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19 July 2023

We refer to your letter of today, concerning the proposed execution of an agency agreement, the contents of which we transcribe herein below as a sign of our full and unconditional acceptance thereof.

"To:

BNP Paribas, Luxembourg Branch
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Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

19 July 2023

We are pleased to set out below our proposal with respect to a paying agency agreement

BANCA IFIS S.P.A.
AS ISSUER

AND

BNP PARIBAS, LUXEMBOURG BRANCH
AS AGENT AND PAYING AGENT

FIFTH AMENDED AND RESTATED AGENCY
AGREEMENT
€5,000,000,000
EURO MEDIUM TERM NOTE PROGRAMME

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This Agreement is made on 19 July 2023

BETWEEN:

- (1) **BANCA IFIS S.P.A.**, a bank incorporated as a joint stock company (*società per azioni*) organised under the laws of the Republic of Italy, registered with the companies register held in Venice under number 02505630109, tax code number 02505630109 and VAT number 04570150278, registered with the register of banks (*albo delle banche*) held by the Bank of Italy pursuant to article 13 of Italian legislative decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993, as amended (the "**Italian Banking Act**") under number 5508, parent company of the "**Gruppo Banca Ifis**" registered with the register of banking groups held by the Bank of Italy pursuant to article 64 of the Italian Banking Act under number 3205, having its registered office at Via Terraglio, 63, 30174 Mestre (Venice), Italy (the "**Issuer**"); and
- (2) **BNP PARIBAS**, a *Société Anonyme* (public limited company) registered with the *Registre du commerce et des sociétés Paris* (Trade and Companies' Register) under number No. 662 042 449, authorised by the *Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution* (ACPR) and supervised by the *Autorité des Marchés Financiers* (AMF), with its registered address at 16 Boulevard des Italiens, 75009 Paris, France, acting through its Luxembourg branch, whose office is at 60, avenue J.F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg, Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, registered with the Luxembourg Trade and Companies' Register under number B23968 (the "**Agent**" and the initial "**Paying Agent**" and, in each of such roles, "**BNPP**", which expression shall include any successor agent appointed under Clause 21).

WHEREAS:

- (A) The Issuer has established a programme (the "**Programme**") for the issuance from time to time of Italian Law Notes in Physical Form (as defined below, which expression shall, if the context so admits, include the Global Notes (in temporary or permanent form) to be delivered in respect of Italian Law Notes in Physical Form and any related Coupons and Talons) and Dematerialised Notes (as defined below) in an aggregate nominal amount outstanding at any one time not exceeding the Programme Limit. The Italian Law Notes in Physical Form will be issued pursuant to this Agreement.
- (B) The Issuer and the Agents entered into an Agency Agreement dated 1 October 2019, as amended and restated by the second Agency Agreement dated 9 October 2020, amended and restated by the third Agency Agreement dated 29 July 2021 and as amended and restated by a fourth amended and restated agency agreement dated 3 August 2022 (the "**Fourth Agency Agreement**") in respect of the Issuer's Programme.
- (C) The parties hereto have agreed to make certain modifications to the Fourth Agency Agreement.
- (D) This Agreement amends and restates the Fourth Agency Agreement. Any Italian Law Notes in Physical Form issued under the Programme on or after the date hereof shall have the benefit of this Agreement. This does not affect any Italian Law Notes in Physical Form issued under the Programme prior to the date of this Agreement.

IT IS AGREED as follows:

1. **DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

1.1 In this Agreement:

"Agency Agreement for the English Law Notes in Physical Form" means an agency agreement in respect of the English Law Notes in Physical Form (as defined in the Conditions) dated 19 July 2023 and made between the Issuer, BNP Paribas, Luxembourg Branch as issuing and principal paying agent and the other paying agents named therein.

"Applicable Law" means any law or regulation including, but not limited to: (i) any domestic or foreign statute or regulation; (ii) any rule or practice of any Authority with which the Paying Agents are bound or accustomed to comply; and (iii) any agreement entered into by the Paying Agents and any Authority or between any two or more Authorities.

"Auditors" means the auditors for the time being of the Issuer or, in the event of their being unable or unwilling promptly to carry out any action requested of them pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement and/or the Conditions, such other independent firm of accountants as may be selected by the Issuer.

"Authorised Signatory" means any person who (i) is a Director or the Secretary of the Issuer or (ii) has been notified by the Issuer in writing to the Agent as being duly authorised to sign documents and to do other acts and things on behalf of the Issuer for the purposes of this Agreement.

"Business Day" shall have the meaning given to this term in Clause 7.3.

"Calculation Agency Agreement" means, in relation to any Series of Notes, an agreement in or substantially in the form of Schedule 1 to the Agency Agreement for the English Law Notes in Physical Form.

"Calculation Agent" means, in relation to any Series of Notes, the person appointed as calculation agent in relation to the Notes by the Issuer pursuant to the provisions of a Calculation Agency Agreement (or any other agreement) and shall include any successor calculation agent appointed in respect of the Notes.

"CGN" means a Temporary Global Note or a Permanent Global Note, in either case where the applicable Final Terms specify that the Notes are not in New Global Note form.

"Clearstream, Luxembourg" means Clearstream Banking S.A..

"CMS Reference Banks" means (i) where the Reference Currency is Euro, the principal office of five major banks in the Euro-zone inter-bank market, (ii) where the Reference Currency is Sterling, the principal London office of five major banks in the London inter-bank market, (iii) where the Reference Currency is U.S. dollars, the principal New York City office of five major banks in the New York City inter-bank market, or (iv) in the case of any other Reference Currency, the principal Relevant

Financial Centre office of five major banks in the Relevant Financial Centre inter-bank market, in each case selected by the Issuer.

"**Code**" means the US Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"**Conditions**" means, in relation to the Notes of any Series, the terms and conditions endorsed on or incorporated by reference into the Note or Notes constituting the Series, the terms and conditions being in or substantially in the form set out in Schedule 1 or in such other form, having regard to the terms of the Notes of the relevant Series, as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Agent and the relevant Dealer as completed by the applicable Final Terms, and any reference to a numbered "**Condition**" is to the correspondingly numbered provision thereof.

"**Coupon**" means an interest coupon appertaining to a Definitive Note (other than a Zero Coupon Note), the coupon being:

- (a) if appertaining to a Fixed Rate Note, in the form or substantially in the form set out in Part 4 of Schedule 4 or in such other form, having regard to the terms of issue of the Notes of the relevant Series, as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Agent and the relevant Dealer; or
- (b) if appertaining to a Floating Rate Note, in the form or substantially in the form set out in Part 4 of Schedule 4 or in such other form, having regard to the terms of issue of the Notes of the relevant Series, as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Agent and the relevant Dealer; or
- (c) if appertaining to a Definitive Note which is neither a Fixed Rate Note nor a Floating Rate Note, in such form as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Agent and the relevant Dealer,

and includes, where applicable, the Talon(s) appertaining to the relevant Note and any replacements for Coupons and Talons issued pursuant to Condition 18 (*Replacement of Notes and Coupons*).

"**Couponholders**" means the several persons who are for the time being holders of the Coupons and shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include the holders of Talons.

"**Dealer Agreement**" means the amended and restated dealer agreement (as further amended, restated and/or supplemented from time to time) dated 19 July 2023 between the Issuer and the Dealers named in it.

"**Definitive Note**" means a Note in definitive form issued or, as the case may require, to be issued by the Issuer in accordance with the provisions of the Dealer Agreement or any other agreement between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer in exchange for all or part of a Global Note, the Definitive Note being in or substantially in the form set out in Part 3 of Schedule 4 with such modifications (if any) as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Agent and the relevant Dealer and having the Conditions endorsed on it or, if permitted by the relevant authority or authorities and agreed by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer, incorporated in it by reference and having the applicable Final Terms (or the relevant provisions of the applicable Final Terms) either incorporated in it or

endorsed on it and (except in the case of a Zero Coupon Note) having Coupons and, where appropriate, Talons attached to it on issue.

"Dematerialised Notes" means the notes issued under the Programme in dematerialised form and evidenced in book entry form with Monte Titoli (as defined below).

"Designated Maturity" shall have the meaning given to this term in the applicable Final Terms.

"Distribution Compliance Period" has the meaning given to that term in Regulation S under the Securities Act.

"Euroclear" means Euroclear Bank SA/NV.

"Eurosystem-eligible NGN" means an NGN which is intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility, as stated in the applicable Final Terms.

"FATCA Withholding" means any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in section 1471(b) of the Code, or otherwise imposed pursuant to sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, any official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto.

"Force Majeure Event" means any event due to any cause beyond the reasonable control of the Agent, such as restrictions on the convertibility or transferability of currencies, requisitions, unavailability of communications systems, sabotage, fire, flood, explosion, acts of God, civil commotion, strikes or industrial action of any kind (other than any such actions or strikes undertaken by the Agent itself or its employees), riots, insurrection, war or acts of government.

"Fixed Rate Note" means a Note on which interest is calculated at a fixed rate payable in arrears on one or more Interest Payment Dates in each year as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer, as indicated in the applicable Final Terms.

"Floating Rate Note" means a Note on which interest is calculated at a floating rate, payable in arrears on one or more Interest Payment Dates in each year as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer, as indicated in the applicable Final Terms.

"Further Information on the Issuer" means the information relating to the Issuer to be provided on the face of the Notes pursuant to Article 2414 of the Italian Civil Code in the form set out in Annex 4 of the Programme Manual, duly completed by the Issuer.

"Global Note" means a Temporary Global Note and/or a Permanent Global Note, as the context may require.

"ICSDs" means Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

"International Operating Model" means the international operating model as communicated by the Agent to the Issuer.

"Issue Date" means, in respect of any Note, the date of issue and purchase of the Note under Clause 2 of the Dealer Agreement or any other agreement between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer being, in the case of any Definitive Note represented initially by a Global Note, the same date as the date of issue of the Global Note which initially represented the Note.

"Italian Law Notes in Physical Form" or the **"Notes"** means the notes governed by Italian law and issued or to be issued by the Issuer under the Programme which are represented by a Global Note or are in definitive form, including any receipts, coupons or talons relating thereto.

"Margin" shall have the meaning given to this term in the applicable Final Terms.

"NGN" means a Temporary Global Note or a Permanent Global Note, in either case where the applicable Final Terms specify that the Notes are in New Global Note form.

"Noteholders" means the several persons who are for the time being the bearers of Notes save that, in respect of the Notes of any Series, for so long as the Notes or any part of them are represented by a Global Note held on behalf of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg each person (other than Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg) who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or of Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular nominal amount of the Notes of the Series (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as to the nominal amount of the Notes standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) shall be deemed to be the holder of that nominal amount of Notes (and the bearer of the relevant Global Note shall be deemed not to be the holder) for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest on the Notes, for which purpose the bearer of the relevant Global Note shall be treated by the Issuer and any Paying Agent as the holder of the Notes in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant Global Note and the expressions **"Noteholder, holder of Notes"** and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.

"outstanding" means, in relation to the Notes of any Series, all the Notes issued other than:

- (a) those Notes which have been redeemed pursuant to the Conditions;
- (b) those Notes in respect of which the date for redemption in accordance with the Conditions has occurred and the redemption moneys (including all interest (if any) accrued to the date for redemption and any interest (if any) payable under the Conditions after that date) have been duly paid to or to the order of the Agent in the manner provided in this Agreement (and where appropriate notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders in accordance with the Conditions) and remain available for payment of the relevant Notes and/or Coupons;
- (c) those Notes which have been purchased and cancelled as provided in the Conditions;
- (d) those which have become void under Condition 17 (*Prescription*);

- (e) those mutilated or defaced Notes which have been surrendered in exchange for replacement Notes;
- (f) (for the purpose only of determining how many Notes are outstanding and without prejudice to their status for any other purpose) those Notes alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed and in respect of which replacements have been issued; and
- (g) any Global Note to the extent that it shall have been exchanged for another Global Note pursuant to its provisions and any Global Note to the extent that it shall have been exchanged for Definitive Note Certificates pursuant to its provisions,

provided that for the purpose of (1) ascertaining the right to attend and vote at any meeting of the Noteholders or (2) the determination of how many and which Notes are outstanding for the purposes of Condition 21 (*Meeting of Noteholders; Noteholders' Representative*) and Schedule 3 (*Provisions for Meetings of Noteholders*), those Notes which are beneficially held by or on behalf of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries and not cancelled shall (unless no longer so held) be deemed not to remain outstanding.

"Parties" means, jointly, the Issuer and BNPP, and Party means each of them.

"Permanent Global Note" means a global note in the form or substantially in the form set out in Part 1 of Schedule 4 together with the copy of the applicable Final Terms attached to it with such modifications (if any) as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Agent and the relevant Dealer, comprising some or all of the Notes of the same Series issued by the Issuer under the Dealer Agreement or any other agreement between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer.

"Put Option Notice" means a notice in the form set out in Schedule 2.

"Reference Banks" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms or, if none, four (or if the Principal Financial Centre is Helsinki, five) major banks selected by the Issuer in the market that is most closely connected with the Reference Rate.

"Relevant Screen Page" shall have the meaning given to this term in the applicable Final Terms.

"Representative Amount" means an amount that is representative for a single transaction in the relevant market at the relevant time.

"Series" means a Tranche of Notes together with any further Tranche or Tranches of Notes which (a) are expressed to be consolidated and form a single series and (b) identical in all respects (including as to listing and admission to trading) except for their respective Issue Dates, Interest Commencement Dates and/or Issue Prices and the expressions **"Notes of the relevant Series"** and **"holders of Notes of the relevant Series"** and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.

"Subsidiary" means, in respect of the Issuer at any particular time, any *società controllata*, as defined in Article 2359 of the Italian Civil Code.

"**Talon**" means a talon attached on issue to a Definitive Note (other than a Zero Coupon Note) which is exchangeable in accordance with its provisions for further Coupons appertaining to the Note, the talon being in or substantially in the form set out in Part 5 of Schedule 4 or in such other form as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Agent and the relevant Dealer.

"**T2**" means the real time gross settlement system operated by the Eurosystem, or any successor system.

"**Tax**" means any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by or on behalf of any Authority having power to tax.

"**Temporary Global Note**" means a global note in the form or substantially in the form set out in Part 1 of Schedule 4 together with the copy of the applicable Final Terms attached to it with such modifications (if any) as may be agreed between the Issuer, the Agent and the relevant Dealer, comprising some or all of the Notes of the same Series issued by the Issuer under the Dealer Agreement or any other agreement between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer.

"**Tranche**" means Notes which are identical in all respects (including as to listing and admission to trading).

"**Zero Coupon Note**" means a Note on which no interest is payable.

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- (a) In this Agreement, unless the contrary intention appears, a reference to:
- (i) an "**amendment**" includes a supplement, restatement or novation and "**amended**" is to be construed accordingly;
 - (ii) a "**person**" includes any individual, company, unincorporated association, government, state agency, international organisation or other entity;
 - (iii) the "**records**" of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg shall be to the records that each of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg holds for its customers which reflect the amount of such customer's interest in the Notes;
 - (iv) a provision of a law is a reference to that provision as extended, amended or re-enacted;
 - (v) a clause or Schedule is a reference to a clause of, or a schedule to, this Agreement;
 - (vi) a person includes its successors and assigns;
 - (vii) a document is a reference to that document as amended, modified, varied or replaced from time to time; and

- (viii) a time of day is a reference to Luxembourg time.
 - (b) The headings in this Agreement do not affect its interpretation.
 - (c) Terms and expressions defined in the Dealer Agreement or the Notes or used in the applicable Final Terms shall have the same meanings in this Agreement, except where the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated.
 - (d) All references in this Agreement to costs or charges or expenses shall include any value added tax or similar tax charged or chargeable in respect thereof.
 - (e) All references in this Agreement to Notes shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include any Global Note representing the Notes.
 - (f) All references in this Agreement to principal and/or interest or both in respect of the Notes or to any moneys payable by the Issuer under this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with Condition 10 (*Payments*) of the Terms and Conditions for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form.
 - (g) All references in this Agreement to the "**relevant currency**" shall be construed as references to the currency in which payments in respect of the relevant Notes and/or Coupons are to be made.
 - (h) All references in this Agreement to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system approved by the Issuer and the Agent or as otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms **provided that**, in the case of NGNs, such additional and alternative clearing system must also be authorised to hold such Notes as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations.
 - (i) All references in this Agreement to a Directive include any relevant implementing measure of each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented such Directive.
- 1.3 For the purposes of this Agreement, the Notes of each Series shall form a separate series of Notes and the provisions of this Agreement shall apply *mutatis mutandis* separately and independently to the Notes of each Series and in this Agreement the expressions "**Notes**", "**Noteholders**", "**Coupons**", "**Couponholders**", "**Talons**" and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.
- 1.4 As used herein, in relation to any Notes which are to have a "**listing**" or be "**listed**" (i) on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, "**listing**" and "**listed**" shall be construed to mean that such Notes have been admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market and have been listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and (ii) on any other Stock Exchange within the European Economic Area, "**listing**" and "**listed**" shall be construed to mean that Notes have been admitted to trading on a market within that jurisdiction which is a regulated market for the purposes of article 4.1(21) of Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on markets in financial instruments.

1.5 This Agreement shall not apply to Dematerialised Notes and, as a consequence, any references in this Agreement (including the Schedules hereto) to Notes shall be intended to exclude Dematerialised Notes.

2. APPOINTMENT OF AGENTS

2.1 The Agent is appointed, and the Agent agrees to act, as agent of the Issuer, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set out below, for the following purposes:

- (a) completing, authenticating and delivering Temporary Global Notes and Permanent Global Notes and (if required) authenticating and delivering Definitive Notes;
- (b) giving effectuation instructions in respect of each Global Note which is a Eurosystem- eligible NGN;
- (c) exchanging Temporary Global Notes for Permanent Global Notes or Definitive Notes, as the case may be, in accordance with the terms of Temporary Global Notes and, in respect of any such exchange, (i) making all notations on Global Notes which are CGNs as required by their terms and (ii) instructing Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make appropriate entries in their records in respect of all Global Notes which are NGNs;
- (d) exchanging Permanent Global Notes for Definitive Notes in accordance with the terms of Permanent Global Notes and, in respect of any such exchange, (i) making all notations on Permanent Global Notes which are CGNs as required by their terms and (ii) instructing Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make appropriate entries in their records in respect of all Permanent Global Notes which are NGNs;
- (e) paying sums due on Global Notes, Definitive Notes and Coupons and instructing Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make appropriate entries in their records in respect of all Global Notes which are NGNs;
- (f) exchanging Talons for Coupons in accordance with the Conditions;
- (g) determining the end of the Distribution Compliance Period applicable to each Tranche;
- (h) determining the interest and/or other amounts payable in respect of the Notes in accordance with the Conditions;
- (i) arranging on behalf of and at the expense of the Issuer for notices to be communicated to the Noteholders in accordance with the Conditions;
- (j) ensuring that, as directed by the Issuer, all necessary action is taken to comply with any reporting requirements of any competent authority in respect of any relevant currency as may be in force from time to time with respect to the Notes to be issued under the Programme;

- (k) subject to the Programme Manual, submitting to the relevant authority or authorities such number of copies of each Final Terms which relates to Notes which are to be listed as the relevant authority or authorities may require;
 - (l) acting as Calculation Agent in respect of Notes where named as such in the applicable Final Terms, subject to the Agent having received a communication naming it as Calculation Agent no later than five Business Days before the relevant Issue Date or, if earlier, the first date on which it is required to make any calculation or determination and shall not have notified the Issuer that it does not wish to be so appointed within three Business Days of receipt of such communication; and
 - (m) performing all other obligations and duties imposed upon it by the Conditions, this Agreement and the Programme Manual.
- 2.2 Each Paying Agent is appointed, and each Paying Agent agrees to act, as paying agent of the Issuer, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set out below, for the purposes of paying sums due on any Notes and Coupons and performing all other obligations and duties imposed upon it by the Conditions and this Agreement.
- 2.3 In relation to each issue of Eurosystem-eligible NGNs, the Issuer hereby authorises and instructs the Agent to elect Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as common safekeeper. From time to time, the Issuer and the Agent may agree to vary this election. The Issuer acknowledges that any such election is subject to the right of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to jointly determine that the other shall act as common safekeeper in relation to any such issue and agrees that no liability shall attach to the Agent in respect of any such election made by it.
- 2.4 The obligations of the Paying Agents under this Agreement are several and not joint.

3. ISSUE OF GLOBAL NOTES

- 3.1 Subject to Clause 3.4, following receipt of a copy of the applicable Final Terms together with the Further Information on the Issuer signed by the Issuer, the Issuer authorises the Agent and the Agent agrees, to take the steps required of the Agent in the Programme Manual.
- 3.2 For the purpose of Clause 3.1, the Agent will on behalf of the Issuer if specified in the applicable Final Terms that a Temporary Global Note will initially represent the Tranche of Notes:
- (a) prepare a Temporary Global Note by attaching a copy of the applicable Final Terms and the Further Information on the Issuer to a copy of the signed master Temporary Global Note;
 - (b) authenticate the Temporary Global Note outside the Republic of Italy;
 - (c) deliver the Temporary Global Note to the specified common depositary (if the Temporary Global Note is a CGN) or specified common safekeeper (if the Temporary Global Note is a NGN) for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and, in the case of a Temporary Global Note which is a Eurosystem-eligible NGN, to instruct the common safekeeper to effectuate the same;

- (d) ensure that the Notes of each Tranche are assigned, as applicable, security numbers (including, but not limited to, common codes and ISINs) which are different from the security numbers assigned to Notes of any other Tranche of the same Series until at least expiry of the Distribution Compliance Period in respect of the Tranche; and
- (e) if the Temporary Global Note is an NGN, instruct Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make the appropriate entries in their records to reflect the initial outstanding aggregate principal amount of the relevant Tranche of Notes;

3.3 For the purpose of Clause 3.1, the Agent will on behalf of the Issuer if specified in the applicable Final Terms that a Permanent Global Note will represent the Notes on issue:

- (a) in the case of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes, prepare a Permanent Global Note by attaching a copy of the applicable Final Terms and the Further Information on the Issuer to a copy of the master Permanent Global Note;
- (b) in the case of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes, authenticate the Permanent Global Note outside the Republic of Italy;
- (c) in the case of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes, deliver the Permanent Global Note to the specified common depository (if the Permanent Global Note is a CGN) or specified common safekeeper (if the Permanent Global Note is a NGN) for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and, in the case of a Permanent Global Note which is a Eurosystem-eligible NGN, to instruct the common safekeeper to effectuate the same;
- (d) if the Permanent Global Note is an NGN, instruct Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make the appropriate entries in their records to reflect the initial outstanding aggregate principal amount of the relevant Tranche of Notes;
- (e) in the case of a subsequent Tranche of any Series of Notes deliver the applicable Final Terms to the specified common depository or common safekeeper, as the case may be, for attachment to the Permanent Global Note and, in the case where the Permanent Global Note is a CGN, make all appropriate entries on the relevant Schedule to the Permanent Global Note to reflect the increase in its nominal amount or, in the case where the Permanent Global Note is a NGN, instruct Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make the appropriate entries in their records to reflect the increased outstanding aggregate principal amount of the relevant Series; and
- (f) ensure that the Notes of each Tranche are assigned, as applicable, security numbers (including, but not limited to, common codes and ISINs) which are different from the security numbers assigned to the Notes of any other Tranche of the same Series until at least the expiry of the Distribution Compliance Period in respect of the Tranche.

- 3.4 The Agent shall only be required to perform its obligations under this Clause 3 if it holds:
- (a) a master Temporary Global Note duly executed by a person or persons duly authorised to execute the same on behalf of the Issuer, which may be used by the Agent for the purpose of preparing Temporary Global Notes in accordance with Clause 3.2;
 - (b) a master Permanent Global Note duly executed by a person or persons duly authorised to execute the same on behalf of the Issuer, which may be used by the Agent for the purpose of preparing Permanent Global Notes in accordance with Clause 3.3 and Clause 4; and
 - (c) signed copies of the applicable Final Terms and the Further Information on the Issuer.
- 3.5 The Issuer undertakes to ensure that the Agent receives copies of each document specified in Clause 3.4 in a timely manner.
- 3.6 Where the Agent delivers any authenticated Global Note to a common safekeeper for effectuation using electronic means, it is authorised and instructed to destroy the Global Note retained by it following its receipt of confirmation from the common safekeeper that the relevant Global Note has been effectuated.

4. EXCHANGE OF GLOBAL NOTES

- 4.1 The Agent shall determine the Exchange Date for each Temporary Global Note in accordance with its terms. Immediately after determining any Exchange Date, the Agent shall notify its determination to the Issuer, the other Paying Agents, the relevant Dealer, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.
- 4.2 Where a Temporary Global Note is to be exchanged for a Permanent Global Note, the Agent is authorised by the Issuer and instructed:
- (a) in the case of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes, to prepare and complete a Permanent Global Note in accordance with the terms of the Temporary Global Note applicable to the Tranche by attaching a copy of the applicable Final Terms and the Further Information on the Issuer to a copy of the master Permanent Global Note;
 - (b) in the case of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes, to authenticate the Permanent Global Note outside the Republic of Italy;
 - (c) in the case of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes if the Permanent Global Note is a CGN, to deliver the Permanent Global Note to the common depository which is holding the Temporary Global Note representing the Tranche for the time being on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg to hold on behalf of the Issuer pending its exchange for the Temporary Global Note;
 - (d) in the case of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes if the Permanent Global Note is a NGN, to deliver the Permanent Global Note to the common safekeeper which is holding the Temporary Global Note representing the Tranche for the

time being on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg to effectuate (in the case of a Permanent Global Note which is a Eurosystem-eligible NGN) and to hold on behalf of the Issuer pending its exchange for the Temporary Global Note;

- (e) in the case of a subsequent Tranche of any Series of Notes if the Permanent Global Note is a CGN, to attach a copy of the applicable Final Terms and the Further Information on the Issuer to the Permanent Global Note applicable to the relevant Series and to enter details of any exchange in whole or part; and
- (f) in the case of a subsequent Tranche of any Series of Notes if the Permanent Global Note is an NGN, to deliver the applicable Final Terms and the Further Information on the Issuer to the specified common safekeeper for attachment to the Permanent Global Note applicable to the relevant Series.

4.3 Where a Global Note is to be exchanged for Definitive Notes in accordance with its terms, the Agent is authorised by the Issuer and instructed:

- (a) to authenticate the Definitive Notes in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement outside the Republic of Italy; and
- (b) to deliver the Definitive Notes to or to the order of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

If Definitive Notes are issued and the Agent informs the Issuer that it is unable to perform all or some of its obligations under this Agreement, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint an additional agent in accordance with Clause 2.1 which is able to perform the relevant obligations.

4.4 Upon any exchange of all or a part of an interest in a Temporary Global Note for an interest in a Permanent Global Note or upon any exchange of all or a part of an interest in a Global Note for Definitive Notes, the Agent shall (i) procure that the relevant Global Note shall, if it is a CGN, be endorsed by or on behalf of the Agent to reflect the reduction of its nominal amount by the aggregate nominal amount so exchanged and, where applicable, the Permanent Global Note shall be endorsed by or on behalf of the Agent to reflect the increase in its nominal amount as a result of any exchange for an interest in the Temporary Global Note or (ii) in the case of any Global Note which is a NGN, instruct Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make appropriate entries in their records to reflect such exchange. Until exchanged in full, the holder of an interest in any Global Note shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Agreement as the holder of Definitive Notes and Coupons authenticated and delivered under this Agreement, subject as set out in the Conditions. The Agent is authorised on behalf of the Issuer and instructed (a) in the case of any Global Note which is a CGN, to endorse or to arrange for the endorsement of the relevant Global Note to reflect the reduction in the nominal amount represented by it by the amount so exchanged and, if appropriate, to endorse the Permanent Global Note to reflect any increase in the nominal amount represented by it and, in either case, to sign in the relevant space on the relevant Global Note recording the exchange and reduction or increase, (b) in the case of any Global Note which is a NGN, to instruct Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make appropriate entries in their records to reflect such

exchange and (c) in the case of a total exchange, to cancel or arrange for the cancellation of the relevant Global Note.

4.5 The Agent shall notify the Issuer immediately after it receives a request for the issue of Definitive Notes in accordance with the provisions of a Global Note and the aggregate nominal amount of the Global Note to be exchanged.

4.6 The Issuer undertakes to deliver to the Agent sufficient numbers of executed Definitive Notes with, if applicable, Coupons and Talons attached, to enable the Agent to comply with its obligations under this Agreement.

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6. **TERMS OF ISSUE**

6.1 The Agent shall cause all Notes delivered to and held by it under this Agreement to be maintained in safe custody and shall ensure that Notes are issued only in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the Conditions and, where applicable, the relevant Global Notes.

6.2 Subject to the procedures set out in the Programme Manual, for the purposes of Clause 3, the Agent is entitled to treat a telephone or facsimile communication from a person purporting to be (and whom the Agent believes in good faith to be) the authorised representative of the Issuer named in the list referred to in, or notified pursuant to, Clause 19.7, or any other list duly provided for the purpose by the Issuer to the Agent, as sufficient instructions and authority of the Issuer for the Agent to act in accordance with Clause 3.

6.3 In the event that a person who has signed a master Global Note held by the Agent on behalf of the Issuer ceases to be authorised as described in Clause 19.7, the Agent shall (unless the Issuer gives notice to the Agent that Notes signed by that person do not constitute valid and binding obligations of the Issuer or otherwise until replacements have been provided to the Agent) continue to have authority to issue Notes signed by that person, and the Issuer warrants to the Agent that those Notes shall be valid and binding obligations of the Issuer. Promptly upon any person ceasing to be authorised, the Issuer shall provide the Agent with replacement master Global Notes and the Agent shall, upon receipt of such replacements, cancel and destroy the master Global Notes held by it which are signed by that person and shall provide the Issuer with a certificate of destruction, specifying the master Global Notes so cancelled and destroyed.

6.4 The Agent shall provide Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg with the notifications, instructions or information to be given by the Agent to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

6.5 If the Agent pays an amount (the "**Advance**") to the Issuer on the basis that a payment (the "**Payment**") has been or will be received from a Dealer and if the Payment is not received by the Agent on the date the Agent pays the Issuer, the Issuer shall promptly repay to the Agent the Advance and shall pay interest on the Advance (or the unreimbursed portion thereof) from (and including) the date the Advance is made to (but excluding) the earlier of repayment of the Advance or receipt by the Agent of the Payment at a rate quoted at that time by the Agent as its cost of funding the Advance

provided that evidence of the basis of such rate is given to the Issuer. For the avoidance of doubt, the Agent shall not be obliged to pay any amount to the Issuer if it has not received satisfactory confirmation that it is to receive the amount from a Dealer.

- 6.6 Except in the case of issues where the Agent does not act as receiving bank for the Issuer in respect of the purchase price of the Notes being issued, if on the Issue Date a Dealer does not pay the full purchase price due from it in respect of any Note (the "**Defaulted Note**") and, as a result, the Defaulted Note remains in the Agent's distribution account with Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg after the Issue Date, the Agent will continue to hold the Defaulted Note to the order of the Issuer. The Agent shall notify the Issuer immediately of the failure of the Dealer to pay the full purchase price due from it in respect of any Defaulted Note and, subsequently, shall (a) notify the Issuer immediately on receipt from the Dealer of the full purchase price in respect of any Defaulted Note and (b) pay to the Issuer the amount so received.

7. **PAYMENTS**

7.1 The Issuer will:

- (a) before 10.00 a.m. (Central European time), on each date on which any payment in euro in respect of any Note becomes due under the Conditions, transfer to an account with such bank as the Agent may from time to time notify to the Issuer an amount in euro in immediately available and freely transferable funds sufficient for the purposes of the payment in funds settled through the T2;
- (b) before 10.00 a.m. (local time in the relevant principal financial center of the country of the relevant currency), on each date on which any payment in GBP or USD in respect of any Note becomes due under the Conditions, transfer to an account with such bank as the Agent may from time to time notify to the Issuer an amount in such currency in immediately available and freely transferable funds sufficient for the purposes of such payment in funds settled through such payment system as the Agent and the Issuer may agree;
- (c) prior to the issuance of the relevant Notes, consult and agree with the Agent, in relation to the settlement and timing for payment procedures in respect of any Notes for which the relevant currency is a currency other than euro, GBP or USD.

In this Clause 7.1, the date on which a payment in respect of the Notes becomes due means the first date on which the holder of a Note or Coupon is entitled to receive such payment under the Conditions, but disregarding the necessity for it to be a business day in any particular place of presentation.

Should the Issuer pay amounts in euro to the Agent prior to the date the relevant payment in respect of the Notes is due, the Agent may request from the Issuer payment of interest rates on such amounts, from the date on which they are paid to the date on which they are due, at a percentage rate equal to the cost to the Agent of funding the amounts received in accordance with the applicable standard market interest rate.

- 7.2 Any funds paid by or by arrangement with the Issuer to the Agent under Clause 7.1 shall be held in the relevant account referred to in Clause 7.1 for payment to the

Noteholders or Couponholders, as the case may be, until any Notes or matured Coupons become void under Condition 17 (*Prescription*). In that event the Agent shall repay to the Issuer sums equivalent to the amounts which would otherwise have been repayable on the relevant Notes or Coupons.

- 7.3 The Issuer will ensure that no later than 10.00 a.m. (Central European time) on the second Business Day (as defined below) immediately preceding the date on which any payment is to be made to the Agent under Clause 7.1, the Agent shall receive a payment confirmation by fax or authenticated SWIFT message from the paying bank of the Issuer. For the purposes of this Clause 7.3, "**Business Day**" means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which the T2 is operating.
- 7.4 The Agent shall notify each of the other Paying Agents and the Issuer immediately:
- (a) if it has not by the relevant date set out in Clause 7.1 received unconditionally the full amount in the Specified Currency required for the payment; and
 - (b) if it receives unconditionally the full amount of any sum payable in respect of the Notes or Coupons after that date.
- 7.5 The Agent shall ensure that payments of both principal and interest in respect of a Temporary Global Note will only be made if certification of non-U.S. beneficial ownership as required by U.S. Treasury regulations has been received from Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg in accordance with the terms of the Temporary Global Note.
- 7.6 Unless it has received notice under Clause 7.4(a), each Paying Agent shall pay or cause to be paid all amounts due in respect of the Notes on behalf of the Issuer in the manner provided in the Conditions. If any payment provided for in Clause 7.1 is made later than as specified in such subclause but otherwise in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the relevant Paying Agent shall nevertheless make payments in respect of the Notes as stated above promptly following receipt by it of such payment.
- 7.7 If for any reason the Agent considers in its sole discretion (acting reasonably) that the amounts to be received by it under Clause 7.1 will be, or the amounts actually received by it are, insufficient to satisfy all claims in respect of all payments then falling due in respect of the Notes, no Paying Agent shall be obliged to pay any such claims until the Agent has received the full amount of all such payments.
- 7.8 Without prejudice to Clauses 7.6 and 7.7, if the Agent pays any amounts to the holders of Notes or Coupons or to any other Paying Agent at a time when it has not received payment in full in respect of the relevant Notes in accordance with Clause 7.1 (the excess of the amounts so paid over the amounts so received being the Shortfall), the Issuer will, in addition to paying amounts due under Clause 7.1, pay to the Agent on demand interest (at a rate which represents the Agent's cost of funding the "**Shortfall**") on the Shortfall (or the unreimbursed portion thereof) until the receipt in full by the Agent of the Shortfall.
- 7.9 The Agent shall on demand promptly reimburse each other Paying Agent for payments in respect of Notes properly made by each Paying Agent in accordance with this Agreement and the Conditions unless the Agent has notified the relevant Paying Agent,

prior to its opening of business on the due date of a payment in respect of the Notes, that the Agent does not expect to receive sufficient funds to make payment of all amounts falling due in respect of the Notes.

