provisions set out in the relevant Underlying Definitions shall apply and be included and for this purpose, the term "Underlying" and all terms including such term, all as defined in such Underlying Definitions shall be referred to as, and changed to, "Index Component".

"Index Sponsor" means the person specified as Index Sponsor in the relevant Final Terms which is the corporation or other entity that (i) is responsible for setting and reviewing the rules and procedures and the methods of calculation and adjustments, if any, related to the relevant Index and (ii) announces (directly or through an agent) the level of the relevant Index on a regular basis during each Scheduled Trading Day; whereby reference to the Index Sponsor shall include a reference to the "Successor Index Sponsor" defined in this § 6.

"Intraday Price" means any official price of the Index as published by the Index Sponsor.

"Multiple Exchange Index" means an Index for which the Exchange specified for at least one Index Component differs from the Exchange specified for any other Index Component.

"Regular Intraday Price" means any official price of the Index as published during regular trading sessions by the Index Sponsor.

"Related Exchange(s)" means such exchange or quotation system which is specified in the relevant Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system to which trading in futures or options contracts relating to the Index has temporarily relocated (provided that there is comparable liquidity relative to the futures or options contracts relating to the Index on such temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original Related Exchange). In cases where the Final Terms specify "All Exchanges" as the Related Exchange, "Related Exchange or quotation system where trading has a material effect (as determined by the Calculation Agent) on the overall market for futures or options contracts relating to such Index.

"Scheduled Closing Time" means, in respect of an Exchange or Related Exchange and a Scheduled Trading Day, the scheduled weekday closing time of such Exchange or Related Exchange on such Scheduled Trading Day, without regard to after hours or any other trading outside of the regular trading session hours.

"Settlement Price" means the official settlement price of the Index as published by the Index Sponsor and if regularly such official settlement price is not published by the Index Sponsor, the final settlement price of the Index on the relevant Exchange, or, if regularly no final settlement price of the Index is published by the relevant Exchange, the Closing Price of the Index.

"Single Exchange Index" means an Index for which the same Exchange is specified for all Index Components.

"Underlying Business Day" means any day on which the Index Sponsor is scheduled to publish the level of the Index and which is not a Disrupted Day.

"Underlying Currency" means the currency specified as the Underlying Currency for the Index in the relevant Final Terms.

# For each Underlying which is an <u>Index</u> and the Index is a <u>Single Exchange Index</u> (as specified above), the following provisions apply:

"Disrupted Day" means any Scheduled Trading Day on which the Exchange or any Related Exchange fails to open for trading during its regular trading session or on which a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

"Early Closure" means the closure on any Exchange Business Day of the relevant Exchange or any Related Exchange(s) prior to its Scheduled Closing Time unless such earlier closing time is announced by such Exchange or Related Exchange(s) at least one hour prior to the earlier of (i) the actual closing time for the regular trading session on such Exchange or Related Exchange(s) on such Exchange Business Day and (ii) the submission deadline for orders to be entered into the Exchange or Related Exchange system for execution at the relevant determination time for the relevant Reference Price on such Exchange Business Day.

**Exchange Business Day**" means any Scheduled Trading Day on which each Exchange and Related Exchange are open for trading during their respective regular trading sessions, notwithstanding any such Exchange or Related Exchange closing prior to its Scheduled Closing Time.

**"Exchange Disruption"** means any event (other than an Early Closure) that disrupts or impairs (as determined by the Calculation Agent) the ability of market participants in general (i) to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for securities on any relevant Exchange relating to securities that comprise 20 percent or more of the level of the (relevant) Index, or (ii) to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, futures or options contracts relating to the (relevant) Index on any relevant Related Exchange.

"Market Disruption Event" means the occurrence or existence of (i) a Trading Disruption, (ii) an Exchange Disruption, in each case if considered to be material by the Calculation Agent, at any time during the one hour period that ends at the relevant determination time for the relevant Reference Price, or (iii) an Early Closure. For the purposes of determining whether a Market Disruption Event in respect of an Index exists at any time, if a Market Disruption Event occurs in respect of an Index Component at any time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that Index Component to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that Index Component and (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before the occurrence of such Market Disruption Event.

"Scheduled Trading Day" means any day on which each Exchange and each Related Exchange specified are scheduled to be open for trading for their respective regular trading sessions.

"Trading Disruption" means any suspension of, impairment of or limitation imposed on trading by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise and whether by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise (i) relating to Index Components that comprise 20 percent or more of the level of the Index on any relevant Exchange or (ii) in futures or options contracts relating to the Index on any relevant Related Exchange.

For each Underlying which is an  $\underline{Index}$  and the Index is a  $\underline{Multiple\ Exchange\ Index}$  (as specified above), the following provisions apply:

"Disrupted Day" means any Scheduled Trading Day on which (i) the (relevant) Index Sponsor fails to publish the level of the Index or (ii) the Related Exchange fails to open for trading during its regular trading session or (iii) on which a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

"Early Closure" means the closure on any Exchange Business Day of the Exchange in respect of any Index Component or the Related Exchange prior to its Scheduled Closing Time, unless such earlier closing is announced by such Exchange or Related Exchange (as the case may be) at least one hour prior to the earlier of: (i) the actual closing time for the regular trading session on such Exchange or Related Exchange (as the case may be) on such Exchange Business Day and (ii) the submission deadline for orders to be entered in the Exchange or Related Exchange system for execution at the relevant determination time for the relevant Reference Price on such Exchange Business Day.

**"Exchange Business Day"** means any Scheduled Trading Day on which (i) the (relevant) Index Sponsor publishes the level of the Index and (ii) the Related Exchange is open for trading during its regular trading session, notwithstanding such Related Exchange closing prior to its Scheduled Closing Time.

"Exchange Disruption" means any event (other than an Early Closure) that disrupts or impairs (as determined by the Calculation Agent) the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for (i) any Index Component on the Exchange in respect of such Index Component or (ii) futures or options contracts relating to the Index on any Related Exchange.

"Market Disruption Event" means (a) the occurrence or existence, in respect of any Index Component, of (i) a Trading Disruption, (ii) an Exchange Disruption, in each case if considered to be material by the Calculation Agent, at any time during the one hour period that ends at the relevant determination time in respect of the Exchange on which such Index Component is principally traded, or (iii) an Early Closure, and the aggregate of all Index Components in respect of which a Trading Disruption, an Exchange Disruption or an Early Closure occurs or exists comprises 20 percent or more of the level of the Index or (b) the occurrence or existence, in respect of futures or options contracts relating to the Index, of (1) a Trading Disruption, (2) an Exchange Disruption, in each case if considered to be material by the Calculation Agent, at any time during the one hour period that ends at the relevant determination time in respect of the Related Exchange or (3) an Early Closure. For the purposes of determining whether a Market Disruption Event exists in respect of the Index at any time, if a Market Disruption event occurs in respect of an Index Component at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that Index Component to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that Index Component to (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case using the official opening weightings as published by the Index Sponsor as part of the market "opening data".

"Scheduled Trading Day" means any day on which (i) the Index Sponsor is scheduled to publish the level of the Index and (ii) each Related Exchange is scheduled to be open for trading for their respective regular trading sessions.

"Trading Disruption" means any suspension of, impairment of or limitation imposed on trading by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise and whether by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise (i) relating to any Index Component on the Exchange in respect of such Index Component or (ii) in futures or options contracts relating to the Index on the Related Exchange.

# For each Underlying which is Equity, the following provisions apply:

"Closing Price" means the official closing price of the Shares on the relevant Exchange.

"Delisting" means in relation to a Share that the Exchange announces that pursuant to the rules of such Exchange, the Shares cease (or will cease) to be listed, traded or publicly quoted on the Exchange for any reason (other than a Merger Event or Tender Offer) and are not immediately re-listed, re-traded or re-quoted on an exchange or quotation system located in the same country as the Exchange (or, where the Exchange is located within the European Union, in any Member State of the European Union).

- "Disrupted Day" means any Scheduled Trading Day on which a relevant Exchange or any Related Exchange fails to open for trading during its regular trading session or on which a Market Disruption Event has occurred.
- "Early Closure" means the closure on any Exchange Business Day of the relevant Exchange or any Related Exchange(s) prior to its Scheduled Closing Time unless such earlier closing time is announced by such Exchange(s) or Related Exchange(s) at least one hour prior to the earlier of (i) the actual closing time for the regular trading session on such Exchange(s) or Related Exchange(s) on such Exchange Business Day and (ii) the submission deadline for orders to be entered into the Exchange or Related Exchange system for execution on such Exchange Business Day.
- "Exchange" means the Exchange which is specified in the Final Terms, any successor to such exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system to which trading in such Share has temporarily relocated (provided that the Calculation Agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity relative to such Share on such temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original Exchange).
- "Exchange Business Day" means any Scheduled Trading Day on which each Exchange and Related Exchange are open for trading during their respective regular trading sessions, notwithstanding any such Exchange or Related Exchange closing prior to its Scheduled Closing Time.
- **"Exchange Disruption"** means any event (other than an Early Closure) that disrupts or impairs (as determined by the Calculation Agent) the ability of market participants in general (i) to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for the Shares on the Exchange or (ii) to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, futures or options contracts relating to the relevant Share on any relevant Related Exchange.
- "Extraordinary Dividend" means a dividend per Share or portion thereof which has been determined as an Extraordinary Dividend by the Calculation Agent.
- **"Extraordinary Event**" means a Merger Event, Tender Offer, Nationalisation, Insolvency or Delisting, as the case may be.
- "Insolvency" means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy, insolvency, dissolution or winding-up of or any analogous proceeding affecting a Share Issuer, (A) all the Shares of that Share Issuer are required to be transferred to a trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (B) holders of the Shares of that Share Issuer become legally prohibited from transferring them, or (C) the Share Issuer is dissolved, terminated or ceases to exist, as the case may be.
- "Insolvency Filing" means that the Share Issuer institutes or has instituted against it by a regulator, supervisor or any similar official with primary insolvency, rehabilitative or regulatory jurisdiction over it in the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organisation or the jurisdiction of its head or home office, or consents to a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law affecting creditors' rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation by it or such regulator, supervisor or similar official or it consents to such a petition, provided that proceedings instituted or petitions presented by creditors and not consented to by the Share Issuer shall not be deemed an Insolvency Filing.
- "Intraday Price" means any traded price of the Shares on the relevant Exchange.
- "Market Disruption Event" means the occurrence or existence of (i) a Trading Disruption, (ii) an Exchange Disruption, in each case if considered to be material by the Calculation Agent, at any time during the one hour period that ends at the relevant scheduled valuation time for the relevant Reference Price, or (iii) an Early Closure.
- "Merger Date" means, in respect of a Merger Event, the date upon which all holders of the relevant Shares (other than, in the case of a takeover offer, Shares owned or controlled by the offeror) have agreed or have irrevocably become obliged to transfer their Shares.
- "Merger Event" means, in respect of any relevant Shares, any (i) reclassification or change of such Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer 20 percent or more of such Shares outstanding to another entity or person, (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of the Share Issuer with or into another entity or person (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Share Issuer is the continuing entity

and which results in a reclassification or change of less than 20 percent of the relevant Shares outstanding), (iii) takeover offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person for such Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer 20 percent or more of such Shares (other than such Shares owned or controlled by the offeror), or (iv) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of the Share Issuer or its subsidiaries with or into another entity in which the Share Issuer is the continuing entity and which does not result in a reclassification or change of all such Shares outstanding but results in the outstanding Shares (other than Shares owned or controlled by such other entity) immediately prior to such event collectively representing less than 50 percent of the outstanding Shares immediately following such event, if, in each case the date on which the Calculation Agent determines that such event occurs is on or before, in the case of physical settlement the Maturity Date, or in case of cash settlement, the Final Valuation Date.

"Nationalisation" means that all the Shares or all or substantially all the assets of a Share Issuer are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority, entity or instrumentality thereof.

#### "Potential Adjustment Event" means any of the following:

- (a) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless resulting in a Merger Event or Tender Offer), or a free distribution or dividend of any such Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue;
- (b) a distribution, issue or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (A) such Shares, or (B) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the Share Issuer equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares, or (C) share capital or other securities of another issuer acquired or owned (directly or indirectly) by the Share Issuer as a result of a spin-off or other similar transaction, or (D) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other consideration) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent;
- (c) an Extraordinary Dividend;
- (d) a call by the Share Issuer in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid;
- (e) a repurchase by the Share Issuer or any of its subsidiaries of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise;
- (f) in respect of the Share Issuer, an event that results in any shareholder rights being distributed or becoming separated from shares of common stock or other shares of the capital stock of the Share Issuer pursuant to a shareholder rights plan or arrangement directed against hostile takeovers that provides upon the occurrence of certain events for a distribution of preferred stock, warrants, debt instruments or stock rights at a price below their market value, as determined by the Calculation Agent, provided that any adjustment effected as a result of such an event shall be readjusted upon any redemption of such rights; or
- (g) any other event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

"Regular Intraday Price" means any price of the Shares traded during regular trading sessions on the relevant Exchange.

"Related Exchange(s)" means each exchange or quotation system which is specified in the Final Terms to be a Related Exchange or any successor to such exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system to which trading in futures or options contracts relating to a Share has temporarily relocated (provided that the Calculation Agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity relative to the futures or options contracts relating to such Share on such temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original Related Exchange). In cases where the Final Terms specify "All Exchanges" as the Related Exchange, "Related Exchange(s)" means each exchange or quotation system (as the Calculation Agent may select) where trading has a material effect (as determined by the Calculation Agent) on the overall market for futures or options

contracts relating to a Share or, in any such case, any transferee or successor exchange of such exchange or quotation system.

- "Scheduled Closing Time" means, in respect of an Exchange or Related Exchange and a Scheduled Trading Day, the scheduled weekday closing time of such Exchange or Related Exchange on such Scheduled Trading Day, without regard to after hours or any other trading outside of the regular trading session hours.
- "Scheduled Trading Day" means, in relation to the (relevant) Shares, any day on which each Exchange and each Related Exchange specified hereon are scheduled to be open for trading for their respective regular trading sessions.
- "Settlement Price" means the official settlement price of the Shares on the relevant Exchange and if regularly no official settlement price is published by the relevant Exchange, the Closing Price of the Shares.
- "Share Issuer" means the issuer of the (relevant) Shares.
- "Shares" or "Underlying" means any Shares specified as Underlying in the relevant Final Terms.
- "Tender Offer" means a takeover offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person that results in such entity or person purchasing, or otherwise obtaining or having the right to obtain, by conversion or other means, greater than 10 percent and less than 100 percent of the outstanding voting shares of the Issuer, as determined by the Calculation Agent, based upon the making of filings with governmental or self-regulatory agencies or such other information as the Calculation Agent deems relevant.
- "Trading Disruption" means any suspension of, impairment of or limitation imposed on trading by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise and whether by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise (i) relating to the Share on the Exchange or (ii) in futures or options contracts relating to the Share on any relevant Related Exchange.
- "Underlying Business Day" means any Scheduled Trading Day which is not a Disrupted Day.
- "Underlying Currency" means such currency as specified in the relevant Final Terms to be the Underlying Currency for the (relevant) Shares.

# For each Underlying which is a **Fund Share**, the following provisions apply:

- "Cut-off Period" means, with respect to any date, (A) the Other Cut-off Period which is specified in the Final Terms or (B) where the Final Terms do not specify an Other Cut-off Period, a period of one calendar year ending on the first anniversary of such date.
- "Disrupted Day" means in respect of a Fund any day on which a Market Disruption Event has occurred.
- "Exchange" means the Exchange, if any, which is specified in the Final Terms, any successor to such exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system to which trading in such Fund Shares has temporarily relocated (provided that the Calculation Agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity relative to such Fund Shares on such temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original Exchange).
- "Exchange Traded Fund" means Fund Shares for which an Exchange is specified in the Final Terms.
- "Extraordinary Dividend" means an amount per Fund Share or portion thereof which has been determined as an Extraordinary Dividend by the Calculation Agent.
- **"Extraordinary Fund Event**" means each of the following events for which an applicable consequence has been specified in the Final Terms:
  - (a) "Fund Insolvency Event" means, in respect of any Fund Share, that the related Fund or any other entity which is related to the Fund and where the occurrence of a Fund Insolvency Event with respect to such entity would have a similar economic effect on the Fund as if a Fund Insolvency Event would have occurred with respect to the Fund (i) is

dissolved or has a resolution passed for its dissolution, winding-up, official liquidation (other than pursuant to a consolidation, amalgamation or merger); (ii) makes a general assignment or arrangement with or for the benefit of its creditors; (iii) (A) institutes or has instituted against it, by a regulator, supervisor or any similar official with primary insolvency, rehabilitative or regulatory jurisdiction over it in the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization or the jurisdiction of its head or home office, a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law affecting creditors' rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation by it or such regulator, supervisor or similar official, or (B) has instituted against it a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law affecting creditors' rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation, and such proceeding or petition is instituted or presented by a person or entity not described in clause (A) above and either (x) results in a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or the entry of an order for relief or the making of an order for its winding-up or liquidation or (y) is not dismissed, discharged, stayed or restrained in each case within fifteen days of the institution or presentation thereof; (iv) seeks or becomes subject to the appointment of an administrator, provisional liquidator, conservator, receiver, trustee, custodian or other similar official for it or for all or substantially all its assets; (v) has a secured party take possession of all or substantially all its assets or has a distress, execution, attachment, sequestration or other legal process levied, enforced or sued on or against all or substantially all of its assets and such secured party maintains possession, or any such process is not dismissed, discharged, stayed or restrained, in each case within fifteen days thereafter; or (vi) causes or is subject to any event with respect to it which, under the applicable laws of any jurisdiction, has an analogous effect to any of the events specified in clauses (i) through (vi) above;

- (b) "NAV Trigger Event" means, in respect of any Fund Share, that (i) the Net Asset Value has decreased by a percentage equal to or greater than the NAV Trigger Percentage during the related NAV Trigger Period, each as specified in the related Final Terms; or (ii) the related Fund has violated any leverage restriction that is applicable to, or affecting, such Fund or its assets by operation of any law, any order or judgment of any court or other agency of government applicable to it or any of its assets, the Fund Documents or any contractual restriction binding on or affecting the Fund or any of its assets:
- (c) "Adviser Resignation Event" means, in respect of any Fund, (i) the resignation, termination, or replacement of its Fund Adviser or (ii) the resignation, termination, death or replacement of any key person specified in the related Confirmation;
- (d) "Fund Modification" means any change or modification of the related Fund Documents that could reasonably be expected to affect the value of such Fund Share or the rights or remedies of any holders thereof (in each case, as determined by the Calculation Agent) from those prevailing on the Issue Date;
- (e) "Strategy Breach" means any breach or violation of any strategy or investment guidelines stated in the related Fund Documents that is reasonably likely to affect the value of such Fund Share or the rights or remedies of any holders thereof (in each case, as determined by the Calculation Agent);
- (f) "Regulatory Action" means, with respect to any Fund Share, (i) cancellation, suspension or revocation of the registration or approval of such Fund Share or the related Fund by any governmental, legal or regulatory entity with authority over such Fund Share or Fund, (ii) any change in the legal, tax, accounting, or regulatory treatments of the relevant Fund or its Fund Adviser that is reasonably likely to have an adverse impact on the value of such Fund Share or on any investor therein (as determined by the Calculation Agent), or (iii) the related Fund or any of its Fund Administrator or Fund Adviser becoming subject to any investigation, proceeding or litigation by any relevant governmental, legal or regulatory authority involving the alleged violation of applicable law for any activities relating to or resulting from the operation of such Fund, Fund Administrator or Fund Adviser; or

(g) "Reporting Disruption" means, in respect of any Fund Share, (i) occurrence of any event affecting such Fund Share that, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, would make it impossible or impracticable for the Calculation Agent to determine the value of such Fund Share, and the end of the period in time for which such event is likely to continue cannot be foreseen from the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion; (ii) any failure of the related Fund to deliver, or cause to be delivered, (A) information that such Fund has agreed to deliver, or cause to be delivered to the Calculation Agent, or (B) information that has been previously delivered to the Calculation Agent, in accordance with such Fund's, or its authorized representative's, normal practice and that the Calculation Agent deems necessary for it, to monitor such Fund's compliance with any investment guidelines, asset allocation methodologies or any other similar policies relating to such Fund Share.

"Fund" means the issuer of the (relevant) Fund Shares.

"Fund Administrator" means, in respect of any Fund, the fund administrator, manager, trustee or similar person with the primary administrative responsibilities for such Fund according to the Fund Documents.

"Fund Adviser" means, in respect of any Fund, any person appointed in the role of discretionary investment manager or non-discretionary investment adviser (including a non-discretionary investment adviser to a discretionary investment manager or to another non-discretionary investment adviser) for such Fund.

"Fund Documents" means, with respect to any Fund Shares, the constitutive and governing documents, subscription agreement and other agreements of the related Fund specifying the terms and conditions relating to such Fund Share and any additional fund documents, in each case, as amended from time to time.

"Fund Shares" or "Underlying" means any Fund Share specified as Underlying in the Final Terms.

"**Insolvency**" means in respect of a Fund, any winding-up, termination or any loss of regulatory approval or registration in respect of such Fund or any other event having a similar object or effect.

"Management Company" means in respect of a Fund Share, the entity responsible for calculating and publishing the Net Asset Value of such Fund Share (or any successor to such entity), as determined by the Calculation Agent.

"Nationalisation" means that all the Fund Shares or all or substantially all the assets of a Fund are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority, entity or instrumentality thereof.

"Net Asset Value" means the net asset value published by the Management Company.

"Potential Adjustment Event" means any of the following:

- a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Fund Shares, or a free distribution or dividend of any such Fund Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue;
- (b) a distribution, issue or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Fund Shares of (A) an additional amount of such Fund Shares, or (B) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the Fund equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Fund Shares, or (C) share capital or other securities of another issuer acquired or owned (directly or indirectly) by the Fund as a result of a spin-off or other similar transaction, or (D) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other consideration) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent;
- (c) an Extraordinary Dividend;
- (d) a repurchase by the Fund or any of its subsidiaries of relevant Fund Shares whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise, other than in respect of

- a redemption of Fund Shares initiated by an investor in such Fund Shares that is consistent with the Fund Documents; or
- (e) any other event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Fund Shares.

"Underlying Currency" means such currency as specified in the relevant Final Terms to be the Underlying Currency for the (relevant) Fund Shares.

# For each Underlying which is a <u>Fund Share</u> with the Fund Share <u>not</u> being an <u>Exchange Traded Fund</u> (as specified above), the following provisions apply:

- "Closing Price" means the Net Asset Value of each of the Fund Shares.
- "Extraordinary Event" means a Nationalisation, Insolvency or Extraordinary Fund Event, as the case may be.
- "Intraday Price" means the Net Asset Value of each of the Fund Shares.
- "Market Disruption Event" means, with respect to Fund Shares, on any Scheduled Trading Day, the failure by the relevant Management Company to calculate and publish the Net Asset Value of such Fund Shares on that day.
- "Regular Intraday Price" means the Net Asset Value of each of the Fund Shares.
- "Scheduled Trading Day" means, in respect of Fund Shares, a day upon which the relevant Management Company is due to calculate and publish the Net Asset Value for such Fund Shares.
- "Settlement Price" means the Net Asset Value of each of the Fund Shares.
- "Underlying Business Day" means any day on which the relevant Management Company calculates and publishes the Net Asset Value of the Fund Shares.

# For each Underlying which is a <u>Fund Share</u> with the Fund Share <u>being</u> an Exchange Traded Fund (as specified above), the following provisions apply:

- "Closing Price" means the official closing price of the Fund Shares on the relevant Exchange.
- "Delisting" means in relation to a Fund Share that the Exchange announces that pursuant to the rules of such Exchange, the Fund Shares cease (or will cease) to be listed, traded or publicly quoted on the Exchange for any reason and are not immediately re-listed, re-traded or re-quoted on an exchange or quotation system located in the same country as the Exchange (or, where the Exchange is located within the European Union, in any Member State of the European Union).
- "Early Closure" means the closure on any Exchange Business Day of the relevant Exchange or any Related Exchange(s) prior to its Scheduled Closing Time unless such earlier closing time is announced by such Exchange(s) or Related Exchange(s) at least one hour prior to the earlier of (i) the actual closing time for the regular trading session on such Exchange(s) or Related Exchange(s) on such Exchange Business Day and (ii) the submission deadline for orders to be entered into the Exchange or Related Exchange system for execution on such Exchange Business Day.
- **"Exchange Business Day"** means any Scheduled Trading Day on which each Exchange and Related Exchange are open for trading during their respective regular trading sessions, notwithstanding any such Exchange or Related Exchange closing prior to its Scheduled Closing Time.
- **Exchange Disruption**" means any event (other than an Early Closure) that disrupts or impairs (as determined by the Calculation Agent) the ability of market participants in general (i) to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for the Fund Shares on the Exchange or (ii) to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, futures or options contracts relating to the relevant Fund Shares on any relevant Related Exchange.
- "Extraordinary Event" means a Nationalisation, Insolvency, Delisting or Extraordinary Fund Event, as the case may be.

"Insolvency Filing" means that the Fund institutes or has instituted against it by a regulator, supervisor or any similar official with primary insolvency, rehabilitative or regulatory jurisdiction over it in the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organisation or the jurisdiction of its head or home office, or it consents to a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law affecting creditors' rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation by it or such regulator, supervisor or similar official or it consents to such a petition, provided that proceedings instituted or petitions presented by creditors and not consented to by the Fund shall not be deemed an Insolvency Filing.

"Intraday Price" means any traded price of the Fund Shares on the relevant Exchange.

"Market Disruption Event" means the occurrence or existence of (i) a Trading Disruption, (ii) an Exchange Disruption, in each case if considered to be material by the Calculation Agent, at any time during the one hour period that ends at the relevant scheduled valuation time for the relevant Reference Price, or (iii) an Early Closure.

"Regular Intraday Price" means any price of the Fund Shares traded during regular trading sessions on the relevant Exchange.

"Related Exchange(s)" means each exchange or quotation system which is specified in the Final Terms to be a Related Exchange or any successor to such exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system to which trading in futures or options contracts relating to the Fund Shares has temporarily relocated (provided that the Calculation Agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity relative to the futures or options contracts relating to such Fund Shares on such temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original Related Exchange). In cases where the Final Terms specify "All Exchanges" as the Related Exchange, "Related Exchange(s)" means each exchange or quotation system (as the Calculation Agent may select) where trading has a material effect (as determined by the Calculation Agent) on the overall market for futures or options contracts relating to the Fund Shares or, in any such case, any transferee or successor exchange of such exchange or quotation system.

"Scheduled Closing Time" means, in respect of an Exchange or Related Exchange and a Scheduled Trading Day, the scheduled closing time of such Exchange or Related Exchange on such Scheduled Trading Day, without regard to after hours or any other trading outside of the regular trading session hours.

"Scheduled Trading Day" means, in relation to the Fund Shares, any day on which each Exchange and each Related Exchange specified hereon are scheduled to be open for trading for their respective regular trading sessions.

"Settlement Price" means the official settlement price of the Fund Shares on the relevant Exchange and if regularly no official settlement price is published by the relevant Exchange, the Closing Price of the Fund Shares.

"Trading Disruption" means any suspension of, impairment of or limitation imposed on trading by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise and whether by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise (i) relating to the Fund Shares on the Exchange or (ii) in futures or options contracts relating to the Fund Shares on any relevant Related Exchange.

"Underlying Business Day" means any Scheduled Trading Day which is not a Disrupted Day.

# For each Underlying which is a **Commodity**, the following provisions apply:

"Closing Price" means the official price of the Commodity published on the Price Source.

"Disappearance of Reference Price" means (i) the disappearance of, or of trading in, the Relevant Commodity; or (ii) the disappearance or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of a Reference Price, notwithstanding the availability of the related Price Source or the status of trading in the Relevant Commodity.