- 7.10 Whilst any Notes are represented by Global Notes, all payments due in respect of the Notes shall be made to, or to the order of, the holder of the Global Notes, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Global Notes. On the occasion of each payment, (i) in the case of a CGN, the Paying Agent to which such Global Note was presented for the purpose of making the payment shall cause the appropriate Schedule to the relevant Global Note to be annotated so as to evidence the amounts and dates of the payments of principal and/or interest as applicable or (ii) in the case of any Global Note which is a NGN, the Agent shall instruct Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make appropriate entries in their records to reflect such payment.
- 7.11 If the amount of principal and/or interest then due for payment is not paid in full (otherwise than by reason of a deduction required by law to be made, or by reason of a FATCA Withholding or a certification required by the terms of a Note not being received), (i) the Paying Agent to which a Note or Coupon (as the case may be) is presented for the purpose of making the payment shall, unless the Note is a NGN, make a record of the shortfall on the relevant Note or Coupon and the record shall, in the absence of manifest error, be *prima facie* evidence that the payment in question has not to that extent been made or (ii) in the case of any Global Note which is a NGN, the Agent shall instruct Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make appropriate entries in their records to reflect such shortfall in payment.
- 7.12 Each Party shall, within ten business days of a written request by another party, supply to that other party such forms, documentation and other information relating to it, its operations, or the Notes as that other party reasonably requests for the purposes of that other party's compliance with Applicable Law and shall notify the relevant other party reasonably promptly in the event that it becomes aware that any of the forms, documentation or other information provided by such party is (or becomes) inaccurate in any material respect; **provided, however, that** no party shall be required to provide any forms, documentation or other information pursuant to this Clause 7.12 to the extent that: (i) any such form, documentation or other information (or the information required to be provided on such form or documentation) is not reasonably available to such party and cannot be obtained by such party using reasonable efforts; or (ii) doing so would or might in the reasonable opinion of such party constitute a breach of any: (a) Applicable Law; (b) fiduciary duty; or (c) duty of confidentiality. For purposes of this Clause 7.12, "**Applicable Law**" shall be deemed to include (i) any rule or practice of any Authority by which any Party is bound or with which it is accustomed to comply; (ii) any agreement between any Authorities; and (iii) any agreement between any Authority and any Party that is customarily entered into by institutions of a similar nature.
- 7.13 The Issuer shall notify the Agent in the event that it determines that any payment to be made by any Paying Agent under the Notes is a payment which could be subject to FATCA Withholding if such payment were made to a recipient that is generally unable to receive payments free from FATCA Withholding, and the extent to which the relevant payment is so treated, **provided, however, that** the Issuer's obligation under this Clause 7.13 shall apply only to the extent that such payments are so treated by virtue of characteristics of the Issuer, the Notes, or both.

- 7.14 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, each Paying Agent shall be entitled to make a deduction or withholding from any payment which it makes under the Notes for or on account of any Tax, if and only to the extent so required by Applicable Law, in which event such Paying Agent shall make such payment after such deduction or withholding has been made and shall account to the relevant Authority within the time allowed for the amount so deducted or withheld or, at its option, shall reasonably promptly after making such payment return to the Issuer the amount so deducted or withheld, in which case, the Issuer shall so account to the relevant Authority for such amount. For the avoidance of doubt, FATCA Withholding is a deduction or withholding which is deemed to be required by Applicable Law for the purposes of this Clause 7.14.
- 7.15 In the event that (i) the Paying Agent is unable to receive any payment on the Notes without any deduction or withholding for or on account of any Tax will be required by Applicable Law or (ii) the Issuer determines in its sole discretion that any deduction or withholding for or on account of any Tax will be required by Applicable Law in connection with any payment due to any of the Paying Agents on any Notes, then the Issuer shall redirect or reorganise any such payment in any way that it sees fit in order that the payment may be made without such deduction or withholding **provided that**, any such redirected or reorganised payment is made through a recognised institution of international standing and otherwise made in accordance with this Agreement and the Conditions. The Issuer will promptly notify the Paying Agents of any such redirection or reorganisation. For the avoidance of doubt, FATCA Withholding is a deduction or withholding which is deemed to be required by Applicable Law for the purposes of this Clause 7.15.

8. DETERMINATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS IN RESPECT OF NOTES AND INTEREST DETERMINATION

8.1 Determinations and Notifications

- (a) The Agent shall, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, make all the determinations and calculations which it is required to make under the Conditions, all subject to and in accordance with the Conditions.
- (b) The Agent shall not be responsible to the Issuer or to any third party as a result of the Agent having acted on any quotation given by any Reference Bank and/or CMS Reference Bank which subsequently may be found to be incorrect.
- (c) The Agent, in the case of Floating Rate Notes other than CMS Linked Interest Notes, and the Calculation Agent, in the case of Floating Rate Notes which are CMS Linked Interest Notes, shall promptly notify (and confirm in writing to) the Issuer, the other Paying Agents and (in respect of a Series of Notes listed on a Stock Exchange) the relevant Stock Exchange by no later than the first day of each Interest Period of each Rate of Interest, Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date and all other amounts, rates and dates which it is obliged to determine or calculate under the Conditions as soon as practicable after their determination and of any subsequent amendments to them under the Conditions.
- (d) The Agent shall use its reasonable endeavours to cause each Rate of Interest, Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date and all other amounts, rates and

dates which it is obliged to determine or calculate under the Conditions to be published as required in accordance with the Conditions as soon as possible after their determination or calculation.

- (e) If the Agent does not at any time for any reason determine and/or calculate and/or publish the Rate of Interest, Interest Amount and/or Interest Payment Date in respect of any Interest Period or any other amount, rate or date as provided in this clause, it shall immediately notify the Issuer and the other Paying Agents of that fact.
- (f) Determinations with regard to Notes (including, without limitation, CMS Linked Interest Notes) required to be made by a Calculation Agent specified in the applicable Final Terms shall be made in the manner so specified. Unless otherwise agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer or the Lead Manager, as the case may be, or unless the Agent is the Calculation Agent (in which case the provisions of this Agreement shall apply), those determinations shall be made on the basis of a Calculation Agency Agreement. Notes of any Series may specify additional duties and obligations of any Paying Agent, the performance of which will be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Paying Agent prior to the relevant Issue Date.

9. NOTICE OF ANY WITHHOLDING OR DEDUCTION

- 9.1 If the Issuer is, in respect of any payment, compelled to withhold or deduct any amount for or on account of taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges as specifically contemplated under the Conditions, it shall give notice of that fact to the Agent as soon as it becomes aware of the requirement to make the withholding or deduction and shall give to the Agent such information as it shall require to enable it to comply with the requirement.
- 9.2 If any Paying Agent is, in respect of any payment of principal or interest in respect of the Notes, compelled to withhold or deduct any amount for or on account of any taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges as specifically contemplated under the Conditions, other than arising under Clause 9.1 or by virtue of the relevant holder failing to satisfy any certification or other requirement in respect of its Notes, it shall give notice of that fact to the Issuer and the Agent as soon as it becomes aware of the compulsion to withhold or deduct.

10. DUTIES OF THE PAYING AGENTS IN CONNECTION WITH EARLY REDEMPTION

- 10.1 If the Issuer decides to redeem any Notes for the time being outstanding before their Maturity Date in accordance with the Conditions, the Issuer shall give notice of the decision to the Agent stating the date on which the Notes are to be redeemed and the nominal amount of Notes to be redeemed not less than 15 days before the date on which the Issuer will give notice to the Noteholders in accordance with the Conditions of the redemption in order to enable the Agent to carry out its duties in this Agreement and in the Conditions.
- 10.2 If some only of the Notes are to be redeemed, the Agent shall, in the case of Definitive Notes, make the required drawing in accordance with the Conditions but shall give the

Issuer reasonable notice of the time and place proposed for the drawing and the Issuer shall be entitled to send representatives to attend the drawing and shall, in the case of Notes in global form, co-ordinate the selection of Notes to be redeemed with Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, all in accordance with the Conditions.

- 10.3 The Agent shall publish the notice required in connection with any redemption and shall, if applicable, at the same time also publish a separate list of the serial numbers of any Notes in definitive form previously drawn and not presented for redemption. The redemption notice shall specify the date fixed for redemption, the redemption amount, the manner in which redemption will be effected and, in the case of a partial redemption of Definitive Notes, the serial numbers of the Notes to be redeemed. The notice will be published in accordance with the Conditions. The Agent will also notify the other Paying Agents of any date fixed for redemption of any Notes.
- 10.4 Each Paying Agent will keep a stock of Put Option Notices and will make them available on demand to holders of Definitive Notes, the Conditions of which provide for redemption at the option of Noteholders. Upon receipt of any Note deposited in the exercise of a put option in accordance with the Conditions, the Paying Agent with which the Note is deposited shall hold the Note (together with any Coupons and Talons relating to it deposited with it) on behalf of the depositing Noteholder (but shall not, save as provided below, release it) until the due date for redemption of the relevant Note consequent upon the exercise of the option, when, subject as provided below, it shall present the Note (and any such unmatured Coupons and Talons) to itself for payment of the amount due together with any interest due on the date of redemption in accordance with the Conditions and shall pay those moneys in accordance with the directions of the Noteholder contained in the relevant Put Option Notice. If, prior to the due date for its redemption, an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or the Note becomes immediately due and repayable or if upon due presentation payment of the redemption moneys is improperly withheld or refused, the Paying Agent concerned shall post the Note (together with any such Coupons and Talons) by uninsured post to, and at the risk of, the relevant Noteholder (unless the Noteholder has otherwise requested and paid the costs of insurance to the relevant Paying Agent at the time of depositing the Notes) at the address given by the Noteholder in the relevant Put Option Notice. At the end of each period for the exercise of any put option, each Paying Agent shall promptly notify the Agent of the principal amount of the Notes in respect of which the option has been exercised with it together with their serial numbers and the Agent shall promptly notify those details to the Issuer.

11. RECEIPT AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICES

- 11.1 Immediately after it receives a demand or notice from any Noteholder in accordance with the Conditions, the Agent shall forward a copy to the Issuer.
- 11.2 On behalf of and at the request and expense of the Issuer, the Agent shall cause to be published all notices required to be given by the Issuer to the Noteholders in accordance with the Conditions. In case of any notice required to be published in a newspaper, the Agent must be given at least 10 days' prior notice.

12. CANCELLATION OF NOTES, COUPONS AND TALONS

- 12.1 All Notes which are redeemed, all Global Notes which are exchanged in full, all Coupons which are paid and all Talons which are exchanged shall be cancelled by the Paying Agent by which they are redeemed, exchanged or paid. In addition, the Issuer shall immediately notify the Agent in writing of all Notes which are purchased on behalf of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries and all such Notes surrendered to a Paying Agent for cancellation, together (in the case of Definitive Notes) with all unmatured Coupons or Talons (if any) attached to them or surrendered with them, shall be cancelled by the Paying Agent to which they are surrendered. Each of the Paying Agents shall give to the Agent details of all payments made by it and shall deliver all cancelled Notes, Coupons and Talons to the Agent or as the Agent may specify.
- 12.2 The Agent shall deliver to the Issuer as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within three months after the date of each repayment, payment, cancellation or replacement, as the case may be, a certificate stating:
- (a) the aggregate nominal amount of Notes which have been redeemed and the aggregate amount paid in respect of them;
 - (b) the number of Notes cancelled together (in the case of Notes in definitive form) with details of all unmatured Coupons or Talons attached to them or delivered with them;
 - (c) the aggregate amount paid in respect of interest on the Notes;
 - (d) the total number by maturity date of Coupons and Talons cancelled; and
 - (e) (in the case of Definitive Notes) the serial numbers of the Notes.
- 12.3 The Agent shall destroy all cancelled Notes, Coupons and Talons (in the case of Global Notes, upon receipt of the disposal authorisation from Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg) and, immediately following their destruction, send to the Issuer, upon its request, a certificate stating the serial numbers of the Notes (in the case of Notes in definitive form) and the number by maturity date of Coupons and Talons destroyed.
- 12.4 Without prejudice to the obligations of the Agent under Clause 12.2, the Agent shall keep a full and complete record of all Notes, Coupons and Talons (other than serial numbers of Coupons) and of their redemption, purchase on behalf of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries and cancellation, payment or replacement (as the case may be) and of all replacement Notes, Coupons or Talons issued in substitution for mutilated, defaced, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes, Coupons or Talons. The Agent shall in respect of the Coupons of each maturity retain (in the case of Coupons other than Talons) until the expiry of ten years from the Relevant Date in respect of such Coupons and (in the case of Talons) indefinitely either all paid or exchanged Coupons of that maturity or a list of the serial numbers of Coupons of that maturity still remaining unpaid or unexchanged. The Agent shall at all reasonable times make the record available to the Issuer and any persons authorised by it for inspection and for the taking of copies of it or extracts from it.
- 12.5 The Agent is authorised by the Issuer and instructed to (a) in the case of any Global Note which is a CGN, to endorse or to arrange for the endorsement of the relevant Global Note to reflect the reduction in the nominal amount represented by it by the

amount so redeemed or purchased and cancelled and (b) in the case of any Global Note which is a NGN, to instruct Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to make appropriate entries in their records to reflect such redemption or purchase and cancellation, as the case may be; **provided, that**, in the case of a purchase or cancellation, the Issuer has notified the Agent of the same in accordance with Clause 12.1.

13. **ISSUE OF REPLACEMENT NOTES, COUPONS AND TALONS**

- 13.1 The Issuer will cause a sufficient quantity of additional forms of Notes, Coupons and Talons to be available, upon request, to the Agent at its specified office for the purpose of issuing replacement Notes, Coupons and Talons as provided below.
- 13.2 The Agent will, subject to and in accordance with the Conditions and this clause, cause to be delivered any replacement Notes, Coupons and Talons which the Issuer may determine to issue in place of Notes, Coupons and Talons which have been lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed.
- 13.3 In the case of a mutilated or defaced Note, the Agent shall ensure that (unless otherwise covered by such indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require) any replacement Note will only have attached to it Coupons and Talons corresponding to those (if any) attached to the mutilated or defaced Note which is presented for replacement.
- 13.4 The Agent shall obtain verification in the case of an allegedly lost, stolen or destroyed Note, Coupon or Talon in respect of which the serial number is known, that the Note, Coupon or Talon has not previously been redeemed, paid or exchanged, as the case may be. The Agent shall not issue any replacement Note, Coupon or Talon unless and until the claimant shall have:
 - (a) paid the costs and expenses incurred in connection with the issue;
 - (b) provided it with such evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require; and
 - (c) in the case of any mutilated or defaced Note, Coupon or Talon, surrendered it to the Agent.
- 13.5 The Agent shall cancel any mutilated or defaced Notes, Coupons and Talons in respect of which replacement Notes, Coupons and Talons have been issued under this clause and shall furnish the Issuer with a certificate stating the serial numbers of the Notes, Coupons and Talons cancelled and, unless otherwise instructed by the Issuer in writing, shall destroy the cancelled Notes, Coupons and Talons and give to the Issuer a destruction certificate containing the information specified in Clause 12.3.
- 13.6 The Agent shall, on issuing any replacement Note, Coupon or Talon, immediately inform the Issuer and the other Paying Agents of the serial number of the replacement Note, Coupon or Talon issued and (if known) of the serial number of the Note, Coupon or Talon in place of which the replacement Note, Coupon or Talon has been issued. Whenever replacement Coupons or Talons are issued, the Agent shall also notify the other Paying Agents of the maturity dates of the lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed Coupons or Talons and of the replacement Coupons or Talons issued.

- 13.7 The Agent shall keep a full and complete record of all replacement Notes, Coupons and Talons issued and shall make the record available at all reasonable times to the Issuer and any persons authorised by it for inspection and for the taking of copies of it or extracts from it.
- 13.8 Whenever any Note, Coupon or Talon for which a replacement Note, Coupon or Talon has been issued and in respect of which the serial number is known is presented to a Paying Agent for payment, the relevant Paying Agent shall immediately send notice of that fact to the Issuer and the other Paying Agents.
- 13.9 The Paying Agents shall issue further Coupon sheets against surrender of Talons. A Talon so surrendered shall be cancelled by the relevant Paying Agent who (except where the Paying Agent is the Agent) shall inform the Agent of its serial number. Further Coupon sheets issued on surrender of Talons shall carry the same serial number as the surrendered Talon.

14. **COPIES OF DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION**

Each Paying Agent shall hold available for inspection at its specified office during normal business hours copies of all documents required to be so available by the Conditions of any Notes or the rules of any relevant Stock Exchange (or any other relevant authority). For these purposes, the Issuer shall provide the Paying Agents with sufficient copies of each of the relevant documents.

15. **MEETINGS OF NOTEHOLDERS**

- 15.1 The provisions of Schedule 3 shall apply to meetings of the Noteholders and shall have effect in the same manner as if set out in this Agreement **provided that**, so long as any of the Notes are represented by a Global Note, the expression "**Noteholder**" in that Schedule shall include, so long as the Global Note is held on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, each of the persons for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular nominal amount of the Notes (in which regard a certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as to the nominal amount of such Notes standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal and interest in respect of such Notes, for which purpose the bearer of the relevant Global Note shall be treated by the Issuer and any Paying Agent as the holder of the Notes in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant Global Note, and the expression "**Notes**" in the said Schedule 3 shall in such circumstances mean the units of the nominal amount of the relevant currency set out in paragraphs 15 and 21 of the said Schedule.
- 15.2 Without prejudice to Clause 15.1, each of the Paying Agents on the request of any holder of Notes shall issue voting certificates and voting instructions in accordance with Schedule 3 and shall immediately give notice to the Issuer in writing of any revocation or amendment of a voting instruction. Each of the Paying Agents will keep a full and complete record of all voting certificates and voting instructions issued by it and will, not less than 24 hours before the time appointed for holding a meeting or adjourned meeting, deposit at such place as the Agent shall approve, full particulars of all voting

certificates and voting instructions issued by it in respect of the meeting or adjourned meeting.

16. COMMISSIONS AND EXPENSES

The Issuer agrees to pay to the Agent such fees and commissions, if any, as the Issuer and the Agent shall separately agree in respect of the services of the Agents initially appointed under this Agreement together with any out of pocket expenses (including legal, printing, postage, fax, cable and advertising expenses) reasonably incurred and properly documented by such Agents in connection with their services.

17. INDEMNITY

- 17.1 The Issuer shall indemnify the Agent and each of the Paying Agents, on an after tax basis, against any direct loss, liability, cost, claim, action, demand or expense (together, "**Losses**") (including, but not limited to, all reasonable costs, legal fees, charges and expenses paid or incurred in disputing or defending any Losses (together, "**Expenses**")) which it may incur or which may be made against it arising out of or in relation to or in connection with its appointment or the exercise of its functions (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Losses arising as a consequence of any breach of Clause 19.12 (*GDPR and Personal Data Protection*) by the Issuer), except for any Losses or Expenses resulting from its own gross negligence, bad faith or wilful default or that of its directors, officers, employees or agents.
- 17.2 The Agent and each of the Paying Agents shall indemnify the Issuer, on an after tax basis, against any Losses (including, but not limited to, the Expenses) which it may incur or which may be made against it arising out of or in relation to or in connection with its gross negligence, bad faith or wilful default or that of its directors, officers, employees or agents.
- 17.3 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, if the Agent is rendered unable to carry out its obligations under this Agreement as a result of the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event, the Agent shall not be liable for any failure to carry out such obligations for so long as it is so prevented.
- 17.4 The indemnities set out above shall survive any termination and expiry of this Agreement.

18. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PAYING AGENTS

- 18.1 No Paying Agent shall be responsible to anyone with respect to the validity of this Agreement or the Notes or Coupons or for any act or omission by it in connection with this Agreement or any Note or Coupon except for its own negligence, default or bad faith, including that of its officers and employees.
- 18.2 No Paying Agent shall have any duty or responsibility in the case of any default by the Issuer in the performance of its obligations under the Conditions or, in the case of receipt of a written demand from a Noteholder or Couponholder, with respect to such default, **provided however that** immediately on receiving any notice given by a Noteholder in accordance with Condition 19 (*Events of Default*), the Agent notifies the Issuer of the fact and furnishes it with a copy of the notice.

18.3 Whenever in the performance of its duties under this Agreement a Paying Agent shall deem it desirable that any matter be established by the Issuer prior to taking or suffering any action under this Agreement, the matter may be deemed to be conclusively established by a certificate signed by the Issuer and delivered to the Paying Agent and the certificate shall be a full authorisation to the Paying Agent for any action taken or suffered in good faith by it under the provisions of this Agreement in reliance upon the certificate.

19. **CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT**

19.1 Each Paying Agent shall be entitled to deal with money paid to it by the Issuer for the purpose of this Agreement in the same manner as other money paid to a banker by its customers except:

- (a) that it shall not exercise any right of set-off, lien or similar claim in respect of the money; and
- (b) that it shall not be liable to account to the Issuer for any interest on the money.

19.2 In acting under this Agreement and in connection with the Notes, each Paying Agent shall act solely as an agent of the Issuer and will not assume any obligations towards or relationship of agency or trust for or with any of the owners or holders of the Notes, Coupons or Talons.

19.3 Each Paying Agent undertakes to the Issuer to perform its duties, and shall be obliged to perform the duties and only the duties, specifically stated in this Agreement (including Schedule 5 in the case of the Agent), the Conditions and the Programme Manual, and no implied duties or obligations shall be read into any of those documents against any Paying Agent, other than the duty to act honestly and in good faith and to exercise the diligence of a reasonably prudent agent in comparable circumstances. Each of the Paying Agents (other than the Agent) agrees that if any information that is required by the Agent to perform the duties set out in Schedule 5 becomes known to it, it will promptly provide such information to the Agent.

19.4 The Agent may consult with reputable legal and other professional advisers with respect to its rights and duties hereunder and may rely on the opinion of any such advisers. Failure to consult with such advisers on any matter shall not be construed as evidence of the Agent not acting in good faith.

19.5 Each Paying Agent shall be protected and shall incur no liability in respect of any action taken, omitted or suffered in reliance on any instruction from an authorised officer of the Issuer given in accordance with this Agreement or any document which it reasonably believes to be genuine and to have been delivered by the proper party or on written instructions from an authorised officer of the Issuer as provided in Clause 19.7. No Paying Agent shall be under any obligation to act if such Paying Agent reasonably believes that in doing so it will incur expenses for which it will not be reimbursed under this Agreement and in not acting on the basis of such reasonably held belief, such Paying Agent shall bear no liability therefor.

19.6 Any Paying Agent and its officers, directors and employees may become the owner of, and/or acquire any interest in, any Notes, Coupons or Talons with the same rights that

it or he would have had if the Paying Agent concerned were not appointed under this Agreement, and may engage or be interested in any financial or other transaction with the Issuer and may act on, or as depositary, trustee or agent for, any committee or body of holders of Notes or Coupons or in connection with any other obligations of the Issuer as freely as if the Paying Agent were not appointed under this Agreement.

- 19.7 The Issuer shall provide the Agent with a certified copy of the list of persons authorised to execute documents and take action on its behalf in connection with this Agreement and shall notify the Agent immediately in writing if any of those persons ceases to be authorised or if any additional person becomes authorised together, in the case of an additional authorised person, with evidence satisfactory to the Agent that the person has been authorised.
- 19.8 Except as otherwise permitted in the Conditions or as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law or applicable regulations, the Issuer and each of the Paying Agents shall be entitled to treat the bearer of any Note or Coupon as the absolute owner of it (whether or not it is overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing on it or notice of any previous loss or theft of it).
- 19.9 The Programme Limit may be increased by the Issuer in accordance with the procedure set out in the Dealer Agreement. Upon any increase being effected, all references in this Agreement to the Programme Limit shall be deemed to be references to the increased amount.
- 19.10 If in the Agent's opinion, acting reasonably, it deems it appropriate to delegate any of its roles, duties or obligations under this Agreement to a third party, the Issuer hereby acknowledges the potential for such delegation.

The Agent shall be and remain liable for any act or omission committed by such delegate, to the same extent as it would have been liable hereunder had it performed such act or omission itself.

19.11 Confidentiality and Data Protection:

- (a) Confidentiality: Each Paying Agent and the Issuer undertake to respect and protect the confidentiality of all information acquired as a result of or pursuant to this Agreement and will not, without the other Party's prior written consent, disclose any such information to a third party, unless it is required to do so by any applicable law or regulation or is specifically authorised to do so hereunder or by any separate agreement, especially where the provision of such information is the object or part of the service to be provided by any Paying Agent.
- (b) Subcontracting and transfer of data: The Issuer authorizes:
- (i) each Paying Agent to subcontract, under its responsibility and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, the provision of the services (in whole or in part) to Paying Agent 's group entities or third parties; The Issuer has been informed of the International Operating Model of the Paying Agent. The Issuer will be electronically notified by the Paying Agent of any change to the International Operating Model,

including new subcontracting. Unless the Paying Agent receives written refusal from the Issuer within 30 (thirty) calendar days following the notification by the Paying Agent, the Issuer will be deemed to have given its consent to it, without prejudice to any obligations the Issuer may have toward investors;

- (ii) the transfer of data, under the relevant Paying Agent's responsibility, to the Paying Agent's group entities or third parties (such as to a correspondent, or any other person providing services to the Paying Agent) if such transmission is required to allow the Paying Agent to provide its services to the Issuer or to satisfy legal obligations it or the recipient of the data is subject to. The relevant Paying Agent assumes the responsibility and ensures that these third parties treat these Data as confidential;
- (iii) the transfer of data to the relevant Paying Agent's group entities as necessary to establish and monitor the risk profile and supervise global exposure of the Paying Agent to the Issuer. Data include information in relation to the identity of the Issuer (i.e. name, address details, contact persons and related details), its articles of incorporation, its prospectus, its providers.

19.12 **GDPR and Personal Data Protection**

(a) **Overview**

Each Party is an independent data controller with respect to the processing it carries out under this Agreement. The Parties are not joint data controllers and no Party acts as data processor vis-a-vis the other. As such, no Party may be held jointly and severally liable, in any way whatsoever, for actions, omissions or breaches of the other Party of its obligations as data controller.

The Parties hereby agree to comply with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (“**General Data Protection Regulation**”, “**GDPR**”).

Capitalised terms used in this Clause 19.12 but not otherwise defined in this Agreement, have the meanings assigned to them in the GDPR.

The Paying Agent carries out a number of different personal data processing tasks in relation to the performance of this Agreement. Information on personal data processing, the purpose of such processing and the manner in which data subjects may exercise their rights over their personal data are set out in the Paying Agent’s data protection notice, which may be consulted at: https://cib.bnpparibas.com/about/privacy-policy_a-38-60.html.

(b) **The Issuer’s obligation to inform**

Unless the provision of such information proves impossible or would require disproportionate effort, the Issuer agrees to inform data subjects whose personal data is transferred by the Issuer to the Paying Agent for the processing carried out by the Paying Agent and to draw their attention to the Paying Agent's data protection notice.

(c) **Cooperation between the Parties**

If a court and/or a Supervisory Authority requests information, conducts an investigation or brings an action against a Party pursuant to this Clause, the other Party agrees to promptly cooperate in good faith in order to provide reasonable assistance to such Party to the extent requested by the latter.

(d) **International transfer of personal data**

Each Party hereby agrees that any transfer of personal data outside the European Economic Area shall be subject to the appropriate safeguards (e.g. the European Union standard clauses on the transfer of personal data from the data controller to a data processor).

(e) Notwithstanding Clauses 19.12(b) to 19.12(d) above, there may be cases (i.e. organisation of general meetings in relation to the Notes of the Issuer involving a disclosure of identity of the Noteholders, where the Paying Agents are requested to process Personal Data on behalf of the Issuer ("**Personal Data Processing Event**"). For such purpose, the Issuer will act as data controller and the Paying Agent as data processor. The Issuer is made aware that, prior to any such processing of personal data by the Paying Agent on behalf of the Issuer, the Issuer as data controller and the Paying Agent as data processor are required to enter into a separate data processing agreement in accordance with Article 28 of the EU Data Protection Law, in order to cover their respective GDPR obligations in this framework. Should the Issuer and the relevant Paying Agent not be able to enter into such separate data processing agreement before the occurrence of the Personal Data Processing Event, the relevant Paying Agent will not be able to provide its services to the Issuer with respect to the Personal Data Processing Event.

20. **COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES**

A copy of all communications relating to the subject matter of this Agreement between the Issuer and any Paying Agent (other than the Agent) shall be sent to the Agent.

21. **CHANGES IN PAYING AGENTS**

21.1 The Issuer agrees that, for so long as any Note is outstanding, or until moneys for the payment of all amounts in respect of all outstanding Notes have been made available to the Agent and have been returned to the Issuer, as provided in this Agreement:

(a) so long as any Notes are listed on any Stock Exchange, there will at all times be a Paying Agent, which may be the Agent, with a specified office in the place required by the rules and regulations of the relevant Stock Exchange or any other relevant authority;

- (b) there will at all times be an Agent;
- (c) there will at all times be a Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive; and
- (d) there will at all times be a Paying Agent in a jurisdiction within Europe, other than the jurisdiction in which the Issuer is incorporated.

Any variation, termination, appointment or change shall only take effect (other than in the case of insolvency (as provided in Clause 21.5) or the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event (as determined by the Issuer following consultation with the Agent), when it shall be of immediate effect) after not less than 30 nor more than 45 days' prior notice shall have been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 20 (*Notices*).

- 21.2 The Agent may (subject as provided in Clause 21.4) at any time resign by giving up to 90 days' written notice to the Issuer specifying the date on which its resignation shall become effective.
- 21.3 The Agent may (subject as provided in Clause 21.4) be removed at any time by the Issuer on at least 45 days' notice in writing from the Issuer specifying the date when the removal shall become effective.
- 21.4 Any resignation under Clause 21.2 or removal of the Agent under Clauses 21.3 or 21.5 shall only take effect upon the appointment by the Issuer of a successor Agent and (other than in cases of insolvency of the Agent or the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event rendering the Agent unable to carry out its obligations under this Agreement (as determined by the Issuer following consultation with the Agent), when it shall be of immediate effect) on the expiry of the notice to be given under Clause 23. The Issuer agrees with the Agent that if, by the day falling 10 days before the expiry of any notice under Clause 21.2 and Clause 21.3, the Issuer has not appointed a successor Agent then the Agent shall be entitled, on behalf of the Issuer, to appoint in its place as a successor Agent a reputable financial institution of good standing which meets the criteria in Clause 21.1 and which the Issuer shall approve.
- 21.5 In case at any time any Paying Agent resigns, or is removed, or becomes incapable of acting or files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy or makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors or consents to the appointment of an administrator, liquidator or administrative or other receiver of all or a substantial part of its property, or admits in writing its inability to pay or meet its debts as they mature or suspends payment of its debts, or if any order of any court is entered approving any petition filed by or against it under the provisions of any applicable bankruptcy or insolvency law or if a receiver of it or of all or a substantial part of its property is appointed or if any officer takes charge or control of it or of its property or affairs for the purpose of rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation or if a Force Majeure Event occurs which renders the Paying Agent unable to carry out its obligations under this Agreement (as determined by the Issuer following consultation with the Agent), a successor Paying Agent which shall be a reputable financial institution of good standing may be appointed by the Issuer. Upon the appointment of a successor Paying Agent and acceptance by it of its appointment

and (other than in case of insolvency or the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event, as described above, when it shall be of immediate effect) upon expiry of the notice to be given under Clause 23, the Paying Agent so superseded shall cease to be a Paying Agent under this Agreement.

- 21.6 Subject to Clause 21.1, the Issuer may, after prior consultation with the Agent, terminate the appointment of any of the other Paying Agents at any time and/or appoint one or more further or other Paying Agents by giving to the Agent and to the relevant other Paying Agent at least 45 days' notice in writing to that effect (other than in the case of insolvency or the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event rendering the Agent unable to carry out its obligations under this Agreement (as determined by the Issuer following consultation with the Agent) when it shall be of immediate effect).
- 21.7 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, if the Issuer determines, in its sole discretion, that it will be required to withhold or deduct any FATCA Withholding in connection with any payments due on the Notes and such FATCA Withholding would not have arisen but for the Paying Agent not being or having ceased to be a person to whom payments are free from FATCA Withholding, the Issuer will be entitled to terminate the Paying Agent without notice and such termination will be effective from any such time specified in writing to such Paying Agent.
- 21.8 Subject to Clause 21.1, all or any of the Paying Agents (other than the Agent) may resign their respective appointments under this Agreement at any time by giving the Issuer and the Agent at least 45 days' written notice to that effect.
- 21.9 Upon its resignation or removal becoming effective, a Paying Agent shall:
- (a) in the case of the Agent, immediately transfer all moneys and records held by it under this Agreement to the successor Agent; and
 - (b) be entitled to the payment by the Issuer of the commissions, fees and expenses payable in respect of its services under this Agreement before termination in accordance with the terms of Clause 16.
- 21.10 Upon its appointment becoming effective, a successor or new Paying Agent shall, without any further action, become vested with all the authority, rights, powers, duties and obligations of its predecessor or, as the case may be, a Paying Agent with the same effect as if originally named as a Paying Agent under this Agreement.
- 21.11 The termination of the appointment of the Agent or any other Paying Agent under this Clause 21 shall not entitle the Agent or, as the case may be, any other Paying Agent to any amount by way of compensation but shall be without prejudice to any amount already accrued and due.
- 21.12 No failure or delay of the Issuer or any Paying Agent in exercising any right or remedy under this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of that right. Any waiver of any right will be limited to the specific instance. The exclusion or omission of any provision or term from this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any right or remedy the Issuer or the relevant Paying Agent may have under applicable law.

21.13 This Agreement constitutes the complete and exclusive written agreement of the Parties. It supersedes and terminates as of the date of its execution all prior oral or written agreements, arrangements or understandings between the Parties in relation to the Services to be provided hereunder.

22. MERGER AND CONSOLIDATION

Any corporation into which any Paying Agent may be merged or converted, or any corporation with which a Paying Agent may be consolidated, or any corporation to which the business of any Paying Agent may be transferred, or any corporation resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which a Paying Agent shall be a party, or any corporation to which a Paying Agent shall sell or otherwise transfer all or substantially all of its assets shall, on the date when the merger, conversion, consolidation or transfer becomes effective and to the extent permitted by any applicable laws, become the successor Paying Agent under this Agreement without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the parties to this Agreement, unless otherwise required by the Issuer and after the said effective date all references in this Agreement to the relevant Paying Agent shall be deemed to be references to such successor corporation. Written notice of any such merger, conversion, consolidation or transfer shall immediately be given to the Issuer by the relevant Paying Agent.

23. NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO PAYING AGENTS

Following receipt of notice of resignation from a Paying Agent and immediately after appointing a successor or new Paying Agent or on giving notice to terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent, the Agent (on behalf of and at the expense of the Issuer) shall give or cause to be given not more than 45 days' nor less than 30 days' notice of the fact to the Noteholders in accordance with the Conditions.

24. CHANGE OF SPECIFIED OFFICE

If any Paying Agent determines to change its specified office it shall give to the Issuer and the Agent written notice of that fact giving the address of the new specified office which shall be in the same city and stating the date on which the change is to take effect, which shall not be less than 45 days after the notice. The Agent (on behalf and at the expense of the Issuer) shall within 15 days of receipt of the notice (unless the appointment of the relevant Paying Agent is to terminate pursuant to Clause 21 on or prior to the date of the change) give or cause to be given not more than 45 days' nor less than 30 days' notice of the change to the Noteholders in accordance with the Conditions. For the purpose of this clause the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg shall be deemed to be a major financial Center/city.