"Disrupted Day" means in respect of a Commodity any Valuation Date (or, if different, the day on which prices for that Valuation Date would, in the ordinary course, be published by the Price Source)

on which in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event (as defined herein) has occurred and is continuing.

**Exchange**" means each exchange or quotation system specified as such for the Relevant Commodity in the Final Terms, any successor to such exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system to which trading in the Relevant Commodity has temporarily relocated (provided that the Calculation Agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity relative to the Relevant Commodity on such temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original Exchange).

"Extraordinary Event" means any Market Disruption Event.

"Intraday Price" means any official price of the Commodity published on the Price Source.

"Market Disruption Event" means the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (i) Price Source Disruption;
- (ii) Trading Disruption;
- (iii) Disappearance of Reference Price;
- (iv) Material Change in Formula; and
- (v) Material Change in Content.

"Material Change in Content" means the occurrence since the Issue Date of a material change in the content, composition or constitution of the Relevant Commodity.

"Material Change in Formula" means the occurrence since the Issue Date of a material change in the formula for or method of calculating the relevant Reference Price.

"**Price Source**" means (A) the Price Source which is specified in the Final Terms or, (B) if no Price Source is specified in the Final Terms the screen, publication or other origin of reference such as the relevant Exchange containing the Reference Price or as specified in the Final Terms.

"**Price Source Disruption**" means (A) the failure of the Price Source to announce or publish the Reference Price (or the information necessary for determining the Reference Price) for the relevant Underlying or (B) the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of the Price Source.

"Regular Intraday Price" means any official price of the Commodity published on the Price Source.

"Relevant Commodity" or "Underlying" means any Commodity specified as Underlying in the Final Terms.

"Scheduled Trading Day" means (a) in respect of any Security for which the Reference Price is a price announced or published by an Exchange, a day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a day on which that Exchange is open for trading during its regular trading session, notwithstanding any such Exchange closing prior to its scheduled closing time; and (b) in respect of any Security for which the Reference Price is not announced or published by an Exchange, a day in respect of which the relevant Price Source published (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have published) a price.

"Settlement Price" means the official published price of the Commodity on the Price Source.

"Trading Disruption" means the material suspension of, or the material limitation imposed on, trading in the Relevant Commodity on the Exchange or in any futures contract, options contract or commodity on any Exchange. For these purposes:

- (A) a suspension of the trading in the Relevant Commodity on any Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed to be material only if:
  - (i) all trading in the Relevant Commodity is suspended for the entire Valuation Date; or
  - (ii) all trading in the Relevant Commodity is suspended subsequent to the opening of trading on the Valuation Date, trading does not recommence prior to the regularly scheduled close of trading in such Relevant Commodity on such Valuation Date and such suspension is announced less than one hour preceding its commencement; and

- (B) a limitation of trading in the Relevant Commodity on any Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed to be material only if the relevant Exchange establishes limits on the range within which the price of the Commodity may fluctuate and the closing or settlement price of the Commodity on such day is at the upper or lower limit of that range.
- "Underlying Business Day" means any Scheduled Trading Day which is not a Disrupted Day.
- "Underlying Currency" means such currency as specified in the relevant Final Terms to be the Underlying Currency for the (relevant) Commodity.

# For each Underlying which is a **FX Rate**, the following provisions apply:

- "Base Currency" means the currency which the Final Terms specify as Base Currency.
- "Currency Disruption" means any of Dual Exchange Rate, General Inconvertibility, General Non-Transferability, Governmental Authority Default, Illiquidity and Price Materiality, each such term as defined below:
- "Closing Price" means the Fixing Rate.
- "Currency Pair" means in respect of a Relevant FX Rate, the Quote Currency and the Base Currency specified for such Relevant FX Rate in the applicable Final Terms.
- "Dual Exchange Rate" means, in respect of a Relevant FX Rate and as determined by the Calculation Agent, the split of any currency exchange rate specified in such Relevant FX Rate into dual or multiple currency exchange rates.
- **"Event Currency"** means, in respect of a Relevant FX Rate, the Currency(ies) relevant for the determination of a Currency Disruption, being the Quote Currency and/or the Base Currency and any further currency specified to be an Event Currency in the Final Terms.
- "Event Currency Jurisdiction" means, in respect of an Event Currency, the country for which such Event Currency is the lawful currency.
- "Governmental Authority" means (i) any de facto or de jure government (or any agency, instrumentality, ministry or department thereof), court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority or (ii) any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in each case in any relevant jurisdiction.
- "Disappearance of Reference Price" means (i) the disappearance of, or of trading in, the rate(s) required to calculate such Relevant FX Rate; or (ii) the disappearance or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of a Reference Price, notwithstanding the availability of the related Price Source or the status of trading in the relevant rate(s) required to calculate such Relevant FX Rate.
- "Disrupted Day" means in respect of a Relevant FX Rate any Valuation Date (or, if different, the day on which prices for that Valuation Date would, in the ordinary course, be published by the Price Source) on which in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event (as defined herein) has occurred and is continuing.
- "Extraordinary Event" means any Market Disruption Event.
- "Fixing Rate" means the official exchange rate of the Relevant FX Rate published on the Price Source as fixing.
- "General Inconvertibility" means, in respect of a Relevant FX Rate and as determined by the Calculation Agent, the occurrence of any event that generally makes it impossible or not reasonably practicable to convert any relevant Event Currency into the relevant Non-Event Currency in the relevant Event Currency Jurisdiction through customary legal channels.
- "General Non-Transferability" means, in respect of a Relevant FX Rate and as determined by the Calculation Agent, the occurrence of any event that generally makes it impossible or not reasonably practicable to deliver (a) any relevant Non-Event Currency from accounts inside the relevant Event Currency Jurisdiction to accounts outside the relevant Event Currency Jurisdiction or (b) any relevant Event Currency between accounts inside the relevant Event Currency Jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such Event Currency Jurisdiction.

"Governmental Authority Default" means, with respect to any security or indebtedness for borrowed money of, or guaranteed by, any Governmental Authority, the occurrence of a default, event of default, or other similar condition or event (however described), as determined by the Calculation Agent, including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of any principal, interest, or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security, indebtedness for borrowed money, or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, Repudiation, or rescheduling of any principal, interest, or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for borrowed money, or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest, or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for borrowed money, or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default, or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for borrowed money, or guarantee.

"Illiquidity" means, in respect of a Relevant FX Rate and as determined by the Calculation Agent, it becomes impossible or otherwise impracticable to obtain a firm quote of the relevant Reference Price for any relevant amount at the relevant time.

"Intraday Price" means any official exchange rate of the Relevant FX Rate published on the Price Source.

"Market Disruption Event" means the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (i) Price Source Disruption;
- (ii) Trading Disruption;
- (iii) Disappearance of Reference Price;
- (iv) Material Change in Formula; and
- (v) Currency Disruption.

"Material Change in Formula" means the occurrence since the Issue Date of a material change in the formula for or method of calculating the relevant Reference Price.

"**Non-Event Currency**" means, in respect of a Relevant FX Rate and the relevant Currency Pair, the currency of such Currency Pair which is not the Event Currency.

"Price Materiality Percentage" means such Price Materiality Percentage as specified in the Final Terms.

"**Primary Rate**" means, in respect of Price Materiality, such currency exchange rate as specified as Primary Rate in the Final Terms.

"**Price Materiality**" means the Primary Rate differs from the Secondary Rate by at least the Price Materiality Percentage.

"**Price Source**" means (A) the Price Source which is specified in the Final Terms or, (B) if no Price Source is specified in the Final Terms the screen, publication or other origin of reference containing the Reference Price.

"Price Source Disruption" means (A) the failure of the Price Source to announce or publish the Reference Price (or the information necessary for determining the Reference Price) for the relevant Underlying Reference Value or (B) the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of the Price Source.

"Quote Currency" means the Underlying Currency.

"Regular Intraday Price" means any official exchange rate of the Relevant FX Rate published on the Price Source during regular trading sessions.

"Relevant FX Rate" or "Underlying" means each foreign exchange rate specified as Underlying in the Final Terms, being the currency exchange rate of the relevant Currency Pair or cross-rates constituting such Currency Pair.

- "Repudiation" means, in respect of a Governmental Authority Default, the relevant Governmental Authority disaffirms, disclaims, repudiates, or rejects, in whole or in part, or challenges the validity of any security, indebtedness for borrowed money, or guarantee of such Governmental Authority in any material respect.
- A "Reverse Exchange Rate" of an exchange rate is 1.0 (one) divided by such exchange rate.
- "Scheduled Trading Day" means, in respect of a Relevant FX Rate, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits), or but for the occurrence of a Disrupted Day would have settled payments and been open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in each of the Specified Financial Centres.
- "Secondary Rate" means, in respect of Price Materiality, such currency exchange rate as specified as Secondary Rate in the Final Terms.
- "Settlement Price" means the Settlement Rate.
- "Settlement Rate" means the official exchange rate of the Relevant FX Rate published on the Price Source for settlement.
- "Specified Financial Centres" means the Specified Financial Centres specified for the Relevant FX Rate in the Final Terms.
- "Trading Disruption" means the material suspension of, or the material limitation imposed on, trading in the rate(s) required to calculate such Relevant FX Rate (which may be, without limitation, rates quoted on any over-the-counter or quotation based market, whether regulated or unregulated).
- "Underlying Business Day" means, in respect of a Relevant FX Rate, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in each of the Specified Financial Centres.
- "Underlying Currency" means such currency as specified in the relevant Final Terms to be the Underlying Currency for the (relevant) Relevant FX Rate.

# For each Underlying which is an **Interest Rate**, the following provisions apply:

- "Closing Price" means the Fixing Rate multiplied by 100 units of the Underlying Currency.
- "Disappearance of Reference Price" means (i) the disappearance of, or of trading in, the rate(s) required to calculate such Relevant Interest Rate; or (ii) the disappearance or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of a Reference Price, notwithstanding the availability of the related Price Source or the status of trading in the relevant rate(s) required to calculate such Interest Rate.
- "Disrupted Day" means in respect of a Relevant Interest Rate any Valuation Date (or, if different, the day on which prices for that Valuation Date would, in the ordinary course, be published by the Price Source) on which in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event (as defined herein) has occurred and is continuing.
- "Extraordinary Event" means any Market Disruption Event.
- "Fixing Rate" means the official interest rate of the Relevant Interest Rate published on the Price Source as fixing.
- "Intraday Price" means the Intraday Rate multiplied by 100 units of the Underlying Currency.
- "Intraday Rate" means any official interest rate of the Relevant Interest Rate published on the Price Source.
- "Market Disruption Event" means the occurrence of any of the following events:
  - (i) Price Source Disruption;
  - (ii) Trading Disruption;
  - (iii) Disappearance of Reference Price; and

- (iv) Material Change in Formula.
- "Material Change in Formula" means the occurrence since the Issue Date of a material change in the formula for or method of calculating the relevant Reference Price.
- "**Price Source**" means (A) the Price Source which is specified in the Final Terms or, (B) if no Price Source is specified in the Final Terms the screen, publication or other origin of reference containing the Reference Price.
- "Price Source Disruption" means (A) the failure of the Price Source to announce or publish the Reference Price (or the information necessary for determining the Reference Price) for the relevant Underlying Reference Value or (B) the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of the Price Source.
- "Regular Intraday Price" means the Intraday Price.
- "Regular Intraday Rate" means the Intraday Rate.
- "Relevant Interest Rate" or "Underlying" means each interest rate specified as Underlying in the Final Terms.
- "Scheduled Trading Day" means, in respect of a Relevant Interest Rate, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits), or but for the occurrence of a Disrupted Day would have settled payments and been open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in each of the Specified Financial Centres.
- "Settlement Price" means the Settlement Rate multiplied by 100 units of the Underlying Currency.
- "Settlement Rate" means the official interest rate of the Relevant Interest Rate published on the Price Source as settlement rate.
- "Specified Financial Centres" means the Specified Financial Centres specified for the (relevant) Relevant Interest Rate in the Final Terms.
- "Trading Disruption" means the material suspension of, or the material limitation imposed on, trading in the rate(s) required to calculate such Relevant Interest Rate (which may be, without limitation, rates quoted on any over-the-counter or quotation based market, whether regulated or unregulated).
- "Underlying Business Day" means, in respect of a Relevant Interest Rate, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in each of the Specified Financial Centres.
- "**Underlying Currency**" means such currency as specified in the relevant Final Terms to be the Underlying Currency for the (relevant) Relevant Interest Rate.

### For each Underlying which is a **Future**, the following provisions apply:

- "Closing Price" means the official closing price of the Future on the relevant Exchange.
- "Disrupted Day" means in respect of a Future any Scheduled Trading Day on which a Market Disruption Event has occurred.
- "Early Closure" means the closure on any Exchange Business Day of the relevant Exchange prior to its Scheduled Closing Time unless such earlier closing time is announced by such Exchange(s) at least one hour prior to the earlier of (i) the actual closing time for the regular trading session on such Exchange(s) on such Exchange Business Day and (ii) the submission deadline for orders to be entered into the Exchange system for execution on such Exchange Business Day.
- The "Effective Date" shall be the Effective Date as specified in the Final Terms provided that (i) if the Effective Date is no Scheduled Trading Day, the Effective Date shall be the most recent Scheduled Trading Day prior to the original Effective Date, and (ii) if the Effective Date (after having been moved in accordance with (i), if required) is a Disrupted Day, the Effective Date shall be the first following Scheduled Trading Day which is no Disrupted Day.

**Exchange**" means each exchange or quotation system specified as such for the Underlying in the Final Terms, any successor to such exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system to which trading in the Underlying has temporarily relocated (provided that the Calculation Agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity relative to the Future on such temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original Exchange).

"Exchange Business Day" means any Scheduled Trading Day on which each Exchange is open for trading during their respective regular trading sessions, notwithstanding any such Exchange closing prior to its Scheduled Closing Time.

"Exchange Disruption" means any event (other than an Early Closure) that disrupts or impairs (as determined by the Calculation Agent) the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for the Futures on the Exchange.

"Extraordinary Event" means – depending on the underlying of the Future – the Extraordinary Events stipulated in the relevant Underlying Definitions for Index, Equity, Fund, Commodity, FX Rate, Interest Rate and Future.

"Future" or "Underlying" means each future specified as Underlying in the Final Terms. Each Future is itself linked to a base value underlying the Future as set out in the Final Terms (the "Future Base Value") which may be a base value falling under one of the types of underlyings foreseen as Underlyings of the Securities issued pursuant to these Terms and Conditions and which will be specified in the relevant Final Terms. If the Final Terms for the relevant Security specify "Future Base Value Provisions" to be applicable, the specific provisions set out in the relevant Underlying Definitions for the Underlying which is the Future Base Value shall apply to the Securities, in addition to the Underlying Definitions for Future and for this purpose, the term "Underlying" and all terms including such term, all as defined in such Underlying Definitions shall be referred to as, and changed to, "Future Base Value".

"Intraday Price" means any traded price of the Future on the relevant Exchange.

"Market Disruption Event" means the occurrence or existence of (i) a Trading Disruption, (ii) an Exchange Disruption, in each case if considered to be material by the Calculation Agent, at any time during the one hour period that ends at the relevant scheduled valuation time for the relevant Reference Price, or (iii) an Early Closure.

"Regular Intraday Price" means any price of the Future traded during regular trading sessions on the Relevant Exchange.

#### "Roll-Over" means

- (a) if the Final Terms specify Roll-Over to be "Next Future", the existing Underlying is replaced by the Calculation Agent by the Next Future on the Effective Date. "Next Future" means the future contract having its maturity date on the next possible date, but in any case not earlier than in the next following month, whereby the terms and conditions of the Next Future shall substantially correspond to the terms and conditions of the replaced Underlying;
- (b) if the Final Terms specify Roll-Over to be "New Future", the existing Underlying is replaced by the Calculation Agent by the New Future on the Effective Date. "New Future" means the future contract with the best liquidity, provided that the terms and conditions of the New Future shall substantially correspond to the terms and conditions of the original Underlying, except for the due date of maturity; and
- (c) if the Final Terms specify Roll-Over to be "None", no replacement of the Underlying is intended by the Calculation Agent under normal circumstances.

"Roll-Over Event" means the replacement of the Future as Underlying in accordance with the Roll-Over.

"Scheduled Closing Time" means, in respect of an Exchange and a Scheduled Trading Day, the scheduled weekday closing time of such Exchange on such Scheduled Trading Day, without regard to after hours or any other trading outside of the regular trading session hours.

"Scheduled Trading Day" means, in relation to the (relevant) Future any day on which each Exchange is scheduled to be open for trading for regular trading sessions.

"Settlement Price" means the official settlement price of the Future on the relevant Exchange and if regularly no official settlement price is published by the relevant Exchange, the Closing Price of the Future.

"**Trading Disruption**" means any suspension of, impairment of or limitation imposed on trading by the relevant Exchange or otherwise and whether by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the relevant Exchange or otherwise relating to the Future on the Exchange.

"Underlying Business Day" means any Scheduled Trading Day which is not a Disrupted Day.

"Underlying Currency" means such currency as specified in the relevant Final Terms to be the Underlying Currency for the (relevant) Future.

#### For each Underlying which is a Basket, the following provisions apply:

"Basket" or "Underlying" means a basket composed of the Basket Components specified in the Final Terms (each a "Basket Component") in the Component Quantity as defined below. For each Basket Component save for Cash on Deposit, the specific provisions set out in the relevant Underlying Definitions shall apply and be included and for this purpose, the term "Underlying" and all terms including such term, all as defined in such Underlying Definitions shall be referred to as, and changed to, "Basket Component".

## If quantities of the Basket Components are specified as "indicative" the following provisions apply:

The quantity of each Basket Component as specified in the Final Terms is an indicative amount as of the Date of the Quantity Indication (the "**Date of Quantity Indication**" as specified in the Final Terms). The effective quantity of each Basket Component on the Initial Valuation Date shall be:

- in case of a conventional basket, which is <u>not</u> a Spread Basket, or a cappuccino basket, the Initial Reference Price of the Underlying converted from the Underlying Currency to the currency of the respective Basket Component, multiplied by the respective weighting and divided by the respective Quantity Determination Price.
- in case of a conventional basket, which <u>is</u> a Spread Basket, one unit of the Underlying Currency converted to the currency of the respective Basket Component, multiplied by the respective weighting and divided by the respective Quantity Determination Price.
- in case of a worst-of basket, best-of basket, value-weighted, minimum-deviation or maximum-deviation basket, the Initial Reference Price of the Underlying converted from the Underlying Currency to the currency of the respective Basket Component and divided by the respective Quantity Determination Price.

If necessary, the effective quantity of each Basket Component will be rounded to at least such number of digits, so that the effect of such rounding on the Basket Reference Price on the Initial Valuation Date is less than a thousandth of the main unit of the Underlying Currency.

"Basket Adjustment Method" means the method specified as "Basket Adjustment" in the Final Terms.

#### "Basket Reference Price" means

- (A) in case of a conventional basket, the sum of each relevant price of each Basket Component converted, if necessary, into the Underlying Currency and multiplied by the respective Component Quantity of this Basket Component;
- (B) in case of a worst-of basket, the product of (i) the relevant price of the Least Value Component converted, if necessary, into the Underlying Currency and (ii) its Component Quantity;
- (C) in case of best-of basket, the product of (i) the relevant price of the Greatest Value Component converted, if necessary, into the Underlying Currency and (ii) its Component Quantity;

- (D) in case of cappuccino basket, the sum of each relevant price of each Basket Component converted into the Underlying Currency and multiplied by the respective Component Quantity of this Basket Component, whereas (i) if the relevant price is below the respective Cappuccino Floor, it shall be the Cappuccino Floor; and (ii) if the relevant price is at or above the respective Cappuccino Level, it shall be the Cappuccino Cap;
- in case of a value-weighted basket, the sum of each relevant price of each Basket (E) Component converted, if necessary, into the Underlying Currency and multiplied by the respective Component Quantity and the associated Value Weighting of this Basket Component. For the determination of the associated Value Weighting of each Basket Component, the value of each Basket Component position is calculated and then all the Basket Component position values are sorted in descending order. The resulting list is then consolidated with the Value Weightings thus relating each Basket Component with its associated Value Weighting. That is, the first Value Weighting of the Value Weightings list relates to the Basket Component with the highest Basket Component position value, the second Value Weighting of the Value Weightings list relates to the Basket Component with the second-highest Basket Component position value, and so on. The value of a Basket Component position is equal to the relevant price of this Basket Component multiplied by the respective Component Quantity and converted, if necessary, into the Underlying Currency. If two or more Basket Component position values are equal, the Issuer will determine the order of the affected position values among each other at its own discretion;
- (F) in case of a minimum-deviation basket, the relevant price of that Basket Component, whose Relative Deviation is smallest, converted, if necessary, into the Underlying Currency and multiplied by the respective Component Quantity of this Basket Component;
- (G) in case of a maximum-deviation basket, the relevant price of that Basket Component, whose Relative Deviation is greatest, converted, if necessary, into the Underlying Currency and multiplied by the respective Component Quantity of this Basket Component.

If Cash on Deposit is a Basket Component, its relevant price shall be in any case one.

"Cash Distribution" means if specified to apply in the Final Terms that on each Cash Distribution Date the Cash on Deposit shall be treated as Ordinary Dividends of the Basket and the Component Quantity of the Basket Component Cash on Deposit will be set to zero. The respective Cash Distribution Date shall be the ex-day and the Business Day immediately preceding such date shall be the cum-day of the Ordinary Dividend. To avoid doubt: Pursuant to these Terms and Conditions such distributions of Cash on Deposit are distributions of the Underlying and do not represent distributions of the Security and thus, the Securityholders will not receive any such payments (if the Product Terms do not provide for different rules).

"Cash Distribution Date(s)" means any date which is specified as a Cash Distribution Payment Date in the respective Final Terms.

"Cash on Deposit" (if any) means cash money in the relevant Underlying Currency in the Component Quantity.

In case of cappuccino basket, "Cappuccino Cap" of each Basket Component means the Cappuccino Cap as specified in the Final Terms.

In case of cappuccino basket, "Cappuccino Level" of each Basket Component means the Cappuccino Level as specified in the Final Terms.

In in case of cappuccino basket, "Cappuccino Floor" of each Basket Component means the Cappuccino Floor as specified in the Final Terms.

"Closing Price" means the Basket Reference Price whereas the relevant price for each Basket Component shall be its Closing Price.

In in case of minimum-deviation basket or maximum-deviation basket, "**Deviation Reference Level**" of each Basket Component means the Deviation Reference Level as specified in the Final Terms.

- "Disrupted Day" means (i) if Common Pricing does not apply, each day which is a Disrupted Day for each of the Basket Components and (ii) if Common Pricing applies, each day which is a Disrupted Day for at least one of the Basket Components.
- **"Extraordinary Event"** means any Extraordinary Event of a Basket Component and, if applicable, a Supervision Failure Event.
- "Greatest Value Component" means the Basket Component, for which the product of (i) its relevant price converted, if necessary, into the Underlying Currency and (ii) its Component Quantity is the greatest, whereby provided that such product is the greatest for more than one Basket Component, "Greatest Value Component" means the Basket Component, for which (a) such product is the greatest and (b) the liquidity as determined by the Calculation Agent is the highest.
- "**Intraday Price**" means the Basket Reference Price whereas the relevant price for each Basket Component shall be its Intraday Price.
- "Least Value Component" means the Basket Component, for which the product of (i) its relevant price converted, if necessary, into the Underlying Currency and (ii) its Component Quantity is the least, whereby provided that such product is the least for more than one Basket Component, "Least Value Component" means the Basket Component, for which (a) such product is the least and (b) the liquidity as determined by the Calculation Agent is the highest.
- "Component Quantity" or "Quantity" means the quantity of any Basket Component in the Basket as specified in the Final Terms. Please note that the Component Quantity of one or more Basket Components may change from time to time if the Final Terms of the relevant Security specify in relation to the Basket that a certain type of Basket Adjustment applies.
- "Quantity Determination Price" means the price as is specified in the Final Terms, if any.
- "Regular Intraday Price" means the Basket Reference Price whereas the relevant price for each Basket Component shall be its Regular Intraday Price.
- "Reinvestment" (if any) means either (i) "Component" or (ii) "Basket" or (iii) "Cash" as specified in the Final Terms.

In case of minimum-deviation basket or maximum-deviation basket, "**Relative Deviation**" of each Basket Component means an amount equal to the difference of (i) the relevant price of this Basket Component and (ii) the respective Deviation Reference Level, subsequently divided by the respective Deviation Reference Level. If the resulting amount is negative, it shall be deemed to be positive.

- "Scheduled Trading Day" means (i) if Common Pricing does not apply, each day which is a Scheduled Trading Day for at least one of the Basket Components and (ii) if Common Pricing applies, each day which is a Scheduled Trading Day for each of the Basket Components.
- "Settlement Price" means the Basket Reference Price whereas the relevant price for each Basket Component shall be its Settlement Price.
- "Spread Basket" means a Basket one or more components of which have a negative quantity assigned to.
- "Underlying Business Day" means (i) if Common Pricing does not apply, each day which is an Underlying Business Day for at least one of the Basket Components and (ii) if Common Pricing applies, each day which is an Underlying Business Day for all of the Basket Components.
- "Underlying Currency" means such currency as specified in the relevant Final Terms to be the Underlying Currency for the Basket.

In case of a value-weighted basket, "Value Weightings" is a list of percentages (each a "Value Weighting") as specified in the Final Terms.

## If the <u>Basket Adjustment Method is not None</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

"Basket Adjustment" means any change in the composition of the Basket due to the application of a Basket Adjustment Method.

"Basket Adjustment Date(s)" means such dates as are specified in the Final Terms, whereas if such specified date is not an Underlying Business Day, the immediately following Underlying Business Day. Any references to "previous Basket Adjustment Date" on or before the first Basket Adjustment Date shall instead refer to the Initial Valuation Date.

### If the Basket Adjustment Method is Volatility Adjusted, the following provisions apply:

On the end of each Basket Adjustment Date, the Calculation Agent performs the following actions:

(a) The Calculation Agent determines the adjustment value  $B_A$  of the Basket by calculating the Realized Volatility Reference Price BV of the Basket and adding interest:

$$B_A = BV + \underbrace{C_{A-1} \cdot N \cdot \frac{r}{360}}_{\text{Interest}}$$

whereas

- $C_{A-1}$  means the value of the Basket Cash Component on the previous Basket Adjustment Date, which amounts to the Realized Volatility Reference Price of the Basket Cash Component on the previous Basket Adjustment Date multiplied by Component Quantity of the Basket Cash Component on the previous Basket Adjustment Date.
- *N* means the number of calendar days from the previous Basket Adjustment Date (exclusive) to the current Basket Adjustment Date (inclusive).
- r means the Cash Interest Rate on the current Basket Adjustment Date.
- (b) The Calculation Agent determines the lowest volatility in the Weighting Table, which is greater than the Realized Volatility. The associated weighting in the Weighting Table shall be the new weighting  $w_A$  of the Basket Volatility Component.
- (c) The Component Quantity of the Basket Volatility Component shall be adjusted to  $n_V$ :

$$n_V = \frac{B_A}{V_A} \cdot w_A$$

whereas  $V_A$  means the Realized Volatility Reference Price of the Basket Volatility Component on the current Basket Adjustment Date.

(d) The Component Quantity of the Basket Cash Component shall be adjusted to

$$n_C = \frac{B_A \cdot (1 - w_A)}{C_A}$$

whereas  $C_A$  means the Realized Volatility Reference Price of the Basket Cash Component on the current Basket Adjustment Date.

Whereby:

"Realized Volatility" means an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

$$RV_A = \sqrt{\frac{252}{d} \cdot \sum_{k=y}^{y+d-1} \left[ ln \left( \frac{V_{t-k+1}}{V_{t-k}} \right)^2 \right]}$$

and whereas

- d means a number of days equal to the Realized Volatility Days.
- y means a number of days equal to the Realized Volatility Determination Days.