25. COMMUNICATIONS

25.1 All communications shall be by fax or letter delivered by hand or by e-mail. Each communication shall be made to the relevant party at the fax number or address or e-mail address and marked for the attention of the person or department from time to time specified in writing by that party to the others for the purpose. The initial fax number, e-mail address and person or department so specified by each party are set out in the Programme Manual.

- 25.2 A communication shall be deemed received (if by fax) when an acknowledgement of receipt is received or (if by letter or e-mail) when delivered to the address specified in Clause 25.1, in each case in the manner required by this clause. However, if a communication is received after 4:00 p.m. (Luxembourg time) on any business day or on a day which is not a business day in the place of receipt it shall be deemed to be received and become effective at 10:00 a.m. (Luxembourg time) on the next business day in the place of receipt. Every communication shall be irrevocable save in respect of any manifest error in it.
- 25.3 Any notice given under or in connection with this Agreement shall be in English. All other documents provided under or in connection with this Agreement shall be:
- (a) in English; or
 - (b) if not in English, accompanied by a certified English translation and, in this case, the English translation shall prevail unless the document is a statutory or other official document.
- 25.4 The Internet cannot guarantee the integrity and safety of the transferred data nor the delay in which they will be processed. The Agent shall not therefore be liable for any operational incident and its consequences arising from the use of Internet.
- 25.5 Any instruction received by e-mail should be sent in the form of signed pdf instruction.

26. TAXES AND STAMP DUTIES

The Issuer agrees to pay any and all stamp and other documentary taxes or duties which may be payable in connection with the execution, delivery, performance and enforcement of this Agreement.

27. CURRENCY INDEMNITY

An amount received or recovered in a currency other than that in which the relevant payment is expressed to be due under this Agreement (the "**Contractual Currency**") (whether as a result of, or of the enforcement of, a judgment or order of a court of any jurisdiction, in the winding up or dissolution of the Issuer or otherwise), by any of the Paying Agents in respect of any sum expressed to be due to it from the Issuer will only discharge the Issuer to the extent of the Contractual Currency amount which the recipient is able to purchase with the amount so received or recovered in that other currency on the date of that receipt or recovery (or, if it is not practicable to make that purchase on that date, on the first date on which it is practicable to do so).

If that Contractual Currency amount is less than the Contractual Currency amount expressed to be due to the recipient under this Agreement, the Issuer will indemnify it against any loss sustained by it as a result. In any event, the Issuer will indemnify the recipient against the cost of making any such purchase.

The indemnities referred to in this Clause 27 (*Currency Indemnity*) constitute a separate and independent obligation from the Issuer's other obligations, shall give rise to a separate and independent cause of action, shall apply irrespective of any indulgence granted by any of the Paying Agents and shall continue in full force and effect despite any judgment, order, claim or proof for a liquidated amount in respect of any sum due

in connection with this Agreement or any judgment or order. Any such loss aforesaid shall be deemed to constitute a loss suffered by the relevant Paying Agent and no proof or evidence of any actual loss will be required by the Issuer.

28. AMENDMENTS

The Agent and the Issuer may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders or Couponholders, to:

- (a) any modification of this Agreement which is not prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders; or
- (b) any modification (except as mentioned in the Conditions) of the Notes, the Coupons or this Agreement which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a manifest error or to comply with mandatory provisions of law.

Any modification so made shall be binding on the Noteholders and the Couponholders and shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 20 (*Notices*) as soon as practicable after it has been agreed.

29. CONTRACTUAL RECOGNITION OF BAIL-IN

Notwithstanding and to the exclusion of any other term of this Agreement or in any other agreements, arrangements or understandings between the Issuer and the Agents, the Issuer and each Agent each acknowledges and accepts that a BRRD Liability arising under this Agreement may be subject to the exercise of Bail-in Powers by the Relevant Resolution Authority, and acknowledges and accepts:

- (a) the effect of the exercise of Bail-in Powers by the Relevant Resolution Authority in relation to any BRRD Liability of a BRRD Party (a "**Relevant BRRD Party**") to any other party under this Agreement, that (without limitation) may include and result in any of the following, or some combination thereof:
 - (i) the reduction of all, or a portion, of the BRRD Liability or outstanding amounts due thereon;
 - (ii) the conversion of all, or a portion, of the BRRD Liability into shares, other securities or other obligations of the Relevant BRRD Party or another person, and the issue to or conferral on Relevant BRRD Party of such shares, securities or obligations;
 - (iii) the cancellation of the BRRD Liability;
 - (iv) the amendment or alteration of any interest, if applicable, thereon, the maturity or the dates on which any payments are due, including by suspending payment for a temporary period;
- (b) the variation of the terms of this Agreement, as deemed necessary by the Relevant Resolution Authority, to give effect to the exercise of Bail-in Powers by the Relevant Resolution Authority.

For the purposes of this Clause 29 only:

"Bail-in Legislation" means in relation to a member state of the European Economic Area which has implemented, or which at any time implements, the BRRD, the relevant implementing law, regulation, rule or requirement as described in the EU Bail-in Legislation Schedule from time to time;

"Bail-in Powers" means any Write-down and Conversion Powers as defined in the EU Bail-in Legislation Schedule, in relation to the relevant Bail-in Legislation;

"BRRD" means Directive 2014/59/EU establishing a framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms;

"BRRD Liability" means a liability in respect of which the relevant Write Down and Conversion Powers in the applicable Bail-in Legislation may be exercised;

"BRRD Party" means the Issuer and (as applicable), each Agent if and to the extent domiciled in a member state of the European Economic Area;

"EU Bail-in Legislation Schedule" means the document described as such, then in effect, and published by the Loan Market Association (or any successor person) from time to time at <http://www.lma.eu.com/pages.aspx?p=499>; and

"Relevant Resolution Authority" means the resolution authority entitled to exercise or to participate in the exercise of any Bail-in Powers in relation to the Relevant BRRD Party.

30. GOVERNING LAW AND SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION

30.1 This Agreement and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of the Republic of Italy.

30.2 The courts of Milan are to have jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with this Agreement and accordingly any legal action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with this Agreement may be brought in such courts.

31. GENERAL

If any provision in or obligation under this Agreement is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect under the law of any jurisdiction, that will not affect or impair (i) the validity, legality or enforceability under the law of that jurisdiction of any other provision in or obligation under this Agreement, and (ii) the validity, legality or enforceability under the law of any other jurisdiction of that or any other provision in or obligation under this Agreement.

SCHEDULE 1
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE ITALIAN LAW NOTES IN PHYSICAL
FORM

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE ITALIAN LAW NOTES IN PHYSICAL FORM

The following are the Terms and Conditions applicable to each Series of Notes to be governed under Italian Law (respectively, the "Italian Law Notes in Physical Form" or the "Notes" and the "Terms and Conditions for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form" or the "Terms and Conditions") which, as completed by the applicable Final Terms, will be incorporated by reference into each Global Note (as defined below) and each definitive Note, in the latter case only if permitted by the relevant competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system (if any) and agreed by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer at the time of issue but, if not so permitted and agreed, such definitive Note will have endorsed thereon or attached thereto such Terms and Conditions. The provisions of Part A of the applicable Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) will be endorsed upon, or attached to, each Global Note and definitive Note. Reference should be made to the "Form of Final Terms" for a description of the content of Final Terms which will specify which of such terms and conditions are to apply to the relevant Notes. The terms and conditions applicable to any Note in global form will differ from those terms and conditions which would apply to the Note were it in definitive form to the extent described under "Summary of Provisions relating to the Notes in Global Form" below.

This Note is one of a Series (as defined below) of Notes issued by Banca Ifis S.p.A. (the "**Issuer**") pursuant to the Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form (as defined below).

References herein to the "Notes" shall be references to the Notes of this Series only and not to all Notes that may be issued under the Programme and shall mean:

- (i) in relation to any Notes represented by a global Note (a "**Global Note**"), units of each Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency;
- (ii) any Global Note; and
- (iii) any definitive Notes issued in exchange for a Global Note.

Reference herein to NGN shall mean a Temporary Global Note or a Permanent Global Note in either case where the applicable Final Terms specify the Notes as being in NGN form.

The Notes and the Coupons (as defined below) have the benefit of an agency agreement dated 19 July 2023 (as amended, restated, modified and/or supplemented from time to time, the "**Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form**" or the "**Agency Agreement**") made between the Issuer, BNP Paribas, Luxembourg Branch as issuing and principal paying agent (the "**Agent**", which expression shall include any additional or successor issuing and principal paying agent) and the other paying agents named therein (together with the Agent, the "**Paying Agents**", which expression shall include any additional or successor paying agents). The Final Terms for this Note (or the relevant provisions thereof) are set out in Part A of the Final Terms attached to or endorsed on this Note which complete these Terms and Conditions (the "**Conditions**"). References to the "**applicable Final Terms**" are, unless otherwise stated, to Part A of the Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) attached to or endorsed on this Note.

Interest-bearing definitive Notes have interest coupons (the "**Coupons**") and, in the case of Notes which (when issued in definitive form) have more than 27 interest payments remaining, talons for further Coupons (the "**Talons**") attached on issue. Any reference herein to Coupons shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to Talons attached on issue. Global Notes do not have Coupons or Talons attached on issue.

Any reference to "**Noteholders**" or "**holders**" in relation to any Notes shall mean the holders of the Notes and shall, in relation to any Notes represented by a Global Note, be construed as provided below. Any reference herein to "**Couponholders**" shall mean the holders of the Coupons and shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include the holders of the Talons.

As used herein, "**Tranche**" means Notes which are identical in all respects (including as to listing and admission to trading) and "**Series**" means a Tranche of Notes together with any further Tranche or Tranches of Notes which are (i) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series and (ii) identical in all respects (including as to listing and admission to trading) except for their respective Issue Dates, Interest Commencement Dates and/or Issue Prices.

Copies of the Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form are available for inspection or collection free of charge during normal business hours by a Noteholder upon reasonable request at the specified office for the time being of each of the Paying Agents. If the Notes are to be admitted to trading on the regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange the applicable Final Terms will be published on the website of the

Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.luxse.com) and copies thereof are available for viewing at the registered office of the Issuer and of the Agent and copies may be obtained from those offices. If this Note is neither admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area nor offered in the European Economic Area or in the UK in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Regulation, the applicable Final Terms will only be obtainable by a Noteholder holding one or more Notes and such Noteholder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Issuer and the relevant Paying Agent as to its holding of such Notes and identity. The expression "Prospectus Regulation" means Regulation (EU) 2017/1129. The Noteholders and the Couponholders are deemed to have notice of, and are entitled to the benefit of, all the provisions of the Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form and the applicable Final Terms which are applicable to them. The statements in the Conditions include summaries of, and are subject to, the detailed provisions of the Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form.

Words and expressions defined in the Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form or used in the applicable Final Terms shall have the same meanings where used in these Conditions unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated and *provided that*, in the event of inconsistency between the Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form and the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms will prevail.

In these Conditions, euro means the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as amended.

1. FORM, DENOMINATION AND TITLE

The Notes are in bearer form and, in the case of definitive Notes, serially numbered, in the Specified Currency and the Specified Denomination(s). In the case of a Series of Notes with more than one Specified Denomination, Notes of one Specified Denomination will not be exchangeable for Notes of another Specified Denomination.

This Note may be a Fixed Rate Note, a Reset Rate Note, a Floating Rate Note or a Zero-Coupon Note, a combination of any of the foregoing or any other kind of Note, depending upon the Interest Basis shown hereon.

Definitive Notes are issued with Coupons attached, unless they are Zero Coupon Notes in which case references to Coupons, Couponholders and Talons in the Conditions are not applicable.

Title to the Notes and the Coupons will pass by delivery. The holder of any Note or Coupon shall (except as otherwise required by law) be treated as its absolute owner for all purposes (whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership, trust or any other interest therein, any writing thereon or any notice of any previous loss or theft thereof) and no Person shall be liable for so treating such holder.

2. STATUS OF SENIOR NOTES

This Condition 2 (*Status of Senior Notes*) is applicable only to Senior Notes. The Senior Notes and the Coupons constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank and will rank *pari passu*, without any preference among themselves. The payment obligations of the Issuer under the Senior Notes and the Coupons shall, save for such obligations as may be preferred by provisions of law that are both mandatory and of general application, at all times rank at least equally with its other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations (other than obligations ranking, in accordance with their terms and/or by provision of law, junior to the Senior Notes from time to time (including Senior Non-Preferred Notes and any further obligations permitted by law to rank junior to the Senior Notes following the Issue Date)) if any.

Each holder of a Senior Note unconditionally and irrevocably waives any right of set-off, counterclaim, abatement and netting or other similar remedy which it might otherwise have under the laws of any jurisdiction in respect of such Senior Note.

For the avoidance of doubt, there is no negative pledge provision in these Conditions.

2.A STATUS OF SENIOR NON-PREFERRED NOTES

This Condition 2.A (*Status of Senior Non-Preferred Notes*) is applicable only to Senior Non-Preferred Notes. Senior Non-Preferred Notes (notes intending to qualify as *strumenti di debito chirografario di secondo livello* of the Issuer, as defined under, and for the purposes of, Article 12-bis and Article 91, section 1-bis, letter c-bis of the Consolidated Banking Law, and any relevant implementing regulation

which may be enacted for such purposes by any Relevant Authority), any related Receipts and Coupons constitute direct, unconditional, unsecured and non-preferred obligations of the Issuer, ranking:

- (i) junior to Senior Notes and any other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer which rank, or are expressed to rank by their terms and/or by provision of law, senior to the Senior Non-Preferred Notes, including claims arising from the excluded liabilities within the meaning of Article 72a(2) of the CRR, and
- (ii) *pari passu* without any preferences among themselves, and with all other present or future obligations of the Issuer which do not rank or are not expressed by their terms to rank junior or senior to the relevant Senior Non-Preferred Notes, and
- (iii) in priority to any subordinated instruments and to the claims of shareholders of the Issuer, pursuant to Article 91, section 1-*bis*, letter c-*bis* of the Consolidated Banking Law, as amended from time to time, and any relevant implementing regulation which may be enacted for such purposes by any Relevant Authority.

Each holder of a Senior Non-Preferred Note unconditionally and irrevocably waives any right of set-off, counterclaim, abatement or other similar remedy which it might otherwise have under the laws of any jurisdiction in respect of such Senior Non-Preferred Note.

For the avoidance of doubt, there is no negative pledge provision in these Conditions.

3. STATUS OF SUBORDINATED NOTES

This Condition 3 (*Status of Subordinated Notes*) is applicable only to Subordinated Notes. Subordinated Notes and any related Coupons constitute direct, unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Issuer and, subject to the provisions of this Condition 3 (*Status of Subordinated Notes*), will at all times rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves. In relation to each Series of Subordinated Notes, all Subordinated Notes of such Series will be treated equally and all amounts paid by the Issuer in respect of principal and interest thereon will be paid *pro rata* on all Subordinated Notes of such Series.

Subject to the following paragraph, in the event of the winding up, dissolution, liquidation or bankruptcy (including, *inter alia*, *Liquidazione Coatta Amministrativa* of the Issuer), the payment obligations of the Issuer under each Series of Subordinated Notes, and the relative Coupons as the case may be, will rank in right of payment:

- (i) after unsubordinated unsecured creditors (including depositors and any holder of Senior Notes, Senior Non-Preferred Notes and their respective Coupons) of the Issuer and all other creditors of the Issuer holding instruments that are less subordinated than the Subordinated Notes (including any subordinated instruments that have ceased to qualify, in their entirety, as own fund items (*elementi di fondi propri*)) but
- (ii) at least *pari passu* with all other subordinated obligations of the Issuer which do not rank or are not expressed by their terms to rank junior or senior to such Series of Subordinated Notes and
- (iii) in priority to the claims of shareholders of the Issuer and to the claims of creditors of the Issuer holding instruments that are more subordinated than the Subordinated Notes (including Additional Tier 1 Capital).

In the event the Subordinated Notes of any Series do not qualify or cease to qualify, in their entirety, as own funds, such Subordinated Notes shall rank subordinated and junior to unsubordinated unsecured creditors (including depositors and holders of Senior Notes and Senior Non-Preferred Notes) of the Issuer, *pari passu* among themselves and with the Issuer's obligations in respect of any other subordinated instruments which have ceased to qualify, in their entirety, as own funds items (*elementi di fondi propri*) and with all other present and future subordinated obligations of the Issuer which do not rank or are not expressed by their terms and/or by mandatory and/or overriding provisions of law to rank junior or senior to the relevant Subordinated Notes (which have so ceased to qualify, in their entirety, as own funds in the form of Tier 2 Capital) and senior to own fund items (*elementi di fondi propri*).

Each holder of a Subordinated Note unconditionally and irrevocably waives any right of set off, counterclaim, abatement or other similar remedy which it might otherwise have, under the laws of any jurisdiction, in respect of such Subordinated Note.

For the avoidance of doubt, there is no negative pledge provision in these Conditions.

4. STATUS OF ADDITIONAL TIER 1 NOTES

This Condition 4 (*Status of Additional Tier 1 Notes*) is applicable only to Additional Tier 1 Notes. Subject to the following paragraphs, the Additional Tier 1 Notes will constitute direct, unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Issuer, intended to qualify for regulatory purposes as Additional Tier 1 Capital of the Issuer and the Group in accordance with Article 52 of the CRR and Part II, Chapter 1 of Prudential Regulations for Banks and ranking, for so long as the relevant Series of Subordinated Notes qualify, in whole or in part, as Additional Tier 1 Capital:

- (i) subordinated and junior to all present or future indebtedness of the Issuer, including unsubordinated indebtedness of the Issuer (which, for the avoidance of doubt, includes any senior non-preferred instruments of the Issuer or guarantee in respect of any such instruments), the Issuer's obligations in respect of any dated subordinated instruments, any subordinated instruments that have ceased to qualify, in their entirety, as own fund items (*elementi di fondi propri*), any instruments issued as Tier 2 Capital or eligible liabilities (under CRR or any other relevant regulation) of the Issuer or guarantee in respect of any such instruments (other than any instrument or contractual right ranking, or expressed to rank, *pari passu* with the Additional Tier 1 Notes);
- (ii) *pari passu* among themselves and with the Issuer's present or future obligations in respect of any Additional Tier 1 Capital instruments or any other instruments or obligations which rank or are expressed to rank *pari passu* with the Additional Tier 1 Notes or, in each case, any guarantee in respect of such instruments; and
- (iii) senior to:
 - (A) the share capital of the Issuer, including, if any, its *azioni privilegiate*, ordinary shares and *azioni di risparmio*;
 - (B) (i) any present or future securities of the Issuer (including *strumenti finanziari* issued under Article 2346, paragraph 6 of the Italian Civil Code); and (ii) any securities issued by a Subsidiary which have the benefit of a guarantee or similar instrument from the Issuer,

which securities (in the case of paragraph (B)(i) above) or guarantee or similar instrument (in the case of paragraph (B)(ii) above) rank or are expressed to rank *pari passu* with the claims described under paragraph (A) above and/or otherwise junior to the Additional Tier 1 Notes.

In the event the Additional Tier 1 Notes are fully excluded from the Issuer's Additional Tier 1 Capital and for so long as they qualify as, in whole or in part, as Tier 2 Capital, such Additional Tier 1 Notes shall rank (i) after unsubordinated unsecured creditors (including depositors and any holder of Senior Notes, Senior Non-Preferred Notes and their respective Coupons) of the Issuer and all other creditors of the Issuer holding instruments that are less subordinated than the relevant Additional Tier 1 Notes which have so ceased to qualify, in their entirety, as own funds in the form of Additional Tier 1 Capital (including any subordinated instruments that have ceased to qualify, in their entirety, as own fund items (*elementi di fondi propri*)), (ii) at least *pari passu* with all other subordinated obligations of the Issuer which do not rank or are not expressed by their terms to rank junior or senior to such Series of Additional Tier 1 Notes (which have so ceased to qualify, in their entirety, as own funds in the form of Additional Tier 1 Capital) and (iii) in priority to the claims of shareholders of the Issuer and to the claims of creditors of the Issuer holding instruments that are more subordinated than the relevant Additional Tier 1 Notes (which have so ceased to qualify, in their entirety, as own funds in the form of Additional Tier 1 Capital), including Additional Tier 1 Capital.

In the event the Additional Tier 1 Notes of any Series do not qualify or cease to qualify, in their entirety, as own funds, such Additional Tier 1 Notes shall rank subordinated and junior to unsubordinated unsecured creditors (including depositors and holders of Senior Notes and Senior Non-Preferred Notes) of the Issuer, *pari passu* among themselves and with the Issuer's obligations in respect of any other subordinated instruments which have ceased to qualify, in their entirety, as own funds items (*elementi di fondi propri*) and with all other present and future subordinated obligations of the Issuer which do not rank or are not expressed by their terms and/or by mandatory and/or overriding provisions of law to rank junior or senior to the relevant Additional Tier 1 Notes (which have so ceased to qualify, in their entirety, as own funds in the form of Additional Tier 1 Capital) and senior to own fund items (*elementi di fondi propri*).

No security or guarantee of whatever kind is, or shall at any time be, provided by the Issuer or any other person securing rights of the Noteholders. In the event of the voluntary or involuntary winding up, dissolution, liquidation or bankruptcy (including, *inter alia*, *Liquidazione Coatta Amministrativa*) of the Issuer that occurs after the date on which a Contingency Event occurs but before the Write-Down Effective Date, the rights and claims (if any) of the Noteholders in respect of their Additional Tier 1 Notes shall be limited to such amount, if any, as would have been payable to Noteholders on a return of assets in such voluntary or involuntary winding up, dissolution, liquidation or bankruptcy (including, *inter alia*, *Liquidazione Coatta Amministrativa*) of the Issuer if the Write-Down Effective Date had occurred immediately before the occurrence of such liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Issuer.

Each holder of an Additional Tier 1 Note unconditionally and irrevocably waives any right of set-off, netting, counterclaim, abatement or other similar remedy which it might otherwise have under the laws of any jurisdiction in respect of such Additional Tier 1 Note.

It is the intention of the Issuer that the Additional Tier 1 Notes shall, for regulatory purposes, be treated as Additional Tier 1 Capital, but the obligations of the Issuer and the rights of the Noteholders shall not be affected if the Notes no longer qualify as Additional Tier 1 Capital.

The Additional Tier 1 Notes (including, for the avoidance of doubt, payments of principal and/or interest) shall be subject to the Loss Absorption Requirement, if so required under the BRRD and/or (as applicable) the SRM Regulation, in accordance with the powers of the Relevant Authority and where the Relevant Authority determines that the application of the Loss Absorption Requirement to the Additional Tier 1 Notes is necessary pursuant to applicable law and/or regulation in force from time to time.

For the avoidance of doubt, there is no negative pledge provision in these Conditions.

5. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of these Conditions:

"**Accrual Yield**" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

"**Additional Business Centre(s)**" means the city or cities specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

"**Additional Financial Centre(s)**" means the city or cities specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

"**Additional Tier 1 Capital**" has the meaning given to such term (or any other equivalent or successor term) in the Applicable Banking Regulations.

"**Additional Tier 1 Notes**" means Notes specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, being Notes intended to qualify as Additional Tier 1 capital of the Issuer or the Group in accordance with Article 52 of the CRR and Part II, Chapter 1 of Prudential Regulations for Banks.

"**Applicable Banking Regulations**" means at any time the laws, regulations, requirements, guidelines and policies relating to capital adequacy then in effect in the Republic of Italy and applicable to the Issuer or the Group (as the case may be) including, without limitation to the generality of the foregoing, the BRRD, the BRRD Implementing Decrees, the CRD IV, the Prudential Regulations for Banks of the Bank of Italy, the Banking Reform Package, the SRM Regulation and those other regulations, requirements, guidelines and policies relating to capital adequacy then in effect of the Relevant Authority or of the European Banking Authority or of the institutions of the European Union and/or the Republic of Italy (whether or not such requirements, guidelines or policies have the force of law and whether or not they are applied generally or specifically to the Issuer or the Group).

"**Authorised Signatory**" has the meaning given to such term in the Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form and "**Authorised Signatories**" shall be construed accordingly.

"**Bank of Italy**" means the Bank of Italy and/or any competent authority which at a future date carries out the functions which the Bank of Italy performs as at the Issue Date.

"**Banking Reform Package**" means (i) Regulation (EU) 2019/876 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No. 575/2013 as regards the leverage ratio, the net stable funding ratio, requirements for Own Funds and eligible liabilities, counterparty credit risk, market risk, exposure to central counterparties, exposures to collective investment undertakings, large exposures, reporting and disclosure requirements, and Regulation (EU) No. 648/2012, (ii) Regulation (EU) 2019/877 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 amending Regulation

(EU) No. 806/2014 as regards the loss-absorbing and recapitalisation capacity of credit institutions and investment firms, (iii) Directive (EU) 2019/878 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 amending Directive 2013/36/EU as regards exempted entities, financial holding companies, mixed financial holding companies, remuneration, supervisory measures and powers and capital conservation measures, and (iv) Directive (EU) 2019/879 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 amending Directive 2014/59/EU as regards the loss-absorbing and recapitalisation capacity of credit institutions and investment firms and Directive 98/26/EC.

"Broken Amount" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

"BRRD" means Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council providing for the establishment of an EU-wide framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms, as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (including, without limitation, as a consequence of the entry into force of the Banking Reform Package).

"BRRD Implementing Decrees" means the Legislative Decrees No. 180 and 181 of 16 November 2015, implementing the BRRD in the Republic of Italy, as amended or replaced from time to time (including, without limitation, as a consequence of the transposition of the Banking Reform Package into Italian law).

"Business Day" means:

- (i) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a TARGET Settlement Day and a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments generally in each (if any) Additional Business Centre; and
- (ii) in relation to any sum payable in a currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments generally in the Principal Financial Centre of the relevant currency and in each (if any) Additional Business Centre.

"Business Day Convention", in relation to any particular date, has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms and, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, may have different meanings in relation to different dates and, in this context, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

- (i) **"Following Business Day Convention"** means that the relevant date shall be postponed to the first following day that is a Business Day;
- (ii) **"Modified Following Business Day Convention"** or **"Modified Business Day Convention"** means that the relevant date shall be postponed to the first following day that is a Business Day unless that day falls in the next calendar month in which case that date will be the first preceding day that is a Business Day;
- (iii) **"Preceding Business Day Convention"** means that the relevant date shall be brought forward to the first preceding day that is a Business Day;
- (iv) **"FRN Convention"**, **"Floating Rate Convention"** or **"Eurodollar Convention"** means that each relevant date shall be the date which numerically corresponds to the preceding such date in the calendar month which is the number of months specified in the applicable Final Terms as the Specified Period after the calendar month in which the preceding such date occurred *provided, however, that:*
 - (a) if there is no such numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which any such date should occur, then such date will be the last day which is a Business Day in that calendar month;
 - (b) if any such date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then such date will be the first following day which is a Business Day unless that day falls in the next calendar month, in which case it will be the first preceding day which is a Business Day; and
 - (c) if the preceding such date occurred on the last day in a calendar month which was a Business Day, then all subsequent such dates will be the last day which is a Business Day in the calendar month which is the specified number of months after the calendar month in which the preceding such date occurred; and

(v) **"No Adjustment"** means that the relevant date shall not be adjusted in accordance with any Business Day Convention.

"Calculation Agent" means the Agent or such other Person specified in the applicable Final Terms as the party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest, Reset Rate and Interest Amount(s).

"Calculation Amount" has the meaning given to it in the applicable Final Terms.

"Capital Event" is deemed to have occurred if there is a change in the regulatory classification of the Additional Tier 1 Notes under the Applicable Banking Regulations that would be likely to result in their exclusion, in whole or in part, from Additional Tier 1 Capital of the Group or the Issuer (other than as a consequence of a write-down or conversion, where applicable) and, in the event of any redemption upon the occurrence of a Capital Event prior to the fifth anniversary of the Issue Date, if and to the extent then required by the Applicable Banking Regulations, both of the following conditions are met: (i) the Relevant Authority considers such a change to be sufficiently certain and (ii) the Issuer demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Relevant Authority that the change in regulatory classification of the Additional Tier 1 Notes was not reasonably foreseeable as at the Issue Date.

"CMS Rate" means the applicable swap rate for swap transactions in the Reference Currency with a maturity of the Designated Maturity, expressed as a percentage, which appears on the Relevant Screen Page as at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date in question, all as determined by the Calculation Agent and subject to Condition 9.10 (*Benchmark Replacement*).

"CMS Reference Banks" means (i) where the Reference Currency is Euro, the principal office of five major banks in the Euro-zone inter-bank market, (ii) where the Reference Currency is Sterling, the principal London office of five major banks in the London inter-bank market, (iii) where the Reference Currency is U.S. dollars, the principal New York City office of five major banks in the New York City inter-bank market, or (iv) in the case of any other Reference Currency, the principal Relevant Financial Centre office of five major banks in the Relevant Financial Centre inter-bank market, in each case selected by the Issuer.

"Common Equity Tier 1 Capital" has, at any time, the meaning given to such term (or any other equivalent or successor term) in the Applicable Banking Regulations.

"Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Ratio" means, at any time, the ratio of the Common Equity Tier 1 Capital of the Issuer or the Group, as the case may be, divided by the Risk Weighted Assets of the Issuer or the Group (as applicable) at such time, calculated by the Issuer or the Relevant Authority in accordance with the Applicable Banking Regulations.

"Consolidated Banking Law" means Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993, as amended or supplemented from time to time (including, without limitation, as a consequence of the transposition of the Banking Reform Package into Italian law).

"Consolidated Net Banking Income" means, in respect of any Relevant Period, the consolidated net banking income of the Group for that Relevant Period.

"Consolidated Profit Before Tax" means, in respect of any Relevant Period, the consolidated profit before tax from continuing operations of the Group for that Relevant Period.

"Consolidated Total Assets" means, in respect of any Relevant Period, the consolidated total assets of the Group as at the end date of that Relevant Period.

"Contingency Event" has the meaning given to such term in Condition 13.2 (*Loss absorption*).

"Coupon Sheet" means, in respect of a Note, a coupon sheet relating to the Note.

"CRD IV" means the CRD IV Directive, the CRR and any CRD IV Implementing Measures.

"CRD IV Directive" means Directive 2013/36 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, as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time, including any successor regulations (including, without limitation, as a consequence of the entry into force of the Banking Reform Package).

"CRD IV Implementing Measures" means any regulatory capital rules implementing the CRD IV Directive or the CRR which may from time to time be introduced, including, but not limited to, delegated or implementing acts (regulatory technical standards) adopted by the European Commission, national laws and regulations, and regulations and guidelines issued by the Bank of Italy, the European Banking Authority or any other relevant authority, which are applicable to the Issuer (on a standalone basis) or, if applicable, the Issuer together with its consolidated Subsidiaries (on a consolidated basis) and which prescribe the requirements to be fulfilled by financial instruments for inclusion in the regulatory capital of the Issuer (on a standalone or, if applicable, consolidated basis).

"CRR" means Regulation No. 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms amending Regulation No. 648/2012, as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time, including any successor regulations (including, without limitation, as a consequence of the entry into force of the Banking Reform Package).

"Day Count Fraction" means, in respect of the calculation of an amount for any period of time (the **"Calculation Period"**), such day count fraction as may be specified in these Conditions or the applicable Final Terms and:

- (i) if **"Actual/Actual"** or **"Actual/Actual (ISDA)"** is specified, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that 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);
- (ii) if **"Actual/Actual (ICMA)"** is so specified, means:
 - (a) where the Calculation Period is equal to or shorter than the Regular Period during which it falls, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by the product of (1) the actual number of days in such Regular Period and (2) the number of Regular Periods in any year; and
 - (b) where the Calculation Period is longer than one Regular Period, the sum of:
 - (A) the actual number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the Regular Period in which it begins divided by the product of (1) the actual number of days in such Regular Period and (2) the number of Regular Periods in any year; and
 - (B) the actual number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the next Regular Period divided by the product of (1) the actual number of days in such Regular Period and (2) the number of Regular Periods in any year;
- (iii) If **"Actual/365 (Fixed)"** is specified, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 365;
- (iv) If **"Actual/360"** is specified, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 360;
- (v) If **"30/360"**, **"360/360"** or **"Bond Basis"** is specified, the number of days in the Calculation Period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360x(Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30x(M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

Where:

"Y₁" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"Y₂" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"M₁" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"**M₂**" is the calendar month, expressed as number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"**D₁**" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D₁ will be 30; and

"**D₂**" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31 and D₁ is greater than 29, in which case D₂ will be 30; and

- (vi) If "**30E/360**" or "**Eurobond Basis**" is specified, the number of days in the Calculation Period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360x(Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30x(M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

Where:

"**Y₁**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"**Y₂**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"**M₁**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"**M₂**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"**D₁**" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D₁ will be 30; and

"**D₂**" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D₂ will be 30; and

- (vii) If "**30E/360 (ISDA)**" is specified, the number of days in the Calculation Period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360x(Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30x(M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

Where:

"**Y₁**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"**Y₂**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"**M₁**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"**M₂**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"**D₁**" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D₁ will be 30; and

"**D₂**" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Termination Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D₂ will be 30,

provided, however, that in each such case the number of days in the Calculation Period is calculated from and including the first day of the Calculation Period to but excluding the last day of the Calculation Period.

"**Designated Maturity**" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

"**Early Redemption Amount (Regulatory Event)**" means in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in, or determined in accordance with, the applicable Final Terms.

"**Early Redemption Amount (Tax)**" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in, or determined in accordance with, the applicable Final Terms.

"**Early Termination Amount**" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in, or determined in accordance with, these Conditions or the applicable Final Terms.

"**Equal Loss Absorbing Instrument**" means at any time, any instrument (irrespective of whether such instrument is included in the Tier 1 Capital or Tier 2 Capital of the Issuer or the Group and irrespective of whether such instrument ranks or is expressed to rank senior to, *pari passu* with, or junior to the Additional Tier 1 Notes) issued directly or indirectly by the Issuer (other than the Additional Tier 1 Notes) which contains provisions relating to a write-down (or write-off) (whether on a permanent or temporary basis) or conversion into Ordinary Shares of the principal amount of such instrument (in each case in accordance with its conditions or otherwise) on the occurrence, or as a result, of the Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Ratio of the Issuer and/or the Group falling below a level that is equal to 5.125%, in respect of which the conditions (if any) to the operation of such provisions are (or with the giving of any certificate or notice which is capable of being given by the Issuer, would be) satisfied.

"**EURIBOR**" means, in respect of any specified currency and any specified period, the interest rate benchmark known as the Euro zone interbank offered rate which is calculated and published by a designated distributor (currently Thomson Reuters) in accordance with the requirements from time to time of the European Money Markets Institute (or any other person which takes over the administration of that rate) based on estimated interbank borrowing rates for a number of designated currencies and maturities which are provided, in respect of each such currency, by a panel of contributor banks (details of historic EURIBOR rates can be obtained from the designated distributor).

"**Euro**" or "**euro**" or "**€**" means the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of the European economic and monetary union, and as defined in Article 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 974/98 of 3 May 1998 on the introduction of the euro, as amended.

"**Event of Default**" has the meaning given to that term in Condition 19 (*Events of Default*).

"**Extraordinary Resolution**" has the meaning given to that term in the Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form.

"**Final Redemption Amount**" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount.

"**Fixed Coupon Amount**" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

"**Full Loss Absorbing Instruments**" has the meaning given to such term in Condition 13.2 (*Loss absorption*).

"**Group**" means the Issuer and its Subsidiaries from time to time (if any).