- $V_{t-k}$  means the Realized Volatility Reference Price of the Basket Volatility Component on the Underlying Business Day immediately preceding the k-th Underlying Business Day before the Basket Adjustment Date.
- $V_{t-k+1}$  means the Realized Volatility Reference Price of the Basket Volatility Component on the k-th Underlying Business Day before the Basket Adjustment Date.
- *ln* means the natural logarithm.

The "Basket Volatility Component", the "Basket Cash Component", the "Realized Volatility Reference Price", the "Realized Volatility Determination Days" the "Realized Volatility Days" the "Cash Interest Rate" and the "Weighting Table" are specified in the Final Terms.

### If the **Basket Adjustment Method is Reinvestment**, the following provisions apply:

If the Final Terms specify Reinvestment to be "Component" or "Basket" or "Cash", the Component Distribution Amount will be reinvested on the ex-day of such distribution if the Calculation Agent has complete and non-ambiguous information about the distribution before its cum-day and:

- (i) If Reinvestment is "Component", the Component Distribution Amount will be reinvested in the Basket Component paying the Component Distribution Amount, therefore increasing the Component Quantity of such Basket Component;
- (ii) if Reinvestment is "Basket", the Component Distribution Amount will be reinvested into the Basket as whole, i.e. the Component Distribution Amount will be distributed over all Basket Components according to their weightings in the Basket on the cum-day of the respective distribution, therefore increasing the Component Quantity of all Basket Components. Necessary currency conversion will be performed according to § 14, and
- (iii) if Reinvestment is "Cash", the Component Distribution Amount will be converted into the Underlying Currency according to § 14 and then added to the Basket Component Cash on Deposit thus, increasing the Component Quantity of Cash on Deposit. If Cash on Deposit is not a Basket Component it will be added to the Basket on the ex-day of the respective distribution.

#### Whereby:

"Component Distribution Amount" means in respect of a Basket Component the Basket Distribution Amount, multiplied by the Component Quantity of the respective Basket Component.

The "Basket Distribution Amount" is specified in the Final Terms.

#### If the Basket Adjustment Method is Weighting Reset, the following provisions apply:

On each Basket Adjustment Date, the Calculation Agent determines the weighting of each Basket Component.

- (i) If Basket Weighting Reset is either "Upper Limit" or "Limit", the weighting of each Basket Component with a weighting above the Basket Weighting Upper Limit will be reduced to the Basket Weighting Upper Limit, and the weightings of all other Basket Components will be increased proportionally to their respective weightings.
- (ii) If Basket Weighting Reset is either "Lower Limit" or "Limit", the weighting of each Basket Component with a weighting below the Basket Weighting Lower Limit will be increased to the Basket Weighting Lower Limit, and the weightings of all other Basket Components will be reduced proportionally to their respective weightings.

The "Basket Weighting Reset", the "Basket Weighting Lower Limit" and the "Basket Weighting Upper Limit" are specified in the Final Terms.

## If the <u>Basket Adjustment Method is Barrier Event Kick-Out</u>, the following provisions apply:

As soon as a Barrier Event (as defined in the relevant section of § 23) occurs, the Calculation Agent performs the following actions:

- (a) If Component Removal is "Trigger" and the number of Basket Components is greater than the Basket Components Minimum Number, the Barrier Event Trigger Component shall be removed from the Basket.
- (b) If Component Removal is "Remaining", <u>all</u> Basket Components <u>except</u> the Barrier Event Trigger Component shall be removed from the Basket.
- (c) In any other case, no adjustments to the Basket shall be made.

#### Whereby:

#### "Barrier Event Trigger Component" means:

- (i) in case of a worst-of basket, the Least Value Component;
- (ii) in case of a best-of basket, the Greatest Value Component;
- (iii) in case of a minimum-deviation basket, the Basket Component, whose Relative Deviation is smallest;
- (iv) in case of a maximum-deviation basket, the Basket Component, whose Relative Deviation is greatest.

"Basket Components Minimum Number" and the "Component Removal" are specified in the Final Terms.

### If the <u>Basket Adjustment Method is Supervised Basket</u>, the following provisions apply:

On each Basket Adjustment Date, the Basket Supervisor may adjust the Basket by performing any of the following actions in any order and will publish the resulting composition of the Basket by way of such media as specified in the Final Terms:

- (a) change the weighting of any Basket Component, whereas the sum of the weightings of all Basket Components must remain unchanged;
- (b) replace any Basket Component with another component of the same underlying type (i.e. Index, Equity, Fund Share, Commodity, FX Rate, Interest Rate or Future);

Whereas after such Basket Adjustment either the Closing Price or the Settlement Price of the Basket must be identical to the Closing Price resp. Settlement Price of the Basket immediately before such Basket Adjustment.

If the composition of the Basket is not published by the Basket Supervisor but is published by a successor to the Basket Supervisor (the "Successor Basket Supervisor") acceptable to the Calculation Agent, then such successor shall be deemed to be the Basket Supervisor. If, in the determination of the Calculation Agent (i) on or before any Valuation Date the Basket Supervisor makes a material change in the method of performing Basket Adjustments (a "Supervision Modification") or permanently cancels the publication of the composition of the Basket and no Successor Basket Supervisor exists (a "Supervision Cancellation") or (ii) on any Basket Adjustment Date the Basket Supervisor fails to publish the composition of the Basket (a "Supervision Disruption"), then instead of a published composition of the Basket, the composition of the Basket as determined by the Calculation Agent last in effect before that Supervision Failure Event shall be used. The Calculation Agent shall notify the Securityholders thereof in accordance with § 20.

"Supervision Failure Event" means a Supervision Modification, Supervision Cancellation or Supervision Disruption.

#### Whereby:

"Supervised Basket Name" means the name of the Basket, which is used by the Basket Supervisor in publications regarding any Basket Adjustments.

The "Basket Supervisor" and the "Supervised Basket Name" are specified in the Final Terms.

## § 7 (Redemption, Delivery of Reference Assets)

- (1) *Product Terms*. The Product Terms which are relevant for the Product Type the Securities belong to (as specified in the Final Terms) and which are an integral part of these Terms and Conditions of the Securities can be found on page 235ff. of the Prospectus.
- (2) Rounding after an adjustment. If not stated otherwise, any numeric result of an adjustment made to the terms of a Security will be rounded to at least such number of digits, so that the effect of such rounding on the value of the Security is less than a thousandth of the main unit of the Product Currency.

The definition of the Redemption Amount and certain other relevant definitions can be found in the relevant Product Terms relating to such Securities.

(3) Adjustments of (parts of) Redemption Amounts.

If the Type of Quotation of the Security is <u>par value</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

If an amount is to be adjusted in accordance with these Terms and Conditions, the amount shall be adjusted according to the following provisions:

- (a) it shall be divided by the Initial Reference Price only if the Initial Reference Price is <u>not</u> zero: and
- (b) if it originally is denominated in a currency other than the Product Currency and the Product Currency is <u>not</u> specified as "Quanto", it shall be divided by the Initial Exchange Rate (as specified in the Final Terms) and converted from the original currency to the Product Currency according to § 14; and
- (c) if it originally is denominated in a currency other than the Product Currency and the Product Currency <u>is</u> specified as "Quanto", it shall be expressed ("Quanto") in the Product Currency according to § 14; and
- (d) finally it shall be multiplied by the Specified Denomination.

If the Type of Quotation of the Security is <u>non-par value</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

If an amount is to be adjusted in accordance with these Terms and Conditions, the amount shall be adjusted according to the following provisions:

- (a) If it is denominated in a currency other than the Product Currency and the Product Currency is <u>not</u> specified as "Quanto", it shall be converted to the Product Currency according to § 14; and
- (b) if it is denominated in a currency other than the Product Currency and the Product Currency <u>is</u> specified as "Quanto", it shall be expressed ("Quanto") in the Product Currency according to § 14; and
- (c) finally it shall be multiplied by the Multiplier.

The "**Multiplier**" is specified in the Final Terms.

If physical delivery is possible (i.e. if Settlement Method is either (i) <u>Physical</u> or (ii) <u>Conditional</u>) pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

- (4) Delivery of Reference Assets. In case of redemption by delivery of Reference Assets, the Issuer will transfer, or procure the delivery by the Delivery Agent, on or before the Maturity Date of Reference Assets in an amount corresponding to the Reference Asset Quantity per Specified Denomination/unit.
- (5) *Manner of Delivery*. Delivery of Reference Assets will be effected by the Issuer or by the Delivery Agent on behalf of the Issuer, to or to the order of the Securityholder and will be credited to a securities account which forms part of the securities depositary on or before the

Maturity Date. No Securityholder will be entitled to receive dividends or any other distributions (if any) declared or paid in respect of the Reference Assets to which such Security gives entitlement or to any other rights relating to or arising out of such Reference Assets if the date on which the Reference Assets are quoted cum-dividend or cum-the relevant distribution or right falls before the date on which the Reference Assets are credited to the securities account of the Securityholder.

- Securityholders' entitlement to Reference Assets and compensation. For Securities to be **(6)** redeemed in accordance with this condition the number of Reference Assets is calculated per Nominal Amount/unit (and, for the avoidance of doubt, the Securities to be redeemed in accordance with this condition to the same Securityholder will not be aggregated) of the relevant Securities for the purpose of determining the Reference Assets to which such Securities give entitlement, whereby the result is rounded down to whole numbers of Reference Assets and such rounded number is subsequently multiplied by (i) in case of par value instruments the quotient of the Nominal Amount of the relevant Securities held by the Securityholder and the Specified Denomination and (ii) in case of non-par value instruments the number of units of the relevant Securities held by the respective Securityholder. The Securityholders will not be entitled to any interest or other payment or compensation if and to the extent that the delivery of the Reference Assets will take place after the earlier of the occurrence of the Optional Redemption Date or the Maturity Date. The number of Reference Assets calculated on the basis of the provisions hereof will be transferred to the Securityholder. Entitlement to the remaining fractions of Reference Assets will be settled by payment of those fractions in cash rounded down to two decimals, calculated by the Calculation Agent on the basis of the Final Reference Price if the Reference Asset is the Underlying or the closing price of the Reference Assets on the Final Valuation Date if the Reference Asset is different from the Underlying and, to the extent necessary, converted into the Product Currency at the Calculation Agent's spot rate of exchange prevailing on such day (the "Compensation Amount").
- (7) Delivery Expenses. All expenses including but not limited to any depository charges, levies, scrip fees, registration, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duty, stamp duty reserve tax and/or taxes or duties (together, "Delivery Expenses") arising from the delivery of Reference Assets in respect of a Security shall be for the account of the relevant Securityholder and no delivery and/or transfer of Reference Assets in respect of a Security shall be made until all Delivery Expenses have been discharged to the satisfaction of the Issuer by the relevant Securityholder. The Calculation Agent shall be entitled to deduct an amount of Reference Assets equal in value to the Delivery Expenses from the Reference Asset Quantity.
- (8) No Obligation. None of the Issuer and the Agents shall be under any obligation to register or procure the registration of the relevant Securityholder prior or after any delivery or any other person in any kind of register (if any, e.g. register of shareholders, register of fundholders, etc) of any company or otherwise.
- **(9)** Settlement Disruption Event. If, in the opinion of the Delivery Agent, delivery of Reference Assets to one or more Securityholders is not practicable by reason of a Settlement Disruption Event having occurred and continuing on the Maturity Date, then the Maturity Date of the Securities of such Securityholder(s) shall be postponed to the first following Business Day in respect of which there is no Settlement Disruption Event, and notice thereof shall be given to the relevant Securityholder(s) in accordance with § 20. Such Securityholder(s) shall not be entitled to any payment, whether of interest or otherwise, on such Security in the event of any delay in the delivery of the Reference Assets pursuant to this paragraph, and no liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer. For the avoidance of doubt any such postponement shall not constitute a default by the Issuer. For so long as delivery of the Reference Assets in respect of any Security is not practicable by reason of a Settlement Disruption Event, then instead of physical delivery, and notwithstanding any other provision hereof or any postponement of the Maturity Date, the Issuer may elect to satisfy its obligations in respect of the relevant Security and the relevant Securityholder(s) by payment to the relevant Securityholder(s) of the Disruption Cash Settlement Amount of the Underlying not later than on the third Business Day following the date that the notice of such election is given to the relevant Securityholders in accordance with § 20. Payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Amount of the Underlying will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Securityholders in accordance with § 20.

## § 8 (Exercise)

### If the Securities are "Exercisable Securities" pursuant to their Final Terms, this § 8 shall apply:

- (1) Exercise of Securities. The date on which a Security is validly exercised or automatic exercise pursuant to Para (4) below occurs shall be its "Exercise Date".
- (2) Day(s) of Exercise. The Securities may only be validly exercised on an Underlying Business Day, which is one of the following "Scheduled Exercise Date(s)":
  - (a) if "European Style" has been specified to apply in the Final Terms, the Final Valuation Date (as specified in the Final Terms) or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next following Business Day;
  - (b) if "American Style" has been specified to apply in the Final Terms, each Business Day in the period beginning on the Issue Date and ending on the Final Valuation Date; and
  - (c) if "Bermudan Style" has been specified to apply in the Final Terms, each of the days specified as "Scheduled Exercise Dates" in the Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Business Day, the next following Business Day.
- (3) Delivery of an Exercise Notice. Each Security, unless previously redeemed or purchased and subject as provided in the Terms and Conditions, is exercisable on any Scheduled Exercise Date by delivery of an Exercise Notice (as defined below) at or before 10.00 a.m. Vienna local time to the Paying Agent, with a copy to the relevant Clearing Agent. The Exercise Notice shall be binding, unconditional and irrevocable on the respective Securityholder. An Exercise Notice delivered after such time shall become effective on the following Scheduled Exercise Date, if any.
- (4) Automatic Exercise. If Automatic Exercise is specified to apply in the Final Terms, the Securities will be exercised automatically on the last occurring Scheduled Exercise Date, and a Securityholder will not be required to complete an Exercise Notice. Such automatic exercise will only occur if a Redemption Amount greater than zero would be payable to the Securityholder.
  - However, if Automatic Exercise has not been specified to apply in the Final Terms, any exercisable Security not exercised by the last occurring Scheduled Exercise Date shall expire worthless (i.e. the Redemption Amount is zero) on such day and the Issuer shall have no further obligations in respect of any such Security.
- (5) Form of Exercise Notice. "Exercise Notice" unless otherwise provided in the Product Terms is a notice of a Securityholder substantially in the form set out in Annex 1 to the Terms and Conditions which declares the exercise of one or more Securities and:
  - (a) specifies the number of the Securities which are the subject of such notice;
  - (b) specifies the number of the account with the relevant Clearing Agent to be debited with such Securities and irrevocably instructs and authorises the relevant Clearing Agent to debit on or after the Exercise Date such account with such Securities, and authorises the Paying Agent to so direct the relevant Clearing Agent on behalf of the relevant Securityholder,
    - whereby "Clearing Agent" means OeKB CSD GmbH ("CSD.Austria"), Strauchgasse 1-3, 1010 Wien, and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to

- the Securityholders in accordance with § 20 (and the term Clearing Agent will include any depositary holding the Global Note on behalf of a Clearing Agent);
- (c) specifies the number of the account at the relevant Clearing Agent to be credited with any cash amounts payable;
- (d) in the case of physical settlement, includes account details at each relevant Physical Delivery Clearing System ("Delivery Details");
- (e) includes an undertaking to pay all Securityholder Expenses in accordance with § 3 (5) and the aggregate Strike and any other cash amounts, if applicable, payable to the Issuer and/or to deliver Reference Assets equal to the Reference Asset Quantity, if applicable to be delivered to the Issuer in connection with the exercise and settlement of the relevant Securities and irrevocably instructs the relevant Clearing Agent to deduct an amount(s) in respect thereof from any cash amounts due as referred to in § 3 (5) above and/or to debit a specified account with the relevant Clearing Agent with any such amounts in each case on or after the Exercise Date, and authorises the Paying Agent to so direct the relevant Clearing Agent on behalf of the relevant Securityholder;
- (f) certifies that neither the Securityholder nor any person on whose behalf the Securities are held or are being exercised or redeemed is a U.S. person or a person within the United States, and that no cash, and in the case of a physical delivery of an Underlying, no securities or other property have been or will be transferred in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. person in connection with any exercise or redemption thereof. As used herein, "U.S. person" means either a U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or a person who does not come within the definition of a non-United States person under Rule 4.7 of the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended; and
- (g) authorises the production of such notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (6) Minimum Exercise Number. Where a Minimum Exercise Number has been specified to apply in the Final Terms (the "Minimum Exercise Number"), the number of Securities exercised on any Scheduled Exercise Date by a Securityholder, as determined by the Paying Agent, must not be less than such Minimum Exercise Number. Any purported exercise of Securities in breach of this provision shall be void and of no effect.
- (7) Delivery of Securities. Each Securityholder exercising a Security shall deliver the respective number of Securities, but at least the Minimum Exercise Number at the latest together with submitting the Exercise Notice to the Paying Agent, either by irrevocable order to the Paying Agent to retrieve the Securities from a securities account which is, as the case may be, kept with the Paying Agent, or by delivery of the Securities to a securities account to be named by the Paying Agent.

# § 9 (Market Disruptions)

## For each Underlying which is an **Index**, the following provisions apply:

- (1) If any Valuation Date is a Disrupted Day, then the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Scheduled Trading Day that the Calculation Agent determines is not a Disrupted Day, unless the Calculation Agent determines that each of the eight Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the original date is a Disrupted Day. In that case:
  - (a) that eighth Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date, notwithstanding the fact that such day is a Disrupted Day; and

(b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Reference Price on that eighth Scheduled Trading Day in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the commencement of the Market Disruption Event using the traded or quoted price on the relevant Exchange (or, if an event giving rise to a Disrupted Day has occurred in respect of the relevant Index Component on that eighth Scheduled Trading Day, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant Index Component at the scheduled determination time of the Reference Price on that eighth Scheduled Trading Day) on that eighth Scheduled Trading Day of each Index Component comprising the Index.

#### For each Underlying which is Equity, the following provisions apply:

- (2) If any Valuation Date is a Disrupted Day, then the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Scheduled Trading Day that the Calculation Agent determines is not a Disrupted Day, unless the Calculation Agent determines that each of the eight Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the original date is a Disrupted Day. In that case:
  - (a) that eighth Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date, notwithstanding the fact that such day is a Disrupted Day; and
  - (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine its good faith estimate of the value of the Shares as of the scheduled determination time of the Reference Price on that eighth Exchange Business Day.

## For each Underlying which is a **Fund Share**, the following provisions apply:

(3) If any Valuation Date is a Disrupted Day, then the Valuation Date shall be the next succeeding day that is not a Disrupted Day, unless no day that is not a Disrupted Day has occurred prior to the last day of the Cut-off Period starting on the respective Valuation Date. In that case, (i) the last day of such Cut-off Period shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date, notwithstanding the fact that such day is a Disrupted Day, and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine its good faith estimate of the value of the Fund Shares as of the Valuation Day on that deemed Valuation Date.

## For each Underlying which is a <u>Commodity</u>, <u>FX Rate</u> or <u>Interest Rate</u> the following provisions apply:

(4) If any Valuation Date (or, if different, the day on which prices for that Valuation Date would, in the ordinary course, be published by the Price Source) is a Disrupted Day, the Reference Price for that Valuation Date will be determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the first applicable Disruption Fallback (as defined below) that provides a Reference Price.

#### Whereby:

"Disruption Fallback" means a source or method that may give rise to an alternative basis for determining the Reference Price in respect of a specified Reference Price when a Market Disruption Event occurs or exists on a day that is a Valuation Date. A Disruption Fallback means (in the following order):

- (i) Fallback Reference Price;
- (ii) Delayed Publication or Announcement and Postponement (each to operate concurrently with the other and each subject to a period of two consecutive Scheduled Trading Days of disruption (measured from and including the original day that would otherwise have been the Valuation Date); provided, however, that the price determined by Postponement shall be the Reference Price only if Delayed Publication or Announcement does not yield a Reference Price within these two consecutive Scheduled Trading Days); and
- (iii) determination by the Calculation Agent in accordance with then prevailing market conditions.

"Fallback Reference Price" means that the Calculation Agent will determine the Reference Price based on the price for that Valuation Date of the First Alternate Reference Price and not subject to a Market Disruption Event. The first alternate Reference Price, if any, is specified in the Final Terms (the "First Alternate Reference Price").

"Delayed Publication or Announcement" means that the Reference Price for a Valuation Date will be determined based on the Reference Price in respect of the original day scheduled as such Valuation Date that is published or announced by the relevant Price Source retrospectively on the first succeeding Scheduled Trading Day on which the Market Disruption Event ceases to exist, unless that Market Disruption Event continues to exist (measured from and including the original day that would otherwise have been the Valuation Date) or the Reference Price continues to be unavailable for five consecutive Scheduled Trading Days. In that case, the next Disruption Fallback will apply. If, as a result of a delay pursuant to this provision, a Reference Price is unavailable to determine any amount payable on any payment date or settlement date, that payment date or settlement date will be delayed to the same extent as was the determination of the Reference Price and, if a corresponding amount would otherwise have been payable in respect of the Securities on the same date that the delayed amount would have been payable but for the delay, the payment date or settlement date for that corresponding amount will be delayed to the same extent.

"Postponement" means that the Valuation Date will be deemed, for purposes of the application of this Disruption Fallback, to be the first succeeding Scheduled Trading Day on which the Market Disruption Event ceases to exist, unless that Market Disruption Event continues to exist for five consecutive Scheduled Trading Days (measured from and including the original day that would otherwise have been the Valuation Date). In that case, the next Disruption Fallback will apply. If, as a result of a postponement pursuant to this provision, a Reference Price is unavailable to determine any amount payable on any payment date or settlement date, that payment date or settlement date will be postponed to the same extent as was the determination of the Reference Price and, if a corresponding amount would otherwise have been payable in respect of the Securities on the same date that the postponed amount would have been payable but for the postponement, the payment date or settlement date for that corresponding amount will be postponed to the same extent.

### For each Underlying which is a Future, the following provisions apply:

- (5) If any Valuation Date is a Disrupted Day, then the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Scheduled Trading Day that the Calculation Agent determines is not a Disrupted Day, unless the Calculation Agent determines that each of the eight Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the original date is a Disrupted Day. In that case:
  - (a) that eighth Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date, notwithstanding the fact that such day is a Disrupted Day; and
  - (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine its good faith estimate of the value of the Future as of the scheduled determination time of the Reference Price on that eighth Scheduled Trading Day.

#### For each Underlying which is a Basket, the following provisions apply:

- (6) If any Valuation Date in respect of any Basket Component is a Disrupted Day (as determined in § 6), then the Valuation Date for each Basket Component not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the original date and the Valuation Date for each Basket Component affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day (each an "Affected Basket Component") shall be postponed in accordance with the relevant Terms and Conditions for such Underlying.
- (7) "Common Pricing" means that if the Final Terms specify that Common Pricing is applicable, if on any Valuation Date not for each single Basket Component a Reference Prices is determined, such Valuation Date shall be postponed to the first succeeding day on which a Reference Price for each single Basket Component is determined.

## § 10 (Adjustments)

- (1) Potential Adjustment Event. In the event of a Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Underlying and, if so, will:
  - (a) make the corresponding adjustment(s), if any, to any one or more of the Redemption Amount and/or the Reference Asset Quantity and/or the Interest Rate and/or the other relevant terms as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect, provided that, no adjustments will be made to account solely for changes in volatility, expected dividends, stock loan rate or liquidity relative to the relevant Underlying; and
  - (b) determine the effective date(s) of the adjustment(s). In such case, such adjustments shall be deemed to be so made from such date(s). The Calculation Agent may (but need not) determine the appropriate adjustment(s) by reference to the adjustment(s) in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by any Exchange and/or Related Exchange.

Upon making any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Securityholders in accordance with § 20, stating the adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the relevant terms mentioned above and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event. For the avoidance of doubt, in addition to or instead of varying any terms in accordance with the above provisions, the Calculation Agent may offer to distribute to the holders of the outstanding relevant Securities additional Securities and/or a cash amount. Such distribution of additional Securities may be made on a "free" or "delivery versus payment" basis.

## If "Calculation Agent Adjustment" is specified in the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

(2) Extraordinary Event. If "Calculation Agent Adjustment" is specified in the Final Terms, in the event of an Extraordinary Event the Calculation Agent may make such adjustments to the redemption, settlement, payment or any other terms of the Securities as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for the economic effect on the Securities of such Extraordinary Event. In this case the Calculation Agent shall give within not more than five Business Days after such adjustment has been effected notice to the Securityholders of such adjustment in accordance with § 20.

# § 11 (Corrections)

- (1) Corrections of the Underlying. In the event that any price or level (including the Net Asset Value in case of Fund Shares) published on any Exchange, Related Exchange, Index Sponsor, Management Company of a Fund, Price Source or any other price or quotation which is utilised for any calculation or determination made in relation to the Securities is subsequently corrected and the correction is published by such Exchange, Related Exchange, Index Sponsor or the Management Company of a Fund or Price Source before the Final Valuation Date, the Calculation Agent will determine the amount that is payable or deliverable as a result of that correction, and, to the extent necessary, will adjust the terms of such transaction to account for such correction and will notify the Securityholders accordingly pursuant to § 20.
- (2) Corrections of paid or delivered amounts. In the event that any amount paid or delivered under the Securities on a specified date (the "Original Date") has to be corrected subsequently, the Calculation Agent (i) determines the additional amount that is payable or deliverable as a result of that correction (the "Differential Amount"), (ii) specifies the date on which the Differential Amount has to be paid or delivered to the Securityholders (the "Differential Payment Date") as three Business Days after the day the Differential Amount has been determined and (iii) determines default interest (the "Correction Default Interest") based on a default interest rate of four percent p.a. and a day count fraction equal to the number of calendar days in the period

from (and including) the Original Date to (but excluding) the Differential Payment Date divided by 365. The Issuer will then publish the Differential Amount, the Differential Payment Date and the Correction Default Interest according to § 20 within two Business Days after the determination of the Differential Amount and cause the Differential Amount to be paid or delivered and the Correction Default Interest to be paid, both on the Differential Payment Date.

# § 12 (Early Redemption)

(1) Waiver of Early Termination. The Securityholders waive their ordinary right of early redemption of the Securities during the term of the Securities unless stated otherwise herein.

## If "Cancellation and Payment" is specified in the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

(2) Extraordinary Event. In the event of an Extraordinary Event the Issuer may redeem all, or some only, of the Securities then outstanding at their Market Price, upon the Issuer having given not less than 5 Business Days' notice to the Securityholders in accordance with § 20.

### If "Issuer's Call" is specified in the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

(3) Issuer's Call. The Issuer may redeem all (but not some) of the Securities then outstanding on any Optional Redemption Date (as specified in the Final Terms, each an "Optional Redemption Amount (as specified in the Final Terms, each an "Optional Redemption Amount") together with the fair market value of interest (if any) to but excluding the relevant Optional Redemption Date upon having given not less than 5 Business Days' notice to the Securityholders in accordance with § 20 (which notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the Optional Redemption Date fixed for redemption).

### If "Early Redemption" is specified in the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

(4) Early Redemption. The Issuer may redeem the Securities at any time prior to the Maturity Date following the occurrence of an Extraordinary Redemption Event. The Issuer will redeem the Securities in whole (but not in part) on the second Business Day after the notice of early redemption in accordance with § 20 has been published and provided that such date does not fall later than two Business Days' prior to the Maturity Date (the "Early Redemption Date") and will pay or cause to be paid the Market Price in respect of such Securities to the relevant Securityholders for value of such Early Redemption Date, subject to any applicable fiscal or other laws or regulations and subject to and in accordance with these Terms and Conditions. Payments of any applicable taxes and redemption expenses will be made by the relevant Securityholder and the Issuer shall not have any liability in respect thereof.