"**Indebtedness**" means any present or future indebtedness (whether principal, premium, interest or other amounts) for money borrowed or raised including (without limitation) any indebtedness for or in respect of:

- (i) amounts raised by acceptance under any acceptance credit facility;
- (ii) amounts raised under any note purchase facility;
- (iii) the amount of any liability in respect of leases or hire purchase contracts which would, in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting principles, be treated as finance or capital leases;
- (iv) the amount of any liability in respect of any purchase price for assets or services the payment of which is deferred for a period in excess of 60 days; and

- (v) amounts raised under any other transaction (including, without limitation, any forward sale or purchase agreement) having the commercial effect of a borrowing.

"Initial Principal Amount" means, in respect of an Additional Tier 1 Note, or as the case may be, a Written-Down Additional Tier 1 Instrument, the principal amount of such Additional Tier 1 Note or Written-Down Additional Tier 1 Instrument, as at the Issue Date or the issue date of the Written-Down Additional Tier 1 Instrument, as applicable.

"Initial Rate of Interest" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

"Interest Amount" means, in relation to a Note and an Interest Period, the amount of interest payable in respect of that Note for that Interest Period.

"Interest Basis" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

"Interest Commencement Date" means the Issue Date of the Notes or such other date as may be specified as the Interest Commencement Date in the applicable Final Terms.

"Interest Determination Date" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

"Interest Payment Date" means the date or dates specified as such in, or determined in accordance with the provisions of, the applicable Final Terms and, if a Business Day Convention is specified in the applicable Final Terms:

- (i) as the same may be adjusted in accordance with the relevant Business Day Convention; or
- (ii) if the Business Day Convention is the FRN Convention, Floating Rate Convention or Eurodollar Convention and an interval of a number of calendar months is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being the Specified Period, each of such dates as may occur in accordance with the FRN Convention, Floating Rate Convention or Eurodollar Convention at such Specified Period of calendar months following the Interest Commencement Date (in the case of the first Interest Payment Date) or the previous Interest Payment Date (in any other case).

"Interest Period" means each period from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date or any Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next Interest Payment Date.

"Intermediate Holding Company" means a Subsidiary of the Issuer which itself has one or more Subsidiaries.

"ISDA Definitions" means the 2000 ISDA Definitions (as amended and updated as at the date of issue of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.) or, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as amended and updated as at the date of issue of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.) or the 2021 ISDA Interest Rate Derivatives Definitions (as amended and updated as at the date of issue of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.).

"Issue Date" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

"Issue Price" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

"Italian Civil Code" means the Italian civil code, enacted by Royal Decree No. 262 of 16 March 1942, as subsequently amended and supplemented.

"Liquidazione Coatta Amministrativa" means *Liquidazione Coatta Amministrativa* as described in Articles 80 to 94 of the Consolidated Banking Law.

"Loss Absorbing Instrument" means an Equal Loss Absorbing Instrument and/or a Prior Loss Absorbing Instrument, as applicable.

"Loss Absorption Event Notice" means a notice which specifies that a Contingency Event has occurred, the Write-Down Amount (as a percentage of the Initial Principal Amount resulting in a *pro rata* decrease

in the Prevailing Principal Amount of each Additional Tier 1 Note), including the method of calculation of the Write-Down Amount, and the Write-Down Effective Date.

"Loss Absorption Requirement" means the power of the Relevant Authority to require that Own Funds instruments or other liabilities of the Issuer or entities of the Group (as the case may be) are subject to full or partial write-down of the principal or conversion into instruments treated as Common Equity Tier 1 Capital or other instruments of ownership.

"Margin" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

"Material Subsidiary" means, at any time, any Subsidiary of the Issuer which accounts for 15 per cent. or more of the Consolidated Net Banking Income, Consolidated Profit Before Tax or Consolidated Total Assets and, for these purposes:

- (i) the Consolidated Net Banking Income, Consolidated Profit Before Tax or Consolidated Total Assets will be determined by reference to the then latest audited consolidated annual financial statements of the Group (the **"Relevant Consolidated Financial Statements"**);
- (ii) the net banking income or operating income, profit from continuing operations before tax and total assets of each Subsidiary (the **"Relevant Line Items"**) will be determined by reference to the annual financial statements (whether or not audited) of such Subsidiary and those of its own Subsidiaries (if any), in each case upon which the Relevant Consolidated Financial Statements have been based,

provided that: (A) if a Person has become a Subsidiary of the Issuer after the date on which the Relevant Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared, the Relevant Line Items of that Subsidiary will be determined by reference to its latest annual financial statements (whether or not audited) and will be consolidated if that Subsidiary itself has Subsidiaries; (B) the Relevant Consolidated Financial Statements and the corresponding financial statements of each relevant Subsidiary will be adjusted (where appropriate) to reflect fairly the Consolidated Net Banking Income, Consolidated Total Assets or Consolidated Profit Before Tax and/or the Relevant Line Items of, or represented by, any Person, business or assets subsequently acquired or disposed of; and (C) where an Intermediate Holding Company has one or more Subsidiaries at least one of which, under this definition, is a Material Subsidiary, then such Intermediate Holding Company will be deemed to be a Material Subsidiary.

"Maturity Date" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

"Maturity Period" means the period from and including the Issue Date to but excluding the Maturity Date.

"Maximum Distributable Amount" means any applicable maximum distributable amount relating to the Issuer and/or the Group, as the case may be, required to be calculated in accordance with the CRD IV Directive and/or any other Applicable Banking Regulation(s) (or any provision of Italian law transposing or implementing the CRD IV Directive and/or, if relevant, any other Applicable Banking Regulation(s)) if the Issuer and/or the Group is failing to meet any applicable requirements or any buffers relating to such requirements including, without limitation, the maximum distributable amount (MDA) required to be calculated in accordance with Article 141 of the CRD IV Directive, the maximum distributable amount related to the minimum requirement for Own Funds and eligible liabilities (M-MDA) required to be calculated in accordance with Article 16a of the BRRD, if a corresponding payment restriction provision is applicable to the Issuer or the Group (as the case may be) at that point in time.

"Maximum Redemption Amount" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

"Maximum Write-Up Amount" means:

- (a) if the Relevant Net Banking Income for the relevant Write-Up is equal to the Consolidated Net Banking Income, the Consolidated Net Banking Income multiplied by the sum of the aggregate Initial Principal Amount of the Additional Tier 1 Notes and the aggregate initial principal amount of all Written-Down Additional Tier 1 Instruments of the Group, and divided by the total Tier 1 Capital of the Group as at the date of the relevant Write-Up; or
- (b) if the Relevant Net Banking Income for the relevant Write-Up is equal to the Net Banking Income, the Net Banking Income multiplied by the sum of the aggregate Initial Principal Amount of the Additional Tier 1 Notes and the aggregate initial principal amount of all Written-

Down Additional Tier 1 Instruments of the Issuer, and divided by the total Tier 1 Capital of the Issuer as at the date of the relevant Write-Up.

"Mid Swap Benchmark Rate" means EURIBOR if the Specified Currency is euro or the rate indicated in the applicable Final Terms if the Specified Currency is not Euro.

"Mid Swap Maturity" has the meaning specified in the applicable Final Terms.

"Mid Swap Rate" means for any Reset Period the arithmetic mean of the bid and offered rates for the fixed leg payable with a frequency equivalent to the frequency with which scheduled interest payments are payable on the Notes during the relevant Reset Period (calculated on the day count basis customary for fixed rate payments in the Specified Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent) of a fixed-for-floating interest rate swap transaction in the Specified Currency which transaction (a) has a term equal to the relevant Reset Period commencing on the relevant Reset Date; (b) is in an amount that is representative for a single transaction in the relevant market at the relevant time with an acknowledged dealer of good credit in the swap market; and (c) has a floating leg based on the Mid Swap Benchmark Rate for the Mid Swap Maturity as specified in the Final Terms (calculated on the day count basis customary for floating rate payments in the Specified Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent).

"Minimum Redemption Amount" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

"MREL Disqualification Event" means that, by reason of the introduction of or a change in MREL Requirements, which was not reasonably foreseeable by the Issuer at the Issue Date of the Senior Notes or Senior Non-Preferred Notes, all or part of the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of such Series of Senior Notes or Senior Non-Preferred Notes are or will be excluded fully or partially from the eligible liabilities available to meet the MREL Requirements. For the avoidance of doubt: (a) the exclusion of a Series of Senior Notes or Senior Non-Preferred Notes from the MREL Requirements due to the remaining maturity of such Senior Notes or Senior Non-Preferred Notes being less than any period prescribed thereunder, does not constitute a MREL Disqualification Event; and (b) the exclusion of all or some of a Series of Senior Notes from the MREL Requirements due to there being insufficient headroom for such Senior Notes within a prescribed exception to the otherwise applicable general requirements for eligible liabilities does not constitute an MREL Disqualification Event.

"MREL Requirements" means the laws, regulations, requirements, guidelines, rules, standards and policies relating to minimum requirements for Own Funds and eligible liabilities and/or loss-absorbing capacity instruments applicable to the Issuer and/or the Group, from time to time (including any applicable transitional provisions), including, without limitation to the generality of the foregoing, any delegated or implementing acts (such as regulatory technical standards) adopted by the European Commission and any regulations, requirements, guidelines, rules, standards and policies relating to minimum requirements for Own Funds and eligible liabilities and/or loss absorbing capacity instruments adopted by the Republic of Italy or the Relevant Authority or a Relevant Resolution Authority from time to time (whether or not such requirements, guidelines or policies are applied generally or specifically to the Issuer and/or the Group), as any of the preceding laws, regulations, requirements, guidelines, rules, standards, policies or interpretations may be amended, supplemented, superseded or replaced from time to time.

"Net Banking Income" means, in respect of any Relevant Period, the non-consolidated net banking income of the Issuer for that Relevant Period.

"Optional Redemption Amount (Call)" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in, or determined in accordance with, the applicable Final Terms.

"Optional Redemption Amount (Put)" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in, or determined in accordance with, the applicable Final Terms.

"Optional Redemption Date(s) (Call)" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

"Optional Redemption Date(s) (Put)" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

"Ordinary Shares" means the ordinary shares of the Issuer.

"Own Funds" has the meaning given to such term (or any equivalent or successor term) in the Applicable Banking Regulations.

"Participating Member State" means a Member State of the European Union which adopts the Euro as its lawful currency in accordance with the Treaty.

"Payment Business Day" means:

- (i) if the currency of payment is Euro, any day which is:
 - (a) a day on which banks in the relevant place of presentation are open for presentation and payment of bearer debt securities and for dealings in foreign currencies; and
 - (b) in the case of payment by transfer to an account, a TARGET Settlement Day and a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre; or
- (ii) if the currency of payment is not euro, any day which is:
 - (a) a day on which banks in the relevant place of presentation are open for presentation and payment of bearer debt securities and for dealings in foreign currencies; and
 - (b) in the case of payment by transfer to an account, a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in the Principal Financial Centre of the currency of payment and in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre.

"Person" means any individual, company, corporation, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, organisation, state or agency of a state or other entity, whether or not having separate legal personality.

"Prevailing Principal Amount" means, in respect of an Additional Tier 1 Note on any date, the Initial Principal Amount of such Additional Tier 1 Note as reduced from time to time (on one or more occasions) pursuant to a Write-Down and/or reinstated from time to time (on one or more occasions) pursuant to a Write-Up in each case on or prior to such date.

"Principal Financial Centre" means, in relation to any currency, the principal financial centre for that currency *provided, however, that*:

- (i) in relation to Euro, it means the principal financial centre of such Member State of the European Union as is selected (in the case of a payment) by the payee or (in the case of a calculation) by the Calculation Agent; and
- (ii) in relation to Australian dollars, it means either Sydney or Melbourne and, in relation to New Zealand dollars, it means either Wellington or Auckland; in each case as is selected (in the case of a payment) by the payee or (in the case of a calculation) by the Calculation Agent.

"Prior Loss Absorbing Instrument" means, at any time, any instrument (irrespective of whether such instrument is included in the Tier 1 Capital or Tier 2 Capital of the Issuer or the Group and irrespective of whether such instrument ranks or is expressed to rank senior to, *pari passu* with, or junior to the Notes) issued directly or indirectly by the Issuer which contains provisions relating to a write-down (or write-off) (whether on a permanent or temporary basis) or conversion into Ordinary Shares of the principal amount of such instrument (in each case in accordance with its conditions or otherwise) on the occurrence, or as a result, of the Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Ratio of the Issuer and/or the Group falling below a level that is higher than 5.125%, in respect of which the conditions (if any) to the operation of such provisions are (or with the giving of any certificate or notice which is capable of being given by the Issuer, would be) satisfied.

"Prudential Regulations for Banks" means the Bank of Italy's *Disposizioni di Vigilanza per le Banche*, as set out in Bank of Italy Circular No. 285 of 17 December 2013, as amended or supplemented from time to time, including any successor regulations.

"Put Option Notice" means a notice which must be delivered to a Paying Agent by any Noteholder wanting to exercise a right to redeem a Note at the option of the Noteholder.

"Put Option Receipt" means a receipt issued by a Paying Agent to a depositing Noteholder upon deposit of a Note with such Paying Agent by any Noteholder wanting to exercise a right to redeem a Note at the option of the Noteholder.

"Rate of Interest" means the rate or rates (expressed as a percentage per annum) of interest payable in respect of the Notes specified in the applicable Final Terms or calculated or determined in accordance with the provisions of these Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms.

"Redemption Amount" means, as appropriate, the Final Redemption Amount, the Early Redemption Amount (Tax), the Early Redemption Amount (Regulatory Event), the Optional Redemption Amount (Call), the Optional Redemption Amount (Put), the Early Termination Amount.

"Reference Banks" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms or, if none, four (or if the Principal Financial Centre is Helsinki, five) major banks selected by the Issuer in the market that is most closely connected with the Reference Rate or Mid Swap Rate.

"Reference Bond" means for any Reset Period a government security or securities issued by the state responsible for issuing the Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Euro, shall be Germany) selected by the Issuer on the advice of an investment bank of international repute as having an actual or interpolated maturity comparable with the relevant Reset Period that would be utilised, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities denominated in the same currency as the Notes and of a comparable maturity to the relevant Reset Period.

"Reference Currency" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

"Reference Price" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

"Reference Rate" means EURIBOR, CMS Rate, SONIA, SONIA COMPOUNDED Index or €STR as specified in the applicable Final Terms in respect of the currency and period specified in the applicable Final Terms.

"Regular Period" means:

- (i) in the case of Notes where interest is scheduled to be paid only by means of regular payments, each period from and including the Interest Commencement Date to but excluding the first Interest Payment Date and each successive period from and including one Interest Payment Date to but excluding the next Interest Payment Date;
- (ii) in the case of Notes where, apart from the first Interest Period, interest is scheduled to be paid only by means of regular payments, each period from and including a Regular Date falling in any year to but excluding the next Regular Date, where "Regular Date" means the day and month (but not the year) on which any Interest Payment Date falls; and
- (iii) in the case of Notes where, apart from one Interest Period other than the first Interest Period, interest is scheduled to be paid only by means of regular payments, each period from and including a Regular Date falling in any year to but excluding the next Regular Date, where "Regular Date" means the day and month (but not the year) on which any Interest Payment Date falls other than the Interest Payment Date falling at the end of the irregular Interest Period.

"Regulatory Event" is deemed to have occurred if there is a change in the regulatory classification of the Subordinated Notes after the Issue Date that would be likely to result in their exclusion, in whole or in part, from Tier 2 Capital of the Issuer (save where the exclusion from Tier 2 Capital of the Issuer is solely (A) a result of any applicable limitation on the amount of such capital, or (B) in accordance with any requirement that recognition of such Series of Subordinated Notes as part of the Tier 2 Capital of the Issuer be amortised in the five years prior to maturity of such Notes, in either (A) or (B) in accordance with Applicable Banking Regulations in force as at the date on which agreement is reached to issue the first Tranche of such Series of Subordinated Notes) and, in case the Regulatory Event has occurred before five years from the issue of the relevant Subordinated Notes, both of the following conditions are met: (i) the Relevant Authority considers such a change to be sufficiently certain and (ii) the Issuer demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Relevant Authority that the change in regulatory classification of the Notes was not reasonably foreseeable as at the Issue Date.

"Relevant Authority" means the Bank of Italy or such other authority (including the European Central Bank) having primary responsibility for prudential oversight and supervision of the Issuer and/or the Group from time to time and/or, as the context may require, the "resolution authority" or the "competent authority" as defined under BRRD and/or SRM Regulation.

"Relevant Date" means, in relation to any payment, whichever is the later of (A) the date on which such payment first becomes due and (B) if the full amount payable has not been received in the Principal Financial Centre of the currency of payment by the Agent on or prior to such due date, the date on which, the full amount having been so received, notice to that effect shall have been given to the Noteholders and Couponholders in accordance with Condition 20 (*Notices*).

"Relevant Financial Centre" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

"Relevant Indebtedness" means any Indebtedness which is in the form of or represented by, any note, bond, debenture, debenture stock, loan stock, certificate or other security or instrument which is, or is capable of being, traded, quoted, listed or dealt in on any stock exchange, over-the-counter or other securities market.

"Relevant Jurisdiction" means the Republic of Italy or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax or any other jurisdiction or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax to which the Issuer becomes subject in respect of payments made by it of principal and interest on the Notes or the Coupons.

"Relevant Net Banking Income" means the lower of the Net Banking Income and the Consolidated Net Banking Income.

"Relevant Period" means a twelve-month period ending on 31 December in each year.

"Relevant Resolution Authority" means the Italian resolution authority, the Single Resolution Board (SRB) established pursuant to the SRM Regulation and/or any other authority entitled to exercise or participate in the exercise of any Resolution Power or Bail-in Power from time to time.

"Relevant Screen Page" means the page, section or other part of a particular information service (including, without limitation, the Reuters Money 3000 Service) specified as the Relevant Screen Page in the applicable Final Terms, or such other page, section or other part as may replace it on that information service or such other information service, in each case, as may be nominated by the Person providing or sponsoring the information appearing there for the purpose of displaying rates or prices comparable to the Reference Rate.

"Relevant Swap Rate" means:

- (i) where the Reference Currency is Euro, the mid-market annual swap rate determined on the basis of the arithmetic mean of the bid and offered rates for the annual fixed leg, calculated on a 30/360 day count basis, of a fixed for floating euro interest rate swap transaction with a term equal to the Designated Maturity commencing on the first day of the relevant Interest Period and in a Representative Amount with an acknowledged dealer of good credit in the swap market, where the floating leg, in each case calculated on an Actual/360 day count basis, is equivalent to EUR EURIBOR Reuters (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) with a designated maturity determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to standard market practice and/or the ISDA Definitions;
- (ii) where the Reference Currency is any other currency or if the Final Terms specify otherwise, the mid-market swap rate as determined in accordance with the applicable Final Terms.

"Relevant Time" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

"Representative Amount" means an amount that is representative for a single transaction in the relevant market at the relevant time.

"Reserved Matter" has the meaning given to it in the Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form and includes any proposal to change any date fixed for payment of principal or interest in respect of the Notes, to reduce the amount of principal or interest payable on any date in respect of the Notes, to alter the method of calculating the amount of any payment in respect of the Notes or the date for any such payment, to change the currency of any payment under the Notes or to change the quorum requirements relating to meetings or the majority required to pass an Extraordinary Resolution.

"Reset Date(s)" means the date(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms.

"Reset Determination Date" means, for each Reset Period, the date as specified in the applicable Final Terms falling on or before the commencement of such Reset Period on which the rate of interest applying during such Reset Period will be determined.

"Reset Margin" means the margin specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

"Reset Period" means the period from (and including) the first Reset Date to (but excluding) the Maturity Date if there is only one Reset Period or, if there is more than one Reset Period, each period from (and including) one Reset Date (or the first Reset Date) to (but excluding) the next Reset Date up to (but excluding) the Maturity Date.

"Reset Rate" for any Reset Period means the sum of (i) the applicable Reset Reference Rate and (ii) the applicable Reset Margin (rounded down to four decimal places, with 0.00005 being rounded down) (with such sum converted (if necessary) from a basis equivalent to the duration of the Reset Reference Rate to a basis equivalent to the frequency with which scheduled interest payments are payable on the Notes during the relevant Reset Period (such calculation to be made by the Calculation Agent)).

"Reset Rate Screen Page" has the meaning specified in the applicable Final Terms.

"Reset Rate Time" has the meaning specified in the applicable Final Terms.

"Reset Reference Rate" means either:

- (i) if "Mid Swaps" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Mid Swap Rate displayed on the Reset Rate Screen Page at or around the Reset Rate Time on the relevant Reset Determination Date for such Reset Period; or
- (ii) if "Reference Bond" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the annual yield to maturity or interpolated yield to maturity (on the relevant day count basis) of the relevant Reference Bond, assuming a price for such Reference Bond (expressed as a percentage of its nominal amount) equal to the relevant Reference Bond Price.

"Risk Weighted Assets" means, at any time, the aggregate amount of the risk weighted assets of the Issuer or the Group, as the case may be, at such time calculated by the Issuer in accordance with the Applicable Banking Regulations, which calculation shall be binding on Noteholders.

"Senior Non-Preferred Notes" means Notes specified in the applicable Final Terms as Senior Non-Preferred obligations and intended to qualify as *strumenti di debito chirografario di secondo livello* of the Issuer, as defined under, and for the purposes of, Article 12-bis and Article 91, section 1-bis, letter c-bis of the Consolidated Banking Law, as amended from time to time, and any relevant implementing regulation which may be enacted for such purposes by any Relevant Authority.

"Senior Note" means a Note specified in the applicable Final Terms as being Senior Notes (and, for the avoidance of doubt, excludes Senior Non-Preferred Notes).

"Specified Currency" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

"Specified Denomination(s)" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

"Specified Office" has the meaning given in the Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form.

"Specified Period" has the meaning given in the applicable Final Terms.

"SRM" means the Single Resolution Mechanism established pursuant to Regulation (EU) No. 806/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time.

"SRM Regulation" means Regulation (EU) No. 806/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2014 establishing uniform rules and a uniform procedure for the resolution of credit institutions and certain investment firms in the framework of a Single Resolution Mechanism and a Single Resolution Fund and amending Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010, as amended or replaced from time to time (including by SRM II Regulation);

"**SRM II Regulation**" means Regulation (EU) No. 2019/877 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No. 806/2014 as regards the loss absorbing and recapitalisation capacity of credit institutions and investment firms;

"**Subordinated Notes**" means Notes specified as such in the applicable Final Terms, being Notes intended to qualify as Tier 2 Capital for regulatory capital purposes, in accordance with Part II, Chapter 1 of the Prudential Regulations for Banks and Article 63 of the CRR.

"**Subsidiary**" means, in respect of the Issuer at any particular time, any *società controllata*, as defined in Article 2359 of the Italian Civil Code.

"**T2**" means the real time gross settlement system operated by the Eurosystem, or any successor system.

"**Talon**" means a talon for further Coupons.

"**TARGET Settlement Day**" means any day on which the T2 is open for the settlement of payments in euro.

"**Tier 1 Capital**" has the meaning given to it by (i) the Relevant Authority from time to time or (ii) any regulation, directive or other binding rules, standards or decisions adopted by the institutions of the European Union from time to time, as applicable;

"**Tier 2 Capital**" has the meaning given to it by (i) the Relevant Authority from time to time or (ii) any regulation, directive or other binding rules, standards or decisions adopted by the institutions of the European Union from time to time, as applicable.

"**Treaty**" means the Treaty establishing the European Union, as amended.

"**Write-Down Amount**" means the amount by which the then Prevailing Principal Amount of each outstanding Additional Tier 1 Note is to be Written Down with effect as of the Write-Down Effective Date on a *pro rata basis* pursuant to a Write-Down, being:

- (i) the amount that (together with (a) the concurrent Write-Down of the other Additional Tier 1 Notes and (b) the concurrent or substantially concurrent write-down (or write-off) or conversion to the extent possible of any Loss Absorbing Instruments) would be sufficient to cure the Contingency Event(s); or
- (ii) if that Write-Down (together with (a) the concurrent Write-Down of the other Additional Tier 1 Notes and (b) the concurrent or substantially concurrent write-down (or write-off) or conversion of any Loss Absorbing Instruments) would be insufficient to cure the Contingency Event(s), or the Contingency Event(s) is not capable of being cured, the amount necessary to reduce the Prevailing Principal Amount to the sub-unit of the Specified Currency.

"**Write-Down Effective Date**" means the date on which the Write-Down will take effect.

"**Written-Down Additional Tier 1 Instrument**" means an instrument (other than the Additional Tier 1 Notes) issued directly or indirectly by the Issuer and qualifying as Additional Tier 1 Capital of the Issuer or, as applicable, the Group that, as at the time immediately prior to the relevant Write-Up, has a Prevailing Principal Amount lower than the Initial Principal Amount due to a write-down and that has terms permitting a principal write-up to occur on a basis similar to that set out in Condition 13.4 (*Reinstatement of principal amount*) in the circumstances existing on the date of the relevant Write-Up.

"**Zero Coupon Note**" means a Note specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

Save as the context otherwise provides, any reference in these Conditions to a provision of law, decree or regulation is a reference to that provision as amended or re-enacted.

6. INTEREST

The applicable Final Terms will indicate whether the Notes are Fixed Rate Notes, Reset Rate Notes, Floating Rate Notes, CMS Linked Interest Notes or Zero Coupon Note.

7. FIXED RATE NOTE PROVISIONS

7.1 Application

This Condition 7 (*Fixed Rate Note Provisions*) is applicable to the Notes only if (a) the Fixed Rate Note Provisions are specified in the applicable Final Terms as being applicable or (b) if a Change of Interest Basis is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being applicable, in respect of those Interest Periods for which the Fixed Rate Note Provisions are stated to apply.

7.2 Interest Accrual

The Notes bear interest from the Interest Commencement Date at the Rate of Interest (in respect of the relevant Interest Period) payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date, subject as provided in Condition 14 (*Payments*). Each Note will cease to bear interest from the due date for final redemption unless, upon due presentation, payment of the Redemption Amount is improperly withheld or refused or unless default is otherwise made in respect of payment. In such events, it will continue to bear interest in accordance with this Condition 7 (*Fixed Rate Note Provisions*) (both before and after judgment) until whichever is the earlier of:

- (i) the day on which all amounts due in respect of such Note up to that day are received by or on behalf of the relevant Noteholder; and
- (ii) the day falling seven calendar days after the Agent has notified the Noteholders of receipt of all sums due in respect of all Notes up to that seventh calendar day (except to the extent that there is any subsequent default in payment in accordance with these Conditions) in accordance with Condition 20 (*Notices*).

7.3 Fixed Coupon Amount

The amount of interest payable in respect of each Note for any Interest Period shall be the relevant Fixed Coupon Amount and, if the Notes are in more than one Specified Denomination, shall be the relevant Fixed Coupon Amount in respect of the relevant Specified Denomination.

7.4 Calculation of Interest Amount

The amount of interest payable in respect of each Note for any period for which a Fixed Coupon Amount is not specified shall be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest to the Calculation Amount, multiplying the product by the relevant Day Count Fraction and rounding the resulting figure to the nearest sub-unit of the Specified Currency (half a sub-unit being rounded upwards). For this purpose a "sub-unit" means, in the case of any currency other than Euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, in the case of Euro, means one cent. Where the Specified Denomination of a Fixed Rate Note comprises more than one Calculation Amount, the Amount of interest payable in respect of such Fixed Rate Note shall be the aggregate of the amounts (determined in the manner provided above) for each Calculation Amount comprising the Specified Denomination without any further rounding.

8. RESET RATE NOTE PROVISIONS

8.1 Application

This Condition 8 (*Reset Rate Note Provisions*) is applicable to the Notes only if the applicable Final Terms specifies the Interest Basis reset on Reset Date as being applicable.

8.2 Interest Basis Reset Provisions

The Notes will bear interest in respect of the Reset Period (or, if there is more than one Reset Period, each successive Reset Period thereafter) at the relevant Reset Rate (to be determined by the Calculation Agent on the relevant Reset Determination Date in accordance with this Condition 8) payable, subject as provided in Condition 14 (*Payments*), in arrears on the Interest Payment Date(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms.

8.3 Interest Accrual

The Notes bear interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date to (but excluding) the Reset Date (or, if there is more than one Reset Period, the first Reset Date occurring after the Issue Date),

at the Initial Rate of Interest payable, subject as provided in Condition 9 (*Payments*), in arrears on the Interest Payment Date specified in the applicable Final Terms. Each Note will cease to bear interest from the due date for final redemption unless, upon due presentation, payment of the Redemption Amount is improperly withheld or refused or unless default is otherwise made in respect of payment. In such events, it will continue to bear interest in accordance with this Condition 8 (*Reset Rate Note Provisions*) (both before and after judgment) until whichever is the earlier of:

- (i) the day on which all amounts due in respect of such Note up to that day are received by or on behalf of the relevant Noteholder; and
- (ii) the day falling seven calendar days after the Agent has notified the Noteholders of receipt of all sums due in respect of all Notes up to that seventh calendar day (except to the extent that there is any subsequent default in payment in accordance with these Conditions) in accordance with Condition 20 (*Notices*).

8.4 Reset Rate Screen Page

Subject to Condition 9.10 (*Benchmark Replacement*), if the Reset Rate Screen Page is not available, the Issuer shall request each of the Reference Banks to provide the Calculation Agent with its offered quotation (expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reset Reference Rate at approximately the Reset Rate Time on the Reset Determination Date in question. If two or more of the Reference Banks provide the Calculation Agent with offered quotations, the Reset Rate for the relevant Reset Period shall be the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations plus or minus (as appropriate) the applicable Reset Margin (if any), all as determined by the Calculation Agent. If on any Reset Determination Date only one or none of the Reference Banks provides the Calculation Agent with an offered quotation as provided in the foregoing provisions of this Condition 8 (*Reset Rate Note Provisions*), the Reset Rate shall be determined as at the last preceding Reset Determination Date or, in the case of the first Reset Determination Date, the Reset Rate shall be the Initial Rate of Interest.

8.5 Calculation of Interest Amount

The Calculation Agent will calculate the Interest Amount payable on the Reset Rate Notes for each relevant period (in the case of Interest Periods falling after the Reset Date, as soon as practicable after the time at which the Reset Reference Rate is to be determined in relation to such Reset Interest Period) by applying the Initial Rate of Interest or the applicable Reset Rate (as the case may be) to the Calculation Amount and multiplying the product by the relevant Day Count Fraction and rounding the resulting figure to the nearest sub-unit of the Specified Currency (half a sub-unit being rounded upwards). For this purpose a "**sub-unit**" means, in the case of any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, in the case of euro, means one cent. Where the Specified Denomination of a Note comprises more than one Calculation Amount, the Interest Amount payable in respect of such Note shall be aggregate of the amounts (determined in the manner provided above) for each Calculation Amount comprising the Specified Denomination without any further rounding.

8.6 Publication

The Calculation Agent will cause each Reset Rate and each Interest Amount determined by it for each Reset Period, together with the relevant Interest Payment Date, and any other amount(s) required to be determined by it together with any relevant payment date(s) to be notified to the Issuer, Paying Agents and each competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system (if any) by which the Notes have then been admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation as soon as practicable after such determination but (in the case of each Reset Rate, Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date) in any event not later than the first day of the relevant Interest Period. Notice thereof shall also promptly be given to the Noteholders. The Calculation Agent will be entitled to recalculate any Interest Amount (on the basis of the foregoing provisions) in the event of an extension or shortening of the relevant Interest Period. If the Calculation Amount is less than the minimum Specified Denomination the Calculation Agent shall not be obliged to publish each Interest Amount but instead may publish only the Calculation Amount and the Interest Amount in respect of a Note having the minimum Specified Denomination.

8.7 Notifications

All notifications, opinions, determinations, certificates, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of this Condition 8 (*Reset Rate Note Provisions*) by the

Calculation Agent will (in the absence of manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Paying Agents, the Noteholders and the Couponholders and (subject as aforesaid) no liability to any such Person will attach to the Calculation Agent in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions for such purposes.

9. FLOATING RATE AND CMS LINKED INTEREST NOTE PROVISIONS

9.1 Application

This Condition 9 (*Floating Rate and CMS Linked Interest Note Provisions*) is applicable to the Notes only if (a) the Floating Rate Note Provisions or CMS Linked Interest Note Provisions are specified in the applicable Final Terms as being applicable or (b) if a Change of Interest Basis is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being applicable, in respect of those periods for which the Floating Rate Note Provisions or the CMS Linked Interest Note Provisions are stated to apply.

9.2 Interest Accrual

The Notes bear interest from the Interest Commencement Date at the Rate of Interest payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date, subject as provided in Condition 14 (*Payments*). Each Note will cease to bear interest from the due date for final redemption unless, upon due presentation, payment of the Redemption Amount is improperly withheld or refused or unless default is otherwise made in respect of payment. In such events, it will continue to bear interest in accordance with this Condition 9 (*Floating Rate and CMS Linked Interest Note Provisions*) (both before and after judgment) until whichever is the earlier of:

- (i) the day on which all amounts due in respect of such Note up to that day are received by or on behalf of the relevant Noteholder; and
- (ii) the day falling seven calendar days after the Agent has notified the Noteholders of receipt of all sums due in respect of all Notes up to that seventh calendar day (except to the extent that there is any subsequent default in payment in accordance with these Conditions) in accordance with Condition 20 (*Notices*).

9.3 Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes other than CMS Linked and SONIA Linked Interest Notes

If Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined and "CMS Rate" or "SONIA" is not specified as the Reference Rate in the applicable Final Terms, the Rate of Interest applicable to the Notes for each Interest Period will be determined by the Calculation Agent on the following basis, subject to Condition 9.10 (*Benchmark Replacement*):

- (i) if the Reference Rate is a composite quotation or customarily supplied by one entity, the Calculation Agent will determine the Reference Rate which appears on the Relevant Screen Page as of the Relevant Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date;
- (ii) in any other case, the Calculation Agent will determine the arithmetic mean of the Reference Rates which appear on the Relevant Screen Page as of the Relevant Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date;
- (iii) if, in the case of (i) above, such rate does not appear on that page or, in the case of (ii) above, fewer than two such rates appear on that page or if, in either case, the Relevant Screen Page is unavailable:
 - (a) the Issuer will request the principal Relevant Financial Centre office of each of the Reference Banks to provide the Calculation Agent with a quotation of the Reference Rate at approximately the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date to prime banks in the Relevant Financial Centre interbank market in an amount that is representative for a single transaction in that market at that time; and
 - (b) the Calculation Agent will determine the arithmetic mean of such quotations; and
- (iv) if fewer than two such quotations are provided as requested, the Calculation Agent will determine the arithmetic mean of the rates (being the nearest to the Reference Rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent) quoted by major banks in the Principal Financial Centre

of the Specified Currency, selected by the Issuer, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (local time in the Principal Financial Centre of the Specified Currency) on the first day of the relevant Interest Period for loans in the Specified Currency to leading European banks for a period equal to the relevant Interest Period and in an amount that is representative for a single transaction in that market at that time,

and the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be the sum of the Margin and the rate or (as the case may be) the arithmetic mean so determined; provided, however, that if the Calculation Agent is unable to determine a rate or (as the case may be) an arithmetic mean in accordance with the above provisions in relation to any Interest Period, the Rate of Interest applicable to the Notes during such Interest Period will be the sum of the Margin and the rate or (as the case may be) the arithmetic mean last determined in relation to the Notes in respect of a preceding Interest Period.

9.4

(i) **Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes which are CMS Linked Interest Notes**

If Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined and "CMS Rate" is specified as the Reference Rate in the applicable Final Terms, the Rate of Interest applicable to the Notes for each Interest Period will be determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to the following formula, subject to Condition 9.10 (*Benchmark Replacement*):

CMS Rate plus Margin

If the Relevant Screen Page is not available, the Issuer shall request each of the CMS Reference Banks to provide the Calculation Agent with its quotation for the Relevant Swap Rate at approximately 11.00 a.m. (local time in the Principal Financial Centre of the Specified Currency) on the Interest Determination Date in question. If at least three of the CMS Reference Banks provide the Calculation Agent with such quotation, the CMS Rate for such Interest Period shall be the arithmetic mean of such quotations, eliminating the highest quotation (or, in the event of equality, one of the highest) and the lowest quotation (or, in the event of equality, one of the lowest).

If on any Interest Determination Date less than three or none of the CMS Reference Banks provides the Calculation Agent with such quotations as provided in the preceding paragraph, the CMS Rate shall be determined by the Calculation Agent in good faith on such commercial basis as considered appropriate by the Calculation Agent in its absolute discretion, in accordance with standard market practice.

(ii) **Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes which are linked to SONIA**

This Condition 9.4(ii) is applicable to the Notes only if the Floating Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, Screen Rate Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined, and the "Reference Rate" is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being "SONIA".

Where "SONIA" is specified as the Reference Rate in the Final Terms, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be Compounded Daily SONIA plus or minus (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) the Margin, all as determined by the Calculation Agent. For the purposes of this paragraph 9.4(ii):

"**Compounded Daily SONIA**", with respect to an Interest Period, will be calculated by the Calculation Agent on each Interest Determination Date in accordance with the following formula, and the resulting percentage will be rounded, if necessary, to the fourth decimal place, with 0.00005 being rounded upwards:

$$\left[\prod_{i=1}^{d_o} \left(1 + \frac{SONIA_i \times n_i}{D} \right) - 1 \right] \times \frac{D}{d}$$

"**d**" means the number of calendar days in:

- (i) where "Lag" is specified as the Observation Method in the relevant Final Terms, the relevant Interest Period; or

- (ii) where "Observation Shift" is specified as the Observation Method in the relevant Final Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

"**D**" is the number specified in the relevant Final Terms (or, if no such number is specified, 365);

"**d_o**" means the number of London Banking Days in:

- (i) where "Lag" is specified as the Observation Method in the relevant Final Terms, the relevant Interest Period; or
- (ii) where "Observation Shift" is specified as the Observation Method in the relevant Final Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

"**i**" means a series of whole numbers from one to **d_o**, each representing the relevant London Banking Day in chronological order from, and including, the first London Banking Day in:

- (i) where "Lag" is specified as the Observation Method in the relevant Final Terms, the relevant Interest Period; or
- (ii) where "Observation Shift" is specified as the Observation Method in the relevant Final Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

to, and including, the last London Banking Day in such period;

"**Interest Determination Date**" means, in respect of any Interest Period, the date falling "p" London Banking Days prior to the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Period (or the date falling p London Banking Days prior to such earlier date, if any, on which the Notes are due and payable).

"**London Banking Day**" means any day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London;

"**n_i**" for any London Banking Day "i", in the relevant Interest Period or Observation Period (as applicable) is the number of calendar days from, and including, such London Banking Day "i" up to, but excluding, the following London Banking Day;

"**Observation Period**" means, in respect of an Interest Period, the period from, and including, the date falling "p" London Banking Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period (and the first Interest Period shall begin on and include the Interest Commencement Date) and ending on, but excluding, the date which is "p" London Banking Days prior to the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Period (or the date falling "p" London Banking Days prior to such earlier date, if any, on which the Notes become due and payable);

"**p**" for any Interest Period or Observation Period (as applicable), means the number of London Banking Days specified as the "Lag Period" or the "Observation Shift Period" (as applicable) in the relevant Final Terms or if no such period is specified, five London Banking Days;

"**SONIA Reference Rate**" means, in respect of any London Banking Day, a reference rate equal to the daily Sterling Overnight Index Average ("**SONIA**") rate for such London Banking Day as provided by the administrator of SONIA to authorised distributors and as then published on the Relevant Screen Page (or if the Relevant Screen Page is unavailable, as otherwise is published by such authorised distributors) on the London Banking Day immediately following such London Banking Day; and

"**SONIA_i**" means the SONIA Reference Rate for:

- (i) where "Lag" is specified as the Observation Method in the relevant Final Terms, the London Banking Day falling "p" London Banking Days prior to the relevant London Banking Day "i"; or
- (ii) where "Observation Shift" is specified as the Observation Method in the relevant Final Terms, the relevant London Banking Day "i";

For the avoidance of doubt, the formula for the calculation of Compounded Daily SONIA only compounds the SONIA Reference Rate in respect of any London Banking Day. The SONIA Reference Rate applied to a day that is a non-London Banking Day will be taken by applying the SONIA Reference Rate for the previous London Banking Day but without compounding.

If, in respect of any London Banking Day in the relevant Interest Period or Observation Period (as applicable), the Calculation Agent determines that the SONIA Reference Rate is not available on the Relevant Screen Page and has not otherwise been published by the relevant authorised distributors, such SONIA Reference Rate shall, subject to Condition 9.10 (*Benchmark Replacement*), be:

- (A) the sum of (a) the Bank of England's Bank Rate (the "**Bank Rate**") prevailing at close of business on the relevant London Banking Day; and (b) the mean of the spread of the SONIA Reference Rate to the Bank Rate over the previous five London Banking Days on which a SONIA Reference Rate has been published, excluding the highest spread (or, if there is more than one highest spread, one only of those highest spreads) and lowest spread (or, if there is more than one lowest spread, one only of those lowest spreads) to the Bank Rate; or
- (B) if the Bank Rate is not published by the Bank of England at close of business on the relevant London Banking Day, (a) the SONIA Reference Rate published on the Relevant Screen Page (or otherwise published by the relevant authorised distributors) for the first preceding London Banking Day on which the SONIA Reference Rate was published on the Relevant Screen Page (or otherwise published by the relevant authorised distributors) or (b) if this is more recent, the latest determined rate under (A).

Subject to Condition 9.10 (*Benchmark Replacement*), if the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Condition 9.4(ii), the Rate of Interest shall be (A) that determined as at the last preceding Interest Determination Date (though substituting, where a different Margin is to be applied to the relevant Interest Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Period, the Margin relating to the relevant Interest Period, in place of the Margin relating to that last preceding Interest Period) or (B) if there is no such preceding Interest Determination Date, the initial Rate of Interest which would have been applicable to the Notes for the first Interest Period had the Notes been in issue for a period equal in duration to the scheduled first Interest Period but ending on (and excluding) the Interest Commencement Date (but applying the Margin applicable to the first Interest Period).

(iii) **Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes which are linked to €STR**

This Condition 9.4(iii) is applicable to the Notes only if the Floating Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, Screen Rate Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined, and the "Reference Rate" is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being "€STR".

Where "€STR" is specified as the Reference Rate in the Final Terms, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be Compounded Daily €STR plus or minus (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) the Margin, all as determined by the Calculation Agent on each Interest Determination Date. For the purposes of this Condition 9.4(iii):

"**Compounded Daily €STR**" means, with respect to any Interest Period, the rate of return of a daily compound interest investment (with the daily euro short-term rate as reference rate for the calculation of interest) as calculated by the Calculation Agent as at the relevant Interest Determination Date in accordance with the following formula (and the resulting percentage will be rounded if necessary to the nearest fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards):

$$\left[\prod_{i=1}^{d_0} \left(1 + \frac{\text{€STR}_i \times n_i}{D} \right) - 1 \right] \times \frac{D}{d}$$

where:

"**d**" means the number of calendar days in:

- (i) where "Lag" is specified as the Observation Method in the relevant Final Terms, the relevant Interest Period; or

- (ii) where "Observation Shift" is specified as the Observation Method in the relevant Final Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

"**D**" means the number specified as such in the relevant Final Terms (or, if no such number is specified, 360);

"**d_o**" means the number of TARGET Settlement Days in:

- (i) where "Lag" is specified as the Observation Method in the relevant Final Terms, the relevant Interest Period; or
- (ii) where "Observation Shift" is specified as the Observation Method in the relevant Final Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

the "**€STR reference rate**", in respect of any TARGET Settlement Day, is a reference rate equal to the daily euro short-term rate ("**€STR**") for such TARGET Settlement Day as provided by the European Central Bank as the administrator of €STR (or any successor administrator of such rate) on the website of the European Central Bank (or, if no longer published on its website, as otherwise published by it or provided by it to authorised distributors and as then published on the Relevant Screen Page or, if the Relevant Screen Page is unavailable, as otherwise published by such authorised distributors) on the TARGET Settlement Day immediately following such TARGET Settlement Day (in each case, at the time specified by, or determined in accordance with, the applicable methodology, policies or guidelines, of the European Central Bank or the successor administrator of such rate);

"**€STR_i**" means the €STR reference rate for:

- (i) where "Lag" is specified as the Observation Method in the relevant Final Terms, the TARGET Settlement Day falling "p" TARGET Settlement Days prior to the relevant TARGET Settlement Day "i"; or
- (ii) where "Observation Shift" is specified as the Observation Method in the relevant Final Terms, the relevant TARGET Settlement Day "i".

"**i**" is a series of whole numbers from one to "d_o", each representing the relevant TARGET Settlement Day in chronological order from, and including, the first TARGET Settlement Day in:

- (i) where "Lag" is specified as the Observation Method in the relevant Final Terms, the relevant Interest Period; or
- (ii) where "Observation Shift" is specified as the Observation Method in the relevant Final Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

to, and including, the last TARGET Settlement Day in such period;

"**Interest Determination Date**" means, in respect of any Interest Period, the date falling "p" TARGET Settlement Days prior to the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Period (or the date falling "p" TARGET Settlement Days prior to such earlier date, if any, on which the Notes are due and payable);

"**n_i**" for any TARGET Settlement Day "i" in the relevant Interest Period or Observation Period (as applicable), means the number of calendar days from (and including) such TARGET Settlement Day "i" up to (but excluding) the following TARGET Settlement Day;

"**Observation Period**" means, in respect of any Interest Period, the period from (and including) the date falling "p" TARGET Settlement Days prior to the first day of the relevant Interest Period (and the first Interest Period shall begin on and include the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the date falling "p" TARGET Settlement Days prior to (A) (in the case of an Interest Period) the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Period or (B) such earlier date, if any, on which the Notes become due and payable; and

"**p**" for any latest Interest Period or Observation Period (as applicable), means the number of TARGET Settlement Days specified as the "Lag Period" or the "Observation Shift Period" (as applicable) in the relevant Final Terms or, if no such period is specified, five TARGET Settlement Days.

Subject to Condition 9.10 (*Benchmark Replacement*), if, where any Rate of Interest is to be calculated pursuant to this Condition 9.4(iii), in respect of any TARGET Settlement Day in respect of which an applicable €STR reference rate is required to be determined, such €STR reference rate is not made available on the Relevant Screen Page and has not otherwise been published by the relevant authorised distributors, then the €STR reference rate in respect of such TARGET Settlement Day shall be the €STR reference rate for the first preceding TARGET Settlement Day in respect of which €STR reference rate was published by the European Central Bank on its website, as determined by the Calculation Agent.

Subject to Condition 9.10 (*Benchmark Replacement*), if the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Condition 9.4(iii), the Rate of Interest shall be (A) that determined as at the last preceding Interest Determination Date (though substituting, where a different Margin is to be applied to the relevant Interest Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Period, the Margin relating to the relevant Interest Period, in place of the Margin relating to that last preceding Interest Period) or (B) if there is no such preceding Interest Determination Date, the initial Rate of Interest which would have been applicable to the Notes for the first Interest Period had the Notes been in issue for a period equal in duration to the scheduled first Interest Period but ending on (and excluding) the Interest Commencement Date (but applying the Margin applicable to the first Interest Period).

(iv) **Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes which are linked to SONIA Compounded Index**

This Condition 9.4(iv) is applicable to the Notes only if the Floating Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, Screen Rate Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined, and "Index Determination" is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable.

Where "Index Determination" is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be the compounded daily reference rate for the relevant Interest Period, calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\left(\frac{\text{Compounded Index End}}{\text{Compounded Index Start}} - 1 \right) \times \frac{\text{Numerator}}{d}$$

and rounded to the Relevant Decimal Place, plus or minus the Margin (if any), all as determined and calculated by the Calculation Agent, where:

"**Compounded Index Start**" means the SONIA Compounded Index value on the Start date;

"**d**" is the number of calendar days from (and including) the day on which the Compounded Index Start is determined to (but excluding) the day on which the Compounded Index End is determined;

"**End**" means the day falling the Relevant Number of Index Days prior to the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Period, or such other date on which the relevant payment of interest falls due (but which by its definition or the operation of the relevant provisions is excluded from such Interest Period);

"**Index Days**" means London Banking Days;

"**Numerator**" means 365;

"**Relevant Decimal Place**" shall, unless otherwise specified in the Final Terms, be the fifth decimal place, rounded up or down, if necessary (with 0.000005 being rounded upwards); and

"**Relevant Number**" is as specified in the applicable Final Terms, but, unless otherwise specified shall be five.

"**SONIA Compounded Index**" means the Compounded Daily SONIA rate as published at 10:00 (London time) by the Bank of England (or a successor administrator of SONIA) on the Bank of England's Interactive Statistical Database or on the Relevant Screen Page (if indicated in the relevant Final Terms), or any successor source;

"**Start**" means the day falling the Relevant Number of Index Days prior to the first day of the relevant Interest Period.

If, with respect to any Interest Period, the relevant rate is not published for the SONIA Compounded Index either on the Start or End date, then the Calculation Agent shall calculate the rate of interest for that Interest Period as if Index Determination was not specified in the applicable Final Terms and as if Compounded Daily SONIA had been specified instead in the Final Terms, and in each case "Observation Shift" had been specified as the Observation Method in the relevant Final Terms, and where the Observation Period for the purposes of that definition in Condition 9.4(ii) shall be deemed to be the same as the Relevant Number specified in the Final Terms and where the Relevant Screen Page will be determined by the Issuer. For the avoidance of doubt, if (i) a Benchmark Event has occurred, the provisions of Condition 9.10 (*Benchmark Replacement*) shall apply.

9.5 ISDA Determination

If ISDA Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined, the Rate of Interest applicable to the Notes for each Interest Period will be the sum of the Margin and the relevant ISDA Rate where "ISDA Rate" in relation to any Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) that would be determined by the Calculation Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Calculation Agent were acting as Calculation Agent for that interest rate swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the ISDA Definitions and under which:

- (i) the Floating Rate Option (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is as specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (ii) the Designated Maturity (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is a period specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (iii) the relevant Reset Date (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

9.6 Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest

If any Maximum Rate of Interest or Minimum Rate of Interest is specified in the applicable Final Terms, then the Rate of Interest shall in no event be greater than the maximum or be less than the minimum so specified.

9.7 Calculation of Interest Amount

The Calculation Agent will, as soon as practicable after the time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined in relation to each Interest Period, calculate the Interest Amount payable in respect of each Note for such Interest Period. The Interest Amount will be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period to the Calculation Amount during such Interest Period and multiplying the product by the relevant Day Count Fraction and rounding the resulting figure to the nearest sub-unit of the Specified currency (half a sub-unit being rounded upwards). For this purpose a "**sub-unit**" means, in the case of any currency other than Euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, in the case of Euro, means one cent. Where the Specified Denomination of a Floating Rate Note or CMS Linked Interest Note comprises more than one Calculation Amount, the Interest Amount payable in respect of such Note shall be the aggregate of the amounts (determined in the manner provided above) for each Calculation Amount comprising the Specified Denomination without any further rounding.

9.8 Publication

The Calculation Agent will cause each Rate of Interest and Interest Amount determined by it, together with the relevant Interest Payment Date, and any other amount(s) required to be determined by it together with any relevant payment date(s) to be notified to the Issuer, the Paying Agents and each competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system (if any) by which the Notes have then been admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation as soon as practicable after such determination but (in the case of each Rate of Interest, Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date) in any event not later than the first day of the relevant Interest Period. Notice thereof shall also promptly be given to the Noteholders. The Calculation Agent will be entitled to recalculate any Interest Amount (on the basis of the foregoing provisions) in the event of an extension or shortening of the relevant Interest Period. If the Calculation Amount is less than the minimum Specified Denomination the Calculation Agent shall not be obliged to publish each Interest Amount but instead may publish only the Calculation Amount and the Interest Amount in respect of a Note having the minimum Specified Denomination.

9.9 Notifications

All notifications, opinions, determinations, certificates, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of this Condition 9 (*Floating Rate and CMS Linked Interest Note Provisions*) by the Calculation Agent will (in the absence of manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Paying Agents, the Noteholders and the Couponholders and (subject as aforesaid) no liability to any such Person will attach to the Calculation Agent in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions for such purposes.

9.10 Benchmark Replacement

Notwithstanding the provisions in Conditions 6 (*Reset Rate Note Provisions*) and 9 (*Floating Rate Notes and CMS Linked Interest Note Provisions*), if the Issuer in consultation with the Agent (or the person specified in the applicable Final Terms as the party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest and the Interest Amount(s)) determines that a Benchmark Event has occurred in relation to an Original Reference Rate when any Rate of Interest (or the relevant component part thereof) remains to be determined by such Original Reference Rate, then the following provisions shall apply:

- (1) the Issuer shall use reasonable endeavours to appoint, as soon as reasonably practicable, an Independent Adviser to determine (acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner) a Successor Rate (as defined below) or, alternatively, if there is no Successor Rate, an Alternative Benchmark Rate no later than 5 Business Days prior to the Reset Determination Date or Interest Determination Date (as applicable) relating to the next succeeding Reset Period or Interest Period (as applicable) (the "**IA Determination Cut-off Date**") for purposes of determining the Rate of Interest applicable to the Notes for all future Reset Periods or Interest Periods (as applicable) (subject to the subsequent operation of this Condition 9.10 (*Benchmark Replacement*));
- (2) if the Issuer is unable to appoint an Independent Adviser, or the Independent Adviser appointed by it fails to determine a Successor Rate or an Alternative Benchmark Rate prior to the IA Determination Cut-off Date, then the Issuer (acting in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner) may determine a Successor Rate or, if there is no Successor Rate, an Alternative Benchmark Rate no later than 2 Business Days prior to the Reset Determination Date or Interest Determination Date (as applicable) relating to the next succeeding Reset Period or Interest Period (as applicable);
- (3) if a Successor Rate or, failing which, an Alternative Benchmark Rate is determined in accordance with the preceding provisions, such Successor Rate or, failing which, Alternative Benchmark Rate shall be the Reference Rate or Mid-Swap Benchmark Rate (as applicable) in relation to the Notes for all future Reset Periods or Interest Periods (as applicable) (subject to the subsequent operation of this Condition 9.10 (*Benchmark Replacement*)); *provided, however*, that if sub-paragraph (2) applies and the Issuer is unable or unwilling to determine a Successor Rate or an Alternative Benchmark Rate prior to the Reset Determination Date or Interest Determination Date (as applicable) relating to the next succeeding Reset Period or Interest Period (as applicable), the Rate of Interest applicable to such next succeeding Reset Period or Interest Period shall be equal to the Rate of Interest last determined in relation to the Notes in respect of a preceding Reset Period or Interest Period as applicable (which may be the Initial Rate of Interest) (though substituting, where a different Margin is to be applied to the relevant Reset Period or Interest Period from that which applied to the last preceding Reset Period or Interest Period, the Margin relating to the relevant Reset Period or Interest Period, in place of the Margin relating to that last preceding Reset Period or Interest Period); for the avoidance of doubt, the proviso in this sub-paragraph (3) shall apply to the relevant Interest Period or Reset Period (as applicable) only and any subsequent Interest Periods or Reset Periods (as applicable) are subject to the subsequent operation of, and to adjustment as provided in, this Condition 9.10 (*Benchmark Replacement*);
- (4) if the Independent Adviser or the Issuer determines a Successor Rate or, failing which, an Alternative Benchmark Rate in accordance with the above provisions, the Independent Adviser or the Issuer (as the case may be) may also, following consultation with the Agent (or the person specified in the applicable Final Terms as the party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest and the Interest Amount(s)), specify changes to the Day Count Fraction, Relevant Screen Page, Business Day Convention, Business Days, Reset Determination Date, Interest Determination Date and/or the definition of Mid Swap Benchmark Rate or Reference Rate applicable to the Notes, and the method for determining the fallback rate in relation to the Notes,

in order to follow market practice in relation to the Successor Rate or the Alternative Benchmark Rate, which changes shall apply to the Notes for all future Reset Periods or Interest Periods (as applicable) (subject to the subsequent operation of this Condition 9.10 (*Benchmark Replacement*)). If the Independent Adviser (in consultation with the Issuer) or the Issuer (as applicable), determines that an Adjustment Spread is required to be applied to the Successor Rate or the Alternative Benchmark Rate (as applicable) and determines the quantum of, or a formula or methodology for determining, such Adjustment Spread, then such Adjustment Spread shall be applied to the Successor Rate or the Alternative Benchmark Rate (as applicable). If the Independent Adviser or the Issuer (as applicable) is unable to determine the quantum of, or a formula or methodology for determining, such Adjustment Spread, then such Successor Rate or Alternative Benchmark Rate (as applicable) will apply without an Adjustment Spread. For the avoidance of doubt, the Agent shall, at the direction and expense of the Issuer, effect such consequential amendments to the Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form and these Conditions as may be required in order to give effect to this Condition 9.10 (*Benchmark Replacement*). No Noteholder consent shall be required in connection with effecting the Successor Rate or Alternative Benchmark Rate (as applicable) or such other changes, including for the execution of any documents or other steps by the Agent (if required); and

- (5) following the determination of any Successor Rate or Alternative Benchmark Rate, the Issuer shall promptly give notice thereof and of any changes pursuant to subparagraph (4) above to the Agent and the Noteholders.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Condition 9.10 (*Benchmark Replacement*): (i) no Successor Rate or Alternative Benchmark Rate (as applicable) will be adopted, and no other amendments to the terms of the Notes will be made pursuant to this Condition 9.10 (*Benchmark Replacement*), if and to the extent that, in the determination of the Issuer, the same could reasonably be expected to prejudice the qualification of the Notes as: (A) in the case of Senior Notes or Senior Non-Preferred Notes, satisfying the MREL Requirements; (B) in the case of Subordinated Notes, Tier 2 Capital for regulatory capital purposes of the Issuer and/or the Group; (C) in the case of Additional Tier 1 Notes, Tier 1 Capital for regulatory capital purposes of the Issuer and/or the Group; and/or (ii) in the case of Senior Notes and Senior Non-Preferred Notes only, no Successor Rate or Alternative Benchmark Rate (as applicable) will be adopted, and no other amendments to the terms of the Notes will be made pursuant to this Condition 9.10 (*Benchmark Replacement*), if and to the extent that, in the determination of the Issuer, the same could reasonably be expected to result in the Relevant Authority or, if applicable, the Relevant Resolution Authority treating a Reset Date or an Interest Payment Date as the effective maturity of the Notes, rather than the relevant Maturity Date.

For the purposes of this Condition 9.10 (*Benchmark Replacement*):

"**Adjustment Spread**" means a spread (which may be positive or negative) or formula or methodology for calculating a spread, which the Independent Adviser (in consultation with the Issuer) or the Issuer (as applicable), determines and is the spread, formula or methodology which:

- (i) in the case of a Successor Rate, is formally recommended in relation to the replacement of the Original Reference Rate with the Successor Rate by any Relevant Nominating Body; or
- (ii) in the case of a Successor Rate for which no such recommendation has been made or in the case of an Alternative Benchmark Rate, the Independent Adviser (in consultation with the Issuer) or the Issuer (as applicable) determines is recognised or acknowledged as being in customary market usage in international debt capital markets transactions which reference the Original Reference Rate, where such rate has been replaced by the Successor Rate or the Alternative Benchmark Rate (as applicable); or (if the Independent Adviser or the Issuer, as applicable, determines that no such spread is in customary market usage) the Independent Adviser (in consultation with the Issuer) or the Issuer (as applicable) determines is recognised or acknowledged as being the industry standard for over-the-counter derivative transactions which reference the Original Reference Rate, where such rate has been replaced by the Successor Rate or the Alternative Benchmark Rate (as the case may be).

"**Alternative Benchmark Rate**" means the rate that the Independent Adviser or the Issuer (as applicable) determines has replaced the Original Reference Rate in customary market usage in the international debt capital markets for the purposes of determining rates of interest in respect of Eurobonds denominated in the Specified Currency and of a comparable duration to the relevant Interest Period or Reset Period (as applicable), or, if the Independent Adviser or the Issuer (as applicable) determines that there is no such

rate, such other rate as the Independent Adviser or the Issuer (as applicable) determines in its discretion (acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner) is most comparable to the Original Reference Rate.

"Benchmark Event" means:

- (i) the Original Reference Rate ceasing to be published for a period of at least 5 Business Days or ceasing to exist or being subject to a material change;
- (ii) a public statement by the administrator of the Original Reference Rate that it will cease publishing the Original Reference Rate permanently or indefinitely (in circumstances where no successor administrator has been appointed that will continue publication of the Original Reference Rate), *provided that* a Benchmark Event will occur on the date which is the later of (a) the date of the public statement referenced herein and (b) the date on which the administrator ceases publishing the Original Reference Rate permanently or indefinitely; or
- (iii) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the Original Reference Rate, that the Original Reference Rate has been or will be permanently or indefinitely discontinued, *provided that* a Benchmark Event will occur on the date which is the later of (a) the date of the public statement referenced herein and (b) the date on which the Original Reference Rate has been permanently or indefinitely discontinued; or
- (iv) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the Original Reference Rate that the Original Reference Rate is no longer representative of its relevant underlying market; or
- (v) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the Original Reference Rate, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator of the Original Reference Rate, a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator of the Original Reference Rate or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator of the Original Reference Rate, which states that the administrator of the Original Reference Rate has ceased or will, within a specified period of time, cease to provide the Original Reference Rate permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of cessation, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the Original Reference Rate and *further provided that* a Benchmark Event will occur on the date which is the later of (a) the date of the public statement referenced herein and (b) the date on which the administrator ceases to provide the Original Reference Rate permanently or indefinitely;
- (vi) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the Original Reference Rate as a consequence of which the Original Reference Rate will be prohibited from being used or that its use will be subject to restrictions or adverse consequences either generally, or in respect of the Notes *provided that* a Benchmark Event will occur on the date which is the later of (a) the date of the public statement referenced herein and (b) the date on which the Original Reference Rate is prohibited from being used or its use is subject to restrictions or adverse consequences either generally, or in respect of the Notes; or
- (vii) it has become unlawful (including, without limitation, under the EU Benchmark Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/1011), as amended from time to time, if applicable) for any Paying Agent, Calculation Agent or the Issuer to calculate any payments due to be made to any Noteholder using the Original Reference Rate.

"Independent Adviser" means an independent financial institution of international repute or other independent financial adviser experienced in the international capital markets, in each case appointed by the Issuer at its own expense.

"Original Reference Rate" means:

- (i) the originally-specified benchmark or screen rate (as applicable) used to determine the Rate of Interest (or any component part thereof) on the Notes as specified in the applicable Final Terms.
- (ii) any Successor Rate or Alternative Benchmark Rate which has been determined in relation to such benchmark or screen rate (as applicable) pursuant to the operation of this Condition 9.10 (*Benchmark Replacement*).

"Relevant Nominating Body" means, in respect of a reference rate or mid-swap floating leg benchmark rate:

- (i) the central bank for the currency to which the reference rate or mid swap floating leg benchmark rate relates, or any central bank or other supervisory authority which is responsible for supervising the administrator of the reference rate or mid swap floating leg benchmark rate; or
- (ii) any working group or committee sponsored by, chaired or co-chaired by or constituted at the request of (a) the central bank for the currency to which the reference rate or mid swap floating leg benchmark rate relates, (b) any central bank or other supervisory authority which is responsible for supervising the administrator of the reference rate or mid-swap floating leg benchmark rate, (c) a group of the aforementioned central banks or other supervisory authorities, or (d) the Financial Stability Board or any part thereof; and

"**Successor Rate**" means the rate that the Independent Adviser or the Issuer (as applicable) determines is a successor to or replacement of the Reference Rate or Mid-Swap Benchmark Rate (as applicable) which is formally recommended by any Relevant Nominating Body.

10. CHANGE OF INTEREST BASIS

If Change of Interest Basis is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the interest payable in respect of the Notes will be calculated in accordance with Condition 7 (*Fixed Rate Note Provisions*) or Condition 9 (*Floating Rate and CMS Linked Interest Note Provisions*), each applicable only for the relevant periods specified in the applicable Final Terms.

If Change of Interest Basis is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, and Issuer's Switch Option is also specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may, on one or more occasions, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, at its option (any such option, a "**Switch Option**"), having given notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 20 (*Notices*) on or prior to the relevant Switch Option Expiry Date, change the Interest Basis of the Notes from Fixed Rate to Floating Rate or Floating Rate to Fixed Rate or as otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms with effect from (and including) the Switch Option Effective Date specified in the applicable Final Terms (including different Fixed Rates or Floating Rates in respect of Fixed Rate Notes or Floating Rate Notes respectively) to (but excluding) the Maturity Date (or, where more than one Switch Option Effective Date is specified in the applicable Final Terms, up to and excluding the next following Switch Option Effective Date), *provided that* (A) the Switch Option may be exercised only in respect of all the outstanding Notes, (B) upon exercise of a Switch Option, the Interest Basis change will be effective from (and including) the relevant Switch Option Effective Date until the Maturity Date (or, where more than one Switch Option Effective Date is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, up to and excluding the next following Switch Option Effective Date to the extent the related Switch Option is exercised), and (C) where a Switch Option has not been exercised prior to the relevant Switch Option Expiry Date, the Issuer shall no longer be entitled to exercise such Switch Option and the Interest Basis shall not change.

"**Switch Option Expiry Date**" and "**Switch Option Effective Date**" shall mean any date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms *provided that* any date specified in the applicable Final Terms as a Switch Option Effective Date shall be deemed as such subject to the exercise of the relevant Switch Option having been notified by the Issuer pursuant to this Condition and in accordance with Condition 20 (*Notices*) prior to the relevant Switch Option Expiry Date.

11. ZERO COUPON NOTES PROVISIONS

11.1 Application

This Condition 11 (*Zero Coupon Note Provisions*) is applicable to the Notes only if the Zero Coupon Note Provisions are specified in the applicable Final Terms as being applicable.

11.2 Late Payment on Zero Coupon Notes

If the Redemption Amount payable in respect of any Zero-Coupon Note is improperly withheld or refused, the Redemption Amount shall thereafter be an amount equal to the sum of:

- (i) the Reference Price; and
- (ii) the product of the Accrual Yield (compounded annually) being applied to the Reference Price on the basis of the relevant Day Count Fraction from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) whichever is the earlier of (a) the day on which all amounts due in respect of such Note up to that day are received by or on behalf of the relevant Noteholder and (b) the day falling seven calendar days after the Agent has notified the Noteholders of receipt of all sums

due in respect of all Notes up to that seventh calendar day (except to the extent that there is any subsequent default in payment in accordance with these Conditions) in accordance with Condition 20 (*Notices*).

12. INTEREST AND INTEREST CANCELLATION PROVISIONS IN RESPECT OF ADDITIONAL TIER 1 NOTES

12.1 Application

This Condition 12 (*Interest and Interest Cancellation Provisions in respect of Additional Tier 1 Notes*) is applicable to the Additional Tier 1 Notes only. The application of Condition 6 (*Interest*) to Additional Tier 1 Notes is subject to this Condition 12.

12.2 Calculation of Interest Amount

Subject to Condition 12.5 (*Cancellation of Interest Amounts*) and Condition 14 (*Payments*), the amount of interest payable in respect of an Additional Tier 1 Note for any period shall be calculated by the Calculation Agent by:

- (a) applying the applicable Rate of Interest to the Prevailing Principal Amount of such Additional Tier 1 Note;
- (b) multiplying the product thereof by the Day Count Fraction; and
- (c) rounding the resulting figure to the nearest cent (half a cent being rounded upwards).

12.3 Calculation of Interest Amount in case of Write-Down

Subject to Condition 12.5 (*Cancellation of Interest Amounts*), in the event that a Write-Down occurs during an Interest Period, any accrued and unpaid interest shall be cancelled pursuant to Condition 13.2(c) (*Loss absorption*) and the Interest Amount payable on the Interest Payment Date immediately following such Interest Period shall be calculated in accordance with Condition 12.2 (*Calculation of Interest Amount*), provided that the Day Count Fraction shall be determined as if such Interest Period started on, and included, the Write-Down Effective Date.

12.4 Calculation of Interest Amount in case of Write-Up

Subject to Condition 12.5 (*Cancellation of Interest Amounts*), in the event that a Write-Up occurs during an Interest Period, the Interest Amount payable on the Interest Payment Date immediately following such Interest Period shall be calculated as the sum (rounding the resulting figure to the nearest cent, with half a cent being rounded upwards) of the following:

- (a) the product of the applicable Rate of Interest, the Prevailing Principal Amount before such Write-Up, and the Day Count Fraction (determined as if the Interest Period ended on, but excluded, the date of such Write-Up); and
- (b) the product of the applicable Rate of Interest, the Prevailing Principal Amount after such Write-Up, and the Day Count Fraction (determined as if the Interest Period started on, and included, the date of such Write-Up).

12.5 Cancellation of Interest Amounts

The Issuer may at any time elect at its full discretion to cancel (in whole or in part) for an unlimited period and on a non-cumulative basis the Interest Amounts otherwise scheduled to be paid on an Interest Payment Date.

Without prejudice to (i) such full discretion of the Issuer to cancel the Interest Amounts and (ii) the prohibition on making payments on the Additional Tier 1 Notes pursuant to any provisions of Italian law implementing Article 141(2) of the CRD IV, as amended or replaced and, if relevant, in any other similar payment restriction provision(s) under the Applicable Banking Regulations, before the Maximum Distributable Amount is calculated, payment of Interest Amounts on any Interest Payment Date must be cancelled (in whole or, as the case may be, in part) if and to the extent that such Interest Amounts:

- (a) when aggregated together with distributions on all other Own Funds instruments of the Issuer (excluding Tier 2 Capital instruments) paid or scheduled for payment in the then current

financial year and any potential write-ups exceed the amount of Distributable Items, excluding any payments already accounted for in determining the Distributable Items; and/or

- (b) when aggregated together with other distributions of the Issuer or the Group, as applicable, of the kind referred to in Article 141(2) of the CRD IV and, if relevant, in any other similar payment restriction provision(s) under the Applicable Banking Regulations (or, if different, any provisions of Italian law implementing Article 141(2) of the CRD IV, as amended or replaced) and, if relevant, such other provision(s) and the amount of any write-up (if applicable), would, if paid, cause the Maximum Distributable Amount (if any) then applicable to the Issuer and/or the Group to be exceeded; and/or
- (c) are required to be cancelled (in whole or in part) by an order to the Issuer from the Relevant Authority.

As set out in Condition 13.2 (*Loss absorption*), if a Contingency Event occurs, accrued and unpaid interest to (but excluding) the Write-Down Effective Date shall be cancelled.

Notice of any cancellation of payment of a scheduled Interest Amount must be given to the Noteholders (in accordance with Condition 20 (*Notices*)) and the Agent as soon as possible, but not more than 60 calendar days, prior to the relevant Interest Payment Date. Such notice shall specify the amount of the relevant cancellation. Any failure by the Issuer to give such notice shall not affect the validity of the cancellation and shall not constitute a default for any purpose. In the absence of any notice of cancellation being given, the fact of non-payment (in whole or in part) of the relevant Interest Amount on the relevant Interest Payment Date shall be evidence of the Issuer having elected or being required to cancel such distributions payment in whole or in part, as applicable.