## End of "Early Redemption" provisions

"Market Price" means an aggregate amount equal to the fair market value of such Security on the date of redemption, including the fair market value of interest (if any), adjusted to account fully for any losses, expenses and costs to the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of unwinding any underlying or related hedging and funding arrangements.

## If the relevant Product Terms for the Security foresee "<u>Product Specific Termination</u>" the following provisions apply:

(5) Product Specific Termination. The Issuer will redeem the Securities at any time until the Maturity Date (including) following the first occurrence of any of the Product Specific Termination Events (as defined in the in § 23). The Issuer will redeem the Securities in whole (but not in part) on the Product Specific Termination Date (as specified in § 23, the "Product Specific Termination Date") and will pay or cause to be paid the Product Specific Termination Amount (as specified in § 23, the "Product Specific Termination Amount") in respect of such Securities to the relevant Securityholders for value of such Product Specific Termination Date, subject to any applicable fiscal or other laws or regulations and subject to and in accordance with these Terms and Conditions. Payments of any applicable taxes and redemption expenses will be made by the relevant Securityholder and the Issuer shall not have any liability in respect

thereof. The Securityholders will neither receive any further payments (including interest, if any) or deliveries under the Securities, nor receive any compensation for such early redemption.

# § 13 (Payments)

- (1) *Payments*. All payments in respect of Securities shall be made, subject to applicable fiscal and other laws and regulations, in the Product Currency to the securities depositary or to its order for credit to the accounts of the relevant account holders.
- (2) Business Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of any Security is not a Business Day, then the Securityholder shall not be entitled to payment until the next Business Day in the relevant place and shall not be entitled to further interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
  - "Business Day" means a day on which (other than Saturday and Sunday) (a) banks are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in all Relevant Business Centres (as specified in the Final Terms) and (b) all relevant parts of the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer System 2 or any successor system thereto ("TARGET") are operating to effect payments in Euro.
- (3) *Discharge*. The Issuer shall be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the securities depositary.

# § 14 (Currency Conversions, Rounding)

- (1) *Currency conversions.* Any amounts which are to be converted into another currency in line with these Terms and Conditions are converted as follows:
  - (a) If at least one of the involved currencies is specified as "Quanto", one unit of the first currency involved corresponds to one unit of the second currency involved, i.e. an amount in the first currency is expressed in the second currency; otherwise
  - (b) if the Final Terms explicitly foresee an exchange rate for the relevant currency pair, the currency conversion shall be based on such exchange rate; otherwise
  - (c) if the currency conversion is needed for the determination of an Intraday Price, a Regular Intraday Price or a Basket Distribution Amount, the currency conversion shall be based on current foreign exchange rates; otherwise
  - (d) if one of the involved currencies is Euro, the currency conversion shall be based on the relevant Foreign Exchange Rate Fixing.
  - (e) In any other case, the relevant amount shall be converted to Euro and the resulting Euro amount shall than be converted to the second involved currency, whereas both currency conversions shall be based on the relevant Foreign Exchange Rate Fixing.
  - "Foreign Exchange Rate Fixing" means the relevant official ECB fixing for the relevant date. If at the time of the currency conversion the relevant official ECB fixing has not been published by the ECB for the relevant date, "Foreign Exchange Rate Fixing" means the current foreign exchange rate for the relevant date as determined by the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion whereby the Calculation Agent will for such conversion use a foreign exchange rate which is used for similar transactions by other recognised financial institutions within the European Economic Area, if available.
- (2) Rounding. Any numbers which are to be rounded up to a given number of significant digits in line with these Terms and Conditions are rounded as follows: if the digit immediately following the last significant digit is either 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, then the number to be rounded will be rounded towards zero, otherwise away from zero.

## § 15 (Taxation)

All payments of principal and/or interest in respect of the Securities will be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for, any taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by or within Austria or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax, unless such withholding or deduction is required by law in which case payments to Securityholders will be reduced accordingly.

## § 16 (Prescription)

Claims of any kind against the Issuer arising under the Securities will be prescribed thirty years after the earlier of the date on which the early redemption or the date on which the ordinary redemption of the Securities has become due, except for claims (if any) for interests which will be prescribed three years after such interest claims have become due.

# § 17 (Agents)

- (1) Appointment. The Paying Agents, the Calculation Agent, the Delivery Agent (if any) (together the "Agents") are specified in the Final Terms.
- (2) Variation or Termination of Appointment. The Issuer reserves the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of any Agent, to appoint another Calculation Agent and to appoint additional or other Paying Agents and Delivery Agents. Any variation, termination, appointment or change shall only take effect (other than in the case of insolvency, when it shall be of immediate effect) after not less than 30 nor more than 45 days' prior notice thereof shall have been given to the Securityholder in accordance with § 20.
- (3) Agent of the Issuer. Any Agent acts solely as the agent of the Issuer and does not assume any obligations towards or relationship of agency or trust for any Securityholder.
- (4) Determinations Binding. All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of these Terms and Conditions by the Calculation Agent shall (in the absence of manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Paying Agents, the Delivery Agents and the Securityholders.
- (5) None of the Agents shall have any responsibility in respect of any error or omission or subsequent correcting made in the calculation or publication of any amount in relation to the Securities, whether caused by negligence or otherwise (other than gross negligence or wilful misconduct).

## § 18 (Issuer Fee)

If an "Issuer Fee" (as specified in the Final Terms, the "Issuer Fee") is specified in the Final Terms, starting with the first day after the Issue Date the Nominal Amount and/or the Multiplier, whichever applies, shall be daily multiplied by the difference of (a) one and (b) the quotient of (i) the Issuer Fee and (ii) 360. This adjustment reduces the Nominal Amount and/or the Multiplier and thus, all future payments of the Security and the value of the Security.

## § 19 (Purchases. Cancellation)

- (1) *Purchases*. The Issuer may at any time purchase Securities at any price in the open market or otherwise. If purchases are made by tender, tenders must be available to all Securityholders alike. Such Securities may be held, reissued, resold or cancelled, all at the option of the Issuer.
- (2) Cancellation. All Securities redeemed in full shall be cancelled forthwith and may not be reissued or resold.

## § 20 (Notices)

- (1) Publication. Unless applicable stock exchange regulations or law require another method of publication, all notices concerning the Securities shall be published in the English language on the Internet on the website specified in the Final Terms or in a leading daily newspaper having general circulation in Austria. This newspaper is expected to be the Amtsblatt zur Wiener Zeitung. Any notice so given will be deemed to have been validly given on the fifth day following the date of such publication (or, if published more than once, on the fifth day following the date of the first such publication).
- (2) Notification to securities depositary. The Issuer may, instead of a publication pursuant to subparagraph (1) above, deliver the relevant notice to the securities depositary for communication to the Securityholders, provided that, so long as any Securities are listed on any stock exchange, the rules of such stock exchange permit such form of notice. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given to the Securityholders on the fifth day after the day on which the said notice was given to the securities depositary.

# § 21 (Governing Law. Jurisdiction)

- (1) Governing Law. The Securities are governed by Austrian law, excluding its conflict of laws rules where their application would lead to the applicability of a foreign law.
- (2) Jurisdiction. The exclusive place of jurisdiction for all proceedings arising out of or in connection with the Securities shall be the court competent for the first district of Vienna, Austria. The Securityholders, however, may also pursue their claims before any other court of competent jurisdiction.

## PRODUCT TERMS

## § 22 (Variable Interest Rate)

If the Securities carry a <u>Barrier Digital</u> Interest pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

## **Barrier Digital Interest**

- (1) Variable Interest Rate. The "Variable Interest Rate" shall be the Digital Interest Rate (i) if an Interest Barrier Event has occurred and the Interest Barrier Style is either Down-and-in or Upand-in, or (ii) if no Interest Barrier Event has occurred and the Interest Barrier Style is either Down-and-out or Up-and-out. In any other case the Variable Interest Rate shall be zero.
- (2) Interest Barrier Event. An "Interest Barrier Event" has occurred if during the respective Interest Barrier Observation Period any Interest Barrier Reference Price compared to the respective Interest Barrier was
  - (i) less than or equal to in case the Interest Barrier Style is Down-and-in or Down-and-out, or
  - (ii) greater than or equal to in case the Interest Barrier Style is Up-and-in or Up-and-out.
- (3) Specifications in Final Terms. The "Digital Interest Rate", the "Interest Barrier Observation Period", the "Interest Barrier Reference Price" and the "Interest Barrier Style" are specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities carry a <u>Range Digital</u> Interest pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

### **Range Digital Interest**

- (4) Variable Interest Rate. The "Variable Interest Rate" shall be the Digital Interest Rate (i) if an Interest Barrier Event has occurred and the Interest Barrier Style is Knock-in, or (ii) if no Interest Barrier Event has occurred and the Interest Barrier Style is Knock-out. In any other case the Variable Interest Rate shall be zero.
- (5) Interest Barrier Event. An "Interest Barrier Event" has occurred if during the respective Interest Barrier Observation Period any Interest Barrier Reference Price was (i) less than or equal to the Interest Lower Barrier, or (ii) greater than or equal to the Interest Upper Barrier.
- (6) Specifications in Final Terms. The "Digital Interest Rate", the "Interest Barrier Style", the "Interest Barrier Observation Period", the "Interest Barrier Reference Price", the "Interest Lower Barrier" and the "Interest Upper Barrier" are specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities carry a <u>Reference Rate</u> Interest pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

#### Reference Rate Interest

(7) *Variable Interest Rate*. The "**Variable Interest Rate**" shall be the Interest Final Reference Price multiplied by the Interest Participation as specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities carry a <u>Capped Reference Rate Performance</u> Interest pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

## **Capped Reference Rate Performance Interest**

- (8) Variable Interest Rate. "Variable Interest Rate" means an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (a) If the Interest Final Reference Price is less than or equal to the Interest Strike, the Variable Interest Rate shall be zero.
  - (b) Otherwise the Variable Interest Rate shall be the difference between (i) either the Interest Cap Level or the Interest Final Reference Price, whichever is less, and (ii) the Interest Strike, subsequently multiplied by the Interest Participation.
- (9) Specifications in Final Terms. The "Interest Strike", the "Interest Cap Level" and the "Interest Participation" are specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities carry a <u>Capped Reference Rate Reverse Performance</u> Interest pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

## **Capped Reference Rate Reverse Performance Interest**

- (10) Variable Interest Rate. "Variable Interest Rate" means an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (a) If the Interest Final Reference Price is greater than or equal to the Interest Strike, the Variable Interest Rate shall be zero.
  - (b) Otherwise the Variable Interest Rate shall be the difference between (i) the Interest Strike, and (ii) either the Interest Floor Level or the Interest Final Reference Price, whichever is greater, subsequently multiplied by the Interest Participation.
- (11) Specifications in Final Terms. The "Interest Strike", the "Interest Floor Level" and the "Interest Participation" are specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities carry a <u>Barrier Reference Rate Performance</u> Interest pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

#### **Barrier Reference Rate Performance Interest**

- (12) Variable Interest Rate. "Variable Interest Rate" means an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (a) If <u>no</u> Interest Barrier Event has occurred and the Interest Barrier Style is either Downand-in or Up-and-in, the Variable Interest Rate shall be the Fallback Interest Rate.
  - (b) If <u>an</u> Interest Barrier Event has occurred and the Interest Barrier Style is either Downand-out or Up-and-out, the Variable Interest Rate shall be the Fallback Interest Rate.
  - (c) Otherwise if the Interest Final Reference Price is less than or equal to the Interest Strike, the Variable Interest Rate shall be zero.

- (d) In any other case the Variable Interest Rate shall be the difference between (i) the Interest Final Reference Price and (ii) the Interest Strike, subsequently multiplied by the Interest Participation.
- (13) Interest Barrier Event. An "Interest Barrier Event" has occurred if during the respective Interest Barrier Observation Period any Interest Barrier Reference Price compared to the respective Interest Barrier was:
  - (a) less than or equal to in case the Interest Barrier Style is Down-and-in or Down-and-out, or
  - (b) greater than or equal to in case the Interest Barrier Style is Up-and-in or Up-and-out.
- (14) Specifications in Final Terms. The "Interest Strike", the "Interest Participation", the "Interest Barrier Style", the "Interest Barrier", the "Interest Barrier Observation Period", the "Interest Barrier Reference Price" and the "Fallback Interest Rate" are specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities carry a <u>Performance</u> Interest pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

### **Performance Interest**

- (15) Variable Interest Rate. "Variable Interest Rate" means an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (a) If the Interest Final Reference Price is less than or equal to the Interest Strike, the Variable Interest Rate shall be zero.
  - (b) Otherwise the Variable Interest Rate shall be the difference between (i) the Interest Final Reference Price and (ii) the Interest Strike, subsequently divided by the Interest Initial Reference Price and multiplied by the Interest Participation.
- (16) Specifications in Final Terms. The "Interest Strike" and the "Interest Participation" are specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities carry a <u>Capped Performance</u> Interest pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

## **Capped Performance Interest**

- (17) *Variable Interest Rate*. "Variable Interest Rate" means an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (a) If the Interest Final Reference Price is less than or equal to the Interest Strike, the Variable Interest Rate shall be zero.
  - (b) Otherwise the Variable Interest Rate shall be the difference between (i) either the Interest Cap Level or the Interest Final Reference Price, whichever is less, and (ii) the Interest Strike, subsequently divided by the Interest Initial Reference Price and multiplied by the Interest Participation.
- (18) Specifications in Final Terms. The "Interest Strike", the "Interest Cap Level" and the "Interest Participation" are specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities carry a <u>Capped Absolute Performance</u> Interest pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

## **Capped Absolute Performance Interest**

(19) *Variable Interest Rate*. The "Variable Interest Rate" shall be the greater of (i) the Interest Positive Performance and (ii) the Interest Negative Performance.

Whereby

"Interest Positive Performance" means an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) If the Interest Final Reference Price is less than or equal to the Interest Strike, the Interest Positive Performance shall be zero.
- (b) Otherwise the Interest Positive Performance shall be the difference between (i) either Interest Cap Level or Interest Final Reference Price, whichever is less, and (ii) the Interest Strike, subsequently divided by the Interest Initial Reference Price and multiplied by the Interest Positive Participation.

"Interest Negative Performance" means an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) If the Interest Final Reference Price is greater than or equal to the Interest Strike, the Interest Negative Performance shall be zero.
- (b) Otherwise the Interest Negative Performance shall be the difference between (i) the Interest Strike and (ii) either Interest Floor Level or Interest Final Reference Price, whichever is greater, subsequently divided by the Interest Initial Reference Price and multiplied by the Interest Negative Participation.
- (20) Specifications in Final Terms. The "Interest Strike", the "Interest Positive Participation", the "Interest Negative Participation", the "Interest Cap Level" and the "Interest Floor Level" are specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities carry a <u>Barrier Performance</u> Interest pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

### **Barrier Performance Interest**

- (21) Variable Interest Rate. "Variable Interest Rate" means an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (a) If <u>no</u> Interest Barrier Event has occurred and the Interest Barrier Style is either Downand-in or Up-and-in, the Variable Interest Rate shall be the Fallback Interest Rate.
  - (b) If <u>an</u> Interest Barrier Event has occurred and the Interest Barrier Style is either Downand-out or Up-and-out, the Variable Interest Rate shall be the Fallback Interest Rate.
  - (c) Otherwise if the Interest Final Reference Price is less than or equal to the Interest Strike, the Variable Interest Rate shall be zero.
  - (d) In any other case the Variable Interest Rate shall be the difference between (i) the Interest Final Reference Price and (ii) the Interest Strike, subsequently divided by the Interest Initial Reference Price and multiplied by the Interest Participation.

- (22) Interest Barrier Event. An "Interest Barrier Event" has occurred if during the respective Interest Barrier Observation Period any Interest Barrier Reference Price compared to the respective Interest Barrier was:
  - (a) less than or equal to in case the Interest Barrier Style is Down-and-in or Down-and-out, or
  - (b) greater than or equal to in case the Interest Barrier Style is Up-and-in or Up-and-out.
- (23) Specifications in Final Terms. The "Interest Strike", the "Interest Participation", the "Interest Barrier Style", the "Interest Barrier", the "Interest Barrier Observation Period", the "Interest Barrier Reference Price" and the "Fallback Interest Rate" are specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities carry a <u>Capped Barrier Performance</u> Interest pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

## **Capped Barrier Performance Interest**

- (24) Variable Interest Rate. "Variable Interest Rate" means an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (a) If <u>no</u> Interest Barrier Event has occurred and the Interest Barrier Style is either Downand-in or Up-and-in, the Variable Interest Rate shall be the Fallback Interest Rate.
  - (b) If <u>an</u> Interest Barrier Event has occurred and the Interest Barrier Style is either Downand-out or Up-and-out, the Variable Interest Rate shall be the Fallback Interest Rate.
  - (c) Otherwise if the Interest Final Reference Price is less than or equal to the Interest Strike, the Variable Interest Rate shall be zero.
  - (d) In any other case the Variable Interest Rate shall be the difference between (i) either Interest Cap Level or Interest Final Reference Price, whichever is less, and (ii) the Interest Strike, subsequently divided by the Interest Initial Reference Price and multiplied by the Interest Participation.
- (25) Interest Barrier Event. An "Interest Barrier Event" has occurred if during the respective Interest Barrier Observation Period any Interest Barrier Reference Price compared to the respective Interest Barrier was:
  - (a) less than or equal to in case the Interest Barrier Style is Down-and-in or Down-and-out, or
  - (b) greater than or equal to in case the Interest Barrier Style is Up-and-in or Up-and-out.
- (26) Specifications in Final Terms. The "Interest Strike", the "Interest Participation", the "Interest Cap Level", the "Interest Barrier Style", the "Interest Barrier", the "Interest Barrier Observation Period", the "Interest Barrier Reference Price" and the "Fallback Interest Rate" are specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities carry a <u>Cliquet</u> Interest pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

### **Cliquet Interest**

(27) Variable Interest Rate. The "Variable Interest Rate" shall be the Interest Participation multiplied by the sum of all Interest Performances of the relevant Interest Period. If the Variable

Interest Rate is greater than the Variable Interest Rate Cap, it shall be deemed to be the Variable Interest Rate Cap. If the Variable Interest Rate is less than the Variable Interest Rate Floor, it shall be deemed to be the Variable Interest Rate Floor.

## Whereby:

The "Interest Performance" shall be the Interest Performance Reference Price on any Interest Performance Valuation Date, except the first, divided by the Interest Performance Reference Price on the immediately preceding Interest Performance Valuation Date and subsequently reduced by one. If the Interest Performance is greater than the Interest Performance Cap, it shall be deemed to be the Interest Performance is less than the Interest Performance Floor, it shall be deemed to be the Interest Performance Floor.

(28) Specifications in Final Terms. The "Interest Performance Valuation Dates", the "Interest Performance Reference Price", the "Interest Performance Cap", the "Interest Performance Floor", the "Interest Participation", the "Variable Interest Rate Cap" and the "Variable Interest Rate Floor" are specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities carry a <u>Ladder</u> Interest pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

#### **Ladder Interest**

- (29) Variable Interest Rate. The "Variable Interest Rate" shall be the greatest Interest Ladder Rate for which the associated Interest Ladder Level is less than or equal to the Interest Final Reference Price. If no Interest Ladder Level is less than or equal to the Interest Final Reference Price, the Variable Interest Rate shall be zero.
- (30) Specifications in Final Terms. Each "Interest Ladder Rate" and its associated "Interest Ladder Level" is specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities carry an <u>Accumulated Distribution</u> Interest pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

### **Accumulated Distribution Interest**

- (31) Variable Interest Rate. The "Variable Interest Rate" shall be the sum of all Interest Distribution Amounts, if necessary converted into the Underlying Currency according to § 14, whose ex-day is within the respective Interest Observation Period, divided by the Interest Initial Reference Price. If the Underlying is an index, a fund or a basket, and any component of the Underlying pays out distributions, which are not reinvested by the Underlying, those distribution payments will be weighted according to the weighting of the corresponding component within the Underlying on the cum-distribution day and then be treated as distributions paid out by the Underlying itself on the ex-distribution day.
- (32) Specifications in Final Terms. The "Interest Distribution Amount" is specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities carry a <u>Range Accrual</u> Interest pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

## **Range Accrual Interest**

(33) Variable Interest Rate. The "Variable Interest Rate" shall be the Digital Interest Rate multiplied by the number of Range Accrual Days and divided by the number of Range Observation Days, both within the respective Interest Barrier Observation Period.

### Whereby:

If a Range Observation Day is not an Underlying Business Day, the relevant day for the determination of any Reference Price for such day shall be the immediately preceding Underlying Business Day.

"Range Accrual Day" means any Range Observation Day on which (i) no Interest Barrier Event has occurred and the Interest Barrier Style is Stay-in, or (ii) an Interest Barrier Event has occurred and the Interest Barrier Style is Stay-out.

- (34) Interest Barrier Event. An "Interest Barrier Event" has occurred if any Interest Barrier Reference Price was (i) less than or equal to the Interest Lower Barrier or (ii) greater than or equal to the Interest Upper Barrier.
- (35) Specifications in Final Terms. The "Digital Interest Rate", the "Range Observation Day", the "Interest Barrier Style", the "Interest Barrier Observation Period", the "Interest Barrier Reference Price", the "Interest Lower Barrier" and the "Interest Upper Barrier" are specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities carry a <u>Pyramid</u> Interest pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

### **Pyramid Interest**

- (36) Variable Interest Rate. The "Variable Interest Rate" shall be the greatest Interest Pyramid Rate for which during the respective Interest Barrier Observation Period every Interest Barrier Reference Price was greater than the respective Interest Lower Barrier and less than the respective Interest Upper Barrier. If no Interest Pyramid Rate is specified for which during the respective Interest Barrier Observation Period every Interest Barrier Reference Price was greater than the respective Interest Lower Barrier and less than the respective Interest Upper Barrier, the Variable Interest Rate shall be the Fallback Interest Rate.
- (37) Specifications in Final Terms. The "Interest Pyramid Rate", the "Interest Lower Barrier", the "Interest Upper Barrier", the "Interest Barrier Observation Period", the "Interest Barrier Reference Price" and the "Fallback Interest Rate" are specified in the Final Terms.

## § 23 (Redemption Amount)

If the Securities are <u>Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1100)</u> or <u>Winner Certificates (eusipa 1100)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

# Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1100) and Winner Certificates (eusipa 1100)

(1) Redemption Amount. The "Redemption Amount" shall be the sum of the Protection Amount and the Participation Amount.

#### Whereby:

The "Participation Amount" shall be the Participation multiplied by:

- (a) zero if the Final Reference Price is less than the Strike; otherwise
- (b) the difference between (i) the Final Reference Price and (ii) the Strike.

The resulting Participation Amount shall be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

#### Whereby:

The "Protection Amount", the "Strike" and the "Participation" are specified in the Final Terms; and

The "Physical Settlement Condition" is fulfilled if the Final Reference Price is greater than the Strike.

If the Securities are <u>Capped Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1120)</u> or <u>Capped Winner Certificates (eusipa 1120)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

## Capped Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1120) and Capped Winner Certificates (eusipa 1120)

(2) Redemption Amount. The "Redemption Amount" shall be the sum of the Protection Amount and the Participation Amount.

#### Whereby:

The "Participation Amount" shall be the Participation multiplied by:

- (a) zero if the Final Reference Price is less than the Strike; otherwise
- (b) the difference between (i) either the Final Reference Price or the Cap, whichever is less, and (ii) the Strike.

The resulting Participation Amount shall be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

#### Whereby:

The "Protection Amount", the "Strike", the "Cap" and the "Participation" are specified in the Final Terms; and

The "**Physical Settlement Condition**" is fulfilled if the Final Reference Price is greater than the Strike and less than the Cap.

If the Securities are <u>Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1140)</u> or <u>Protected Certificates (eusipa 1140)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

## Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1140) and Protected Certificates (eusipa 1140)

(3) Redemption Amount. The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be the Protection Amount. For the avoidance of doubt: The resulting amount shall <u>not</u> be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

The "Protection Amount" is specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities are <u>Step-Up Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Step-Up Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

# Step-Up Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199) and Step-Up Certificates (eusipa 1199)

(4) Redemption Amount. The "Redemption Amount" shall be the greater of (i) the Protection Amount or (ii) the greatest Step-Up Redemption Amount for which the associated Step-Up Level is less than or equal to the Final Reference Price. If no Step-Up Level is less than or equal to the Final Reference Price, the Redemption Amount shall be the Protection Amount. For the avoidance of doubt: The resulting amount shall not be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

The "Protection Amount", the "Step-Up Redemption Amount(s)" and the "Step-Up Level(s)" are specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities are <u>Step-Down Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Step-Down Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

## Step-Down Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199) and Step-Down Certificates (eusipa 1199)

(5) Redemption Amount. The "Redemption Amount" shall be the greater of (i) the Protection Amount or (ii) the greatest Step-Down Redemption Amount for which the associated Step-Down Level is greater than or equal to the Final Reference Price. If no Step-Down Level is greater than or equal to the Final Reference Price, the Redemption Amount shall be the Protection Amount. For the avoidance of doubt: The resulting amount shall not be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

The "Protection Amount", the "Step-Down Redemption Amount(s)" and the "Step-Down Level(s)" are specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities are <u>Express Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Express Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

# Express Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199) and Express Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)

(6) Redemption Amount. The "Redemption Amount" shall be the Protection Amount.

#### Whereby:

An "Express Event", which is a Product Specific Termination Event pursuant to § 12, has occurred if the Express Reference Price on an Express Valuation Date was greater than or equal to the respective Express Valuation Level. In such an event the relevant Product Specific Termination Amount shall be the respective Express Redemption Amount and the Product Specific Termination Date shall be the respective Express Redemption Date;

The "Protection Amount", "Express Valuation Date(s)", the "Express Valuation Level(s)", "Express Redemption Date(s)", "Express Redemption Amount(s)" and the "Express Reference Price" are specified in the Final Terms.

For the avoidance of doubt: Neither the Redemption Amount nor the Product Specific Termination Amount shall be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

If the Securities are <u>Reverse Express Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Reverse Express Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

## Reverse Express Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199) and Reverse Express Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)

(7) Redemption Amount. The "Redemption Amount" shall be the Protection Amount.

#### Whereby:

An "Express Event", which is a Product Specific Termination Event pursuant to § 12, has occurred if the Express Reference Price on an Express Valuation Date was less than or equal to the respective Express Valuation Level. In such an event the relevant Product Specific Termination Amount shall be the respective Express Redemption Amount and the Product Specific Termination Date shall be the respective Express Redemption Date;

The "Protection Amount", "Express Valuation Date(s)", the "Express Valuation Level(s)", "Express Redemption Date(s)", "Express Redemption Amount(s)" and the "Express Reference Price" are specified in the Final Terms.

For the avoidance of doubt: Neither the Redemption Amount nor the Product Specific Termination Amount shall be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

If the Securities are <u>Range Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Range Winner Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

## Range Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199) and Range Winner Certificates (eusipa 1199)

(8) Redemption Amount. The "Redemption Amount" shall be the sum of the Protection Amount and the Participation Amount.

#### Whereby:

The "Participation Amount" shall be the sum of all Range Participation Amounts, for which the respective Range Lower Level is less than the Final Reference Price. The resulting Participation Amount shall be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

The "Range Participation Amount" for each Range Lower Level shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) If the Final Reference Price is equal to or less than the respective Range Lower Level, the Range Participation Amount shall be zero; or

- (b) if the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the respective Range Upper Level, the Range Participation Amount shall be the respective Range Participation multiplied by the difference of (i) the respective Range Upper Level and (ii) the respective Range Lower Level; otherwise
- (c) in any other case the Range Participation Amount shall be the respective Range Participation multiplied by the difference of (i) the Final Reference Price and (ii) the respective Range Lower Level.