For the avoidance of doubt (i) the cancellation of any Interest Amounts in accordance with this Condition 12.5 (*Cancellation of Interest Amounts*) or Condition 13.2 (*Loss absorption*) shall not constitute a default for any purpose on the part of the Issuer and (ii) interest on the Additional Tier 1 Notes is not cumulative and any Interest Amounts that the Issuer elects not to pay or is prohibited from paying will not accumulate or compound and all rights and claims in respect of such amounts shall be fully and irrevocably forfeited and no payments shall be made nor shall any Noteholder be entitled to any payment or indemnity in respect thereof.

For the purposes of this Condition, "**Distributable Items**" means, subject as otherwise defined in the Applicable Banking Regulations from time to time, in relation to interest otherwise scheduled to be paid on an Interest Payment Date:

- (a) an amount equal to the Issuer's profits at the end of the financial year immediately preceding the financial year in which the relevant Interest Payment Date falls plus any profits brought forward and reserves available for that purpose before distributions to holders of Own Funds instruments (which, for the avoidance of doubt, excludes any such distributions paid or made on Tier 2 Capital instruments or any such distributions which have already been provided for, by way of deduction, in calculating the amount of Distributable Items); less
- (b) an amount equal to any losses brought forward, any profits which are non-distributable pursuant to applicable European Union or Italian law or the by-laws of the Issuer from time to time and any sums placed to non-distributable reserves in accordance with applicable Italian law or the by-laws of the Issuer from time to time, in each case with respect to the specific category of Own Funds instruments to which European Union or Italian law or the by-laws of the Issuer or statutes relate,

those profits, losses and reserves being determined on the basis of the Issuer's non-consolidated accounts.

Notwithstanding the above, the determination of Distributable Items shall be based on the Applicable Banking Regulations at the time of the determination and, accordingly, only those amounts shall be added or deducted that may be added or have to be deducted (as the case may be) for the purposes of determining the amounts distributable on Additional Tier 1 Capital under the Applicable Banking Regulations.

12.6 No restriction following cancellation of Interest Amounts

In the event that the Issuer exercises its discretion not to pay interest or is prohibited from paying interest on any Interest Payment Date, it will not give rise to any contractual restriction on the Issuer making

distributions or any other payments to the holders of any securities ranking *pari passu* with, or junior to, the Additional Tier 1 Notes (or, for the avoidance of doubt, Tier 2 Capital instruments).

13. LOSS ABSORPTION AND REINSTATEMENT OF PRINCIPAL AMOUNT

13.1 Application

This Condition 13 (*Loss Absorption and Reinstatement of Principal Amount*) is applicable to the Additional Tier 1 Notes only. The application of Condition 6 (*Interest*) to Additional Tier 1 Notes is subject to this Condition 13.

13.2 Loss absorption

If, at any time, the Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Ratio of the Issuer or the Group falls below 5.125% ("**Contingency Event**"), the Issuer shall:

- (a) immediately notify the Relevant Authority of the occurrence of the relevant Contingency Event;
- (b) as soon as reasonably practicable deliver a Loss Absorption Event Notice to Noteholders (in accordance with Condition 20 (*Notices*)), the Agent and the Paying Agents (*provided that* failure or delay in delivering a Loss Absorption Event Notice shall not constitute a default for any purpose or in any way impact on the effectiveness of, or otherwise invalidate, any Write-Down);
- (c) cancel any accrued and unpaid interest up to (but excluding) the Write-Down Effective Date; and
- (d) without delay, and in any event within one month (or such shorter period as the Relevant Authority may require) from the determination that the relevant Contingency Event has occurred, reduce the then Prevailing Principal Amount of each Additional Tier 1 Note by the Write-Down Amount (such reduction being referred to as a **Write-Down** and **Written Down** being construed accordingly).

Whether a Contingency Event has occurred at any time shall be determined by the Issuer, the Relevant Authority or any agent appointed for such purpose by the Relevant Authority.

For the avoidance of doubt, even if the cancellation of interest pursuant to Condition 13.2(c) (*Loss absorption*) would cure the relevant Contingency Event, the relevant Write-Down shall occur in any event and any increase in the Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Ratio as a result of such cancellation of interest shall be disregarded for the purpose of calculating the relevant Write-Down Amount in respect of such Contingency Event.

Any Write-Down of an Additional Tier 1 Note will be effected, save as may otherwise be required by the Relevant Authority and subject as otherwise provided in these Conditions, *pro rata* with the Write-Down of other Additional Tier 1 Notes and with the concurrent (or substantially concurrent) write-down (or write-off) or conversion into Ordinary Shares, as the case may be, of any Equal Loss Absorbing Instruments (based on the prevailing amount of the relevant Equal Loss Absorbing Instrument). To the extent possible, the write-down (or write-off) or conversion into Ordinary Shares of any Prior Loss Absorbing Instruments will be taken into account in the calculation of the Write Down Amount, and of the amount of write-down (or write-off) or conversion into Ordinary Shares of any Equal Loss Absorbing Instruments, required to cure the relevant Contingency Event.

A Write-Down may occur on more than one occasion and the Additional Tier 1 Notes may be Written Down on more than one occasion.

Any Loss Absorption Event Notice delivered to the Agent must be accompanied by a certificate signed by the Authorised Signatories stating that the Contingency Event has occurred and setting out the method of calculation of the relevant Write-Down Amount.

The Agent is not responsible, nor shall it incur any liability, for monitoring or ascertaining as to whether any certifications required by this provision are provided, nor shall it be required to review, check or analyse any certifications produced nor shall it be responsible for the contents of any such certifications or incur any liability in the event the content of such certifications are inaccurate or incorrect.

In respect of any Write-Down, to the extent the write-down (or write-off) or conversion into Ordinary Shares of any Loss Absorbing Instrument is not, or within one month (or such shorter period as the Relevant Authority may require) from the determination that the relevant Contingency Event has occurred will not be, effective for any reason (i) the ineffectiveness of any such write-down (or write-off) or conversion into Ordinary Shares of any Loss Absorbing Instrument shall not prejudice the requirement to effect the Write-Down of the Additional Tier 1 Notes pursuant to this Condition 13.2 (*Loss absorption*); and (ii) such write-down (or write-off) or conversion into Ordinary Shares shall not be taken into account in calculating the Write-Down Amount in respect of such Write-Down. For the avoidance of doubt, the write-down (or write-off) or conversion into Ordinary Shares of any Loss Absorbing Instrument will only be taken into account in the calculation of the Write-Down Amount to the extent (and in the amount, if any) that such Loss Absorbing Instrument can actually be written-down (or written-off) or converted into Ordinary Shares in the relevant circumstances within one month (or such shorter period as the Relevant Authority may require) from the determination that the relevant Contingency Event has occurred.

If, in connection with a Write-Down or the calculation of a Write-Down Amount, there are outstanding any Loss Absorbing Instruments the terms of which provide that they shall be written-down (or written-off) or converted into Ordinary Shares in full and not in part only ("**Full Loss Absorbing Instruments**") then:

- (A) the requirement that a Write-Down of the Additional Tier 1 Notes shall be effected *pro rata* with the write-down (or write-off) or conversion into Ordinary Shares, as the case may be, of any such Loss Absorbing Instruments shall not be construed as requiring the Additional Tier 1 Notes to be Written-Down in full (or in full save for the sub-unit floor) simply by virtue of the fact that such Full Loss Absorbing Instruments will be written-down (or written-off) or converted in full; and
- (B) for the purposes of calculating the Write-Down Amount, the Full Loss Absorbing Instruments will be treated (for the purposes only of determining the write-down (or write-off) of principal or conversion into Ordinary Shares, as the case may be, among the Additional Tier 1 Notes and such other Loss Absorbing Instruments on a *pro rata basis*) as if their terms permitted partial write-down (or write-off) or conversion into Ordinary Shares, such that the write-down (or write-off) or conversion into Ordinary Shares of such Full Loss Absorbing Instruments shall be deemed to occur in two concurrent stages: (a) *first*, the principal amount of such Full Loss Absorbing Instruments shall be written-down (or written-off) or converted into Ordinary Shares *pro rata* with the Additional Tier 1 Notes and all other Loss Absorbing Instruments (in each case subject to and as provided in the preceding paragraph) to the extent necessary to cure the relevant Contingency Event; and (b) *secondly*, the balance (if any) of the principal amount of such Full Loss Absorbing Instruments remaining following (a) above shall be written-down (or written-off) or converted into Ordinary Shares, as the case may be, with the effect of increasing the Issuer's and/or the Group's, as the case may be, Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Ratio above the minimum required level under (A) above.

13.3 Consequences of loss absorption

Following the giving of a Loss Absorption Event Notice which specifies a Write-Down of the Additional Tier 1 Notes, the Issuer shall procure that:

- (a) a similar notice is, or has been, given in respect of each Loss Absorbing Instrument (in accordance with, and to the extent required by, its terms); and
- (b) the prevailing principal amount of each Loss Absorbing Instrument outstanding (other than the Additional Tier 1 Notes) (if any) is written down (or written-off) or converted, as appropriate, in accordance with its terms prior to or, as appropriate, as soon as reasonably practicable following the giving of such Loss Absorption Event Notice,

*provided, however, that any failure by the Issuer either to give such a notice or to procure such a write down and/or conversion will not affect the effectiveness of, or otherwise invalidate, any Write Down of the Notes pursuant to Condition 13.2 (*Loss absorption*) or give Noteholders any rights as a result of either such failure (and, for the avoidance of doubt, the Write Down Amount may increase as a result thereof).*

13.4 Reinstatement of principal amount

If both a positive Net Banking Income and a positive Consolidated Net Banking Income are recorded at any time while the Prevailing Principal Amount of the Additional Tier 1 Notes is less than their Initial Principal Amount, the Issuer may, at its full discretion and subject to the Maximum Distributable Amount (if any) (when the amount of the Write-Up is aggregated together with other distributions of the Issuer or the Group, as applicable, of the kind referred to in Article 141(2) of the CRD IV and, if relevant, in any other similar payment restriction provision(s) under the Applicable Banking Regulations (or, if different, any provision of Italian law implementing Article 141(2) of the CRD IV, as amended or replaced, or if relevant, such other provision(s))) not being exceeded thereby, increase the Prevailing Principal Amount of each Note (a "**Write-Up**") up to a maximum of the Initial Principal Amount, on a *pro rata basis* with the other Additional Tier 1 Notes and with any Written-Down Additional Tier 1 Instruments that have terms permitting a principal write-up to occur on a basis similar to that set out in this Condition 13.4 in the circumstances existing on the date of the relevant Write-Up (based on their prevailing principal amounts), *provided that* the sum of:

- (i) the aggregate amount of the relevant Write-Up on all the Additional Tier 1 Notes (aggregated with the aggregate amounts of any other Write-Ups out of the same Relevant Net Banking Income);
- (ii) the aggregate amount of any interest payments on the Additional Tier 1 Notes that were paid on the basis of a Prevailing Principal Amount lower than the Initial Principal Amount at any time after the end of the previous financial year,
- (iii) the aggregate amount of the increase in principal amount of each such Written-Down Additional Tier 1 Instrument at the time of the relevant Write-Up; and
- (iv) the aggregate amount of any interest payments on each such Written-Down Additional Tier 1 Instrument that were calculated or paid on the basis of a prevailing principal amount that is lower than the principal amount it was issued with at any time after the end of the previous financial year,

does not exceed the Maximum Write-Up Amount.

The Issuer will not reinstate the principal amount of any Written-Down Additional Tier 1 Instruments of the Issuer that have terms permitting a principal write-up to occur on a similar basis to that set out in this Condition 13.4 unless it does so on a *pro rata basis* with a Write-Up on the Additional Tier 1 Notes.

A Write-Up may be made on one or more occasions in accordance with this Condition 13.4 until the Prevailing Principal Amount of the Additional Tier 1 Notes has been reinstated to the Initial Principal Amount. No Write-Up shall be operated (i) whilst a Contingency Event has occurred and is continuing, or (ii) where any such Write-Up (together with the write-up of all other Written-Down Additional Tier 1 Instruments) would cause a Contingency Event to occur.

Any decision by the Issuer to effect or not to effect any Write-Up pursuant to this Condition 13.4 on any occasion shall not preclude it from effecting or not effecting any Write-Up on any other occasion pursuant to this Condition 13.4.

If the Issuer decides to Write-Up the Additional Tier 1 Notes pursuant to this Condition 13.4, it shall deliver a notice (a "**Write-Up Notice**") specifying the amount of any Write-Up (as a percentage of the Initial Principal Amount of an Additional Tier 1 Note resulting in a *pro rata* increase in the Prevailing Principal Amount of each Additional Tier 1 Note) and the date on which such Write-Up shall take effect shall be given to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 20 (*Notices*) and to the Agent. Such Write-Up Notice shall be given at least 10 Business Days prior to the date on which the relevant Write-Up becomes effective.

14. PAYMENTS

14.1 Payments in respect of Notes

Payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes will be made against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of a partial payment, endorsement) of Notes or the appropriate Coupons (as the case may be) at the Specified Office of any Paying Agent outside the United States by cheque drawn in the currency in which the payment is due on or by transfer to an account denominated in that currency (or, if that currency is Euro, any other account to which Euro may be credited or transferred) and maintained by the

payee with a bank in the Principal Financial Centre of that currency (in the case of a sterling cheque, a town clearing branch of a bank in the City of London). Payments of interest due in respect of any Note other than on presentation and surrender of matured Coupons shall be made only against presentation and either surrender or endorsement (as appropriate) of the relevant Note.

14.2 Payments in New York City

Payments of principal or interest may be made at the Specified Office of a Paying Agent in New York City if (i) the Issuer has appointed Paying Agents outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents will be able to make payment of the full amount of the interest on the Notes in the currency in which the payment is due when due, (ii) payment of the full amount of such interest at the offices of all such Paying Agents is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions and (iii) payment is permitted by applicable United States law.

14.3 Payments subject to applicable laws

All payments in respect of the Notes made in accordance with these Conditions shall be subject to:

- (i) any fiscal or other laws, regulations and directives applicable thereto; and
- (ii) any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "**Code**") or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, any official interpretations thereof, any intergovernmental agreement in place between the United States and another jurisdiction facilitating the implementation thereof, or (without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 16 (*Taxation*)) any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto,

but, in each case, without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 16 (*Taxation*).

No commissions or expenses shall be charged to the Noteholders or Couponholders in respect of such payments.

14.4 Surrender of unmatured Coupons

If the applicable Final Terms specifies that the Fixed Rate Note Provisions are applicable and a Note is presented without all unmatured Coupons relating thereto:

- (i) if the aggregate amount of the missing Coupons is less than or equal to the amount of principal due for payment, a sum equal to the aggregate amount of the missing Coupons will be deducted from the amount of principal due for payment; *provided, however*, that if the gross amount available for payment is less than the amount of principal due for payment, the sum deducted will be that proportion of the aggregate amount of such missing Coupons which the gross amount actually available for payment bears to the amount of principal due for payment;
- (ii) if the aggregate amount of the missing Coupons is greater than the amount of principal due for payment:
 - (a) so many of such missing Coupons shall become void (in inverse order of maturity) as will result in the aggregate amount of the remainder of such missing Coupons (the "**Relevant Coupons**") being equal to the amount of principal due for payment; *provided, however*, that where this sub-paragraph would otherwise require a fraction of a missing Coupon to become void, such missing Coupon shall become void in its entirety; and
 - (b) a sum equal to the aggregate amount of the Relevant Coupons (or, if less, the amount of principal due for payment) will be deducted from the amount of principal due for payment; *provided, however*, that, if the gross amount available for payment is less than the amount of principal due for payment, the sum deducted will be that proportion of the aggregate amount of the Relevant Coupons (or, as the case may be, the amount of principal due for payment) which the gross amount actually available for payment bears to the amount of principal due for payment.

Each sum of principal so deducted shall be paid in the manner provided in paragraph (i) above against presentation and (*provided that* payment is made in full) surrender of the relevant missing Coupons.

14.5 Unmatured Coupons void

If the applicable Final Terms specifies that this Condition 14.5 (*Unmatured Coupons void*) is applicable or that the Floating Rate Note Provisions or CMS Linked Interest Note Provisions are applicable, on the due date for final redemption of any Note or early redemption in whole of such Note pursuant to Condition 15.3 (*Redemption for Taxation Reasons*), Condition 15.4 (*Redemption for Regulatory Reasons*), Condition 15.5 (*Redemption at the Option of the Issuer*), Condition 15.10 (*Issuer Call due to a MREL Disqualification Event*), Condition 15.11 (*Redemption at the Option of Noteholders*) or Condition 19 (*Events of Default*), all unmatured Coupons relating thereto (whether or not still attached) shall become void and no payment will be made in respect thereof.

14.6 Payments on a Business Day

A Note or Coupon may only be presented for payment on a day which is a Payment Business Day in the place of presentation. If the due date for payment in respect of any Note or Coupon is not a Payment Business Day in the place of presentation, the holder will not be entitled to payment of the amount due until the next succeeding Payment Business Day and no further interest or other payment will be made as a consequence of the day on which the relevant Note or Coupon may be presented for payment under Condition 14 (*Payments*) falling after the due date.

14.7 Agents

The initial Paying Agents and their initial Specified Offices are listed below. The initial Calculation Agent (if any) is specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Issuer reserves the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent, appoint additional or other Paying Agents and appoint a successor issuing and principal paying agent or Calculation Agent, provided it will at all times maintain:

- (i) an Agent;
- (ii) if a Calculation Agent is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer shall at all times maintain a Calculation Agent; and
- (iii) for so long as the Notes are listed on any stock exchange or admitted to trading by any relevant authority, a Paying Agent (which may be the Agent) having its Specified Office in such place as may be required by applicable laws and regulations or the rules and regulations of the relevant stock exchange.

Notice of any change in the Paying Agents or their Specified Offices will promptly be given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 20 (*Notices*).

14.8 Partial Payments

If a Paying Agent makes a partial payment in respect of any Note or Coupon presented to it for payment, such Paying Agent will endorse thereon a statement indicating the amount and date of such payment.

14.9 Exchange of Talons

On or after the maturity date of the final Coupon which is (or was at the time of issue) attached to the Notes, the Talon attached to such Note may be exchanged at the Specified Office of the Agent for further Coupons, as the case may be including, if appropriate, a further Talon but excluding any Coupons in respect of which claims have already become void pursuant to Condition 17 (*Prescription*). Upon the due date for redemption of any Note, any unexchanged Talon relating to such Note shall become void and no Coupon will be delivered in respect of such Talon.

15. REDEMPTION AND PURCHASE

15.1 Final Redemption

This Condition 15.1 applies only to any Notes other than the Notes specified in the applicable Final Terms as being Additional Tier 1 Notes.

Unless previously redeemed, or purchased and cancelled as provided below, the Notes will be redeemed at their Final Redemption Amount on the Maturity Date, subject as provided in Condition 15.8 (*Redemption of Subordinated Notes and Additional Tier 1 Notes*) and Condition 14 (*Payments*).

15.2 No fixed redemption for the Additional Tier 1 Notes

This Condition 15.2 applies only to Notes specified in the applicable Final Terms as being Additional Tier 1 Notes.

The Additional Tier 1 Notes have no fixed redemption date and may not be redeemed otherwise than in accordance with this Condition 15.2.

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as provided below, the Additional Tier 1 Notes will become repayable on the date on which voluntary or involuntary winding up, dissolution, liquidation or bankruptcy (including, *inter alia*, *Liquidazione Coatta Amministrativa*) proceedings are instituted in respect of the Issuer, in accordance with (a) a resolution of the shareholders' meeting of the Issuer, (b) any provision of the by-laws of the Issuer (currently, the maturity of the Issuer is set in its by-laws at 31 December 2050 and may be extended by resolution), or (c) any applicable legal provision, or any decision of any judicial or administrative authority. Thereupon, the Additional Tier 1 Notes will become due and payable at an amount equal to their Prevailing Principal Amount, together with any accrued but unpaid interest (to the extent not cancelled in accordance with Condition 12.5 (*Cancellation of Interest Amounts*)) up to, but excluding the date fixed for redemption, and any additional amounts due pursuant to Condition 16 (*Taxation*).

15.3 Redemption for Taxation Reasons

If:

- (a) in the case of Additional Tier 1 Notes only, the part of the interest payable by the Issuer under the Additional Tier 1 Notes that on the Issue Date is tax-deductible by the Issuer for Italian tax purposes is reduced, or the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 16 (*Taxation*) as a result of any change in, or amendment to the laws, regulations or rulings of, or applicable in, the Republic of Italy, or any political subdivision or any authority or agency thereof or therein having power to tax, or any change in the application or official interpretation or administration of such laws, regulations or rulings:
 - (A) which change or amendment:
 - (i) becomes effective after the Issue Date;
 - (ii) in the event of any redemption upon the occurrence of a Tax Event prior to the fifth anniversary of the Issue Date, if and to the extent then required under the Applicable Banking Regulations, the Issuer demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Relevant Authority is material and was not reasonably foreseeable by the Issuer as at the Issue Date;
 - (iii) is evidenced by the delivery by the Issuer to the Agent of a certificate signed by two Authorised Signatories of the Issuer stating that part of the interest payable by the Issuer in respect of the Additional Tier 1 Notes that is on the Issue Date tax-deductible is no longer, or will no longer be, deductible for Italian income tax purposes or such deductibility is materially reduced, or that the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay such additional amounts, as the case may be, and describing the facts leading thereto and an opinion of independent legal advisers of recognised standing to the effect that such circumstances prevail; and
 - (B) which obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it; or
- (b) in the case of any Note other than Additional Tier 1 Notes,
 - (A) as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of a Relevant Jurisdiction, or any change in the application or official interpretation of the laws or regulations of a Relevant Jurisdiction, which change or amendment becomes effective after the date of issue of the first Tranche of the Notes, (a) the Issuer would be required to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 16 (*Taxation*) or (b) for Subordinated Notes only, deductibility of interest payable by the Issuer in respect of the Subordinated Notes is materially reduced for Italian income tax purposes;

- (B) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it; and
 - (C) in the case of Subordinated Notes only, if the circumstances under items (A) and (B) above have occurred before five years from the issue of the relevant Subordinated Notes, the Issuer has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Relevant Authority that such change is material and was not reasonably foreseeable at the Issue Date,
- (any such event, a "Tax Event")

the Issuer may at its option (but subject to Condition 15.8 (*Redemption of Subordinated Notes and Additional Tier 1 Notes*) and to Condition 15.9 (*Redemption of Senior Notes and Senior Non-Preferred Notes*), as applicable), having given not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 20 (*Notices*) (which notice shall be irrevocable), redeem all the Notes, but not some only, at their Early Redemption Amount (Tax) or, in the case of Additional Tier 1 Notes, at their Prevailing Principal Amount, together with interest accrued to but excluding the relevant date of redemption:

- (A) at any time (if neither the Floating Rate Note Provisions nor CMS Linked Interest Note Provisions are specified in the applicable Final Terms as being applicable); or
- (B) on any Interest Payment Date (if the Floating Rate Note Provisions or CMS Linked Interest Note Provisions are specified in the applicable Final Terms as being applicable),

provided, however, that no such notice of redemption shall be given (i) earlier than (a) where the Notes may be redeemed at any time, 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay such additional amounts, were a payment in respect of the Notes then due; or (b) where the Notes may be redeemed only on an Interest Payment Date, 60 days prior to the Interest Payment Date occurring immediately before the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay such additional amounts, were a payment in respect of the Notes then due and (ii) unless, at the time such notice is given, such change or amendment remains in effect (or due to take effect).

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition 15.3 (*Redemption for Taxation Reasons*) in the case of any Note other than Additional Tier 1 Notes, the Issuer shall deliver to the Agent to make available at its Specified Office to the Noteholders (i) a certificate signed by two Authorised Signatories of the Issuer stating the Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing that the conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer so to redeem have occurred and (ii) an opinion of independent legal advisers of recognised standing to the effect that the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay such additional amounts as a result of the change or amendment.

Upon the expiry of any notice as is referred in this Condition 15.3 (*Redemption for Taxation Reasons*), the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Notes in accordance with the terms of this Condition 15.3 (*Redemption for Taxation Reasons*) (subject to Condition 15.8 (*Redemption of Subordinated Notes and Additional Tier 1 Notes*) and to Condition 15.9 (*Redemption of Senior Notes and Senior Non-Preferred Notes*)).

15.4 Redemption for Regulatory Reasons

This Condition 15.4 applies only to Notes specified in the applicable Final Terms as being Subordinated Notes and Additional Tier 1 Notes.

If, at any time the Issuer determines that a Regulatory Event has occurred in respect of the Subordinated Notes or a Capital Event has occurred in respect of the Additional Tier 1 Notes, the Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer (subject to Condition 15.8 (*Redemption of Subordinated Notes and Additional Tier 1 Notes*)), in whole, but not in part, at any time (if this Note is neither a Floating Rate Note nor a CMS Linked Interest Note) or on any Interest Payment Date (if the Note is either a Floating Rate Note or a CMS Linked Interest Note), on giving not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Agent and, in accordance with Condition 20 (*Notices*) to the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable).

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition 15.4 (*Redemption for Regulatory Reasons*), the Issuer shall deliver or procure that there is delivered to the Agent a certificate signed by two Authorised Signatories of the Issuer stating that the said circumstances prevail and describe

the facts leading thereto, in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Noteholders and the Couponholders.

Upon the expiry of any such notice as is referred to in this Condition 15.4 (*Redemption for Regulatory Reasons*), the Issuer shall – subject to Condition 15.8 (*Redemption of Subordinated Notes and Additional Tier 1 Notes*) - be bound to redeem the Notes in accordance with this Condition 15.4 (*Redemption for Regulatory Reasons*), at the Early Redemption Amount (Regulatory Event) described in the applicable Final Terms, or in the case of the Additional Tier 1, at their Prevailing Principal Amount, together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

15.5 Redemption at the Option of the Issuer

This Condition 15.5 applies to Notes which are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the Issuer (other than for taxation reasons or for regulatory reasons). If the Call Option is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being applicable, the Notes may (subject to Condition 15.8 (*Redemption of Subordinated Notes and Additional Tier 1 Notes*) and to Condition 15.9 (*Redemption of Senior Notes and Senior Non-Preferred Notes*)) be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole or, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, in part on any Optional Redemption Date(s) (Call) at the relevant Optional Redemption Amount (Call) or, in the case of Additional Tier 1 Notes, at their Prevailing Principal Amount, together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant Optional Redemption Date(s) (Call), on the Issuer's giving not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Noteholders which notice shall – subject to Condition 15.8 (*Redemption of Subordinated Notes and Additional Tier 1 Notes*) and to Condition 15.9 (*Redemption of Senior Notes and Senior Non-Preferred Notes*), as applicable - be irrevocable and shall oblige the Issuer to redeem the Notes or, as the case may be, the Notes specified in such notice on the relevant Optional Redemption Date(s) (Call) at the Optional Redemption Amount (Call) or, in the case of Additional Tier 1 Notes, at their Prevailing Principal Amount, together if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant Optional Redemption Date(s) (Call).

15.6 Partial Redemption

If the Notes are to be redeemed in part only on any date in accordance with Condition 15.5 (*Redemption at the Option of the Issuer*), the Notes to be redeemed shall be selected by the drawing of lots in such place as the Agent approves and in such manner as the Agent considers appropriate, subject to compliance with applicable law and the rules of each listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system (if any) by which the Notes have then been admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation, and the notice to Noteholders referred to in Condition 15.5 (*Redemption at the Option of the Issuer*) shall specify the serial numbers of the Notes so to be redeemed. If any Maximum Redemption Amount or Minimum Redemption Amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, then the Optional Redemption Amount (Call) shall in no event be greater than the maximum or less than the minimum so specified.

15.7 Italian Civil Code

The Notes are not subject to Article 1186 of the Italian Civil Code nor, to the extent applicable, to Article 1819 of the Italian Civil Code.

15.8 Redemption of Subordinated Notes and Additional Tier 1 Notes

Any redemption of, respectively, the Subordinated Notes in accordance with Condition 15.1 (*Final Redemption*), Condition 15.3 (*Redemption for Taxation Reasons*), Condition 15.4 (*Redemption for Regulatory Reasons*) and/or Condition 15.5 (*Redemption at the Option of the Issuer*) or the Additional Tier 1 Notes in accordance with Condition 15.2 (*No fixed redemption for the Additional Tier 1 Notes*), Condition 15.3 (*Redemption for Taxation Reasons*), Condition 15.4 (*Redemption for Regulatory Reasons*), Condition 15.5 (*Redemption at the Option of the Issuer*), Condition 15.12 (*Clean-up Redemption at the option of the Issuer*) and/or Condition 21 (*Meeting of Noteholders, Noteholders' Representative*) (including for the avoidance of doubt, any modification in accordance with Condition 21), and any purchase in accordance with Condition 15.15 (*Purchases*) shall be subject to compliance with the then Applicable Banking Regulations, including, as relevant, for the avoidance of doubt to:

- (a) the Issuer giving notice to the Relevant Authority and the Relevant Authority granting prior permission to redeem or purchase the relevant Subordinated Notes or Additional Tier 1 Notes (in each case to the extent, and in the manner, required by the then Applicable Banking Regulations, including Articles 77 and 78 of the CRR, as amended or replaced from time to time), where either:

- (i) on or before such redemption or purchase (as applicable), the Issuer replaces the relevant Notes with Own Funds instruments of equal or higher quality at terms that are sustainable for the income capacity of the Issuer; or
 - (ii) the Issuer has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Relevant Authority that its Own Funds and eligible liabilities would, following such repayment or purchase, exceed the minimum requirements (including any capital buffer requirements) required under the Applicable Banking Regulations by a margin that the Relevant Authority considers necessary at such time; and
- (b) in respect of a call, redemption repayment or repurchase prior to the fifth anniversary of the Issue Date of the relevant Subordinated Notes or Additional Tier 1 Notes, if and to the extent required under Article 78(4) of the CRR or the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No. 241/2014 of 7 January 2014:
- (i) in the case of redemption pursuant to Condition 15.3 (*Redemption for Taxation Reasons*), the Issuer having demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Relevant Authority that the change in the applicable tax treatment of the Subordinated Notes or Additional Tier 1 Notes is material and was not reasonably foreseeable as at the Issue Date; or
 - (ii) in case of redemption pursuant to Condition 15.4 (*Redemption for Regulatory Reasons*), a Regulatory Event having occurred in respect of Subordinated Notes or a Capital Event having occurred in respect of Additional Tier 1 Notes; or
 - (iii) on or before such redemption or repurchase (as applicable), the Issuer replacing the relevant Notes with Own Funds instruments of equal or higher quality at terms that are sustainable for the income capacity of the Issuer and the Relevant Authority having permitted that action on the basis of the determination that it would be beneficial from a prudential point of view and justified by exceptional circumstances; or
 - (iv) the relevant Notes being repurchased for market making purposes,

subject in any event to any alternative or additional conditions or requirements as may be applicable from time to time under the Applicable Banking Regulations.

The Relevant Authority may grant a general prior permission, for a specified period which shall not exceed one year, to redeem or purchase (including for market making purposes) the Subordinated Notes or Additional Tier 1 Notes, in the limit of a predetermined amount, which shall not exceed the lower of (i) 10 per cent. (or any other threshold as may be requested or required by the Relevant Authority from time to time) of the aggregate nominal amount of the relevant Series of the Subordinated Notes or the Additional Tier 1 Notes and (ii) 3 per cent. (or any other threshold as may be requested or required by the Relevant Authority from time to time) of the outstanding aggregate nominal amount of the Tier 2 Capital instruments or the Additional Tier 1 instruments of the Issuer at the relevant time, subject to criteria that ensure that any such redemption or purchase will be in accordance with the conditions set out at letters (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (a) of the preceding paragraph.

If the Issuer has elected to redeem any Additional Tier 1 Notes pursuant to Condition 15.3 (*Redemption for Taxation Reasons*), Condition 15.4 (*Redemption for Regulatory Reasons*) and/or Condition 15.5 (*Redemption at the Option of the Issuer*), and prior to the relevant redemption date a Contingency Event occurs, the relevant redemption notice shall be automatically rescinded and shall be of no force and effect, the Prevailing Principal Amount of the Notes will not be due and payable and a Write-Down shall occur as described under Condition 13 (*Loss Absorption and Reinstatement of Principal Amount*).

The Issuer shall not give a redemption notice pursuant to Condition 15.3 (*Redemption for Taxation Reasons*) and Condition 15.4 (*Redemption for Regulatory Reasons*), Condition 15.5 (*Redemption at the Option of the Issuer*), in the period following the giving of a Loss Absorption Event Notice and prior to the relevant Write Down Effective Date.

15.9 Redemption of Senior Notes and Senior Non-Preferred Notes

Any redemption of the Senior Notes and Senior Non-Preferred Notes in accordance with Condition 15.3 (*Redemption for Taxation Reasons*), Condition 15.5 (*Redemption at the Option of the Issuer*), Condition 15.10 (*Issuer Call Due to a MREL Disqualification Event*), Condition 15.12 (*Clean-up Redemption at*

the option of the Issuer), Condition 21 (*Meeting of Noteholders, Noteholders' Representative*) (including for the avoidance of doubt, any modification in accordance with Condition 21), and any purchase in accordance with Condition 15.15 (*Purchases*) of the Senior Notes and Senior Non-Preferred Notes qualifying as eligible liabilities instruments according to the MREL Requirements is subject to compliance with the then Applicable Banking Regulations, including the condition that the Issuer has obtained the prior permission of the Relevant Authority in accordance with Article 78a of the CRR, where one of the following conditions is met:

- (A) on or before such call, redemption, repayment or repurchase (as applicable), the Issuer replaces the Senior Notes or the Senior Non-Preferred Notes with Own Funds instruments or eligible liabilities instruments of equal or higher quality at terms that are sustainable for its income capacity; or
- (B) the Issuer has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Relevant Authority that its Own Funds and eligible liabilities would, following such call, redemption, repayment or repurchase, exceed the requirements for Own Funds and eligible liabilities laid down in the Applicable Banking Regulations by a margin that the Relevant Authority considers necessary; or
- (C) the Issuer has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Relevant Authority that the partial or full replacement of the eligible liabilities with Own Funds instruments is necessary to ensure compliance with the Own Funds requirements laid down in the Applicable Banking Regulations for continuing authorization,

subject in any event to any different conditions or requirements as may be provided from time to time under the Applicable Banking Regulations.

The Relevant Authority may grant a general prior permission, for a specified period which shall not exceed one year, to redeem or purchase (including for market making purposes) Senior Notes or Senior Non-Preferred Notes, in the limit of a predetermined amount, instruments, subject to criteria that ensure that any such redemption or purchase will be in accordance with the conditions set out in sub-paragraphs (A) and (B) of the preceding paragraph. For the avoidance of doubt, any refusal of the Relevant Authority to grant its permission in accordance with Article 78a of the CRR shall not constitute a default of the Issuer for any purposes.

15.10 Issuer Call Due to a MREL Disqualification Event

This Condition 15.10 (*Issuer Call Due to a MREL Disqualification Event*) applies only to Notes specified in the applicable Final Terms as Senior Notes or Senior Non-Preferred Notes.

If Issuer Call due to a MREL Disqualification Event is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer (subject to the provisions of Condition 15.9 (*Redemption of Senior Notes and Senior Non-Preferred Notes*)), having given not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice the Agent and, in accordance with Condition 20 (*Notices*), to the Noteholders (which notice shall specify the date fixed for redemption), in whole, but not in part, at any time (if the Note is neither a Floating Rate Note nor a CMS Linked Interest Note) or on any Interest Payment Date (if this Note is either a Floating Rate Note or a CMS Linked Interest Note), if the Issuer determines that a MREL Disqualification Event has occurred and is continuing.

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition 15.10 (*Issuer Call Due to a MREL Disqualification Event*), the Issuer shall deliver or procure that there is delivered to the Agent a certificate signed by two Authorised Signatories of the Issuer stating that the said circumstances prevail and describe the facts leading thereto, in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Noteholders and the Couponholders.

Upon the expiry of any such notice as is referred to in this Condition 15.10 (*Issuer Call Due to a MREL Disqualification Event*), the Issuer shall – subject to Condition 15.9 (*Redemption of Senior Notes and Senior Non-Preferred Notes*) – be bound to redeem the Notes in accordance with this Condition 15.10 (*Issuer Call Due to a MREL Disqualification Event*) at the Early Redemption Amount described in the applicable Final Terms, together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

15.11 Redemption at the Option of Noteholders

This Condition 15.11 (*Redemption at the Option of Noteholders*) is applicable only to Senior Notes and if the Put Option is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being applicable.

The Issuer shall, at the option of the holder of any Note redeem such Note on the Optional Redemption Date(s) (Put) specified in the relevant Put Option Notice at the relevant Optional Redemption Amount (Put) together with interest (if any) accrued to such date. In order to exercise the option contained in this Condition 15.11 (*Redemption at the Option of Noteholders*), the holder of a Note must, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days before the relevant Optional Redemption Date(s) (Put), deposit with any Paying Agent such Note together with all unmatured Coupons relating thereto and a duly completed Put Option Notice in the form obtainable from any Paying Agent. The Paying Agent with which a Note is so deposited shall deliver a duly completed Put Option Receipt to the depositing Noteholder. No Note, once deposited with a duly completed Put Option Notice in accordance with this Condition 15.11 (*Redemption at the Option of Noteholders*), may be withdrawn; *provided, however*, that if, prior to the relevant Optional Redemption Date(s) (Put), any such Note becomes immediately due and payable or, upon due presentation of any such Note on the relevant Optional Redemption Date(s) (Put), payment of the redemption moneys is improperly withheld or refused, the relevant Paying Agent shall mail notification thereof to the depositing Noteholder at such address as may have been given by such Noteholder in the relevant Put Option Notice and shall hold such Note at its Specified Office for collection by the depositing Noteholder against surrender of the relevant Put Option Receipt. For so long as any outstanding Note is held by a Paying Agent in accordance with this Condition 15.11 (*Redemption at the Option of Noteholders*), the depositor of such Note and not such Paying Agent shall be deemed to be the holder of such Note for all purposes.

15.12 Clean-up Redemption at the option of the Issuer

If a clean-up redemption option (the "**Clean-Up Redemption Option**") is specified as applicable in the Final Terms, and if 75% or any higher percentage specified in the relevant Final Terms (the "**Clean-Up Percentage**") of the initial aggregate nominal amount of the Notes of the same Series (which for the avoidance of doubt includes, any additional Notes issued subsequently and forming a single series with the first Tranche of a particular Series of Notes) have been redeemed or purchased by, or on behalf of, the Issuer and cancelled, the Issuer may at any time, at its option, and having given to the Paying Agent, the relevant Clearing Systems and, in accordance with Condition 20 (*Notices*), the Noteholders not less than 5 nor more than 30 calendar days' notice (the "**Clean-Up Redemption Notice**") (which notices shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption), redeem such outstanding Notes, in whole but not in part, at their clean-up redemption amount ("**Clean-Up Redemption Amount**") together, if appropriate, with accrued interest to (but excluding) the date of redemption, on the date fixed for redemption identified in the Clean-Up Redemption Notice.

In the case of Senior Notes and Senior Non-Preferred Notes, the redemption referred to in this Condition 15.12 shall be subject to Condition 15.9 (*Redemption of Senior Notes and Senior Non-Preferred Notes*).

In the case of Subordinated Notes, the redemption referred to in this Condition 15.12 shall be subject to Condition 15.8 (*Redemption of Subordinated Notes and Additional Tier 1 Notes*).

15.13 No other redemption

The Issuer shall not be entitled to redeem the Notes otherwise than as provided in Conditions 15.1 (*Final Redemption*) to 15.11 (*Redemption at the Option of Noteholders*).

15.14 Early Redemption of Zero Coupon Notes

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Redemption Amount payable on redemption of a Zero Coupon Note at any time before the Maturity Date shall be an amount equal to the sum of:

- (i) the Reference Price; and
- (ii) the product of the Accrual Yield (compounded annually) being applied to the Reference Price from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which the Note becomes due and payable.

Where such calculation is to be made for a period which is not a whole number of years, the calculation in respect of the period of less than a full year shall be made on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms for the purposes of Condition 15.11 (*Redemption at the Option of Noteholders*) or, if none is so specified, a Day Count Fraction of 30E/360.

15.15 Purchases

The Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries may purchase Notes in any manner and at any price, *provided that*:

- (i) all unmatured Coupons appertaining to the Notes are purchased with such Notes;
- (ii) in the case of Subordinated Notes or Additional Tier 1 Notes, the purchase of the relevant Subordinated Notes or Additional Tier 1 Notes by the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries shall take place subject as provided in Condition 15.8 (*Redemption of Subordinated Notes and Additional Tier 1 Notes*); and
- (iii) in the case of Senior Notes and Senior Non-Preferred Notes, the purchase of the relevant Senior Notes or Senior Non-Preferred Notes by the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries shall take place subject as provided in Condition 15.9 (*Redemption of Senior Notes and Senior Non-Preferred Notes*).

15.16 Cancellations

All Notes which are redeemed and any unmatured Coupons attached to or surrendered with them shall be cancelled and may not be reissued or resold. Subject to the requirements (if any) of any stock exchange or securities market on which the Notes may be admitted to listing and/or trading at the relevant time and subject to compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, Notes purchased by the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries may be held or re-sold by the Issuer or submitted for cancellation by the Issuer or its Subsidiaries, in each case, at the Issuer's discretion.

16. TAXATION

16.1 Payment without Withholding

All payments of principal (if applicable) and interest in respect of the Notes and the Coupons by or on behalf of the Issuer shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for or on account of, any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature ("**Taxes**") imposed or levied by or on behalf of any Relevant Jurisdiction, unless the withholding or deduction of the Taxes is required by law. In that event, the Issuer will pay such additional amounts as may be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the Noteholders and Couponholders after such withholding or deduction shall be equal to the amounts of principal, in the case of Senior Notes that are not eligible at the relevant Issue Date to meet the Issuer's MREL Requirements only, and interest, in the case of any Notes, which would have been received in respect of the Notes or the Coupons in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no additional amounts shall be payable in respect of any Note or Coupon:

- (i) presented for payment by, or by a third party on behalf of, the holder who is liable to such Taxes in respect of such Note or Coupon by reason of it having some connection with the Relevant Jurisdiction other than a mere holding of the Note or the Coupon; or
- (ii) presented for payment in the Relevant Jurisdiction; or
- (iii) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder of Notes or Coupons who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by making a declaration of non-residence or other similar claim for an exemption; or
- (iv) requested more than 30 days after the Relevant Date except to the extent that a holder of such Note or Coupon would have been entitled to such additional amounts on presenting such payment Note or Coupon for payment on the last day of the period of 30 days; or
- (v) in relation to any payment or deduction on principal, interest or other proceeds of any Note on account of *imposta sostitutiva* pursuant to Italian Legislative Decree No. 239 of 1 April 1996, as amended or supplemented from time to time, or related implementing regulations (the "**Decree No. 239**"); or

- (vi) in circumstances in which the formalities, procedures and requirements to obtain an exemption from *imposta sostitutiva* under Decree No. 239 have not been complied with, except where such formalities, procedures and requirements have not been complied with due to the actions or omissions of the Issuer or its agents; or
- (vii) in relation to any payment or deduction on principal, interest or other proceeds of any Note on account of any withholding or deduction pursuant to Italian Law Decree No. 512 of 30 September 1983, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

The Issuer will have no obligation to pay additional amounts or otherwise indemnify an investor for any amounts required to be withheld or deducted pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulation or agreements thereunder, any official interpretations thereof, any intergovernmental agreement in place between the United States and another jurisdiction facilitating the implementation thereof or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto to be deducted or withheld by the Issuer, the paying agent or any other party.

16.2 Additional Amounts

Any reference in these Conditions to any amounts of principal and interest in respect of the Notes and the Coupons shall be deemed also to refer to any additional amounts which may be payable under Condition 16 (*Taxation*).

17. PRESCRIPTION

Claims in respect of principal and interest will become void unless presentation for payment is made as required by Condition 14 (*Payments*) within a period of ten years in the case of principal and five years in the case of interest from the appropriate Relevant Date, subject to provisions of Condition 14 (*Payments*).

18. REPLACEMENT OF NOTES AND COUPONS

If any Note or Coupon is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed it may be replaced at the Specified Office of the Agent, subject to all applicable laws and stock exchange or other relevant authority requirements, upon payment by the claimant of the expenses incurred in connection with such replacement and on such terms as to evidence, security, indemnity and otherwise as the Issuer may require (*provided that* the requirement is reasonable in the light of prevailing market practice). Mutilated or defaced Notes or Coupons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

19. EVENTS OF DEFAULT

With respect to any Note, if any of the following events occurs:

- (i) *Winding-up etc*: if an order is made by any competent court or an effective resolution is passed for the winding up, liquidation or dissolution of the Issuer (otherwise than for the purposes of and pursuant to an amalgamation, reorganisation or restructuring whilst solvent); or
- (ii) *Analogous event*: any event occurs which under the laws of the Relevant Jurisdiction has an analogous effect to *any* of the events referred to in paragraph (i) (*Winding up, etc.*) above,

then any Note may, by written notice addressed by the holder thereof to the Issuer and delivered to the Issuer or to the Specified Office of the Agent, be declared immediately due and payable, whereupon it shall become immediately due and payable at its Early Termination Amount or, in the case of Additional Tier 1 Notes, at their Prevailing Principal Amount together with accrued interest (in the case of Additional Tier 1 Notes, to the extent that such interest is not cancelled in accordance with these Conditions) (if any) without further action or formality. No Event of Default shall occur other than in the circumstances under paragraphs (i) and (ii) above (and, for the avoidance of doubt, resolution proceeding(s) or moratoria imposed by a resolution authority in respect of the Issuer shall not constitute an Event of Default for any purpose).

20. NOTICES

Notices to Noteholders will be valid if published in a reputable leading English language daily newspaper published in London with an international circulation (which is expected to be the Financial Times) and (so long as the Notes are listed on a securities market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and it is a requirement of applicable laws and regulations or the rules of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange) a leading

newspaper having general circulation in Luxembourg or on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's website (*www.luxse.com*) or, if such publication shall not be practicable, in an leading English language daily newspaper of general circulation in Europe (which is expected to be the Financial Times). Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the date of such publication or, if published more than once or on different dates, the first date on which publication is made. Couponholders will be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice given to the Noteholders in accordance with this Condition 20 (*Notices*).

21. MEETING OF NOTEHOLDERS, NOTEHOLDERS' REPRESENTATIVE

21.1 Meetings of Noteholders

The Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form contains provisions for convening meetings of Noteholders to consider matters relating to the Notes, including the modification of any provision of these Conditions. Any such modification may be made if sanctioned by an Extraordinary Resolution. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer and shall be convened by it upon the request in writing of Noteholders holding not less than one-tenth of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes. The quorum at any meeting convened to vote on an Extraordinary Resolution will be one or more Persons holding or representing a clear majority of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes or, at any adjourned meeting, one or more Persons being or representing Noteholders whatever the principal amount of the Notes held or represented; *provided, however*, that Reserved Matters may only be sanctioned by an Extraordinary Resolution passed at a meeting of Noteholders at which one or more Persons holding or representing not less than three-fourths or, at any adjourned meeting, one third of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes form a quorum. Any Extraordinary Resolution duly passed at any such meeting shall be binding on all the Noteholders and Couponholders, whether present or not.

In addition, a resolution in writing signed by or on behalf of all Noteholders who for the time being are entitled to receive notice of a meeting of Noteholders will take effect as if it were an Extraordinary Resolution. Such a resolution in writing may be contained in one document or several documents in the same form, each signed by or on behalf of one or more Noteholders.

21.2 Modification

The Notes, the Coupons and these Conditions may be amended without the consent of the Noteholders or the Couponholders to correct a manifest error. In addition, the parties to the Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form may agree to modify any provision thereof, but the Issuer shall not agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, to any such modification unless it is of a formal, minor or technical nature, it is made to correct a manifest error or it is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, no Noteholder consent shall be required in connection with effecting the Successor Rate or Alternative Benchmark Rate (as applicable) or such other changes, including for the execution of any documents or other steps by the Agent (if required) pursuant to Condition 9.10 (*Benchmark Replacement*).

22. ROUNDING

For the purposes of any calculations referred to in these Conditions (unless otherwise specified in these Conditions or the applicable Final Terms), (a) all percentages resulting from such calculations will be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point (with 0.000005 per cent. being rounded up to 0.00001 per cent.), (b) all United States dollar amounts used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded to the nearest cent (with one half cent being rounded up), (c) all Japanese Yen amounts used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded downwards to the next lower whole Japanese Yen amount, and (d) all amounts denominated in any other currency used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in such currency, with 0.005 being rounded upwards.

23. FURTHER ISSUES

The Issuer may from time to time without the requirement to give notice to, or seek the consent of, the Noteholders or the Couponholders create and issue further notes having the same terms and conditions as those of the Notes in all respects (or in all respects except for the first payment of interest on them)

and so that such further issue shall be consolidated and form a single series with the outstanding Notes, or upon such terms as the Issuer may determine at the time of their issue.

24. CURRENCY INDEMNITY

If any sum due from the Issuer in respect of the Notes or the Coupons or any order or judgment given or made in relation thereto has to be converted from the currency (the "**first currency**") in which the same is payable under these Conditions or such order or judgment into another currency (the "**second currency**") for the purpose of (a) making or filing a claim or proof against the Issuer, (b) obtaining an order or judgment in any court or other tribunal or (c) enforcing any order or judgment given or made in relation to the Notes, the Issuer shall indemnify each Noteholder or Couponholder, on the written demand of such Noteholder or Couponholder addressed to the Issuer and delivered to the Issuer or to the Specified Office of the Agent, against any loss suffered as a result of any discrepancy between (i) the rate of exchange used for such purpose to convert the sum in question from the first currency into the second currency and (ii) the rate or rates of exchange at which such Noteholder may in the ordinary course of business purchase the first currency with the second currency upon receipt of a sum paid to it in satisfaction, in whole or in part, of any such order, judgment, claim or proof.

25. GOVERNING LAW AND SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION

25.1 Governing Law

The Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form, the Notes and the Coupons and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form, the Notes and the Coupons are governed by, and construed in accordance with, Italian law.

25.2 Submission to Jurisdiction

The courts of Milan are to have jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with the Notes or the Coupons and accordingly any legal action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with the Notes or the Coupons may be brought in such courts.

26. CONTRACTUAL RECOGNITION OF BAIL-IN POWERS

By the acquisition of the Notes, each Noteholder acknowledges and agrees to be bound by the exercise of any Bail-in Power by the Relevant Resolution Authority that may result in the write-down or cancellation of all or a portion of the principal amount of, or distributions on, the Notes and/or the conversion of all or a portion of the principal amount of, or distributions on, the Notes into ordinary shares or other obligations of the Issuer or another person, including by means of a variation to the terms of the Notes to give effect to the exercise by the Relevant Resolution Authority of such Bail-in Power. Each Noteholder further agrees that the rights of the Noteholders are subject to, and will be varied if necessary so as to give effect to, the exercise of any Bail-in Power by the Relevant Resolution Authority.

For the avoidance of doubt, the potential write-down or cancellation of all or a portion of the principal amount of, or distributions on, the Additional Tier 1 Notes or the conversion of the Additional Tier 1 Notes into Ordinary Shares or other obligations in connection with the exercise of any Bail-in Power by the Relevant Authority is separate and distinct from a Write-Down following a Contingency Event although these events may occur consecutively.

Upon the Issuer being informed or notified by the Relevant Resolution Authority of the actual exercise of the date from which the Bail-in Power is effective with respect to the Notes, the Issuer shall notify the Noteholders without delay. Any delay or failure by the Issuer to give notice shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the Bail-in Power nor the effects on the Notes described in this Condition.

The exercise of the Bail-in Power by the Relevant Resolution Authority with respect to the Notes shall not constitute an Event of Default and the terms and conditions for the Notes shall continue to apply in relation to the residual principal amount of, or outstanding amount payable with respect to, the Notes subject to any modification of the amount of distributions payable to reflect the reduction of the principal amount, and any further modification of the terms that the Relevant Resolution Authority may decide in accordance with applicable laws and regulations relating to the resolution of credit institutions, investment firms and/or Group Entities incorporated in the relevant Member State.

Each Noteholder also acknowledges and agrees that this provision is exhaustive on the matters described herein to the exclusion of any other agreements, arrangements or understandings relating to the application of any Bail-in Power to the Notes.

As used in this Condition:

"Bail-in Power" means any statutory write-down and/or conversion power existing from time to time under any laws, regulations, rules or requirements relating to the resolution of credit institutions, investment firms and/or Group Entities incorporated in the relevant Member State in effect and applicable in the relevant Member State to the Issuer or other Group Entities, including (but not limited to) any such laws, regulations, rules or requirements that are implemented, adopted or enacted within the context of any European Union directive or regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms and/or within the context of a relevant Member State resolution regime or otherwise, pursuant to which liabilities of a credit institution, investment firm and/or any Group Entities can be reduced, cancelled and/or converted into shares or obligations of the obligor or any other person.

"Group Entity" means the Issuer or any legal person that is part of the Group.

"Resolution Power" means any statutory write-down, transfer and/or conversion power existing from time to time under any laws regulations, rules or requirements relating to the resolution of the Issuer or any other entities of the Group, including but not limited to any laws, regulations, rules or requirements implementing the BRRD and/or the SRM Regulation.

"SRM Regulation" means Regulation (EU) No. 806/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2014 establishing uniform rules and a uniform procedure for the resolution of credit institutions and certain investment firms in the framework of a Single Resolution Mechanism and a Single Resolution Fund and amending Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010, as amended or replaced from time to time (including by SRM II Regulation); and

"SRM II Regulation" means Regulation (EU) No. 2019/877 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No. 806/2014 as regards the loss absorbing and recapitalisation capacity of credit institutions and investment firms.

**SCHEDULE 2
FORM OF PUT OPTION NOTICE**

Banca Ifis S.p.A.
[title of relevant Series of Notes]

By depositing this duly completed Notice with any Paying Agent for the above Series of Notes (the "**Notes**") the undersigned holder of the Notes surrendered with this Notice and referred to below irrevocably exercises its option to have [the full/[•]] nominal amount of the Notes redeemed in accordance with Condition 11.9 (*Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the Option of Noteholders*) of the Terms and Conditions for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form on [redemption date].

This Notice relates to Notes in the aggregate nominal amount of [•] bearing the following serial numbers:

[•]

Euroclear/ Clearstream direct participant account:

[•]

If the Notes referred to above are to be returned to the undersigned under clause 10.4 of the Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form, they should be returned by post to:

[•]

Payment Instructions

Please make payment in respect of the above-mentioned Notes by [cheque posted to the above address/transfer to the following bank account]:

Bank: [•] Branch Address: [•]

Branch Code: [•] Account Number: [•]

All notices and communications relating to this Notice should be sent to the address specified below.

Name of holder:

Contact details:

Signature of holder: [•]

[To be completed by recipient Paying Agent]

Details of missing unmatured Coupons [•]

Received by: [•]

[Signature and stamp of Paying Agent]

At its office at: [●]

On: [●]

NOTES:

1. Complete as appropriate.
2. The Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form provides that Notes so returned will be sent by post, uninsured and at the risk of the Noteholder, unless the Noteholder otherwise requests and pays the costs of such insurance to the relevant Paying Agent at the time of depositing the Note referred to above.
3. Only relevant for Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form.

N.B. The Paying Agent with whom the above-mentioned Notes are deposited will not in any circumstances be liable to the depositing Noteholder or any other person for any loss or damage arising from any act, default or omission of such Paying Agent in relation to the said Notes or any of them unless such loss or damage was caused by the fraud or negligence of such Paying Agent or its directors, officers or employees.

This Put Option Notice is not valid unless all of the paragraphs requiring completion are duly completed. Once validly given this Put Option Notice is irrevocable except in the circumstances set out in clause 10.4 of the Agency Agreement.

SCHEDULE 3
PROVISIONS FOR MEETINGS OF NOTEHOLDERS¹

1. Definitions

In this Agreement and the Conditions applicable to Italian Law Notes in Physical Form, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"Block Voting Instruction" means, in relation to any Meeting, a document in the English language issued by a Paying Agent:

- (a) certifying that certain specified Notes (the **"deposited Notes"**) have been deposited with such Paying Agent (or to its order at a bank or other depository) or blocked in an account with a clearing system and will not be released until the earlier of:
 - (i) the conclusion of the Meeting; and
 - (ii) the surrender to such Paying Agent, not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for the Meeting (or, if the Meeting has been adjourned, the time fixed for its resumption) of the receipt for the deposited or blocked Notes and notification thereof by such Paying Agent to the Issuer;
- (b) certifying that the depositor of each deposited Note or a duly authorised person on its behalf has instructed the relevant Paying Agent that the votes attributable to such deposited Note are to be cast in a particular way on each resolution to be put to the Meeting and that, during the period of 48 hours before the time fixed for the Meeting, such instructions may not be amended or revoked;
- (c) listing the total number and (if in definitive form) the certificate numbers of the deposited Notes, distinguishing for each resolution between those in respect of which instructions have been given to vote for, or against, the resolution; and
- (d) authorising a named individual or individuals to vote in respect of the deposited Notes in accordance with such instructions;

"Chairman" means, in relation to any Meeting, the individual who takes the chair in accordance with paragraph 7 (*Chairman*);

"Extraordinary Resolution" means a resolution passed at a Meeting duly convened and held in accordance with this Schedule by a majority of not less than two thirds of the votes cast;

"Meeting" means a meeting of Noteholders (whether originally convened or resumed following an adjournment);

"Proxy" means, in relation to any Meeting, a person appointed to vote under a Block Voting Instruction other than:

¹ Issuer counsel to review.

- (a) any such person whose appointment has been revoked and in relation to whom the Agent has been notified in writing of such revocation by the time which is 48 hours before the time fixed for such Meeting; and
- (b) any such person appointed to vote at a Meeting which has been adjourned for want of a quorum and who has not been re-appointed to vote at the Meeting when it is resumed;

"Relevant Fraction" means:

- (a) for all business other than voting on an Extraordinary Resolution, one tenth of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding;
- (b) for voting on any Extraordinary Resolution other than one relating to a Reserved Matter, a clear majority of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding; and
- (c) for voting on any Extraordinary Resolution relating to a Reserved Matter, three-fourths of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding;

provided, however, that, in the case of a Meeting which has resumed after adjournment for want of a quorum, it means:

- (i) for all business other than voting on an Extraordinary Resolution relating to a Reserved Matter, the fraction of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes represented or held by the Voters actually present at the Meeting; and
- (ii) for voting on any Extraordinary Resolution relating to a Reserved Matter, one third of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding;

"Reserved Matter" means any proposal:

- (a) to change any date fixed for payment of principal or interest in respect of the Notes, to reduce or cancel the amount of principal or interest payable on any date in respect of the Notes, to reduce the rate or rates of interest in respect of the Notes or to alter the method of calculating the amount of any payment in respect of the Notes on redemption or maturity or the date for any such payment;
- (b) to effect the exchange or substitution of the Notes for, or the conversion of the Notes into, shares, bonds or other obligations or securities of the Issuer or any other person or body corporate formed or to be formed;
- (c) to change the currency in which amounts due in respect of the Notes are payable;
- (d) to change the quorum required at any Meeting or the majority required to pass an Extraordinary Resolution;
- (e) to make any alteration or modification to Conditions 2 (*Status of Senior Notes*), 2.A (*Status of Senior Non-Preferred Notes*) and 3 (*Status of Subordinated*);

Notes)), 16 (*Taxation*) or 19 (*Events of Default*) other than those of a formal, minor or technical nature; or

- (f) to amend this definition;

"Voter" means, in relation to any Meeting, the bearer of a Voting Certificate, a Proxy or the bearer of a Definitive Note who produces such Definitive Note at the Meeting;

"Voting Certificate" means, in relation to any Meeting, a certificate in the English language issued by a Paying Agent and dated, in which it is stated:

- (a) that the deposited Notes have been deposited with such Paying Agent (or to its order at a bank or other depository) or blocked in an account with a clearing system and will not be released until the earlier of:
- (i) the conclusion of the Meeting; and
 - (ii) the surrender of such certificate to such Paying Agent; and
- (b) that the bearer of such certificate is entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting in respect of the deposited Notes;

"Written Resolution" means a resolution in writing signed by or on behalf of:

- (a) all holders of Notes who for the time being are entitled to receive notice of a Meeting; or
- (b) if all such holders have been given at least 21 days' notice of such resolution, persons holding two thirds of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes,

in each case, in accordance with the provisions of this Schedule, whether contained in one document or several documents in the same form, each signed by or on behalf of one or more such holders of the Notes;

"24 hours" means a period of 24 hours including all or part of a day upon which banks are open for business in both the places where the relevant Meeting is to be held and in each of the places where the Paying Agents have their Specified Offices (disregarding for this purpose the day upon which such Meeting is to be held) and such period shall be extended by one period or, to the extent necessary, more periods of 24 hours until there is included as aforesaid all or part of a day upon which banks are open for business as aforesaid; and

"48 hours" means 2 consecutive periods of 24 hours.

2. **Issue of Voting Certificates and Block Voting Instructions**

The holder of a Note may obtain a Voting Certificate from any Paying Agent or require any Paying Agent to issue a Block Voting Instruction by depositing such Note with such Paying Agent or arranging for such Note to be (to its satisfaction) held to its order or under its control or blocked in an account with a clearing system not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the relevant Meeting. A Voting Certificate or Block

Voting Instruction shall be valid until the release of the deposited Notes to which it relates. So long as a Voting Certificate or Block Voting Instruction is valid, the bearer thereof (in the case of a Voting Certificate) or any Proxy named therein (in the case of a Block Voting Instruction) shall be deemed to be the holder of the Notes to which it relates for all purposes in connection with the Meeting. Any person or entity with which or to the order of which such Notes have been deposited as common depository or common safekeeper, as the case may be, shall not be deemed for such purposes to be the holder of those Notes. A Voting Certificate and a Block Voting Instruction cannot be outstanding simultaneously in respect of the same Note.

3. References to deposit/release of notes

Where Notes are represented by a Global Note or are held in definitive form within a clearing system, references to the deposit, or release, of Notes shall be construed in accordance with the usual practices (including blocking the relevant account) of such clearing system.

4. Validity of Block Voting Instructions

A Block Voting Instruction shall be valid only if it is deposited at the Specified Office of the Agent, or at some other place as may be advised by the Agent, at least 24 hours before the time fixed for the relevant Meeting or the Chairman decides otherwise before the Meeting proceeds to business. If the Issuer requires, a notarised copy of each Block Voting Instruction and satisfactory proof of the identity of each Proxy named therein shall be produced at the Meeting, but the Agent shall not be obliged to investigate the validity of any Block Voting Instruction or the authority of any Proxy.

5. Convening of Meeting

The Issuer may convene a Meeting at any time and shall be obliged to do so upon the request in writing of Noteholders holding not less than one tenth of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes.

6. Notice

At least 21 days' notice (exclusive of the day on which the notice is given and of the day on which the relevant Meeting is to be held) specifying the date, time and place of the Meeting shall be given by the Issuer to the Noteholders and the Paying Agents. The notice shall set out the full text of any resolutions to be proposed and shall state that the Notes may be deposited with, or to the order of, any Paying Agent for the purpose of obtaining Voting Certificates or appointing Proxies not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the Meeting.

7. Chairman

An individual (who may, but need not, be a Noteholder) nominated in writing by the Issuer may take the chair at any Meeting but, if no such nomination is made or if the individual nominated is not present within 15 minutes after the time fixed for the Meeting, those present shall elect one of themselves to take the chair failing which, the Issuer may appoint a Chairman. The Chairman of an adjourned Meeting need not be the same person as was the Chairman of the original Meeting.

8. **Quorum**

The quorum at any Meeting shall be one or more Voters representing or holding not less than the Relevant Fraction of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes.

9. **Adjournment for want of quorum**

If within 15 minutes after the time fixed for any Meeting a quorum is not present, then:

- (a) in the case of a Meeting requested by Noteholders, it shall be dissolved; and
- (b) in the case of any other Meeting, it shall be adjourned for such period (which shall be not less than 14 days and not more than 42 days) and to such place as the Chairman determines, **provided, however, that:**
 - (i) the Meeting shall be dissolved if the Issuer so decides; and
 - (ii) no Meeting may be adjourned more than once for want of a quorum.

10. **Adjourned Meeting**

The Chairman may, with the consent of (and shall if directed by) any Meeting, adjourn such Meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned Meeting except business which might lawfully have been transacted at the Meeting from which the adjournment took place.

11. **Notice following adjournment**

Paragraph 6 (*Notice*) shall apply to any Meeting which is to be resumed after adjournment for want of a quorum save that:

- (a) 10 days' notice (exclusive of the day on which the notice is given and of the day on which the Meeting is to be resumed) shall be sufficient; and
- (b) the notice shall specifically set out the quorum requirements which will apply when the Meeting resumes.

It shall not be necessary to give notice of the resumption of a Meeting which has been adjourned for any other reason.

12. **Participation**

The following may attend and speak at a Meeting:

- (a) Voters;
- (b) representatives of the Issuer and the Agent;
- (c) the financial advisers of the Issuer;
- (d) the legal counsel to the Issuer and the Agent; and

(e) any other person approved by the Meeting.

13. **Show of hands**

Every question submitted to a Meeting shall be decided in the first instance by a show of hands. Unless a poll is validly demanded before or at the time that the result is declared, the Chairman's declaration that on a show of hands a resolution has been passed, passed by a particular majority, rejected or rejected by a particular majority shall be conclusive, without proof of the number of votes cast for, or against, the resolution. Where there is only one Voter, this paragraph shall not apply and the resolution will immediately be decided by means of a poll.

14. **Poll**

A demand for a poll shall be valid if it is made by the Chairman, the Issuer or one or more Voters representing or holding not less than one fiftieth of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes. The poll may be taken immediately or after such adjournment as the Chairman directs, but any poll demanded on the election of the Chairman or on any question of adjournment shall be taken at the Meeting without adjournment. A valid demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuation of the relevant Meeting for any other business as the Chairman directs.

15. **Votes**

Every Voter shall have:

- (a) on a show of hands, one vote; and
- (b) on a poll, the number of votes obtained by dividing the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Note(s) represented or held by him by the unit of currency in which the Notes are denominated.

In the case of a voting tie the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

Unless the terms of any Block Voting Instruction state otherwise, a Voter shall not be obliged to exercise all the votes to which he is entitled or to cast all the votes which he exercises in the same way.

16. **Validity of votes by Proxies**

Any vote by a Proxy in accordance with the relevant Block Voting Instruction shall be valid even if such Block Voting Instruction or any instruction pursuant to which it was given has been amended or revoked, **provided that** the Agent has not been notified in writing of such amendment or revocation by the time which is 48 hours before the time fixed for the relevant Meeting. Unless revoked, any appointment of a Proxy under a Block Voting Instruction in relation to a Meeting shall remain in force in relation to any resumption of such Meeting following an adjournment, **provided, however, that**, unless the Block Voting Instructions specify otherwise, no such appointment of a Proxy in relation to a Meeting originally convened which has been adjourned for want of a quorum shall remain in force in relation to such Meeting when it is resumed and any person appointed to vote at such a Meeting must be re-appointed under a further Block Voting Instruction to vote at the Meeting when it is resumed.

17. Powers

A Meeting shall have power (exercisable by Extraordinary Resolution), without prejudice to any other powers conferred on it or any other person:

- (a) to approve any Reserved Matter;
- (b) to approve any proposal by the Issuer for any modification, alteration, abrogation, variation or compromise of any of the Conditions or any arrangement in respect of the obligations of the Issuer under or in respect of the Notes;
- (c) to approve the substitution of any person for the Issuer (or any previous substitute) as principal obligor under the Notes;
- (d) to waive any breach or authorise any proposed breach by the Issuer of its obligations under or in respect of the Notes or any act or omission which might otherwise constitute an event of default under the Notes;
- (e) to authorise the Agent or any other person to execute all documents and do all things necessary to give effect to any Extraordinary Resolution;
- (f) to give any other authorisation or approval which is required to be given by Extraordinary Resolution; and
- (g) to appoint any persons (whether Noteholders or not) as a committee to represent the interests of the Noteholders and to confer upon such committee any powers which the Noteholders could themselves exercise by Extraordinary Resolution.

18. Extraordinary Resolution binds all holders

An Extraordinary Resolution shall be binding upon all Noteholders and holders of Coupons whether or not present at such Meeting and each of the Noteholders shall be bound to give effect to it accordingly. Notice of the result of every vote on an Extraordinary Resolution shall be given to the Noteholders and the Paying Agents (with a copy to the Issuer) within 14 days of the conclusion of the Meeting.

19. Minutes

Minutes shall be made of all resolutions and proceedings at each Meeting. The Chairman shall sign the minutes, which shall be *prima facie* evidence of the proceedings recorded therein. Unless and until the contrary is proved, every such Meeting in respect of the proceedings of which minutes have been summarised and signed shall be deemed to have been duly convened and held and all resolutions passed or proceedings transacted at it to have been duly passed and transacted.

20. Written Resolution

A Written Resolution shall take effect as if it were an Extraordinary Resolution.

21. General

If and whenever the Issuer shall have issued and have outstanding Notes of more than one Series the foregoing provisions of this Schedule 5 shall have effect subject to the following modifications:

- (1) a resolution which affects the Notes of only one Series shall be deemed to have been duly passed if passed at a separate meeting of the holders of the Notes of that Series;
- (2) a resolution which affects the Notes of more than one Series but does not give rise to a conflict of interest between the holders of Notes of any of the Series so affected shall be deemed to have been duly passed if passed at a single meeting of the holders of the Notes of all the Series so affected;
- (3) a resolution which affects the Notes of more than one Series and gives or may give rise to a conflict of interest between the holders of the Notes of one Series or group of Series so affected and the holders of the Notes of another Series or group of Series so affected shall be deemed to have been duly passed only if passed at separate meetings of the holders of the Notes of each Series or group of Series so affected; and
- (4) to all such meetings all the preceding provisions of this Schedule shall *mutatis mutandis* apply as though references therein to Notes and Noteholders were references to the Notes of the Series or group of Series in question or to the holders of such Notes, as the case may be.

If the Issuer shall have issued and have outstanding Notes which are not denominated in Euro or in the case of any meeting of holders of Notes of more than one currency the principal amount of such Notes shall (i) for the purposes of Paragraph 5 above be the equivalent in pounds sterling at the spot rate of a bank nominated by the Agent for the conversion of the relevant currency or currencies into Euro on the seventh dealing day prior to the day on which the requisition in writing is received by the Issuer and (ii) for the purposes of Paragraphs 7, 8 and 15 above (whether in respect of the meeting or any adjourned such meeting or any poll resulting therefrom) be the equivalent at such spot rate on the seventh dealing day prior to the day of such meeting. In such circumstances, on any poll each person present shall have one vote for each Euro 1 in principal amount of the Notes (converted as above) which he holds or represents.