#### Whereby:

The "Protection Amount", the "Range Lower Level(s)", the "Range Upper Level(s)" and the "Range Participation(s)" are specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities are <u>Stay-Above Guarantee Certificates</u> (eusipa 1199) or <u>Stay-Above Certificates</u> (eusipa 1199) pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

# Stay-Above Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199) and Stay-Above Certificates (eusipa 1199)

(9) Redemption Amount. The "Redemption Amount" shall be the greater of (i) the Protection Amount or (ii) the Stay-Above Redemption Amount, which is associated with the number of Basket Components present within the Basket after the determination of the Final Reference Price. If no Stay-Above Redemption Amount is specified for the actual number of Basket Components, the Redemption Amount shall be the Protection Amount. For the avoidance of doubt: The resulting amount shall not be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

### Whereby:

A "Barrier Event" has occurred if any Barrier Reference Price during the Barrier Observation Period was less than or equal to the Barrier;

The "Protection Amount", the "Stay-Above Redemption Amount(s)", the "Barrier", the "Barrier Observation Period" and the "Barrier Reference Price" are specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities are <u>Capped Twin-Win Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Capped Twin-Win Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

## Capped Twin-Win Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199) and Capped Twin-Win Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)

(10) Redemption Amount. The "Redemption Amount" shall be the sum of the Protection Amount and the Participation Amount.

## Whereby:

The "Participation Amount" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) if the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Cap, the Participation Amount shall be the difference between (i) the Cap and (ii) the Strike; otherwise
- (b) if the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Strike, the Participation Amount shall be the difference between (i) the Final Reference Price and (ii) the Strike; otherwise
- (c) if no Barrier Event has occurred, the Participation Amount shall be the difference between (i) the Strike and (ii) the Final Reference Price; otherwise

(d) the Participation Amount shall be zero.

The resulting Participation Amount shall be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

A "Barrier Event" has occurred if any Barrier Reference Price during the Barrier Observation Period was less than or equal to the Barrier;

The "Protection Amount", the "Strike", the "Cap", the "Barrier", the "Barrier Observation Period" and the "Barrier Reference Price" are specified in the Final Terms; and

The "**Physical Settlement Condition**" is fulfilled if a Barrier Event has occurred and the Final Reference Price is greater than the Strike and less than the Cap.

If the Securities are <u>Bonus Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Bonus Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

## Bonus Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199) and Bonus Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)

- (11) *Redemption Amount*. The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (a) If only one Barrier is specified in the Final Terms: if no Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the Bonus Amount; otherwise, it shall be the Protection Amount.
  - (b) If more than one Barrier is specified in the Final Terms: the Redemption Amount shall be the greater of (i) the Protection Amount or (ii) the greatest Bonus Amount for which no Barrier Event has occurred for the relevant Barrier. If for all Bonus Amounts a Barrier Event has occurred for the relevant Barrier, the Redemption Amount shall be the Protection Amount.

For the avoidance of doubt: The resulting amount shall <u>not</u> be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

A "Barrier Event" for a specific Barrier has occurred if any Barrier Reference Price during the Barrier Observation Period was less than or equal to such Barrier;

The "Protection Amount", the "Bonus Amount(s)", the "Barrier(s)", the "Barrier Observation Period" and the "Barrier Reference Price" are specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities are <u>Discount Certificates (eusipa 1200)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

### **Discount Certificates (eusipa 1200)**

(12) Redemption Amount. The "Redemption Amount" shall be the lesser of (i) the Cap or (ii) the Final Reference Price. The resulting amount shall be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

The "Cap" is specified in the Final Terms; and

The "**Physical Settlement Condition**" is fulfilled if the Final Reference Price is less than the Cap.

If the Securities are <u>Reverse Convertibles (eusipa 1220)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

### **Reverse Convertibles (eusipa 1220)**

- (13) *Redemption Amount*. The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (a) If the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Strike, the Redemption Amount shall be the Nominal Amount; and
  - (b) Otherwise the Redemption Amount shall be the Nominal Amount multiplied by the Final Reference Price and divided by the Strike.

For the avoidance of doubt: The resulting amount shall <u>not</u> be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

The "Strike" is specified in the Final Terms; and

The "Physical Settlement Condition" is fulfilled if the Final Reference Price is less than the Strike.

If the Securities are <u>Protected Reverse Convertibles (eusipa 1230)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

### **Protected Reverse Convertibles (eusipa 1230)**

- (14) *Redemption Amount*. The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (a) If the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Strike or no Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the Nominal Amount; and
  - (b) Otherwise the Redemption Amount shall be the Nominal Amount multiplied by the Final Reference Price and divided by the Strike.

For the avoidance of doubt: The resulting amount shall <u>not</u> be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

A "Barrier Event" has occurred if any Barrier Reference Price during the Barrier Observation Period was less than or equal to the Barrier;

The "Strike", the "Barrier", the "Barrier Observation Period" and the "Barrier Reference Price" are specified in the Final Terms; and

The "Physical Settlement Condition" is fulfilled if a Barrier Event has occurred and the Final Reference Price is less than the Strike.

If the Securities are <u>Capped Bonus Certificates (eusipa 1250)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

#### **Capped Bonus Certificates (eusipa 1250)**

- (15) *Redemption Amount*. The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (a) if the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Cap, the Redemption Amount shall be the Cap; otherwise

- (b) if no Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the greater of (i) the Final Reference Price or (ii) the Bonus Level; or
- (c) if a Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the Final Reference Price.

The resulting amount shall be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

A "Barrier Event" has occurred if any Barrier Reference Price during the Barrier Observation Period was less than or equal to the Barrier;

The "Bonus Level", the "Cap", the "Barrier", the "Barrier Observation Period" and the "Barrier Reference Price" are specified in the Final Terms; and

The "**Physical Settlement Condition**" is fulfilled if a Barrier Event has occurred and the Final Reference Price is less than the Cap.

If the Securities are <u>Express Certificates (eusipa 1260)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

## Express Certificates (eusipa 1260)

- (16) Redemption Amount. The "Redemption Amount" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (a) If no Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the greater of (i) the Final Reference Price or (ii) the Security Level.
  - (b) Otherwise the Redemption Amount shall be the Final Reference Price.

The resulting amount shall be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

An "Express Event", which is a Product Specific Termination Event pursuant to § 12, has occurred if the Express Reference Price on an Express Valuation Date was greater than or equal to the respective Express Valuation Level. In such an event the relevant Product Specific Termination Amount shall be the respective Express Redemption Level adjusted according to § 7 (3) and the Product Specific Termination Date shall be the respective Express Redemption Date:

A "Barrier Event" has occurred if any Barrier Reference Price during the Barrier Observation Period was less than or equal to the Barrier;

The "Express Valuation Date(s)", the "Express Valuation Level(s)", "Express Redemption Date(s)", "Express Redemption Level(s)", the "Express Reference Price", the "Security Level", the "Barrier", the "Barrier Observation Period" and the "Barrier Reference Price" are specified in the Final Terms; and

The "Physical Settlement Condition" is fulfilled if a Barrier Event has occurred.

If the Securities are <u>Inversion Certificates (eusipa 1299)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

### **Inversion Certificates (eusipa 1299)**

- (17) *Redemption Amount*. The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (a) If the Final Reference Price is equal to or less than the Strike, the Redemption Amount shall be the Nominal Amount; and

(b) Otherwise the Redemption Amount shall be the greater of (i) the Minimum Redemption Amount or (ii) the Nominal Amount multiplied by the Strike and divided by the Final Reference Price.

For the avoidance of doubt: The resulting amount shall not be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

The "Minimum Redemption Amount" and the "Strike" are specified in the Final Terms; and

The "Physical Settlement Condition" is fulfilled if the Final Reference Price is greater than the Strike.

If the Securities are Reverse <u>Inversion Certificates (eusipa 1299)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

## **Reverse Inversion Certificates (eusipa 1299)**

- (18) *Redemption Amount*. The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (a) If the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Strike, the Redemption Amount shall be the Nominal Amount; and
  - (b) Otherwise the Redemption Amount shall be the lesser of (i) the Maximum Redemption Amount or (ii) the Nominal Amount multiplied by the Strike and divided by the Final Reference Price.

For the avoidance of doubt: The resulting amount shall <u>not</u> be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

The "Maximum Redemption Amount" and the "Strike" are specified in the Final Terms; and

The "Physical Settlement Condition" is fulfilled if the Final Reference Price is less than the Strike.

If the Securities are <u>Capped Twin-Win Certificates (eusipa 1299)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

## **Capped Twin-Win Certificates (eusipa 1299)**

- (19) *Redemption Amount*. The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (a) if the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Cap, the Redemption Amount shall be the Cap; otherwise
  - (b) if the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Strike, the Redemption Amount shall be the Final Reference Price; otherwise
  - (c) if no Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the difference between (i) twice the Strike and (ii) the Final Reference Price; or
  - (d) if a Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the Final Reference Price.

The resulting amount shall be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

A "Barrier Event" has occurred if any Barrier Reference Price during the Barrier Observation Period was less than or equal to the Barrier;

The "Strike", the "Cap", the "Barrier", the "Barrier Observation Period" and the "Barrier Reference Price" are specified in the Final Terms; and

The "**Physical Settlement Condition**" is fulfilled if a Barrier Event has occurred and the Final Reference Price is less than the Cap.

If the Securities are <u>Capped Reverse Bonus Certificates (eusipa 1299)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

## **Capped Reverse Bonus Certificates (eusipa 1299)**

- (20) *Redemption Amount*. The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (a) if the Final Reference Price is less than the Cap, the Redemption Amount shall be the difference between (i) the Reverse Level and (ii) the Cap; or
  - (b) if the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Reverse Level, the Redemption Amount shall be zero; otherwise
  - (c) if a Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the difference between (i) the Reverse Level and (ii) the Final Reference Price; or
  - (d) if no Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the difference between (i) the Reverse Level and (ii) either the Final Reference Price or the Bonus Level, whichever is less.

The resulting amount shall be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

A "Barrier Event" has occurred if any Barrier Reference Price during the Barrier Observation Period was greater than or equal to the Barrier; and

The "Bonus Level", the "Cap", the "Reverse Level", the "Barrier", the "Barrier Observation Period", and the "Barrier Reference Price" are specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities are <u>Index Certificates (eusipa 1300)</u> or <u>Participation Certificates (eusipa 1300)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

## **Index Certificates and Participation Certificates (eusipa 1300)**

(21) *Redemption Amount*. The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be the Final Reference Price. The resulting amount shall be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

If the Securities are <u>Outperformance Certificates (eusipa 1310)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

### **Outperformance Certificates (eusipa 1310)**

- (22) *Redemption Amount*. The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (a) If the Final Reference Price is equal to or less than the Strike, the Redemption Amount shall be the Final Reference Price.
  - (b) Otherwise the Redemption Amount shall be the sum of (i) the Participation multiplied by the difference between (a) the Final Reference Price and (b) the Strike, and (ii) the Strike.

The resulting amount shall be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

The "Strike" and the "Participation" are specified in the Final Terms; and

The "**Physical Settlement Condition**" is fulfilled if the Final Reference Price is less than the Strike.

If the Securities are <u>Bonus Certificate (eusipa 1320)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

### **Bonus Certificates (eusipa 1320)**

- (23) Redemption Amount. The "Redemption Amount" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (a) If no Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the greater of (i) the Final Reference Price or (ii) the Bonus Level.
  - (b) Otherwise the Redemption Amount shall be the Final Reference Price.

The resulting amount shall be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

A "Barrier Event" has occurred if any Barrier Reference Price during the Barrier Observation Period was less than or equal to the Barrier;

The "Bonus Level", the "Barrier", the "Barrier Observation Period", and the "Barrier Reference Price" are specified in the Final Terms; and

The "Physical Settlement Condition" is fulfilled if a Barrier Event has occurred.

If the Securities are <u>Twin-Win Certificates (eusipa 1340)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

### Twin-Win Certificates (eusipa 1340)

- (24) *Redemption Amount*. The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (a) if the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Strike, the Redemption Amount shall be the Final Reference Price; otherwise
  - (b) if no Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the difference between (i) twice the Strike and (ii) the Final Reference Price; or
  - (c) if a Barrier Event has occurred, the Redemption Amount shall be the Final Reference Price.

The resulting amount shall be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

A "Barrier Event" has occurred if any Barrier Reference Price during the Barrier Observation Period was less than or equal to the Barrier;

The "Strike", the "Barrier", the "Barrier Observation Period" and the "Barrier Reference Price" are specified in the Final Terms; and

The "Physical Settlement Condition" is fulfilled if a Barrier Event has occurred.

If the Securities are <u>Call Warrants (eusipa 2100)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

# Call Warrants (eusipa 2100)

(25) Redemption Amount. The "Redemption Amount" shall be the greater of (i) zero or (ii) the difference between (a) the Final Reference Price and (b) the Strike. The resulting amount shall be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

The "Strike" is specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities are <u>Put Warrants (eusipa 2100)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

# Put Warrants (eusipa 2100)

(26) Redemption Amount. The "Redemption Amount" shall be the greater of (i) zero or (ii) the difference between (a) the Strike and (b) the Final Reference Price. The resulting amount shall be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

The "Strike" is specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities are <u>Capped Call Warrants (eusipa 2110)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

#### Capped Call Warrants (eusipa 2110)

- (27) *Redemption Amount*. The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (a) If the Final Reference Price is equal to or less than the Strike, the Redemption Amount shall be zero.
  - (b) Otherwise the Redemption Amount shall be the difference between (i) either the Cap or the Final Reference Price, whichever is less, and (ii) the Strike.

The resulting amount shall be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

The "Strike" and the "Cap" are specified in the Final Terms; and

If the Securities are <u>Capped Put Warrants (eusipa 2110)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

# **Capped Put Warrants (eusipa 2110)**

- (28) *Redemption Amount*. The "**Redemption Amount**" shall be an amount determined in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (a) If the Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Strike, the Redemption Amount shall be zero.

(b) Otherwise the Redemption Amount shall be the difference between (i) the Strike and (ii) either the Floor or the Final Reference Price, whichever is greater.

The resulting amount shall be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

The "Strike" and the "Floor" are specified in the Final Terms; and

If the Securities are <u>Turbo Long Certificates (eusipa 2210)</u> or <u>Turbo Short Certificates (eusipa 2210)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

# Turbo Long Certificates and Turbo Short Certificates (eusipa 2210)

- (29) Redemption Amount. The "Redemption Amount" shall be:
  - (a) in case of Turbo Long Certificates, the difference between (i) the Final Reference Price and (ii) the Strike; or
  - (b) in case of Turbo Short Certificates, the difference between (i) the Strike and (ii) the Final Reference Price.

The resulting amount shall be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

A "Barrier Event", which is a Product Specific Termination Event, pursuant to § 12, has occurred if during the Barrier Observation Period any Barrier Reference Price compared to the Barrier in effect was:

- (a) less than or equal to in case of Turbo Long Certificates; or
- (b) greater than or equal to in case of Turbo Short Certificates.

Within a maximum of three Trading Hours after the occurrence of such Barrier Event, the Calculation Agent shall determine the residual value resulting from the closing of hedging positions concluded by the Issuer, taking into account all costs incurred in connection with such closing. The residual value is usually very small and may even be zero. The Product Specific Termination Amount shall be the residual value and the Product Specific Termination Date shall be the fifth Business Day after the determination of the residual value.

"Distribution Adjustment" means the adjustment of the Strike and Barrier caused by distribution payments of the Underlying. If the Underlying pays out distribution, the Calculation Agent will subtract the Distribution Amount from the Strike as well as from the Barrier. The adjustment will be effective on the ex-distribution day.

If the Underlying is an index, a fund or a basket, and any component of the Underlying pays out distributions, which are not reinvested by the Underlying, those distribution payments will be weighted according to the weighting of the corresponding component within the Underlying on the cum-distribution day and then be treated as distributions paid out by the Underlying itself on the ex-distribution day.

The "**Financing Costs**" of each day should be the Strike multiplied by the sum of (i) the Financing Rate and (ii) the Financing Rate Margin, subsequently divided by 360.

"Trading Hour" means any hour on which the Exchange and the Related Exchanges as well as the Vienna Stock Exchange and/or EUWAX are open for trading and there is no Market Disruption Event.

"Ordinary Daily Adjustment" means the adjustment of Strike and Barrier on a Business Day. The Financing Costs of the Securities are added to Strike and Barrier on a daily basis, whereby the Financing Costs for days which are no Business Days are added on the next following Business Day.

The "Strike", the "Barrier", the "Barrier Observation Period", the "Barrier Reference Price", the "Distribution Amount", the "Financing Rate", and the "Financing Rate Margin" are specified in the Final Terms.

If the Securities are <u>Factor Certificates (eusipa 2300)</u> pursuant to the Final Terms, the following provisions apply:

# Factor Certificates (eusipa 2300)

- (30) Redemption Amount. The "Redemption Amount" shall be
  - (a) the difference between (i) the Final Reference Price and (ii) the Factor Level in case of a Leverage Factor greater than zero,
  - (b) otherwise the difference between (i) the Factor Level and (ii) the Final Reference Price.

The resulting amount shall be adjusted according to § 7 (3).

Whereby:

"Distribution Adjustment" means the adjustment of the Factor Level and Protection Level caused by distribution payments of the Underlying. If the Underlying pays out distribution, the Calculation Agent will subtract the Distribution Amount from the Factor Level as well as from the Protection Level. The adjustment will be effective on the ex-distribution day.

If the Underlying is an index, a fund or a basket, and any component of the Underlying pays out distributions, which are not reinvested by the Underlying, those distribution payments will be weighted according to the weighting of the corresponding component within the Underlying on the cum-distribution day and then be treated as distributions paid out by the Underlying itself on the ex-distribution day.

"Extraordinary Intraday Adjustment" means the Factor Adjustment by the Calculation Agent in case the Intraday Price of the Underlying on any day during the term of the Security is

- (a) in case of a Leverage Factor greater than zero: equal to or less than, or
- (b) in case of a Leverage Factor less than zero: equal to or greater than

the Protection Level.

The Factor Adjustment will be performed under the assumption that the Factor Adjustment Reference Price is exactly the Protection Level. This Extraordinary Intraday Adjustment efficiently prevents the value of the Security from becoming less than zero. In case of a Hedging Disruption, the Issuer has the right to stipulate a Factor Adjustment Reference Price different to the Protection Level, but only in such a way, that the value of the Security becomes not less than zero.

"Factor Level" means a level calculated on the Issue Date according to an Ordinary Daily Adjustment under the assumptions that d is zero and  $C_{prev}$  is equal to the Issue Price, converted, if necessary, to the Underlying Currency, subject to a Factor Adjustment and Distribution Adjustment.

**"Factor Adjustment"** means an Ordinary Daily Adjustment or an Extraordinary Intraday Adjustment. The Multiplier, Factor Level and Protection Level will be adjusted as follows:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \textit{Multiplier} & = & \underbrace{\mathbf{s} \cdot l \cdot \frac{C_{prev}}{R_{prev}}}_{\text{Leverage reset}} \\ \textit{Factor Level} & = & \underbrace{\frac{l-1}{l} \cdot R_{prev}}_{\text{Value term}} + \underbrace{R_{prev} \cdot \frac{f \cdot l-1}{l} \cdot \frac{r_{prev} + r_{M}}{360} \cdot d}_{\text{Interest term}} \\ \end{array}$$

where:

s = 1 (one) if the Leverage Factor is greater than zero, or -1 (minus one) otherwise.

 $C_{prev}$  = the value of the Factor Certificate immediately before this Factor Adjustment calculated under the assumption that the value of the Underlying is equal to the

Factor Adjustment Reference Price, i.e.  $C_{prev} = s \cdot M_{prev} \cdot (R_{prev} - FL_{prev})$ ,

subject to a Roll-Over Adjustment.

 $M_{prev}$  = the Multiplier in effect immediately before this Factor Adjustment

 $R_{prev}$  = Factor Adjustment Reference Price

 $FL_{prev}$  = the Factor Level in effect immediately before this Factor Adjustment

l = Leverage Factor

f = 0 (zero) if the Underlying is a Future, or 1 (one) otherwise

 $r_{prev}$  = Financing Rate in effect immediately before this Factor Adjustment

 $r_M$  = Financing Rate Margin of the Issuer

d = number of calendar days between the day of this Factor Adjustment and the

previous Factor Adjustment

The Multiplier will be rounded to eight fractional digits and the Factor Level to four fractional digits. The Protection Level will be adjusted analogously to the provisions for the calculation of the Protection Level as set out below. The resulting Factor Level and Protection Level are subject to a Distribution Adjustment.

"Factor Adjustment Reference Price" is a Reference Price and means (i) related to an Ordinary Daily Adjustment: such price as specified in the Final Terms of the Underlying; or (ii) related to an Extraordinary Intraday Adjustment: the Protection Level in effect immediately before this Factor Adjustment.

"Factor Adjustment Date" is a Valuation Date and means any day after the Issue Date that is a banking business day in Austria or Germany and which is an Underlying Business Day.

"Ordinary Daily Adjustment" means the Factor Adjustment by the Calculation Agent on every Factor Adjustment Date at the time of the determination of the Factor Adjustment Reference Price by the Calculation Agent. The Multiplier, Factor Level and Protection Level are constant in the period between each consecutive Ordinary Daily Adjustment, except in case of an Extraordinary Intraday Adjustment.

#### "Protection Level" means a level that

- (a) exceeds the Factor Adjustment Reference Price in case the Leverage Factor is less than zero, or
- (b) falls below the Factor Adjustment Reference Price in case the Leverage Factor is greater than zero,

by the percentage specified as Protection Level in the Final Terms.

If the Underlying is a Future, "Roll-Over Adjustment" means the adjustment of the value  $C_{prev}$  of the Factor Certificate during the Ordinary Daily Adjustment caused by a Roll-Over Event of the Underlying. During the Ordinary Daily Adjustment on the Effective Date of the Roll-Over the value  $C_{prev}$  is calculated based on the Roll-Over Future, i.e.  $C_{prev} = s \cdot M_{prev} \cdot (R_{prev}^{roll} - FL_{prev})$ , where  $R_{prev}^{roll}$  means the Roll-Over Reference Price of the Roll-Over Future on the preceding Factor Adjustment Date, "Roll-Over Future" means the Future, which was applicable as the Underlying immediately before the Roll-Over Event, and "Roll-Over Reference Price" means a price specified as Factor Adjustment Reference Price in the Final Terms.

The "Leverage Factor", the "Financing Rate", the "Financing Rate Margin" and the "Distribution Amount" are specified in the Final Terms.

# Form of the exercise notice

# Raiffeisen Centrobank AG

# [Insert issue title] (the "Securities")

Any capitalised terms not defined herein shall bear the same meaning as given to such terms in the base prospectus for the Securities as amended.

When completed this notice should be sent by the Securityholder to the Paying Agent and copied to the relevant Clearing Agent. The most recent form of this notice may be obtained on request to the Paying Agent.

To: Raiffeisen Centrobank AG

Tegetthoffstraße 1 1015 Vienna Austria

CC: [OeKB CSD GmbH

Strauchgasse 1-3 1010 Vienna Austria]

# [Insert other or further Clearing Agent(s)]

Subject as set out below, if this notice is determined to be incomplete or not in proper form (in the determination of the Paying Agent), or is not copied to the Clearing Agent, immediately after being delivered or sent to the Paying Agent, it shall be void.

If this notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Paying Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to the Paying Agent and copied to the Clearing Agent.

#### PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

#### 1. Number of the Securities

The number of the Securities being exercised is as follows: [Insert the number of Securities (units, in case of non-par value securities) or the aggregate nominal amount of Securities (in case of par value securities) subject to the Notice]

# 2. Account details

[I/We\*] hereby irrevocably instruct and authorise the [Clearing Agent/account holder] to debit on or after the Exercise Date the account specified below with the number of the Securities being exercised and [I/we\*] hereby authorise the Paying Agent to so direct the [Clearing Agent/account holder] on [my/our\*] behalf.

Account details:

# [\*delete as appropriate]

[If cash settled, insert below and renumber paragraphs accordingly:

#### 3. Cash amounts

The account with the [Clearing Agent/account holder] to be credited with any cash amount(s), Disruption Cash Settlement Amount and any other cash amounts payable to [me/us\*] is as follows:

Account details: ]

#### [\*delete as appropriate]

[If not physically settled, delete (4) below and renumber paragraphs accordingly:

## 4. Physical Delivery Amount

The account with [*insert relevant Physical Delivery Clearing System(s)*] to be credited with the physical delivery amount(s) is as follows:

Account details: ]

## 5. Securityholder Expenses

[I/We\*] hereby undertake to pay all Securityholder Expenses and the aggregate Strike and any other cash amounts, if applicable, payable in connection with the exercise and settlement of the relevant Securities and/or to deliver Reference Assets equal to the Reference Asset Quantity, if applicable to be delivered to the Issuer in connection with the exercise and settlement of the relevant Securities and [I/we\*] hereby irrevocably instruct the [Clearing Agent/account holder] to deduct an amount or amounts in respect thereof from any cash amount due to [me/us\*] as referred to in 3 above and/or to debit [my/our\*] account with the [Clearing Agent/account holder] specified below with an amount or amounts in respect thereof, in each case on or after the Exercise Date and [I/we\*] hereby authorise the Calculation Agent to so direct the [Clearing Agent/account holder] on [my/our\*] behalf.

Account details:

[\*delete as appropriate]

#### 6. Certification of non-U.S. beneficial ownership

The undersigned hereby [certify/ies\*] that, as of the date hereof, neither the person exercising the Securities that are the subject of this notice nor any person on whose behalf the Securities are being exercised is a U.S. person or a person within the United States and that no cash, and in the case of a physical delivery of an Underlying, no securities or other property have been or will be transferred in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. person in connection with any exercise thereof. As used herein "United States" means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia and its possessions), and "U.S. person" means (i) an individual who is a resident of the United States; (ii) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (iii) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (iv) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (v) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (ii) above; (vi) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 percent or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (i) to (v) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (vii) any other "U.S. person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or a person who does not come within the definition of a non-United States person under Rule 4.7 of the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended.

[\*delete as appropriate]

#### 7. Use of Exercise Notice

[I/We\*] authorise the production of this notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.

[\*delete as appropriate]

Names(s) of Securityholder(s):

Signed/By:

Dated:

# FORM OF FINAL TERMS FOR SECURITIES



# **FINAL TERMS**

Series No. [●]

dated [•]

Issue of [up to] [Aggregate Principal Amount of Series] [Number] [Title of Securities] [Interest Type] on [Underlying] [with Credit Reference Entity [insert Credit Reference Entity and – if any – founder of Credit Reference Entity]] (["Marketing name", ] the "Securities")

under the Structured Securities Programme

in connection with the Base Prospectus dated 12 May 2016

for the Structured Securities Programme of

Raiffeisen Centrobank Aktiengesellschaft

[Please insert one or more of the following warnings as applicable]

[WARNING: POTENTIAL PURCHASERS OF THESE SECURITIES SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT RETURN OF PRINCIPAL WILL BE DEPENDENT UPON THE PERFORMANCE OF AN INDEX OR INDICES. MOVEMENTS IN THE VALUE(S) OF THE INDEX OR INDICES MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT THE VALUE OF THESE SECURITIES.]

[WARNING: POTENTIAL PURCHASERS OF THESE SECURITIES SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE RETURN OF PRINCIPAL IS LINKED TO THE VALUE OF EQUITY SECURITIES. MOVEMENTS IN THE VALUE OF THE EQUITY SECURITIES MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT THE VALUE OF THESE SECURITIES.]

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[WARNING: POTENTIAL PURCHASERS OF THESE SECURITIES SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE RETURN OF PRINCIPAL IS LINKED TO THE VALUE OF [COMMODITIES] [FX RATES] [INTEREST RATES]. MOVEMENTS IN THE VALUE OF THE [COMMODITIES] [FX

RATES] [INTEREST RATES] MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT THE VALUE OF THESE SECURITIES.]

[WARNING: POTENTIAL PURCHASERS OF THESE SECURITIES SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE RETURN OF PRINCIPAL IS LINKED TO THE VALUE OF [A] FUTURE CONTRACT[S]. MOVEMENTS IN THE VALUE OF THE FUTURE CONTRACT[S] MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT THE VALUE OF THESE SECURITIES.]

[WARNING: POTENTIAL PURCHASERS OF THESE SECURITIES SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE RETURN OF PRINCIPAL IS LINKED TO THE VALUE OF A BASKET OF [DIFFERENT] COMPONENTS. MOVEMENTS IN THE VALUE OF ANY OF THESE COMPONENTS MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT THE VALUE OF THESE SECURITIES.]

[WARNING: [WHEN HELD UNTIL THE MATURITY DATE, THESE SECURITIES ARE [INSERT CURRENCY] [INSERT AMOUNT] [PERCENT] PRINCIPAL PROTECTED AND WILL BE REDEEMED WITH A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF [INSERT CURRENCY] [INSERT AMOUNT] [PERCENT OF THE SPECIFIED DENOMINATION].] POTENTIAL PURCHASERS OF THESE SECURITIES SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THE RETURN OF ANY AMOUNT EXCEEDING [INSERT CURRENCY] [INSERT AMOUNT] [PERCENT OF THE SPECIFIED DENOMINATION] WILL BE DEPENDENT UPON THE PERFORMANCE OF [INSERT RELEVANT UNDERLYING(S)].]

[WARNING: POTENTIAL PURCHASERS OF THESE SECURITIES SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE SECURITIES ARE CREDIT LINKED AND THEREFORE THE INVESTORS ARE EXPOSED TO A HIGH ADDITIONAL RISK OF A TOTAL LOSS. IF A CREDIT EVENT OCCURS, THE REDEMPTION AMOUNT IN RESPECT OF EACH SECURITY WILL BE REDUCED ACCORDINGLY (POTENTIALLY DOWN TO ZERO) AND/OR INTEREST PAYMENTS WILL BE TERMINATED. THUS. THE HOLDERS OF SUCH SECURITIES HAVE. IN ADDITION TO THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ISSUER, TO BEAR RISKS, IN PARTICULAR THE INSOLVENCY RISK, RELATING TO THE CREDIT REFERENCE ENTITY. IFURTHERMORE, THE CREDIT REFERENCE ENTITY'S ABILITY TO REDEEM THE CREDIT REFERENCE OBLIGATION IS SEVERELY LIMITED BY ITS BUSINESS AND TRADING ACTIVITY: AS THE CREDIT REFERENCE ENTITY WAS FOUNDED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ISSUING NOTES AND THE FUNDS INVESTED IN SUCH NOTE WILL BE EXTENDED AS A LOAN BY THE CREDIT REFERENCE ENTITY TO THE CREDIT REFERENCE ENTITY FOUNDER, THE HOLDERS OF THE SECURITIES IN ADDITION HAVE TO BEAR THE INSOLVENCY RISK OF THE CREDIT REFERENCE ENTITY FOUNDER. BESIDES THE AFOREMENTIONED ACTIVITIES, THE CREDIT REFERENCE ENTITY HAS NO SIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY, AND IT DOES NOT RECEIVE ANY MATERIAL INCOME OTHER THAN THE REPAYMENTS AND INTEREST PAYMENTS IN RELATION TO THE LOANS TO THE CREDIT REFERENCE ENTITY FOUNDER. IF A LOAN IS NOT REPAID BY THE CREDIT REFERENCE ENTITY FOUNDER WHEN DUE FOR WHATEVER REASON, THE CREDIT REFERENCE ENTITY WILL VERY LIKELY BE UNABLE TO REDEEM THE RELEVANT CREDIT REFERENCE OBLIGATION AND THUS, A CREDIT EVENT WILL OCCUR.] [IF THE CREDIT REFERENCE ENTITY BECOMES INSOLVENT OR UNABLE TO PAY ITS DEBT AND/OR REPAY THE CREDIT REFERENCE OBLIGATION, A CREDIT EVENT WILL OCCUR.1

[WARNING: THE BASE PROSPECTUS DATED 12 MAY 2016 WILL PRESUMABLY BE VALID UNTIL 12 MAY 2017. UPON SUCH DATE, THE ISSUER INTENDS TO HAVE AN UPDATED AND APPROVED BASE PROSPECTUS PUBLISHED AND THE FINAL TERMS SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH SUCH NEW BASE PROSPECTUS WHICH WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO INVESTORS ON THE ISSUER'S WEBSITE (www.rcb.at – News & Info – Securities Prospectus, currently: www.rcb.at/en/news-info/securities-prospectus/).]

CONFIRMATION: BY ACQUIRING A SECURITY, EACH INVESTOR HEREWITH CONFIRMS THAT (i) IT IS AWARE OF THE ABOVE RISK WARNING, AND PARTICULARLY THE DEPENDENCE OF THE SECURITIES ON THE SOLVENCY OF

THE CREDIT REFERENCE ENTITY [AND THE CREDIT REFERENCE ENTITY FOUNDER]; (ii) IT HAS CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE ENTIRE FINAL TERMS [INCLUDING THE ANNEXES TO THE FINAL TERMS] AND THE RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE PROSPECTUS.]

These Final Terms relate to the Base Prospectus dated 12 May 2016 as amended by the relevant supplements, if any, (the "**Prospectus**") as long as this Prospectus is valid (which will presumably be 12 May 2017). Upon such date, the Issuer intends to have an updated and approved new base prospectus published and from such date on, the Final Terms relate to and should be read in conjunction with such new Base Prospectus.

The Final Terms have been prepared for the purpose of Article 5(4) of Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003 (as amended) (the "Prospectus Directive") and must be read in conjunction with the Prospectus and its supplement(s) (if any). Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Securities is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Prospectus (including any supplements, if any, thereto and the documents incorporated by reference).

The Final Terms to the Prospectus are represented in the form of a separate document according to Article 26 (5) of the Commission Regulation (EC) No 809/2004 of 29 April 2004, as amended (the "**Prospectus Regulation**").

The subject of the Final Terms is determined by Article 22 (4) of the Prospectus Regulation. Accordingly, the Final Terms (i) contain new information in relation to information items from the securities note schedules which are listed as Categories B and C in Annex XX of the Prospectus Regulation, and (ii) replicate or make reference to options already provided for in the Prospectus which are applicable to the individual series of Securities. Consequently, within the relevant options all information items are required to be completed and if information items are not applicable the item shall appear in the Final Terms with the mention "not applicable".

The Prospectus, any supplements thereto and the Final Terms are published by making them available free of charge at specified office of Raiffeisen Centrobank AG at Tegetthoffstraße 1, 1015 Vienna, Austria. Furthermore, these documents are published in electronic form on the website of the Issuer (www.rcb.at).

An issue specific summary, fully completed for the Securities, is annexed to these Final Terms.

### [A summary on the Credit Reference Entity Founder is annexed to theses Final Terms.]

These Final Terms are issued to give details of an issue under the Structured Securities Programme of Raiffeisen Centrobank Aktiengesellschaft (the "**Programme**") and are to be read in conjunction with the Terms and Conditions of the Securities (the "**Terms and Conditions**") set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 12 May 2016, as the same may be supplemented from time to time. Capitalised Terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings specified in the Terms and Conditions.

Save as disclosed in item 34 below, so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Securities has an interest material to the offer.

All references in these Final Terms to numbered sections are to sections of the Terms and Conditions and all provisions in the Terms and Conditions corresponding to items in these Final Terms which are either not selected or completed or which are deleted shall be deemed to be deleted from the terms and conditions applicable to the Securities (the "Conditions").

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms and declares, that having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in these Final Terms is, to the best knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import, save for the information regarding (the issuer(s) of) the relevant underlying(s). The information included herein with respect to (the issuer(s) of) the relevant underlying(s) consists of extracts from, or summaries of, annual reports and other publicly available information. The Issuer makes no representation that any publicly available information or any other publicly available documents regarding (the issuer(s) of) the relevant underlying(s) are accurate and complete and does not accept any responsibility in respect of such information. There can be no assurance that all events occurring prior to the date of these Final Terms that would affect the trading price of the relevant

underlying(s) (and therefore the trading price and value of the Securities) have been publicly disclosed. Subsequent disclosure of any such events or the disclosure or failure to disclose material future events concerning the relevant underlying(s) could affect the trading price and value of the Securities.

These Final Terms do not constitute an offer to buy or the solicitation of an offer to sell any Securities or an investment recommendation. Neither the delivery of these Final Terms nor any sale hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Issuer or the Underlyings since the date hereof or that the information contained herein is correct as of any date subsequent to this date.

The distribution of these Final Terms and the offering, sale and delivery of the Securities in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession these Final Terms come are required by the Issuer to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions. For a further description of certain restrictions on the offering and sale of the Series, see the Base Prospectus as supplemented or amended by these Final Terms.

# A. CONTRACTUAL INFORMATION

# GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SECURITIES

**IMPORTANT NOTE**: Next to the below headings of certain items certain §§ of the Terms and Conditions to which these items (*inter alia*) relate may be indicated but such items may be relevant for other §§, also. Investors may not rely on that the below items only relate to the indicated §§.

1. Issuer: Raiffeisen Centrobank Aktiengesellschaft

2. Identification: [ISIN: Insert ISIN]

[CFI: Insert CFI]

[German Wertpapierkennnummer: *insert*] [Common Code: *Insert Common Code*]

3. **Product Currency** (cf  $\S$  1): [Quanto] [ $\bullet$ ]

[Currency Conversions (cf § 14):

Currency pair	Exchange rate
[insert currency pair]	[insert description of the FX Rate]
T. 1	•
[•]	[●]

[Continue table as appropriate.]]

**4. Product Type** (cf § 23):

[Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1100)] [Winner Certificates (eusipa 1100)] [Capped Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1120)] [Capped Winner Certificates (eusipa 1120)] [Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1140)] [Protected Certificates (eusipa 1140)] [Step-Up Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Step-Up Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Step-Down Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Step-Down Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Express Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Express Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Reverse Express Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Reverse Express Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Range Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Range Winner Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Stay-Above Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Stay-Above Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Capped Twin-Win Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Capped Twin-Win Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Bonus Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Bonus Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)] [Discount Certificates (eusipa 1200)] [Reverse Convertibles (eusipa 1220)] [Protected Reverse Convertibles (eusipa 1230)] [Capped Bonus Certificates (eusipa 1250)] [Express Certificates (eusipa 1260)] [Capped Twin-Win Certificates (eusipa 1299)] [Capped Reverse Bonus Certificates (eusipa 1299)] [Inversion Certificates (eusipa 1299)] [Reverse Inversion Certificates (eusipa 1299)] [Index Certificates (eusipa 1300)] [Participation Certificates (eusipa 1300)1 [Outperformance Certificates (eusipa 1310)] [Bonus Certificates (eusipa 1320)] [Twin-Win Certificates (eusipa 1340)] [Call Warrants (eusipa 2100)] [Put Warrants (eusipa 2100)] [Capped Call Warrants

(eusipa 2110)] [Capped Put Warrants (eusipa 2110)] [Turbo Long Certificates (eusipa 2210)] [Turbo Short Certificates (eusipa 2210)] [Factor Certificates (eusipa 2300)]

5. Interest Payment (and Type) (cf § 4): [Not applicable] [Fixed] [Variable]

**6.** Underlying Type (cf §§ 6, 9): [Index] [Equity] [Fund Share] [Commodity] [FX Rate] [Interest Rate] [Future] [Basket] [for the

calculation of the Redemption Amount] [for the

calculation of the Variable Interest Rate]

7. [Aggregate Principal Amount]/[Number of Units]:

[Up to] [Insert amount/number]

8. Issue Price: [Insert Product currency] [insert amount] / [Insert

number] % [of the Specified Denomination] / [Insert number] % [of the Initial Reference Price [multiplied by the Multiplier] [and converted into the Product Currency] [and expressed ("Quanto") in the Product

Currency]]

9. Issue Surcharge: [An issue surcharge of [[insert percentage]% of the

[Specified Denomination]] [[insert amount in Product Currency] per Security] will be charged] [An issue surcharge of up to [[insert percentage]% of the [Specified Denomination]] [[insert amount in Product Currency] per Security] may be charged]

[Not applicable]

**10. Type of Quotation** (cf § 7): [Par value] [Non-par value]

[dirty, i.e. accrued interest is included in the quoted price] [clean, i.e. accrued interest is not included in

the quoted price]

[Initial Exchange Rate: [Insert exchange rate] [Delete sub-paragraph if not

applicable]]

[Multiplier: [Insert number] [[[Insert number] % of the Issue

Price] [[Insert number] % of the Non-par value] [divided by the Strike] [divided by the Initial Reference Price]] [, the latter being converted into the Product Currency.] [, the latter being expressed ("Quanto") in the Product Currency.] [The resulting value will be rounded to [•] digits after the comma.] [The Multiplier is subject to Issuer Fee related adjustments.] [Delete sub-paragraph if not

applicable]]

11. [Specified Denomination] [Non-par

**value**] (cf § 1):

[Insert denomination/non-par value] [[●] % of the Initial Reference Price [, converted into the Product Currency][, expressed ("Quanto") in the Product

Currency]] [Not applicable]

12. Initial Valuation Date (cf § 5): [Insert date]

13. Initial Reference Price (cf § 5): [Closing Price] [Settlement Price] [and the following

Minimum Entry Valuation Date(s): [insert dates] [and the following Maximum Entry Valuation

Date(s): [insert dates]] [and the following Averaging Entry Valuation Date(s): [insert dates]] [Insert amount in Underlying Currency]

14. Issue Date (cf § 1): [Insert date]

**15. Final Valuation Date** (cf § 5): [*Insert date*] [The Securities do not have a fixed

maturity date ("open-end").]

**16.** Final Reference Price (cf § 5): [Closing Price] [Settlement Price] [Fixing Rate]

[Settlement Rate] [and the following Minimum Valuation Date(s): [insert dates]] [and the following Maximum Valuation Date(s): [insert dates]] [and the following Averaging Valuation Date(s): [insert

dates]]

17. Maturity Date (cf § 3): [Insert date] [The Securities do not have a fixed

maturity date ("open-end").]

18. Exercisable Securities (cf § 8): [Yes] [No] [In case of Securities which are not

exercisable, delete following sub-paragraphs]

(i) Exercise Style: [European] [American] [Bermudan] [Automatic

Exercise applies]

(ii) Minimum Exercise Number: [Insert]

[(iii) Scheduled Exercise Dates: [Insert dates] [In case of any Exercise Style other

than Bermudan, delete this sub-paragraph]]

**19. Settlement Method** (cf § 3): [Cash] [Physical] [Conditional]

[Provisions for Physical Delivery: [If not applicable, delete this sub-paragraph]

(i) Reference Asset: [Insert description or other identification] [the

Underlying] [the Underlying Currency] [the Base Currency of the Underlying] [the Least Value Component applicable for the determination of the

Final Reference Price] [the Greatest Value

Component applicable for the determination of the

Final Reference Price

(ii) (Provisions for the calculation of the) Reference Asset Quantity:

[Insert number] [[[Insert number] % of the Issue Price] [[Insert number] % of the Non-par value] [[Insert number] % of the Specified Denomination] Idivided by the Multiplier of the Reference Asset, which is in effect on the Final Valuation Date of the Security, and] [multiplied by the Component Quantity of the Reference Asset, and] [divided by the Strike] [divided by the Initial Reference Price]] [, the latter being converted into the Product Currency.] [, the latter being expressed ("Quanto") in the Product Currency.] [The resulting value will be rounded to [•] digits after the comma.] [The Multiplier] [The Multiplier of the Security divided by the Multiplier of the Reference Asset, which is in effect on the Final Valuation Date of the Security] [The Multiplier multiplied by the Component Quantity of the Reference Asset] [The Component Quantity of the

Reference Asset] [Delete sub-paragraph if not applicable]

(iii) Delivery Agent: [Insert name and address]

(iv) Disruption Cash Settlement Amount:

[•] [An amount equal to the official closing price of the Reference Asset on the postponed Maturity Date multiplied by the Reference Asset Quantity and, if necessary, converted to the Product Currency.]]

20. Provisions for the Underlying [for the calculation of the Redemption Amount] (cf § 6):

[If not applicable, delete this sub-paragraph and insert: Not applicable.]

[If the Underlying is an <u>Index</u>, insert the following paragraphs, if not, delete the following paragraphs:

(i) Index (Underlying):

[Insert name of the Index and details on where information about the index can be obtained]

[Insert indication where information about the past and the further performance of the underlying and its volatility can be obtained.]

[Insert index disclaimer and/or trademarks]

(ii) Index Sponsor:

[Insert name(s)] [All Exchanges]

(iii) Related Exchange(s):(iv) Underlying Currency:

[Insert currency]]

[If the Underlying is <u>Equity</u>, insert the following paragraphs, if not, delete the following paragraphs:

(i) Shares (Underlying):

[Insert name of the Issuer of the shares and the

shares' ISIN]

[Insert name]

[Insert indication where information about the past and the further performance of the underlying and

its volatility can be obtained.]

(ii) Exchange: [Insert name]

(iii) Related Exchange(s): [Insert name(s)] [All Exchanges]

(iv) Underlying Currency: [Insert currency]]

[If the Underlying is <u>Fund Shares</u>, insert the following paragraphs, if not, delete the following paragraphs:

(i) Fund Shares (Underlying):

[Insert name of the Issuer of the fund shares and

the fund shares' ISIN]

[Insert indication where information about the past and the further performance of the underlying and

its volatility can be obtained.]

[Insert fund disclaimer and/or trademarks]

[(ii) Exchange:

[Insert name]

(iii) Related Exchange(s): [Insert name(s)] [All Exchanges]]

(●) Underlying Currency: [Insert currency]

(•) Other Cut-off Period: [Insert period] [Not applicable.]

(●) Extraordinary Fund Event: [Fund Insolvency Event] [NAV Trigger Event with a

NAV Trigger Percentage of [insert percentage] within a NAV Trigger Period of [insert period]] [Adviser Resignation Event] [Fund Modification] [Strategy Breach] [Regulatory Action] [Reporting

Disruption] [Not applicable.] ]

[If the Underlying is a <u>Commodity</u>, insert the following paragraphs, if not, delete the following paragraphs:

(i) Relevant Commodity (Underlying): [Insert description of the Relevant Commodity]

[Insert indication where information about the past and the further performance of the underlying and

its volatility can be obtained.]

[Insert commodity disclaimer and/or trademarks]

(ii) Exchange: [Insert name]

(iii) Price Source: [Insert name] [Not applicable.]

(iv) Underlying Currency: [Insert currency]

(v) First Alternate Reference Price: [Insert] [Not applicable.]]

[If the Underlying is a <u>FX Rate</u>, insert the following paragraphs, if not, delete the following paragraphs:

(i) Relevant FX Rate (Underlying): [Insert description of the FX Rate]

[Insert indication where information about the past and the further performance of the underlying and

its volatility can be obtained.]

(ii) Underlying Currency: [Insert currency]

(iii) Base Currency: [Insert currency]

(iv) Further Event Currencies: [Insert currency] [Not applicable.]

(v) Price Materiality Percentage: [Insert percentage]

(vi) Primary Rate: [Insert rate]

(vii) Secondary Rate: [Insert rate]

(viii) Price Source: [Insert name] [Not applicable.]

(ix) Specified Financial Centres: [*Insert*]

(x) First Alternate Reference Price: [*Insert*] [Not applicable.]]

[If the Underlying is an <u>Interest Rate</u>, insert the following paragraphs, if not, delete the following paragraphs:

(i) Relevant Interest Rate [Insert description of the Relevant Interest Rate]

(Underlying):

[Insert indication where information about the past and the further performance of the underlying and

its volatility can be obtained.]

(ii) Price Source: [Insert name] [Not applicable.]

(iii) Underlying Currency: [Insert currency]

(iv) Specified Financial Centres: [Insert]

[If the Underlying is a <u>Future</u>, insert the following paragraphs, if not, delete the following paragraphs:

(i) Future (Underlying): [Insert name of the Issuer of the Future and the

Future's ISIN]

[Insert indication where information about the past and the further performance of the underlying and

its volatility can be obtained.]

(ii) Underlying Currency: [Insert currency]

(iii) Future Base Value Provisions: [Applicable.] [Not applicable.]

Future Base Value: [Insert description/name and reference place]

[Delete line if Future Base Value Provisions do not

apply.]

(iv) Exchange: [Insert name]

(v) Roll-Over: [Next Future] [New Future] [None]

(vi) Effective Date: [insert date]]

[If the Underlying is a <u>Basket</u>, insert the following paragraphs, if not, delete the following paragraphs:

(i) Basket (Underlying):

` , ,	[Component] Quantity	[Initial]	[Insert Basket-type related additional
Basket Component	[(indicative)]	[Weighting]	columns (e.g. for Cappuccino Basket)]
[•]	[•]	[•]	
[•]	[•]	[•]	
[•]	[•]	[•]	

[Continue table as appropriate.]

[Quantity Determination Price: [Closing Price] [Settlement Price] [Intraday Price]

[Regular Intraday Price] [Delete line if quantities are

not indicative.]]

[Date of Quantity Indication: [insert date] [Delete line if not applicable.]]

(ii) Underlying Currency: [Quanto] [Insert currency]

(iii) Basket Type: [Cappuccino Basket] [Value-weighted Basket] [Best-

of Basket] [Worst-of Basket] [Minimum-deviation] [Maximum-deviation] [Conventional Basket]

[In case of Cappuccino Basket, insert the following columns at the right end of the table contained in (i) above, if other Basket Type, delete following subparagraph:

Cappuccino	Cappuccino	Cappuccino Cap [*)]
Floor [*)]	Level [*)]	
[Insert Basket	[Insert Basket	[Insert Basket
Component	Component	Component
Currency] [Insert	Currency] [Insert	Currency] [Insert
Cappuccino Floor]	Cappuccino Level]	Cappuccino Cap]
[●]% [; might be	[●]% [; might be	[●]% [; might be
increased to [●]%	reduced to [●]% by	increased to [●]% by
by the Issuer on the	the Issuer on the	the Issuer on the
Initial Valuation	Initial Valuation	Initial Valuation
Date.]	Date.]	Date.]
[•]	[•]	[•]
[•]	[•]	[•]

[Continue table as appropriate.]

The values below are specified as [percentage of the Closing Price] [percentage of the Settlement Price] [percentage of the Fixing Rate] of the respective Basket Component on the Initial Valuation Date]]

[In case of Minimum-deviation or Maximum-deviation Basket, insert the following column at the right end of the table contained in (i) above, if other Basket Type, delete following sub-paragraph:

Deviation Reference Level [\*)]

[Insert Basket Component Currency] [Insert Deviation Reference Level] [insert percentage] 

[●]

# [Continue table as appropriate.]

[\*) The values below are specified as [percentage of the Closing Price] [percentage of the Settlement Price] [percentage of the Fixing Rate] of the respective Basket Component on the Initial Valuation Date]

[In case of a Value-weighted Basket, insert if other Basket Type, delete following sub-paragraph: Value Weightings

[insert percentages] [insert weightings	s]
[•]	
[•]	
[•]	

[Continue table as appropriate.]]

(iv) Common Pricing: [Applicable.] [Not applicable.]

(Applicable.] [Not applicable. *If not applicable, delete sub-paragraph below*]

Cash Distribution Date(s): [Insert dates]

(vi) Basket Adjustment: [Volatility Adjusted] [Reinvestment] [Weighting Reset] [Barrier Event Kick-Out] [Supervised Basket]
[Delete any sub-paragraphs below which are not required] [None. If applicable, delete sub-paragraph below]

[Basket Adjustment Date (s): [Insert]]

[Basket Weighting Reset: [Insert]]

[Basket Weighting Lower [Insert]]

Limit:

[Basket Weighting Upper [Insert]]

Limit:

[Reinvestment: [Component] [Basket] [Cash]]

[Basket Distribution Amount: [[insert percentage] of the Gross Amount][[insert

percentage] of the Net Amount][the Gross Amount][the Net Amount] [of any distribution][of any dividend][of any Extraordinary Dividend][of any

Ordinary Dividend]]

[Basket Volatility Component: [Insert]]

[Basket Cash Component: [Insert]]

[Realized Volatility Reference

Price:

[*Insert*] ]

[Realized Volatility Days: [Insert]]

[Realized Volatility [Insert]]

Determination Days:

[Cash Interest Rate: [Insert]]

[Weighting Table: [Insert]]

[Component Removal: [Trigger] [Remaining]]

[Basket Components Minimum

Number:

[Insert]]

[Basket Supervisor: [Insert name of and further information about the

Basket Supervisor and indicate where investors can receive information on the Basket Supervisor]]

[Supervised Basket Name: [Insert name of the Supervised Basket and details

on where information about the basket and its

composition can be obtained]]]

# [Further information for investors resulting from contractual information:]

Basket Component specific barrier levels

("Component barrier level"):

Basket Co	mponent		Component barrier level
[insert Basket Cor	name nponent]	of	[insert Currency] [insert level]
[•]			[•]
[Continue table as appropriate.]]			

21. Provisions for the Underlying for the calculation of the Variable Interest Rate (cf § 6):

[If required, insert relevant provisions analogous to the above paragraph, if not applicable insert: Not applicable.] [See item 20]

**Redemption Amount Provisions** (cf § 23):

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[In case of Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1100) or Winner Certificates (eusipa 1100), insert:

(i) Protection Amount: [[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert

number] % of the Specified Denomination] [; might
be increased to [[Product Currency] [insert
amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified
Denomination] by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date1

(ii) Strike: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Strike] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [insert number] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]

(iii) Participation: [insert number] % [; might be increased to [insert

*number*] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]]

[In case of <u>Capped Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1120)</u> or <u>Capped Winner Certificates (eusipa 1120)</u>, insert:

(i) Protection Amount: [[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert]

number] % of the Specified Denomination] [; might
be increased to [[Product Currency] [insert
amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified
Denomination] by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date]

(ii) Strike: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Strike] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [*insert number*] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]

(iii) Cap: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Cap] [% of the

Initial Reference Price] [; might be increased to [insert number] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]

(iv) Participation: [insert number] % [; might be increased to [insert

*number*] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]]

[In case of Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1140) or Protected Certificates (eusipa 1140), insert:

(i) Protection Amount:

[[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified Denomination] [; might be increased to [[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified Denomination] by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date]]

[In case of <u>Step-Up Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Step-Up Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Step-Down Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Step-Down Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u>, insert:

(i) Protection Amount: [[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert]

number] % of the Specified Denomination] [; might
be increased to [[Product Currency] [insert
amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified
Denomination] by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date]

(ii) Step-[Up][Down] Level(s), Step-[Up][Down] Redemption Amount(s):

Step-[Up][Down] Level [*)]	Step-[Up][Down] Redemption Amount [**)]
[Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert level] [%] [; might be reduced/increased to [insert number] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]	[Insert Product Currency] [Insert amount] [%] [; might be increased to [insert Product Currency] [insert amount] [%] by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]
[•]	[•]

### [Continue table as appropriate.]

- [\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Initial Reference Price.]
- [\*\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Specified Denomination.]
- [\*\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Non-par Value.]]

# [In case of <u>Express Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Express Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Reverse Express Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Reverse Express Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u>, insert:

(i) Protection Amount:

[[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified Denomination] [; might be increased to [[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified Denomination] by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date]

(ii) Express Valuation Date(s),Express Valuation Level(s),Express Redemption Date(s),Express Redemption Amount(s):

Express Valuation Date	Express Valuation Level [*)]	Express Redemption Date	Express Redemption Amount [**)]
[Insert date]	[Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert level] [%] [; might be reduced to [insert number] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]	[Insert date]	[Insert Product Currency] [Insert amount] [%] [; might be increased to [insert number] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]
[•]	[•]	[•]	[•]

[Continue table as appropriate.]

- [\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Initial Reference Price.]
- [\*\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Specified Denomination.]
- [\*\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Non-par
- (iii) Express Reference Price:

[Closing Price] [Intraday Price] [Settlement Price] [Regular Intraday Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement Rate] ]

# [In case of <u>Range Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Range Winner Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u>, insert:

(i) Protection Amount:

[[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified Denomination] [; might be increased to [[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified

Denomination] by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date]

(ii) Range Lower Level(s), Range Upper Level(s), Range Participation(s):

Range Lower Level [*)]	Range Upper Level [*)]	Range Participation
[Insert Underlying	[Insert Underlying	[insert number] % [;
Currency] [Insert	Currency] [Insert	might be increased to
level] [%] [; might	level] [%] [; might	[insert number] %
be reduced to [insert	be increased to	by the Issuer on the
number] % by the	[insert number] %	Initial Valuation
Issuer on the Initial	by the Issuer on the	Date.]
Valuation Date.]	Initial Valuation	
_	Date.]	
[•]	[•]	[•]

[Continue table as appropriate.]

[\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Initial Reference Price.]

# [In case of <u>Stay-Above Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Stay-Above Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u>, insert:

(i) Protection Amount:

[[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified Denomination] [; might be increased to [[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified Denomination] by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date]

(ii) Stay-Above Redemption Amount(s):

Number of Basket Components	Stay-Above Redemption Amount [*)]
[insert number]	[Insert Product Currency] [Insert amount] [%] [; might be increased to [insert Product Currency] [insert amount] [%] by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]
[•]	[•]

[Continue table as appropriate.]

[\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Specified Denomination.]

(iii) Barrier:

[Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Barrier] [% of the Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [insert number] % of the Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]

(iv) Barrier Observation Period:

[Insert Period]

(v) Barrier Reference Price:

[Closing Price] [Intraday Price] [Settlement Price] [Regular Intraday Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement Rate] ]

# [In case of <u>Capped Twin-Win Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Capped Twin-Win Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u>, insert:

(i) Protection Amount:

[[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified Denomination] [; might be increased to [[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified Denomination] by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date]

(ii) Strike: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Strike] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be

[increased/reduced] to [insert number] % of the Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the Initial

Valuation Date.]

(iii) Cap: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Cap] [% of the

Initial Reference Price] [; might be increased to [*insert number*] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]

(iv) Barrier: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Barrier] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [insert number] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]

(v) Barrier Reference Price: [Closing Price] [Intraday Price] [Settlement Price]

[Regular Intraday Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement

Rate]

(vi) Barrier Observation Period: [Insert Period] ]

# [In case of <u>Bonus Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u> or <u>Bonus Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199)</u>, insert:

(i) Protection Amount: [[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert

number] % of the Specified Denomination] [; might
be increased to [[Product Currency] [insert
amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified
Denomination] by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date]

[(ii) Bonus Amount: [[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert

number] % of the Specified Denomination] [; might
be increased to [[Product Currency] [insert
amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified
Denomination] by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date]

(iii) Barrier: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Barrier] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [*insert number*] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.] ]

[(ii) Bonus Amounts, Barriers:

Barrier [*)]	Bonus Amount [**)]
	[insert Product Currency]
level] [%] [; might be reduced to	[insert amount] [insert
[insert number] % by the Issuer on	percentage]
the Initial Valuation Date.]	
[•]	[•]

#### [Continue table as appropriate.]

- [\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Initial Reference Price.]
- [\*\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Specified Denomination.]
- [\*\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Non-par Value.11
- (•) Barrier Reference Price: [Closing Price] [Intraday Price] [Settlement Price] [Regular Intraday Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement

Rate]

(•) Barrier Observation Period: [Insert Period]]

[In case of <u>Discount Certificates (eusipa 1200)</u>, insert:

(i) Cap: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Cap] [% of the

Initial Reference Price] [; might be increased to [insert number] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]]

[In case of Reverse Convertibles (eusipa 1220), insert:

(i) Strike: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Strike] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [*insert number*] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]]

[In case of Protected Reverse Convertibles (eusipa 1230), insert:

(i) Strike: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Strike] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be

[increased/reduced] to [insert number] % of the Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the Initial

Valuation Date.]

(ii) Barrier: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Barrier] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [*insert number*] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]

(iii) Barrier Observation Period: [Insert Period]

(iv) Barrier Reference Price: [Closing Price] [Intraday Price] [Settlement Price]

[Regular Intraday Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement

Rate]]

[In case of Capped Bonus Certificates (eusipa 1250), insert:

(i) Bonus Level: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Bonus Level]

[% of the Initial Reference Price] [; might be increased to [*insert number*] % of the Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]

(ii) Cap: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Cap] [% of the

Initial Reference Price] [; might be increased to [*insert number*] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]

(iii) Barrier: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Barrier] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [*insert number*] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]

(iv) Barrier Observation Period: [Insert Period]

(v) Barrier Reference Price: [Closing Price] [Intraday Price] [Settlement Price]

[Regular Intraday Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement

# Rate]]

[In case of Express Certificates (eusipa 1260), insert:

(i)	Express Valuation Date(s), Express Valuation Level(s), Express Redemption Date(s), Express Redemption Level(s):	Express Valuation Date	t: Express Valuation Level [*)]	Express Redemption Date	Express Redemption Level [*)]
		[Insert date]	[Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Express Valuation Level] [%] [; might be reduced to [insert number] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]	[Insert date]	[Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Express Redemption Level] [%] [; might be increased to [insert number] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]
		[•]	[Continue table	[●] e as annronriate	[•] <sub>2-1</sub>
			lues below are speci- nce Price.]		
(ii)	Express Reference Price:		Price] [Intraday l Intraday Price] [		
(iii)	Security Level:	Level] [% increased	of the Initial Re to [insert number Price by the Iss	ference Price [ference Price of the content of the	e] [; might be Initial
(iv)	Barrier:	the Initial [insert nu	Reference Price (mber) % of the on the Initial Va	] [; might be Initial Refere	reduced to ence Price by
(v)	Barrier Reference Price:		Price] [Intraday l Intraday Price] [		
(vi)	Barrier Observation Period:	[Insert Pe	eriod]]		
[In a	case of Capped Twin-Win Certificate	s (eusina 1	299). insert:		
(i)	Strike:	[Insert Unitial [increased	nderlying Curre Reference Price l/reduced] to [in: ference Price by	][; might be sert number	] % of the
(ii)	Cap:	Initial Ref	nderlying Curre ference Price] [; nmber] % of the on the Initial Va	might be inc Initial Refere	reased to ence Price by
(iii)	Barrier:		nderlying Curre Reference Price		

[insert number] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]

(iv) Barrier Reference Price: [Closing Price] [Intraday Price] [Settlement Price]

[Regular Intraday Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement

Rate]

(v) Barrier Observation Period: [Insert Period]]

[In case of <u>Capped Reverse Bonus Certificates</u> (eusipa 1299), insert:

(i) Bonus Level: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Bonus Level]

[% of the Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [insert number] % of the Initial Reference Price

by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]

(ii) Cap: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Cap] [% of the

Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [*insert number*] % of the Initial Reference Price by the

Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]

(iii) Reverse Level: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Reverse Level]

[% of the Initial Reference Price] [; might be increased to [*insert number*] % of the Initial

Reference Price by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]

(iv) Barrier: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Barrier] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be increased to [insert number] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]

(v) Barrier Reference Price: [Closing Price] [Intraday Price] [Settlement Price]

[Regular Intraday Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement

Rate1

(vi) Barrier Observation Period: [Insert Period] ]

[In case of Inversion Certificates (eusipa 1299), insert:

(i) Minimum Redemption Amount: [[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert

number] % of the Specified Denomination] [; might be increased to [[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified Denomination] by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date]

(ii) Strike: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Strike] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be increased to [insert number] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]]

[In case of Reverse Inversion Certificates (eusipa 1299), insert:

(i) Maximum Redemption Amount: [[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert

number] % of the Specified Denomination] [; might be increased to [[Product Currency] [insert amount]] [[Insert number] % of the Specified Denomination] by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date]

(ii) Strike: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Strike] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be increased to [*insert number*] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]]

[In case of Index Certificates (eusipa 1300), insert:

The Securities are Index Certificates (eusipa 1300) for which no specifications as regards the Redemption Amount are required.]

[In case of Participation Certificates (eusipa 1300), insert:

The Securities are Participation Certificates (eusipa 1300) for which no specifications as regards the

Redemption Amount are required.]

[In case of Outperformance Certificates (eusipa 1310), insert:

(i) Strike: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Strike] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [insert number] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]

(ii) Participation: [insert number] % [; might be increased to [insert

*number*] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]]

[In case of Bonus Certificates (eusipa 1320), insert:

(i) Bonus Level: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Bonus Level]

[% of the Initial Reference Price] [; might be increased to [*insert number*] % of the Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]

(ii) Barrier: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Barrier] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [*insert number*] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]

(iii) Barrier Reference Price: [Closing Price] [Intraday Price] [Settlement Price]

[Regular Intraday Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement

Rate]

(iv) Barrier Observation Period: [Insert Period] ]

[In case of Twin-Win Certificates (eusipa 1340), insert:

(i) Strike: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Strike] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be

[increased/reduced] to [insert number] % of the Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the Initial

Valuation Date.]

(ii) Barrier: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Barrier] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to

[insert number] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]

(iii) Barrier Reference Price: [Closing Price] [Intraday Price] [Settlement Price]

[Regular Intraday Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement

Rate1

(iv) Barrier Observation Period: [Insert Period] ]

[In case of Call Warrants (eusipa 2100), insert:

(i) Strike: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Strike] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [*insert number*] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.] ]

[In case of Put Warrants (eusipa 2100), insert:

(i) Strike: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Strike] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be increased to [*insert number*] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]]

[In case of Capped Call Warrants (eusipa 2110), insert:

(i) Strike: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Strike] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [*insert number*] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]

(ii) Cap: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Cap] [% of the

Initial Reference Price] [; might be increased to [insert number] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]]

[In case of Capped Put Warrants (eusipa 2110), insert:

(i) Strike: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Strike] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be increased to [*insert number*] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]

(ii) Floor: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Floor] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [insert number] % of the Initial Reference Price by

the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]]

[In case of <u>Turbo Long Certificates (eusipa 2210)</u> or <u>Turbo Short Certificates (eusipa 2210)</u>, insert:

(i) Strike: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Strike] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be

[increased/reduced] to [insert number] % of the Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the Initial

Valuation Date.]

(ii) Barrier: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Barrier] [% of

the Initial Reference Price] [; might be

[increased/reduced] to [insert number] % of the Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the Initial

Valuation Date.]

(iii) Barrier Reference Price: [Closing Price] [Intraday Price] [Settlement Price]

[Regular Intraday Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement

Rate]

(iv) Barrier Observation Period: [Insert]

Distribution Amount: [[insert percentage] of the Gross Amount][[insert

percentage] of the Net Amount][the Gross

Amount][the Net Amount] [of any distribution][of any dividend][of any Extraordinary Dividend][of any

Ordinary Dividendl

(vi) Financing Rate: [insert rate]

(vii) Financing Rate Margin: [Insert] % at the Issue Date. The Issuer reserves the

> right to change the Financing Rate Margin within the range of 0% to twice the value at the Issue Date after giving notice to the Securityholder in accordance

with § 20.]

[In case of Factor Certificates (eusipa 2300), insert:

Factor Adjustment Reference Price: [Closing Price] [Intraday Price] [Settlement Price]

[Regular Intraday Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement

Rate]

(ii) Leverage Factor: [Insert number]

(iii) Financing Rate: [insert rate]

(iv) Financing Rate Margin: [Insert] % at the Issue Date. The Issuer reserves the

> right to change the Financing Rate Margin within the range of 0% to twice the value at the Issue Date after giving notice to the Securityholder in accordance

with § 20.

[insert number] % Protection Level:

(vi) Distribution Amount: [[insert percentage] of the Gross Amount][[insert

percentage] of the Net Amount][the Gross

Amount][the Net Amount] [of any distribution][of any dividend][of any Extraordinary Dividend][of any

Ordinary Dividend] ]

[Further information for investors resulting from contractual information:]

[([●]) Maximum attainable Redemption Amount ("Maximum amount"):

[insert Product Currency] [insert amount] [[insert percentage] of the Specified Denomination]]

[([●]) Redemption Amount calculated by Bonus Level ("Bonus

amount"):

[insert Product Currency] [insert amount] [[insert percentage] of the Specified Denomination]]

[insert Product Currency] [insert amount] [[insert

[([●]) Redemption Amount calculated by Security Level ("Security amount"):

percentage] of the Specified Denomination]]

**Express Redemption Date** 

Express redemption amount [\*)]

[([●]) Product Specific Termination

Amount calculated by Express Redemption Level(s) ("Express redemption amount"):

[insert date]	[insert Product Currency] [insert amount] [insert
	percentage]
[•]	[•]

[Continue table as appropriate.]

[\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Specified Denomination.11

[Credit Linked Securities Provisions:

[Applicable][to redemption only][to interest only] [Delete sub-paragraphs if not applicable]

(i) Credit Reference Entity: [Insert name of and further information about the (respective) Credit Reference Entity, including information of the Credit Reference Entity Founder, if any, and indicate where investors can receive information on the Credit Reference Entity (if possible)]

Credit Reference Obligation:

[•]

[(iii) Credit Amount:

[[●]% of the Specified Denomination] [[●] per unit] [; might be reduced to [[●]% of the Specified Denomination] [[•] per unit] by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]]

[([●])Credit Event Agent:

[•] [Issuer]]]

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General Provisions for Interest (cf § 4): [If not applicable, delete the following subparagraphs and insert here: Not applicable.]

[(i) Day Count Fraction:

[Actual/Actual (ICMA)] [30/360] [30E/360] [Eurobond Basis] [Actual/365] [Actual/Actual (ISDA)] [Actual/365 (Fixed)] [Actual/360] [Period Independent]

(ii) Business Day Convention:

[Modified Following Business Day Convention] [Floating Rate Convention (FRN Convention)] [Following Business Day Convention] [Preceding Business Day Convention] [Following Unadjusted Business Day Convention] [Modified Following Unadjusted Business Day Convention]

[If not applicable, delete this sub-paragraph for Provisions for Fixed Interest:

[(iii) Interest Payment Date, Interest Rate:

Interest Period No.	Interest	Interest	
	Payment	Rate [per annum]	
	Date		
[1.]	[•]	[•]	
[2.]	[•]	[•]	
[3.]	[•]	[•]	
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[Continue table as appropriate.]]

[(iii) Interest Payment Date:

(iv) Interest Rate:

[•] [per annum]]]

[If not applicable, delete this sub-paragraph for Provisions for Variable Interest:

(iii) Variable Interest Rate (cf § 22):

[Barrier Digital Interest] [Range Digital Interest]

[Reference Rate Interest] [Capped Reference Rate Performance Interest] [Capped Reference Rate Reverse Performance Interest] [Barrier Reference Rate Performance Interest] [Performance Interest] [Capped Performance Interest] [Capped Absolute Performance Interest] [Barrier Performance Interest] [Capped Barrier Performance Interest] [Cliquet Interest] [Ladder Interest] [Accumulated Distribution Interest] [Range Accrual Interest] [Pyramid Interest]

Base Interest Rate, Interest Payment Date, Interest Final Valuation Date [Insert additional items, whose value is dependent on the Interest Period]:

Interest Period No.	Interest Final Valuation Date	Interest Payment Date	Base Interest Rate [per annum]	[Insert additional columns for any item of this line starting with Digital Interest Rate, whose value is dependent on the Interest Period and remove the respective item below][*)
[1.] [2.] [3.]	[•] [•]	[•] [•]	[•] [•]	

[Continue table as appropriate.]

[\*) The values below are specified as percentage of the Interest Initial Reference Price.]]

[(iv) Interest Final Valuation Date:

[•] [•]

(v) Interest Payment Date:(vi) Base Interest Rate:

[•] [per annum] ]

([●]) Interest Initial Reference Price:

[Initial Reference Price] [Closing Price] [Settlement Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement Rate] [and the following Minimum Entry Valuation Date(s): [insert dates]] [and the following Maximum Entry Valuation Date(s): [insert dates]] [and the following Averaging Entry Valuation Date(s): [insert dates]]

([●]) Interest Final Reference Price:

[Final Reference Price] [Closing Price] [Settlement Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement Rate] [and the following Minimum Valuation Date(s): [insert dates]] [and the following Maximum Valuation Date(s): [insert dates]] [and the following Averaging Valuation Date(s): [insert dates]]

([●]) Optional interest features:

[Not applicable.] [Interest Reference Reset] [and] [Interest Lock-in] [and] [Memory]

[In case of Barrier Digital Interest, insert:

([●]) Digital Interest Rate:

([●]) Interest Barrier:

[insert rate] % [; might be increased to [insert rate] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]
[Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Interest
Barrier] [% of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [;

**Barrier**] [% of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be [increased/reduced] to [insert number] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on

the Initial Valuation Date.]

([●]) Interest Barrier Observation Period: [Insert Period]

([ullet]) Interest Barrier Reference Price: [Closing Price] [Intraday Price] [Settlement Price]

[Regular Intraday Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement

Rate]

([●]) Interest Barrier Style: [Down-and-in] [Down-and-out] [Up-and-in] [Up-

and-out]]

[In case of Range Digital Interest, insert:

([●]) Digital Interest Rate: [Insert rate] % [; might be increased to [insert rate]

% by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]

([•]) Interest Lower Barrier: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Interest Lower

**Barrier**] [% of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be [increased/reduced] to [insert number] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on

the Initial Valuation Date.]

([●]) Interest Upper Barrier: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Interest Upper

**Barrier**] [% of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be [increased/reduced] to [insert number] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on

the Initial Valuation Date.]

([●]) Interest Barrier Style: [Knock-in] [Knock-out]

([●]) Interest Barrier Observation Period: [Insert Period]

([●]) Interest Barrier Reference Price: [Closing Price] [Intraday Price] [Settlement Price]

[Regular Intraday Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement

Rate]]

[In case of <u>Reference Rate Interest</u>, insert:

([•]) Interest Participation: [insert number] % [; might be increased to [insert

*number*] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]]

[In case of <u>Capped Reference Rate Performance Interest</u>, insert:

([●]) Interest Strike: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Interest

*Strike*] [% of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [*insert number*] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the

Initial Valuation Date.]

([●]) Interest Cap Level: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Interest Cap

**Level**] [% of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be increased to [**insert number**] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the

Initial Valuation Date.]

([●]) Interest Participation: [insert number] % [; might be increased to [insert

number] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]]

[In case of <u>Capped Reference Rate Reverse Performance Interest</u>, insert:

([•]) Interest Strike: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Interest

*Strike*] [% of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be increased to [*insert number*] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the

Initial Valuation Date.]

([●]) Interest Floor Level: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Interest Floor

*Level*] [% of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [*insert number*] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the

Initial Valuation Date.]

([●]) Interest Participation: [insert number] % [; might be increased to [insert

number] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]]

[In case of <u>Barrier Reference Rate Performance Interest</u>, insert:

([●]) Interest Strike: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Interest

*Strike*] [% of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [*insert number*] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the

Initial Valuation Date.]

([●]) Interest Barrier Style: [Down-and-in] [Down-and-out] [Up-and-in] [Up-

and-out]

([•]) Interest Barrier: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Interest

**Barrier**] [% of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be [increased/reduced] to [insert number] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on

the Initial Valuation Date.]

([●]) Interest Barrier Observation Period: [Insert Period]

([●]) Interest Barrier Reference Price: [Closing Price] [Intraday Price] [Settlement Price]

[Regular Intraday Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement

Rate]

([●]) Interest Participation: [insert number] % [; might be increased to [insert

*number*] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]

([●]) Fallback Interest Rate: [insert number] % [; might be increased to [insert

*number*] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]]

[In case of <u>Performance Interest</u>, insert:

([•]) Interest Strike: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Interest

*Strike*] [% of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [*insert number*] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the

Initial Valuation Date.]

([•]) Interest Participation: [insert number] % [; might be increased to [insert

number] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]]

[In case of Capped Performance Interest, insert:

([●]) Interest Strike: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Interest

*Strike*] [% of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [*insert number*] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the

Initial Valuation Date.]

([●]) Interest Cap Level: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Interest Cap

**Level**] [% of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be increased to [**insert number**] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the

Initial Valuation Date.]

([●]) Interest Participation: [insert number] % [; might be increased to [insert

number] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]]

[In case of <u>Capped Absolute Performance Interest</u>, insert:

([●]) Interest Strike: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Interest

*Strike*] [% of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be [increased/reduced] to [*insert number*] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on

the Initial Valuation Date.]

([●]) Interest Cap Level: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Interest Cap

*Level*] [% of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be increased to [*insert number*] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the

Initial Valuation Date.]

([●]) Interest Floor Level: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Interest Floor

*Level*] [% of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [*insert number*] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the

Initial Valuation Date.]

([●]) Interest Positive Participation: [insert number] % [; might be increased to [insert

number] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]

([●]) Interest Negative Participation: [insert number] % [; might be increased to [insert

number] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.11

[In case of Barrier Performance Interest, insert:

([●]) Interest Strike: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Interest

*Strike*] [% of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [*insert number*] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the

Initial Valuation Date.]

([●]) Interest Barrier Style: [Down-and-in] [Down-and-out] [Up-and-in] [Up-

and-out]

([●]) Interest Barrier: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Interest

**Barrier**] [% of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be [increased/reduced] to [insert number] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on

the Initial Valuation Date.]

([●]) Interest Barrier Observation Period: [Insert Period]

([●]) Interest Barrier Reference Price: [Closing Price] [Intraday Price] [Settlement Price]

[Regular Intraday Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement

Rate]

([●]) Interest Participation: [insert number] % [; might be increased to [insert

number] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]

([•]) Fallback Interest Rate: [insert number] % [; might be increased to [insert

number] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]]

[In case of <u>Capped Barrier Performance Interest</u>, insert:

([●]) Interest Strike: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Interest

*Strike*] [% of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be reduced to [*insert number*] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the

Initial Valuation Date.]

([●]) Interest Barrier Style: [Down-and-in] [Down-and-out] [Up-and-in] [Up-

and-out]

([•]) Interest Barrier: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Barrier] [% of

the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be [increased/reduced] to [*insert number*] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the

Initial Valuation Date.]

([●]) Interest Cap Level: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Interest Cap

*Level*] [% of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be increased to [*insert number*] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on the

Initial Valuation Date.]

([●]) Interest Barrier Observation Period: [Insert Period]

([●]) Interest Barrier Reference Price: [Closing Price] [Intraday Price] [Settlement Price]

[Regular Intraday Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement

Rate]

([•]) Interest Participation: [insert number] % [; might be increased to [insert

*number*] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]

([●]) Fallback Interest Rate: [insert number] % [; might be increased to [insert

number] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]]

[In case of Cliquet Interest, insert:

([ullet]) Interest Performance Valuation

Dates:

[insert dates]

([●]) Interest Performance Reference

Price:

[Closing Price] [Intraday Price] [Settlement Price] [Regular Intraday Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement

Rate]

([●]) Interest Performance Cap: [insert number] % [; might be increased to [insert

*number*] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]

([•]) Interest Performance Floor: [insert number] % [; might be increased to [insert

*number*] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]

([•]) Interest Participation: [insert number] % [; might be increased to [insert

number] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]

([●]) Variable Interest Rate Cap: [insert number] % [; might be increased to [insert

number] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]

([●]) Variable Interest Rate Floor: [insert number] % [; might be increased to [insert

*number*] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]]

# [In case of <u>Ladder Interest</u>, insert:

([●]) Interest Ladder Rate and Interest Ladder Level:

Interest Ladder Level [*)]	Interest Ladder Rate	
[Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Interest Ladder Level] [•]% [; might be reduced to [•]% by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]	increased to [insert number] % by the Issuer on the Initial	
[•]	[•]	
[•]	[•]	
[•]	[•]	

[Continue table as appropriate.]

#### [In case of <u>Accumulated Distribution Interest</u>, insert:

([●]) Interest Distribution Amount: [insert amount]]

#### [In case of Range Accrual Interest, insert:

([•]) Digital Interest Rate: [Insert rate] % [; might be increased to [insert rate]

% by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]

([•]) Interest Lower Barrier: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Interest Lower

**Barrier**] [% of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be [increased/reduced] to [insert number] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on

the Initial Valuation Date.]

([●]) Interest Upper Barrier: [Insert Underlying Currency] [Insert Interest Upper

**Barrier**] [% of the Interest Initial Reference Price] [; might be [increased/reduced] to [insert number] % of the Interest Initial Reference Price by the Issuer on

the Initial Valuation Date.]

([●]) Range Observation Day: [Insert days]

([●]) Interest Barrier Style: [Stay-in] [Stay-out]

([●]) Interest Barrier Observation Period: [Insert Period]

([●]) Interest Barrier Reference Price: [Closing Price] [Intraday Price] [Settlement Price]

[Regular Intraday Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement

Rate]]

### [In case of Pyramid Interest, insert:

<sup>[\*)</sup> The values below are specified as percentage of the Interest Initial Reference Price.]]

([•]) Interest Pyramid Rate, Interest Lower Barrier and Interest Upper Barrier:

Interest Lower Barrier [*)]	* *	Interest Pyramid Rate
Currency] [Insert Interest Lower Barrier] [•]% [; might be reduced to [•]% by the Issuer	Currency] [Insert Interest Upper Barrier] [•]% [; might be increased to [•]% by the Issuer on the Initial	[Insert rate] % [; might be increased to [insert number] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation Date.]
[•] [•]	[•]	[•] [•]
[•]	[•]	[•]

[Continue table as appropriate.]

- ([●]) Interest Barrier Observation Period: [insert period]
- ([●]) Interest Barrier Reference Price:

[Closing Price] [Intraday Price] [Settlement Price] [Regular Intraday Price] [Fixing Rate] [Settlement

Rate1

([●]) Fallback Interest Rate:

[insert number] % [; might be increased to [insert number] % by the Issuer on the Initial Valuation

Date.]]]

#### [Further information for investors resulting from contractual information:

[([●])Maximum attainable Interest Rate: [[insert rate]%] [per annum]

[Interest Period No.	Maximum attainable Interest			
	Rate [per annum]			
[1.]	[•]			
[Continue table as appropriate 111				

[([•])Maximum attainable Interest Amount:

[insert Product Currency] [insert amount] [[insert percentage] % of the Specified Denomination] [Interest Period No. **Maximum attainable Interest** Amount [1.] [•]

[Continue table as appropriate.]]]

[([●])Interest Amount considering Day Count Fraction:

[insert Product Currency] [insert amount] [[insert percentage] % of the Specified Denomination]

	Interest Amount considering Day Count Fraction
[1.]	[•]

[Continue table as appropriate.]]]]

- 24. **Cancellation and Payment** (cf § 12):
- [Applicable.] [Not applicable.]
- 25. Issuer's Call (cf § 12):

[Applicable.] [Not applicable.]

[Optional Redemption Date **Optional Redemption Amount** 

[ullet][•]

[Continue table as appropriate.]]

26. **Early Redemption** (cf § 12): [Applicable.] [Not applicable.]

<sup>[\*)</sup> The values below are specified as percentage of the Interest Initial Reference Price.]

27. Calculation Agent Adjustment

tment [Applicable.] [Not applicable.]

(cf § 10): **Issuer Fee** (cf § 18):

28.

[[Insert number] %] [per annum] [[insert interest rate] divided by the exchange rate for the conversion of one unit of [insert currency] to [insert currency], subsequently reduced by [insert interest rate] and increased by [insert number]%] [[insert number]% reduced by [insert interest rate]] [Not applicable.]

29. Relevant Business Centres (cf § 13): [Insert]

**30.** Paying Agent (cf § 17): [*Insert*]

31. Calculation Agent (cf § 17): [*Insert*]

32. Extraordinary Redemption Event

(cf § 5):

[Not applicable.] [Change of Control] [and] [Change in Law] [and] [Hedging Disruption] [and] [Increased

Cost of Hedging] [and] [Insolvency Filing]

#### **B. NON-CONTRACTUAL INFORMATION**

33. Listing: [The Issuer intends to apply for trading for the

Securities on [the Second Regulated Market of the Vienna Stock Exchange] [the Regulated Unofficial Market (EUWAX) of the Stuttgart Stock Exchange] [the Regulated Unofficial Market (SCOACH) of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange] [and] [the regulated market(s) in] [Croatia] [and] [the Czech Republic] [and] [Hungary] [and] [Italy] [and] [Poland] [and] [Romania] [and] [the Slovak Republic] [and] [Slovenia] [and, if the Issuer so decides, on a further regulated market in the EU member states of Austria, Germany, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic and

Slovenia.]]

[If the Issuer so decides, it may apply for trading of the Securities on a regulated market in the EU member states of Austria, Germany, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania,

the Slovak Republic and Slovenia.]

[Not applicable]

**34.** Material Interest: [Applicable/Not applicable; if applicable, give

details of any interest, including conflicting ones, that is material to the issue/offer, detailing the persons involved and the nature of the interest]

**35. Notices** (cf § 20):

(i) Internet address: [www.rcb.at] [insert other]

(ii) Other or additional location for

newspaper notice:

[Not applicable.] [specify other or additional location]

jurisdiction(s) where the Prospectus has been

36. Public Offer: [Not applicable.] [A public offer of Securities may be made by Raiffeisen Centrobank Aktiengesellschaft [and [specify, if applicable]] other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in [specify relevant Member State(s) - which must be

approved and/or passported] (the "Public Offer Jurisdiction[s]") [during the period starting with the [Issue Date] [first day of the Subscription Period (as defined below)] (the "Offer Period"), subject to early termination within the discretion of the Issuer.] [during the period from, and including, the [Issue Date] [first day of the Subscription Period] to, and including, [the Final Valuation Date][specify date] (the "Offer Period"), subject to early termination and extension within the discretion of the Issuer.] [From and including the Issue Date up to and including the last day of the Offer Period the Securities will be publicly offered as a tap issue.]

[Further conditions attached to the Issuer's consent to use the prospectus: Subscription:

[insert conditions]]

(i) Subscription Period:

37.

[The Securities will be placed without a subscription period.] [The Securities may be subscribed from, and including, [insert date] up to, and including, [insert time] on [insert date] (the "Subscription Period"), subject to early termination and extension within the discretion of the Issuer. During the Subscription Period, investors are invited to place offers for the purchase of Securities (i.e. to subscribe Securities) subject to (i) such offers being valid for at least [•] [business days] [weeks] and (ii) the Issuer being entitled in its sole discretion to accept or reject such offers entirely or partly without giving any reason.] [Raiffeisen Centrobank Aktiengesellschaft] [insert

[(ii) Entity accepting subscriptions:

others if applicable.]]

## **[BASKET ANNEX**

The below table(s) give(s) additional details for Basket Components:

Please note that where there is no information on one or more Basket Components applicable in the below table "N/A" or "Not applicable" is included.

[Depending on basket components, here, one of the tables below outlining the specifics of each basket component is inserted. In case of a mixed basket, the relevant tables below will be shown one after the other for each relevant type of basket component. If the basket components are futures, and the future base value provisions apply, furthermore, one or more tables for the future base values are included.]

[If Basket Components are <u>Indices</u>, insert the following table, if not, delete the following paragraphs:

Index (Basket Component)	Information on the Index[1]	<b>Basket Component Currency</b>	Index Sponsor	Related Exchange		
[Insert name]	[Insert source, e.g. website]	[Insert currency]	[Insert name]	[Insert name(s)] [All Exchanges]		
[Continue table as appropriate.]]						

[If Basket Components are <u>Equity</u>, insert the following table, if not, delete the following paragraphs:

Shares (Basket Component)	Information on the Shares[1]	ISIN	Basket Component Currency	Exchange	Related Exchange
[Insert name]	[Insert indication where information about the past and the further performance of the Basket Component and its volatility can be obtained.]		[Insert currency]	[Insert name]	[Insert name(s)] [All Exchanges]

[Continue table as appropriate.]]

# [If Basket Components are Funds, which are not Exchange Traded Funds, insert the following table, if not, delete the following paragraphs:

Fund Shares (Basket Component)	Information on the Fund Shares[1]		Basket Component Currency	Other Cut-off Period	Extraordinary Fund Event
	[Insert indication where information about the past and the further performance of the Basket Component and its volatility can be obtained.]	[Insert ISIN]	[Insert currency]	[Insert period] [N/A]	[Fund Insolvency Event] [NAV Trigger Event with a NAV Trigger Percentage of [insert percentage] within a NAV Trigger Period of [insert period]] [Adviser Resignation Event] [Fund Modification] [Strategy Breach] [Regulatory Action] [Reporting Disruption] [N/A]

[Continue table as appropriate.]]

### [If Basket Components are Exchange Traded Funds, insert the following table, if not, delete the following paragraphs:

Fund Shares (Basket Component)	Information on the Fund Shares[1]	ISIN	Exchange	Related Exchange	Basket Component Currency		Extraordinary Fund Event
[Insert name]	[Insert indication where information about the past and the further performance of the Basket Component and its volatility can be obtained.]		[Insert name]	[Insert name(s)] [All Exchanges]	[Insert currency]	[Insert period] [N/A]	[Fund Insolvency Event] [NAV Trigger Event with a NAV Trigger Percentage of [insert percentage] within a NAV Trigger Period of [insert period]] [Adviser Resignation Event] [Fund Modification] [Strategy Breach] [Regulatory Action] [Reporting Disruption] [N/A]

[Continue table as appropriate.]]

## [If Basket Components are <u>Commodities</u>, insert the following table, if not, delete the following paragraphs:

Relevant Commodity (Basket Component)	Description[1]	Basket Component Currency	Exchange		First Alternate Reference Price
[Insert name]	[Insert description of the Basket Component and	[Insert	[Insert Exchange]	[Insert name] [N/A]	[Specify] [N/A]
	an indication where information about the past	currency]			
	and the further performance of the Basket				
	Component and its volatility can be obtained.]				

[Continue table as appropriate.]]

### [If Basket Components are <u>FX Rates</u>, insert the following table, if not, delete the following paragraphs:

FX Rate (Basket Component)	<b>Description</b> [1]	Basket Comp- onent Currency	Base Curr- ency	Event	Price Materi ality Percen tage	Primary Rate	Second- ary Rate	Price Source	Speci- fied Finan- cial Centres	First Alter- nate Refer- ence Price
[Insert name]	[Insert description of the Basket Component and indication where information about the past and the further performance of the Basket Component and its volatility can be obtained.]		[Insert currenc y]	[Insert currency] [N/A]	[Insert percent age]	[Insert rate]	[Insert rate]	[Insert name] [N/A]	[Insert]	[Insert] [N/A]

[Continue table as appropriate.]]

### [If Basket Components are Interest Rates, insert the following table, if not, delete the following paragraphs:

Relevant Interest Rate (Basket Component)	Description[1]	Basket Component Currency		Specified Financial Centres	
[Insert name]	[Insert description of the Basket Component and	[Insert	[Insert name] [N/A.]	[Specify] [N/A]	
	indication where information about the past and the	currency]			
	further performance of the Basket Component and				
	its volatility can be obtained.]				
[Continue table as appropriate.]]					

[If Basket Components are <u>Futures</u>, insert the following table, if not, delete the following paragraphs:

Future (Basket Component)	Description[1]	ISIN	Basket Component Currency	Future Base Value Provisions	Exchange	Roll-Over	Effective Date
[Insert name]	[Insert indication where information about the past and the further performance of the Basket Component and its volatility can be obtained.]	ISIN]	[Insert currency]	[Applicable] [N/A]  [Insert description/name and reference place]	[Insert name]	[insert same information as in FT line 20 "Roll-Over"]	[insert same information as in FT line 20 "Effective Date"]

[Continue table as appropriate.]]

[1 The source of information on the Basket Component, its past and further performance and its volatility.]]

## **Annex 1 to the Final Terms**

# **Issue Specific Summary**

[Insert issue specific summary]

THE ABOVE FINAL TERMS AND ISSUE SPECIFIC SUMMARY HAVE BEEN AUTHORISED BY:

# [•] translation of the Issue Specific Summary

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** PLEASE NOTE THAT THE [●] TRANSLATION OF THE ISSUE SPECIFIC SUMMARY IS PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY AND THAT ONLY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ORIGINAL OF THE FINAL TERMS AND THE ISSUE SPECIFIC SUMMARY ARE BINDING.

[Insert translation]]

[Insert summary of information on the Credit Reference Entity Founder]]

# RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT OF RAIFFEISEN CENTROBANK AG

Raiffeisen Centrobank AG, with its registered office at Tegetthoffstraße 1, A-1015 Vienna, Austria, is solely responsible for the information given in this Prospectus.

The Issuer hereby declares that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in this Prospectus is, to the best of the knowledge of the Issuer, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

Pursuant to Section 8 paragraph 1 Capital Market Act

Raiffeisen Centrobank Aktiengesellschaft

hereby signs as issuer

●[Name]	•[Name]
$\bullet$ [Function]	$\bullet$ [Function]

Vienna, on

### GLOSSARY AND LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

For ease of reference, the glossary below sets out certain abbreviations and meanings of certain terms used in the Prospectus. Readers of the Prospectus should always have regard to the full description of a term contained in the Prospectus.

"Amending Cooperation Directive"

means the Directive 2014/107/EU, amending Directive 2011/16/EU on administrative cooperation in the field of taxation so as to introduce an extended automatic exchange of information regime in accordance with the Global Standard released by the OECD Council in July 2014.

"Austrian Market"

means the Second Regulated Market (*Geregelter Freiverkehr*) of the Vienna Stock Exchange (*Wiener Börse*).

"Austrian Companies Register"

means Firmenbuch.

"Austrian Corporate Income Tax Act"

means the Austrian Körperschaftsteuergesetz 1988, Federal Law

Gazette No 1988/401, as amended.

"Austrian EU Withholding Tax Act"

means the Austrian  ${\it EU-Quellensteuergesetz}$ , Federal Law Gazette

No 2004/33, as amended.

"Austrian Financial Markets Authority" means the *Finanzmarktaufsichtsbehörde*, Otto-Wagner-Platz, 1090 Vienna, Austria, being the integrated regulator for the Austrian financial market and organised as a corporate body under public

law

"Austrian IGA"

means the IGA with Austria.

"Austrian Income Tax Act"

means the Austrian *Einkommensteuergesetz 1988*, Federal Law Gazette No 1988/400, as amended.

"Austrian Law Stock Corporation"

means a stock corporation (Aktiengesellschaft) according to the

Stock Corporation Act.

"Austrian Private Foundations Act" means the Austrian Privatstiftungsgesetz, Federal Law Gazette

No 1993/694, as amended.

"AT 1" means own funds pursuant to Article 51 CRR (*Additional Tier 1*)

"Austrian Banking Act" means Austrian Banking Act (Bankwesengesetz 1993) Federal Law

Gazette No 1993/532, as amended (BWG).

"bail-in tool" means a tool providing for a potential loss absorption of liabilities.

"BaSAG" means Austrian Recovery and Resolution Act (Sanierungs- und

Abwicklungsgesetz-BaSAG).

"Basel III" means (final) international regulatory framework for credit

institutions published in June 2011 and January 2013 by the BCBS.

"BCBS" means Basel Committee on Banking Supervision.

"bn" means billion. "Bonus Certificates" means Bonus Certificates (eusipa 1320) issued under this Prospectus. "Bonus Safe Certificates" means Bonus Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199) issued under this Prospectus. means Bonus Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199) issued under "Bonus Safe Guarantee Certificates" this Prospectus. "BRRD" means Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 establishing a framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms and amending Council Directive 82/891/EEC, Directives 2001/24/EC, 2002/47/EC, 2004/25/EC, 2005/56/EC, 2007/36/EC, 2011/35/EU, 2012/30/EU and 2013/36/EU, and Regulations (EU) No 1093/2010 and (EU) No 648/2012, of the European Parliament and of the Council (Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive - BRRD). "BWG" means the Austrian Banking Act (*Bankwesengesetz*). "Call Warrants" means Call Warrants (eusipa 2100) issued under this Prospectus. means the Austrian Kapitalmarktgesetz, Federal Law Gazette "Capital Market Act" No 1991/625, as amended. "Capped Bonus means Capped Bonus Certificates (eusipa 1250) issued under this Certificates" Prospectus. means Capped Call Warrants (eusipa 2110) issued under this "Capped Call Warrants" Prospectus. "Capped Put Warrants" means Capped Put Warrants (eusipa 2110) issued under this Prospectus. "Capped Reverse Bonus means Capped Reverse Bonus Certificates (eusipa 1299) issued Certificates" under this Prospectus. means Capped Twin-Win Certificates (eusipa 1299) issued under "Capped Twin-Win Certificates" this Prospectus. "Capped Twin-Win Safe means Capped Twin-Win Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199) **Guarantee Certificates**" issued under this Prospectus. means Capped Twin-Win Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199) issued "Capped Twin-Win Safe Certificates" under this Prospectus. "Capped Winner means Capped Winner Certificates (eusipa 1120) issued under this Certificates" Prospectus. "Capped Winner Guarantee means Capped Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1120) issued Certificates" under this Prospectus.

means RCB's cash flow statements for the financial years ended

31 December 2014 and 31 December 2015 which is incorporated

"Cash flow statements 2014

& 2015"

into this Prospectus by reference.

"CE" means Central Europe, i.e. Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic,

Slovak Republic, Slovenia.

"CEE" means Central Eastern Europe.

"CET 1" means own funds pursuant to Article 26 CRR (Common Equity

*Tier 1*).

"CET 1 ratio" means Common Equity Tier 1 ratio.

"CHF" means Swiss Franks.

"CIS" means the European Commonwealth of Independent States, i.e.

Russia, Ukraine, Belarus.

"Code" means the United States Internal Revenue Code 1986.

"Conditions" means the conditions applicable to a certain series of Securities

consisting of the Terms and Conditions and the relevant Final Terms.

"Competent Authority" means the competent authority pursuant to Article 4 (1) (40) of the

CRR which is responsible to supervise the Issuer and/or Raiffeisen

Group.

"CRD IV" means Directive 2013/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the

Council of 26 June 2013 on access to the activity of credit institutions and the prudential supervision of credit institutions and investment firms, amending Directive 2002/87/EC and repealing Directives 2006/48/EC and 2006/49/EC (*Capital Requirements* 

Directive IV – CRD IV).

"CRR" means Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament

and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 (*Capital Requirements Regulation - CRR*).

"CSD.Austria" means OeKB CSD GmbH, the central securities depository of

Oesterreichische Kontrollbank Aktiengesellschaft.

"CZK" means Czech Koruna.

"DGS" means Deposit Guarantee Schemes which were introduced in the EU

in 1994.

"DGSD" Directive 2014/49/EU of the European Parliament and of the

Council of 16 April 2014 on deposit guarantee schemes (recast).

"Disbursing Agent" means, if Securities are held in custody with or administrated by a

German credit institution, financial services institution (including a German permanent establishment of such foreign institution), securities trading company or securities trading bank, such

institution.

"Discount Certificates" means Discount Certificates (eusipa 1200) issued under this

Prospectus.

"EBA" means the European Banking Authority.

"ECB" means the European Central Bank.

"EEA" means the European Economic Area.

"Elements" means the elements, the Prospectus Summary is made of.

"ESRB" means European Systemic Risk Board.

"EU" means the European Union.

"EU-Commission" means the European Commission.

"EU Savings Directive" Council Directive 2003/48/EC of 3 June 2003 on taxation of savings

income in the form of interest payments, as amended.

"EUR" "Euro" and "€" means Euro.

"**EURIBOR**" means the Euro Inter-bank Offered Rate.

"Euro-zone" means the region comprising member states of the European Union

that adopt the single currency in accordance with the Treaty

establishing the European Community, as amended.

"EUWAX" means the European Warrants Exchange, a market segment of the

Stuttgart Stock Exchange.

"Express Certificates" means Express Certificates (eusipa 1260) issued under this

Prospectus.

"Express Safe Certificates" means Express Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199) issued under this

Prospectus.

"Express Safe Guarantee

Certificates"

means Express Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199) issued

under this Prospectus.

"Factor Certificates" means Factor Certificates (eusipa 2300) issued under this

Prospectus.

"FATCA" means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the United States Internal

Revenue Code 1986 (the "Code"), its accompanying U.S. Treasury Regulations §§ 1.1471 through 1.1474, any agreement entered into by a Foreign Financial Institution with the United States Internal Revenue Service pursuant to such sections of the Code, or an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and another jurisdiction in furtherance of such sections of the Code (including any non-U.S. laws implementing such an intergovernmental

agreement).

"FATCA Agreement" means a voluntary agreement entered into with a taxing authority as

described in Section 1471(b) of the United Stated Internal Revenue

Code.

"FFI" means any non-U.S. financial institution (a FFI) as defined by

FATCA.

"FFI-Agreement"

any agreement entered into by a FFI with the IRS pursuant to

sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code

"Final Terms"

means the Final Terms of a series of Securities containing the Nominal Amount of the Securities, the product currency, the amounts payable upon redemption of the Securities and coupons, if any, the issue prices and maturities of the Securities, their Underlying and all other terms and conditions not contained in the

Prospectus.

"Financial Intermediaries"

means all credit institutions and investment firms pursuant to the Directive 2013/36/EU acting as financial intermediaries subsequently reselling or finally placing the Securities.

"FMA"

means Austrian Financial Markets Authority (*Finanzmarktaufsichtsbehörde - FMA*).

"Frankfurt Stock Exchange

(Scoach)"

means Scoach Europa AG, Neue Börsenstr. 1, 60487 Frankfurt am

Main, Deutschland.

"**FSB**" means the Financial Stability Board.

"FSMA" means the United Kingdom Financial Services and Markets Act

2000.

"FTT" means the financial transaction tax, the introduction of which has

been proposed by the European Commission in September 2011.

"GDP" means the gross domestic product.

"Global Note" means the permanent global note in bearer form without coupons

which shall be signed by authorised signatories of the Issuer or carry an electronic copy of such signatures by which each series of Securities (i.e. Securities carrying the same ISIN) will be represented on issue and which will be kept in custody by or on behalf of OeKB CSD GmbH in its function as a central securities depository until all obligations of the Issuer under the Securities

have been satisfied.

"Group" means Raiffeisen Centrobank Group.

"Guarantee Certificates" means Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1140) issued under this

Prospectus.

"G-SIBs" means the global systemically important banks.

"HUF" means Hungarian Forint.

"ICMA" means the International Capital Markets Association.

"IGA" means an intergovernmental agreement.

"**IMF**" means the International Monetary Fund.

"Index Certificates" means Index Certificates (eusipa 1300) issued under this Prospectus.

"Initial Host Member means Croatia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy,

States" Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, and Slovenia.

"Inversion Certificates" means Inversion Certificates (eusipa 1299) issued under this

Prospectus.

"IRS" means the United States Internal Revenue Service.

"**Issuer**" means Raiffeisen Centrobank AG.

"IT" means information technology.

"KMG" means the Austrian Capital Market Act (Kapitalmarktgesetz - KMG),

as amended.

"K-PV" means the Austrian Capital Buffers Regulation (Kapitalpuffer-

Verordnung).

"LIBOR" means the London Inter-bank Offered Rate.

"Markets" means the Austrian Market, the Regulated Unofficial Market of the

Stuttgart Stock Exchange (EUWAX) and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (SCOACH) and the regulated markets of the stock exchanges in the Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Poland,

Romania, the Slovak Republic, and Slovenia.

"MiFID" means the Directive 2004/39/EC on markets in financial

instruments, as amended.

"MiFID II" means the Directive 2011/61/EU (Markets in Financial Instruments

Directive II) as amended.

"MiFIR" means Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 of the European Parliament

and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 (Markets

in Financial Instruments Regulation), as amended.

"**mn**" means million.

"MREL" means minimum requirements for own funds and eligible liabilities.

"Non-Exempt Offer" means an offer of Securities for which the relevant Final Terms

specify that an offer of those Securities may be made other than pursuant to Article 3.2 of the Prospectus Directive in a Relevant

Member State.

"offer of Securities to the

public"

means in relation to any Securities in any Relevant Member State the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Securities to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the

Securities, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member

State.

"Offer Period" means the period in which the Securities of a Series may be publicly

offered to investors as determined in the relevant Final Terms.

"Outdated Prospectus" means the 2013 Prospectus, the 2014 Prospectus and the 2015

Prospectus.

"Outperformance Certificates" means Outperformance Certificates (eusipa 1310) issued under this Prospectus.

"O-SII buffer"

means capital buffer for systemically important institutions.

"Participating FFI"

means an FFI that becomes a Participating FFI by entering into an agreement with the IRS to provide the IRS with certain information in respect of its account holders and investors.

"Participating Member States"

means the Member States participation in the enhanced cooperation in the area of financial transaction tax pursuant to the proposal for a "Council Directive implementing enhanced cooperation in the area of financial transaction tax", dated 14 February 2013.

"Participation Certificates"

means Participation Certificates (eusipa 1300) issued under this Prospectus.

"PD Amending Directive"

means Directive 2010/73/EU of the European Parliament and the Council of 24 November 2010 amending Directives 2003/71/EC on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading and 2004/109/EC on the harmonisation of transparency requirements in relation to information about issuers whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market.

"PLN"

means Polish Zloty.

"Polish Corporate Income Tax Law" means the Polish the Act on Corporate Income Tax of 15 February 1992 (consolidated text in Journal of Laws of 2011, no. 74, item 397), as amended.

"Polish Corporate Taxpayers"

means taxpayers subject to corporate income tax in the Republic of Poland.

"Polish Personal Income Tax Law" means the Polish Act on Personal Income Tax of 26 July 1991 (consolidated text in Journal of Laws of 2012 item 361), as amended.

"Programme"

means the structured securities programme of Raiffeisen Centrobank which has been established on 10 June 2013 and has been updated by the prospectus dated 12 May 2014, the prospectus dated 12 May 2015 and this Prospectus.

"Prospectus"

means this Prospectus with respect to the Programme.

"Prospectus Directive"

means Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 4 November 2003 on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading and amending Directive 2001/34/EC as amended.

"Prospectus Regulation"

means Commission Regulation (EC) No 809/2004 of 29 April 2004, as amended.

"Protected Certificates"

means Protected Certificates (eusipa 1140) issued under this Prospectus.

"Protected Reverse

means Protected Reverse Convertibles (eusipa 1230) issued under

**Convertibles**" this Prospectus.

"**Put Warrants**" means Put Warrants (eusipa 2100) issued under this Prospectus.

"Quanto" means that any affected necessary currency conversion will be per-

formed based on a fixed foreign exchange rate, which usually amounts to one, i.e. one unit of one affected currency will be

converted into one unit of another affected currency.

"Range Winner means Range Winner Certificates (eusipa 1199) issued under this

Certificates" Prospectus.

"Range Winner Guarantee means Range Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199) issued

Certificates" under this Prospectus.

"Raiffeisen Centrobank" means Raiffeisen Centrobank AG.

"Raiffeisen Centrobank means Raiffeisen Centrobank and its subsidiaries and affiliates taken

**Group**" as a whole.

"Raiffeisen Group" means RZB and its subsidiaries and affiliates taken as a whole.

"**RBI**" means Raiffeisen Bank International AG.

"RBI Group" means RBI and its subsidiaries and affiliates taken as a whole.

"**RCB**" means Raiffeisen Centrobank.

"Recalcitrant Holder" means any investor that – unless otherwise exempted – does not

provide certain tax certifications or ownership information, or, if applicable, a waiver of any laws prohibiting disclosure of such

information to a taxing authority.

"Reference Asset" means in case of Securities redeemed by physical delivery of a

certain quantity of reference assets such reference assets.

"Relevant Implementation means the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in

**Date**" a Relevant Member State.

"Relevant Member State" means each Member State of the European Economic Area which

has implemented the Prospectus Directive.

"Reverse Convertibles" means Reverse Convertibles (eusipa 1220) issued under this

Prospectus.

"Reverse Express Safe means Reverse Express Safe Certificates (eusipa 1199) issued under

**Certificates**" this Prospectus.

"Reverse Express Safe means Reverse Express Safe Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199)

Guarantee Certificates" issued under this Prospectus.

"Reverse Inversion means Reverse Inversion Certificates (eusipa 1299) issued under

**Certificates**" this Prospectus.

"RTS on MREL" means the "Final draft regulatory technical standards on criteria for

determining the minimum requirement for own funds and eligible

liabilities under Directive 2014/59/EU" (EBA/RTS/2015/05).

"RWA" means risk weighted assets.

"RZB" means Raiffeisen Zentralbank Österreich Aktiengesellschaft.

"Second Regulated Market" means the Geregelter Freiverkehr on the Vienna stock exchange.

"Securities" means Securities issued under this Prospectus.

"Securities Act" means the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Securityholder" means each holder of Securities.

"SEE" means South Eastern Europe.

"Series" means a series of Securities.

"Share Issuer" means a stock corporation that issued shares.

"Slovak ITA" means the Slovak Income Tax Act (No. 595/2003 Coll.).

"SREP" means the Supervisory Review and Evaluation Processes.

"SRF" means the Single Resolution Fund.

"SRM" means Single Resolution Mechanism.

"SSM" means Single Supervisory Mechanism.

"Stay-Above Certificates" means Stay-Above Certificates (eusipa 1199) issued under this

Prospectus.

"Stay-Above Guarantee

Certificates"

means Stay-Above Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199) issued

under this Prospectus.

"Step-Down Certificates" means Step-Down Certificates (eusipa 1199) issued under this

Prospectus.

"Step-Down Guarantee

Certificates"

means Step-Down Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199) issued under

this Prospectus.

"Step-Up Certificates" means Step-Up Certificates (eusipa 1199) issued under this

Prospectus.

"Step-Up Guarantee

Certificates"

means Step-Up Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1199) issued under

this Prospectus.

"Stock Corporation Act" means the Austrian Bundesgesetz über Aktiengesellschaften, as

amended.

"Summary" means the Summary which is included in this Prospectus.

"Swiss Code of Obligations" means Schweizerisches Obligationenrecht.

"Tap issues" means Daueremissionen within the meaning of the Capital Market

Act.

"Tier 2" means own funds pursuant to Article 62 CRR (*Tier 2*) "Terms and Conditions" the Terms and Conditions of the Securities as set forth in this Prospectus. "TLAC" means Total Loss-Absorbing Capacity. "Turbo Long Certificates" means Turbo Long Certificates (eusipa 2210) issued under this Prospectus. "Turbo Short Certificates" means Turbo Short Certificates (eusipa 2210) issued under this Prospectus. "Twin-Win Certificates" means Twin-Win Certificates (eusipa 1340) issued under this Prospectus. "UCITS" means undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities. "Underlying" means the underlying or underlyings (if any) of a Security issued under this Prospectus, including indices, equity, fund shares, commodities, fx rates, interest rates, futures and baskets thereof (including best- and worst-of baskets, cappuccino baskets, valueweighted baskets, minimum-deviation and maximum-deviation baskets and supervised baskets). "United States" means the United States of America. "US dollars", "USD" and means the currency of the United States of America. "US\$" "VaR" means value-at-risk. "Vienna Commercial means Handelsgericht Wien. Court" "Vienna Stock Exchange" means the Wiener Börse which is operated by the Wiener Börse Aktiengesellschaft. "Winner Certificates" means Winner Certificates (eusipa 1100) issued under this Prospectus. "Winner Guarantee means Winner Guarantee Certificates (eusipa 1100) issued under Certificates" this Prospectus. "2013 Prospectus" means the approved base prospectus relating to the Programme dated 10 June 2013. "2014 Prospectus" means the approved base prospectus relating to the Programme dated 12 May 2014.

dated 12 May 2015.

means the approved base prospectus relating to the Programme

"2015 Prospectus"

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