SCHEDULE 4
FORM OF GLOBAL AND DEFINITIVE NOTES AND COUPONS AND TALONS

PART 1
FORM OF TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE

THIS TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE HAS NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"). NEITHER THIS TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE NOR ANY PORTION HEREOF MAY BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO ANY U.S. PERSON UNLESS AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT IS AVAILABLE.

ANY UNITED STATES PERSON (AS DEFINED IN THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF THE UNITED STATES) WHO HOLDS THIS OBLIGATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES INCOME TAX LAWS, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 165(j) AND 1287(a) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

BANCA IFIS S.p.A.

(the "Issuer")

(incorporated as a *società per azioni* (joint stock company) in the Republic of Italy)

TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE

This Global Note is a Temporary Global Note in respect of a duly authorised issue of Italian Law Notes in Physical Form (the "**Notes**") of Banca Ifis S.p.A. (the "**Issuer**") described, and having the provisions specified, in Part A of the attached Final Terms (the "**Final Terms**"). References in this Global Note to the "**Conditions**" shall be to the Terms and Conditions for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form as set out in Schedule 1 to the Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form (as defined below) as completed by the information set out in the Final Terms and as may be modified and supplemented by the information set out in the Final Terms, but in the event of any conflict between the provisions of (a) that Schedule or (b) this Global Note and the information set out in the Final Terms, the Final Terms will prevail.

Words and expressions defined or set out in the Conditions and/or the Final Terms shall have the same meaning when used in this Global Note.

This Global Note is issued subject to, and with the benefit of, the Conditions, an agency agreement (the "**Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form**", which expression shall be construed as a reference to that agreement as the same may be amended, supplemented, novated or restated from time to time) dated 19 July 2023 and made between the Issuer, BNP Paribas, Luxembourg Branch (the "**Agent**") and the other agents named in it.

For value received the Issuer, subject to and in accordance with the Conditions, promises to pay to the bearer of this Global Note on the Maturity Date (if any) and/or on such earlier date(s) as all or any of the Notes represented by this Global Note (the "**Underlying Notes**" and any account holder with the Relevant Clearing System (as defined below) which has Underlying Notes credited to its securities account from time to time (other than any Relevant Clearing System which is an account holder of any other Relevant Clearing System) a "**Relevant**

Account Holder") may become due and repayable in accordance with the Conditions, the amount payable under the Conditions in respect of the Underlying Notes on each such date and to pay interest (if any) on the nominal amount of the Underlying Notes from time to time represented by this Global Note calculated and payable as provided in the Conditions together with any other sums payable under the Conditions, upon (if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is not intended to be a New Global Note) presentation and, at maturity, surrender of this Global Note to or to the order of the Agent or any of the other paying agents located outside the United States (except as provided in the Conditions) from time to time appointed by the Issuer in respect of the Notes, but in each case subject to the requirements as to certification provided below.

If the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is intended to be a New Global Note, the nominal amount of Underlying Notes shall be the aggregate amount from time to time entered in the records of both Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking S.A. (together, the "**relevant Clearing Systems**"). The records of the relevant Clearing Systems (which expression in this Global Note means the records that each relevant Clearing System holds for its customers which reflect the amount of such customer's interest in the Notes) shall be conclusive evidence of the nominal amount of the Underlying Notes and, for these purposes, a statement issued by a relevant Clearing System stating the nominal amount of the Underlying Notes at any time (which statement shall be made available to the bearer upon request) shall be conclusive evidence of the records of the relevant Clearing System at that time.

If the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is not intended to be a New Global Note, the nominal amount of the Underlying Notes shall be the aggregate nominal amount stated in the Final Terms or, if lower, the nominal amount most recently entered by or on behalf of the Issuer in the relevant column in Part 2, 3 or 4 of Schedule One or in Schedule Two.

On any redemption or payment of an instalment or interest being made in respect of, or purchase and cancellation of, any of the Notes represented by this Global Note the Issuer shall procure that:

- (a) if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is intended to be a New Global Note, details of such redemption, payment or purchase and cancellation (as the case may be) shall be entered *pro rata* in the records of the relevant Clearing Systems and, upon any such entry being made, the nominal amount of the Underlying Notes recorded in the records of the relevant Clearing Systems shall be reduced by the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes so redeemed or purchased and cancelled or by the aggregate amount of such instalment so paid; or
- (b) if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is not intended to be a New Global Note, details of such redemption, payment or purchase and cancellation (as the case may be) shall be entered by or on behalf of the Issuer in Schedule One and the relevant space in Schedule One recording any such redemption, payment or purchase and cancellation (as the case may be) shall be signed by or on behalf of the Issuer. Upon any such redemption, payment of an instalment or purchase and cancellation, the nominal amount of the Underlying Notes shall be reduced by the nominal amount of the Notes so redeemed or purchased and cancelled or by the amount of such instalment so paid.

Payments due in respect of the Underlying Notes shall be made to the bearer of this Global Note and each payment so made will discharge the Issuer's obligations in respect thereof. Any failure to make the entries referred to above shall not affect such discharge.

Notwithstanding the definition of "**Payment Business Day**" in Condition 4 (*Definitions*), while all the Notes are represented by this Global Note (or by this Global Note and/or a permanent global note) and this Underlying Note is deposited with a depositary or a common depositary for Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking S.A. and/or any other relevant clearing system, "**Payment Business Day**" means:

- (a) if the currency of payment is Euro, any day which is a TARGET Settlement Day and a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre; or
- (b) if the currency of payment is not Euro, any day which is a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in the Principal Financial Centre of the currency of payment and in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre.

Prior to the Exchange Date (as defined below), all payments (if any) on this Global Note will only be made to the bearer hereof to the extent that there is presented to the Agent by a relevant Clearing System a certificate to the effect that it has received from or in respect of a person entitled to a particular nominal amount of the Notes (as shown by its records) a certificate of non-US beneficial ownership in the form required by it. The bearer of this Global Note will not be entitled to receive any payment of interest due on or after the Exchange Date unless upon due certification exchange of this Global Note is improperly withheld or refused.

On or after the date (the "**Exchange Date**") which is 40 days after the Issue Date, this Global Note may be exchanged in whole or in part (free of charge) for, as specified in the Final Terms, either:

- (a) security printed Definitive Notes and (if applicable) Coupons and Talons in the form set out in Part 3, Part 4, Part 5 and Part 6 respectively of Schedule 4 to the Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form (on the basis that all the appropriate details have been included on the face of such Definitive Notes and (if applicable) Coupons and Talons and the Final Terms (or the relevant provisions of the Final Terms) have been endorsed on or attached to such Definitive Notes); or
- (b) either, (i) if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is intended to be a New Global Note, interests recorded in the records of the relevant Clearing Systems in a Permanent Global Note, or (ii) if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is not intended to be a New Global Note, a Permanent Global Note, which, in either case, is in or substantially in the form set out in Part 2 of Schedule 4 to the Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form (together with the Final Terms attached to it),

in each case upon notice being given by a relevant Clearing System acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in this Global Note.

If Definitive Notes and (if applicable) Coupons and/or Talons have already been issued in exchange for all the Notes represented for the time being by the Permanent Global Note, then

this Global Note may only thereafter be exchanged for Definitive Notes and (if applicable) Coupons and/or Talons in accordance with the terms of this Global Note.

This Global Note may be exchanged by the bearer hereof on any day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which banks are open for general business in Luxembourg. The Issuer shall procure that, as appropriate, (i) the Definitive Notes or (as the case may be) the Permanent Global Note (where the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is not intended to be a New Global Note), shall be so issued and delivered, or (ii) the interests in the Permanent Global Note (where the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is intended to be a New Global Note) shall be recorded in the records of the relevant Clearing System, in each case in exchange for only that portion of this Global Note in respect of which there shall have been presented to the Agent by a relevant Clearing System a certificate to the effect that it has received from or in respect of a person entitled to a beneficial interest in a particular nominal amount of the Notes (as shown by its records) a certificate of non-US beneficial ownership from such person in the form required by it. The aggregate nominal amount of Definitive Notes or interests in a Permanent Global Note issued upon an exchange of this Global Note will, subject to the terms hereof, be equal to the aggregate nominal amount of the Underlying Note submitted by the bearer for exchange (to the extent that such nominal amount does not exceed the aggregate nominal amount of this Global Note).

On an exchange of the whole of this Global Note, this Global Note shall be surrendered to or to the order of the Agent. On an exchange of part only of this Global Note, the Issuer shall procure that:

- (a) if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is intended to be a New Global Note, details of such exchange shall be entered *pro rata* in the records of the relevant Clearing Systems; or
- (b) if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is not intended to be a New Global Note, details of such exchange shall be entered by or on behalf of the Issuer in Schedule Two and the relevant space in Schedule Two recording such exchange shall be signed by or on behalf of the Issuer, whereupon the nominal amount of this Global Note and the Underlying Notes shall be reduced by the nominal amount so exchanged. On any exchange of this Global Note for a Permanent Global Note, details of such exchange shall also be entered by or on behalf of the Issuer in Schedule Two to the Permanent Global Note and the relevant space in Schedule Two to the Permanent Global Note recording such exchange shall be signed by or on behalf of the Issuer.

Until the exchange of the whole of this Global Note, the bearer of this Global Note shall in all respects (except as otherwise provided in this Global Note) be entitled to the same benefits as if he were the bearer of Definitive Notes and the relative Coupons and/or Talons (if any) represented by this Global Note. Accordingly, except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law or applicable regulation, the Issuer and any Paying Agent may deem and treat the holder of this Global Note as the absolute owner of this Global Note for all purposes.

In the event that this Global Note (or any part of it) has become due and repayable in accordance with the Conditions or that the Maturity Date (if any) has occurred and, in either case, payment in full of the amount due has not been made to the bearer in accordance with the provisions set out above then from 5.00 p.m. (Luxembourg time) on such day (the "**Determination Date**"),

each Relevant Account Holder will become entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer in respect of the Notes and the bearer will have no further rights under this Global Note.

If at any time the bearer of the Global Note ceases to have rights under it in accordance with its terms, the Issuer covenants with each Relevant Account Holder (other than any relevant Clearing System which is an account holder of any other Relevant Clearing System) that each Relevant Account Holder shall automatically acquire at the Determination Date, without the need for any further action on behalf of any person, against the Issuer all those rights which the Relevant Account Holder would have had if at the Determination Date it held and beneficially owned executed and authenticated Definitive Notes in respect of each Underlying Note which the Relevant Account Holder has credited to its securities account with the Relevant Clearing System at the Relevant Time.

The Issuer's obligation under this clause shall be a separate and independent obligation by reference to each Underlying Note which a Relevant Account Holder has credited to its securities account with the relevant Clearing System and the Issuer agrees that a Relevant Account Holder may assign its rights under this Global Note in whole or in part.

The records of the relevant Clearing System shall be conclusive evidence of the identity of the Relevant Account Holders and the number of Underlying Notes credited to the securities account of each Relevant Account Holder. For these purposes a statement issued by the relevant Clearing System stating:

- (a) the name of the Relevant Account Holder to which the statement is issued; and
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of Underlying Notes credited to the securities account of the Relevant Account Holder as at the opening of business on the first day following the Relevant Time on which the relevant Clearing System is open for business,

shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive evidence of the records of the relevant Clearing System at the Determination Date.

In the event of a dispute, the determination of the Determination Date by the relevant Clearing System shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and conclusive for all purposes in connection with the Relevant Account Holders with securities accounts with the relevant Clearing System.

Notwithstanding Condition 20 (*Notices*), while all the Notes are represented by this Global Note (or by this Global Note and/or a permanent global note) and this Underlying Note is deposited with a depositary or a common depositary for Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking S.A. and/or any other relevant clearing system or a common safekeeper, notices to Noteholders may be given by delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking S.A. and/or any other relevant clearing rather than by publication as required by Condition 20 (*Notices*), **provided, however, that** so long as the Notes are admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and the rules of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange so require, such notices will also be published in a leading newspaper having general circulation in Luxembourg or be published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.luxse.com). Any notice delivered to Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking S.A. and/or any other relevant clearing system shall be deemed to have been given to Noteholders on the date on which such notice is delivered to the relevant Clearing System.

In order to exercise the option contained in Condition 15.11 (*Redemption at the Option of Noteholders*), the bearer of this Global Note must, within the period specified in the Conditions for the deposit of the relevant Note and Put Option Notice, give written notice (which, for the avoidance of doubt, may be sent in electronic form) of such exercise to the Agent specifying the principal amount of Notes in respect of which such option is being exercised. Any such notice will be irrevocable and may not be withdrawn. The exercise of the put option shall be effected via Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking S.A..

In connection with an exercise of the option contained in Condition 15.5 (*Redemption at the Option of the Issuer*) in relation to some only of the Notes, this Global Note may be redeemed in part in the principal amount specified by the Issuer in accordance with the Conditions and the Notes to be redeemed will not be selected as provided in the Conditions but in accordance with the rules and procedures of Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking S.A. (to be reflected in the records of Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking S.A., at their discretion, as either a pool factor or a reduction in principal amount).

Claims against the Issuer in respect of principal, premium and interest under this Global Note will become void unless it is presented for payment within a period of 10 years (in the case of principal) and 5 years (in the case of interest) from the appropriate Relevant Date.

If any provision in or obligation under this Global Note is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect under the law of any jurisdiction, that will not affect or impair (i) the validity, legality or enforceability under the law of that jurisdiction of any other provision in or obligation under this Global Note, and (ii) the validity, legality or enforceability under the law of any other jurisdiction of that or any other provision in or obligation under this Global Note.

This Global Note is issued and created outside the territory of the Republic of Italy. The Conditions are governed by the laws of the Republic of Italy.

This Global Note shall not be valid unless authenticated by the Agent and, if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility, effectuated by the entity appointed as common safekeeper by the relevant Clearing Systems.

BANCA IFIS S.P.A.

By:.....

Place of Signature: London

Dated as of the Issue Date

Authenticated without recourse,
warranty or liability by

BNP PARIBAS, LUXEMBOURG BRANCH,
acting as agent

By:.....

Effectuated without recourse,
warranty or liability by
as common safekeeper

By:.....

SCHEDULE THREE TO THE TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE
FURTHER INFORMATION RELATING TO THE ISSUER

Object	<p>NATURE OF BUSINESS</p> <p>Art.4) The company's purpose is to collect public savings and to grant credit in its various forms, in Italy and abroad, operating in compliance with the regulations and laws in force.</p> <p>Observing the legal provisions in force, Banca Ifis can carry out all banking, financial and investment operations and services, create and manage open pension funds and, in general, effect any other operations that are instrumental or connected to the achievement of its business purpose.</p> <p>In carrying out its management and coordination activity and in its capacity of parent company to the Banca Ifis Group as per article 61, paragraph 4 of the legislative decree No. 385/1993, the company guides the members of the Group in the execution of Bank of Italy's instructions, in the interest of Group stability.</p> <p>The company can issue bonds in accordance with the laws and regulations in force.</p>
Registered office	Via Terraglio 63, 30174 Mestre (VE), Italy
Company registration	Registered with the Companies' registry (<i>Registro delle Imprese</i>) of the Chamber of Commerce of Venice under number 02505630109.
Amount of paid up share capital	€53,811,095.00, divided into 53.811.095,00 shares with a nominal value of €1 (one) each.
Amount of reserves	€1,197,999,003
Prospectus	A base prospectus dated 19 July 2023 and approved by the <i>Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier</i> in its capacity as competent authority for the purposes of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 in Luxembourg.

PART 2
FORM OF PERMANENT GLOBAL NOTE

THIS PERMANENT GLOBAL NOTE HAS NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"). NEITHER THIS PERMANENT GLOBAL NOTE NOR ANY PORTION HEREOF MAY BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO ANY U.S. PERSON UNLESS AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT IS AVAILABLE.

ANY UNITED STATES PERSON (AS DEFINED IN THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF THE UNITED STATES) WHO HOLDS THIS OBLIGATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES INCOME TAX LAWS, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 165(j) AND 1287(a) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

BANCA IFIS S.P.A.

(the Issuer)

(incorporated as a *società per azioni* (joint stock company) in the Republic of Italy)

PERMANENT GLOBAL NOTE

This Global Note is a Permanent Global Note in respect of a duly authorised issue of Italian Law Notes in Physical Form (the "**Notes**") of Banca Ifis S.p.A. (the "**Issuer**") described, and having the provisions specified, in Part A of the attached Final Terms (the "**Final Terms**"). References in this Global Note to the "**Conditions**" shall be to the Terms and Conditions for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form as set out in Schedule 1 to the Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form (as defined below) as completed by the information set out in the Final Terms and as may be modified and supplemented by the information set out in the Final Terms, but in the event of any conflict between the provisions of (a) that Schedule or (b) this Global Note and the information set out in the Final Terms, the Final Terms will prevail.

Words and expressions defined or set out in the Conditions and/or the Final Terms shall have the same meaning when used in this Global Note.

This Global Note is issued subject to, and with the benefit of, the Conditions, an agency agreement (the "**Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form**", which expression shall be construed as a reference to that agreement as the same may be amended, supplemented, novated or restated from time to time) dated 19 July 2023 and made between the Issuer, BNP Paribas, Luxembourg Branch (the "**Agent**") and the other agents named in it.

For value received the Issuer, subject to and in accordance with the Conditions, promises to pay to the bearer of this Global Note on the Maturity Date (if any) and/or on such earlier date(s) as all or any of the Notes represented by this Global Note (the "**Underlying Notes**" and any account holder with the Relevant Clearing System (as defined below) which has Underlying Notes credited to its securities account from time to time (other than any Relevant Clearing System which is an account holder of any other Relevant Clearing System) a "**Relevant Account Holder**") may become due and repayable in accordance with the Conditions, the amount payable under the Conditions in respect of the Underlying Notes on each such date and

to pay interest (if any) on the nominal amount of the Underlying Notes from time to time represented by this Global Note calculated and payable as provided in the Conditions together with any other sums payable under the Conditions, upon (if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is not intended to be a New Global Note) presentation and, at maturity, surrender of this Global Note to or to the order of the Agent or any of the other paying agents located outside the United States (except as provided in the Conditions) from time to time appointed by the Issuer in respect of the Notes.

If the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is intended to be a New Global Note, the nominal amount of Underlying Notes shall be the aggregate amount from time to time entered in the records of both Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking S.A. (together, the "**relevant Clearing Systems**"). The records of the relevant Clearing Systems (which expression in this Global Note means the records that each relevant Clearing System holds for its customers which reflect the amount of such customer's interest in the Notes) shall be conclusive evidence of the nominal amount of the Underlying Notes and, for these purposes, a statement issued by a relevant Clearing System stating the nominal amount of the Underlying Notes at any time (which statement shall be made available to the bearer upon request) shall be conclusive evidence of the records of the relevant Clearing System at that time.

If the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is not intended to be a New Global Note, the nominal amount of the Underlying Notes shall be the aggregate nominal amount stated in the Final Terms or, if lower, the nominal amount most recently entered by or on behalf of the Issuer in the relevant column in Part 2, 3 or 4 of Schedule One or in Schedule Two.

On any redemption or payment of an instalment or interest being made in respect of, or purchase and cancellation of, any of the Notes represented by this Global Note, the Issuer shall procure that:

- (a) if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is intended to be a New Global Note, details of such redemption, payment or purchase and cancellation (as the case may be) shall be entered *pro rata* in the records of the relevant Clearing Systems and, upon any such entry being made, the nominal amount of the Underlying Notes recorded in the records of the relevant Clearing Systems shall be reduced by the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes so redeemed or purchased and cancelled or by the aggregate amount of such instalment so paid; or
- (b) if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is not intended to be a New Global Note, details of such redemption, payment or purchase and cancellation (as the case may be) shall be entered by or on behalf of the Issuer in Schedule One and the relevant space in Schedule One recording any such redemption, payment or purchase and cancellation (as the case may be) shall be signed by or on behalf of the Issuer. Upon any such redemption, payment of an instalment or purchase and cancellation, the nominal amount of the Underlying Notes shall be reduced by the nominal amount of the Notes so redeemed or purchased and cancelled or by the amount of such instalment so paid.

Payments due in respect of the Underlying Notes shall be made to the bearer of this Global Note and each payment so made will discharge the Issuer's obligations in respect thereof. Any failure to make the entries referred to above shall not affect such discharge.

Notwithstanding the definition of "**Payment Business Day**" in Condition 4 (*Definitions*), while all the Notes are represented by this Global Note (or by this Global Note and/or a temporary global note) and this Underlying Note is deposited with a depositary or a common depositary for Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking S.A. and/or any other relevant clearing system, "**Payment Business Day**" means:

- (a) if the currency of payment is Euro, any day which is a TARGET Settlement Day and a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre; or
- (b) if the currency of payment is not Euro, any day which is a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in the Principal Financial Centre of the currency of payment and in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre.

Where the Notes have initially been represented by one or more Temporary Global Notes, on any exchange of any such Temporary Global Note for this Global Note or any part of it:

- (a) the Issuer shall procure that if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is intended to be a New Global Note, details of such exchange shall be entered in the records of the relevant Clearing Systems; or
- (b) if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is not intended to be a New Global Note, details of such exchange shall be entered by or on behalf of the Issuer in Schedule Two and the relevant space in Schedule Two recording any such exchange shall be signed by or on behalf of the Issuer, whereupon the nominal amount of the Underlying Notes shall be increased by the nominal amount of any such Temporary Global Note so exchanged.

In certain circumstances further notes may be issued which are intended on issue to be consolidated and form a single Series with the Notes. In such circumstances the Issuer shall procure that:

- (a) if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is intended to be a New Global Note, details of such further notes shall be entered in the records of the relevant Clearing Systems such that the nominal amount of the Underlying Notes shall be increased by the amount of such further notes so issued; or
- (b) if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is not intended to be a New Global Note, details of such further notes shall be entered by or on behalf of the Issuer in Schedule Two and the relevant space in Schedule Two recording such further notes shall be signed by or on behalf of the Issuer, whereupon the nominal amount of the Underlying Notes shall be increased by the nominal amount of any such further notes so issued

This Global Note may be exchanged in whole but not in part (free of charge) for security printed Definitive Notes and (if applicable) Coupons and/or Talons in the form set out in Part 3, Part 4 and Part 5 respectively of Schedule 4 to the Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form (on the basis that all the appropriate details have been included on the face of such Definitive Notes and (if applicable) Coupons and Talons and the Final Terms (or the relevant provisions of the Final Terms) have been endorsed on or attached to such Definitive Notes) either, as specified in the Final Terms:

- (a) on the expiry of such period of notice as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms; or
- (b) at any time, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms; or
- (c) only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event.

An "**Exchange Event**" means:

- (i) an Event of Default (as defined in Condition 19 (*Events of Default*)) has occurred; or
- (ii) the Issuer has been notified that both the relevant Clearing Systems have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or have announced an intention permanently to cease business or have in fact done so and no successor clearing system is available.

If this Global Note is only exchangeable following the occurrence of an Exchange Event:

- (i) the Issuer will promptly give notice to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 20 (*Notices*) upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event; and
- (ii) in the event of the occurrence of any Exchange Event, one or more of the relevant Clearing Systems acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in this Global Note may give notice to the Agent requesting exchange.

Any such exchange shall occur no later than 5.00 p.m. (Luxembourg time) on the thirtieth day after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Agent and will be made on any day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which banks are open for general business in Luxembourg. The aggregate nominal amount of Definitive Notes issued upon an exchange of this Global Note will be equal to the aggregate nominal amount of this Global Note at the time of such exchange.

On an exchange of this Global Note, this Global Note shall be surrendered to or to the order of the Agent.

Until the exchange of this Global Note, the bearer of this Global Note shall in all respects (except as otherwise provided in this Global Note) be entitled to the same benefits as if he were the bearer of Definitive Notes and the relative Coupons and/or Talons (if any) represented by this Global Note. Accordingly, except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law or applicable regulation, the Issuer and any Paying Agent may deem and treat the holder of this Global Note as the absolute owner of this Global Note for all purposes.

In the event that (a) this Global Note (or any part of it) has become due and repayable in accordance with the Conditions or that the Maturity Date (if any) has occurred and, in either case, payment in full of the amount due has not been made to the bearer in accordance with the provisions set out above, or (b) following an Exchange Event or as otherwise provided in this Global Note, this Global Note is not duly exchanged for definitive Notes by the day provided above, then from 5.00 p.m. (Luxembourg time) on such day (the "**Determination Date**"), each Relevant Account Holder will become entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer in respect of the Notes and the bearer will have no further rights under this Global Note.

If at any time the bearer of the Global Note ceases to have rights under it in accordance with its terms, the Issuer covenants with each Relevant Account Holder (other than any relevant Clearing System which is an account holder of any other Relevant Clearing System) that each Relevant Account Holder shall automatically acquire at the Determination Date, without the need for any further action on behalf of any person, against the Issuer all those rights which the Relevant Account Holder would have had if at the Determination Date it held and beneficially owned executed and authenticated Definitive Notes in respect of each Underlying Note which the Relevant Account Holder has credited to its securities account with the Relevant Clearing System at the Relevant Time.

The Issuer's obligation under this clause shall be a separate and independent obligation by reference to each Underlying Note which a Relevant Account Holder has credited to its securities account with the relevant Clearing System and the Issuer agrees that a Relevant Account Holder may assign its rights under this Global Note in whole or in part.

The records of the relevant Clearing System shall be conclusive evidence of the identity of the Relevant Account Holders and the number of Underlying Notes credited to the securities account of each Relevant Account Holder. For these purposes a statement issued by the relevant Clearing System stating:

- (d) the name of the Relevant Account Holder to which the statement is issued; and
- (e) the aggregate nominal amount of Underlying Notes credited to the securities account of the Relevant Account Holder as at the opening of business on the first day following the Relevant Time on which the relevant Clearing System is open for business,

shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive evidence of the records of the relevant Clearing System at the Determination Date.

In the event of a dispute, the determination of the Determination Date by the relevant Clearing System shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and conclusive for all purposes in connection with the Relevant Account Holders with securities accounts with the relevant Clearing System.

Notwithstanding Condition 20 (*Notices*), while all the Notes are represented by this Global Note (or by this Global Note and/or a temporary global note) and this Underlying Note is deposited with a depository or a common depository for Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking S.A. and/or any other relevant clearing system or a common safekeeper, notices to Noteholders may be given by delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking S.A. and/or any other relevant clearing system rather than by publication as required by Condition 20 (*Notices*), **provided, however, that** so long as the Notes are admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and the rules of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange so require, such notices will also be published in a leading newspaper having general circulation in Luxembourg or be published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (*www.luxse.com*). Any notice delivered to Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking S.A. and/or any other relevant clearing system shall be deemed to have been given to Noteholders on the date on which such notice is delivered to the relevant Clearing System.

In order to exercise the option contained in Condition 15.11 (*Redemption at the Option of Noteholders*), the bearer of this Global Note must, within the period specified in the Conditions

for the deposit of the relevant Note and Put Option Notice, give written notice (which, for the avoidance of doubt, may be sent in electronic form) of such exercise to the Agent specifying the principal amount of Notes in respect of which such option is being exercised. Any such notice will be irrevocable and may not be withdrawn. The exercise of the put option shall be effected via Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking S.A..

In connection with an exercise of the option contained in Condition 15.5 (*Redemption at the Option of the Issuer*) in relation to some only of the Notes, this Global Note may be redeemed in part in the principal amount specified by the Issuer in accordance with the Conditions and the Notes to be redeemed will not be selected as provided in the Conditions but in accordance with the rules and procedures of Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking S.A. (to be reflected in the records of Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking S.A., at their discretion, as either a pool factor or a reduction in principal amount).

Claims against the Issuer in respect of principal, premium and interest under this Global Note will become void unless it is presented for payment within a period of 10 years (in the case of principal) and 5 years (in the case of interest) from the appropriate Relevant Date.

If any provision in or obligation under this Global Note is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect under the law of any jurisdiction, that will not affect or impair (i) the validity, legality or enforceability under the law of that jurisdiction of any other provision in or obligation under this Global Note, and (ii) the validity, legality or enforceability under the law of any other jurisdiction of that or any other provision in or obligation under this Global Note.

This Global Note is issued and created outside the territory of the Republic of Italy. The Conditions are governed by the laws of the Republic of Italy.

This Global Note shall not be valid unless authenticated by the Agent and, if the Final Terms indicates that this Global Note is intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility, effectuated by the entity appointed as common safekeeper by the relevant Clearing Systems.

BANCA IFIS S.P.A.

By:.....

Place of Signature: London

Dated as of the Issue Date

Authenticated without recourse,
warranty or liability by

BNP Paribas, Luxembourg Branch, acting as agent

By:.....

Effectuated without recourse,
warranty or liability by
as common safekeeper

By:.....

SCHEDULE THREE TO THE PERMANENT GLOBAL NOTE

FURTHER INFORMATION RELATING TO THE ISSUER

Object	<p>NATURE OF BUSINESS</p> <p>Art.4) The company's purpose is to collect public savings and to grant credit in its various forms, in Italy and abroad, operating in compliance with the regulations and laws in force.</p> <p>Observing the legal provisions in force, Banca Ifis can carry out all banking, financial and investment operations and services, create and manage open pension funds and, in general, effect any other operations that are instrumental or connected to the achievement of its business purpose.</p> <p>In carrying out its management and coordination activity and in its capacity of parent company to the Banca Ifis Group as per article 61, paragraph 4 of the legislative decree No. 385/1993, the company guides the members of the Group in the execution of Bank of Italy's instructions, in the interest of Group stability.</p> <p>The company can issue bonds in accordance with the laws and regulations in force.</p>
Registered office	Via Terraglio 63, 30174 Mestre (VE), Italy
Company registration	Registered with the Companies' registry (<i>Registro delle Imprese</i>) of the Chamber of Commerce of Venice under number 02505630109.
Amount of paid up share capital	€53,811,095.00, divided into 53.811.095,00 shares with a nominal value of €1 (one) each.
Amount of reserves	€1,197,999,003
Prospectus	A base prospectus dated 19 July 2023 and approved by the <i>Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier</i> in its capacity as competent authority for the purposes of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 in Luxembourg.

PART 3
FORM OF DEFINITIVE NOTE

[Face of Note]

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[THIS NOTE HAS NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"). NEITHER THIS NOTE NOR ANY PORTION HEREOF MAY BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO ANY U.S. PERSON UNLESS AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT IS AVAILABLE.

ANY UNITED STATES PERSON (AS DEFINED IN THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF THE UNITED STATES) WHO HOLDS THIS OBLIGATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES INCOME TAX LAWS, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 165(j) AND 1287(a) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.]*

BANCA IFIS S.P.A.

(the "Issuer")

(incorporated as a *società per azioni* (joint stock company) in the Republic of Italy)

DEFINITIVE NOTE

[Specified Currency and Nominal Amount of Tranche] Notes [Due [Year of Maturity]]

This Note is one of a duly authorised issue of Italian Law Notes in Physical Form denominated in the Specified Currency [and maturing on the Maturity Date] (the "**Notes**") of Banca Ifis S.p.A. (the "**Issuer**"). References in this Note to the Conditions shall be to the Terms and Conditions for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form [endorsed on this Note/attached to this Note/set out in Schedule 1 to the Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form (as defined below) which shall be incorporated by reference in this Note and have effect as if set out in it] as [completed]⁶ [modified and supplemented]⁷ by Part A of the Final Terms (the "**Final Terms**") (or the relevant provisions of the Final Terms) endorsed on this Note but, in the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Conditions and the information in the Final Terms, the Final Terms will prevail.

This Note is issued subject to, and with the benefit of, the Conditions and an agency agreement (the "**Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form**", which expression shall be construed as a reference to that agreement as the same may be amended, supplemented,

* This legend can be deleted if the Notes have an initial maturity of 365 days or less.

⁶ This wording to be used for Notes which are not Exempt Notes.

⁷ This wording to be used for Exempt Notes.

novated or restated from time to time) dated 19 July 2023 and made between the Issuer, BNP Paribas, Luxembourg Branch (the Agent) and the other agents named in it.

For value received, the Issuer, subject to and in accordance with the Conditions, promises to pay to the bearer of this Note on the Maturity Date (if any) and/or on such earlier date(s) as this Note may become due and repayable in accordance with the Conditions, the amount payable under the Conditions in respect of this Note on each such date and to pay interest (if any) on this Note calculated and payable as provided in the Conditions together with any other sums payable under the Conditions.

This Note shall not be validly issued unless authenticated by the Agent.

BANCA IFIS S.P.A.

By:.....

Authenticated without recourse, warranty or liability by

BNP Paribas, Luxembourg Branch

By:.....

[Reverse of Note]

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE ITALIAN LAW NOTES IN PHYSICAL
FORM**

*[Terms and Conditions to be as set out in
Schedule 1 to the Agency Agreement for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form]*

FINAL TERMS

*[Here may be set out text of Final Terms
relating to the Notes]*

SCHEDULE

FURTHER INFORMATION RELATING TO THE ISSUER

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Amount of paid up share capital	€53,811,095.00, divided into 53.811.095,00 shares with a nominal value of €1 (one) each.
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**PART 4
FORM OF COUPON**

[*Form of Coupon*]

BANCA IFIS S.P.A.

(the "Issuer")

(incorporated as a *società per azioni* (joint stock company) in the Republic of Italy)

[*Specified Currency and Nominal Amount of Tranche*]
Notes [Due [*Year of Maturity*]]

Part A

For Fixed Rate Notes:

This Coupon is payable to bearer, separately negotiable and subject to the Terms and Conditions for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form to which it appertains. Coupon for [●] due on [●]

Part B

For Floating Rate Notes:

Coupon for the amount due in accordance with the Terms and Conditions for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form to which it appertains on the Interest Payment Date falling in [●]. Coupon due in [●]

This Coupon is payable to bearer, separately negotiable and subject to such Terms and Conditions for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form, under which it may become void before its due date.

THIS COUPON HAS NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"). NEITHER THIS COUPON NOR ANY PORTION HEREOF MAY BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO ANY U.S. PERSON UNLESS AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT IS AVAILABLE.

ANY UNITED STATES PERSON (AS DEFINED IN THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF THE UNITED STATES) WHO HOLDS THIS OBLIGATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES INCOME TAX LAWS,

INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 165(j) AND 1287(a) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.*

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**PART 5
FORM OF TALON**

[*Form of Talon*]

THIS TALON HAS NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"). NEITHER THIS TALON NOR ANY PORTION HEREOF MAY BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO ANY U.S. PERSON UNLESS AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT IS AVAILABLE.

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[*Specified Currency and Nominal Amount of Tranche*] Notes [Due [Year of Maturity]]

Series No. [●]

On and after [●] further Coupons [and a further Talon] appertaining to the Note to which this Talon appertains will be issued at the specified office of any of the Paying Agents set out on the reverse hereof (and/or any other or further Paying Agents and/or specified offices as may from time to time be duly appointed and notified to the Noteholders) upon production and surrender of this Talon.

This Talon may, in certain circumstances, become void under the Terms and Conditions for the Italian Law Notes in Physical Form endorsed on the Note to which this Talon appertains.

BANCA IFIS S.P.A.

By:.....

[Reverse of Coupon and Talon]

Agent and Paying Agent

BNP Paribas, Luxembourg Branch

and/or such other or further Agent or other Paying Agents and/or specified offices as may from time to time be duly appointed by the Issuer and notice of which has been given to the Noteholders.

SCHEDULE 5
ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF THE AGENT

In relation to each Series of Notes that are NGNs, the Agent will comply with the following provisions:

1. The Agent will inform each of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (the "ICSDs"), through the common service provider appointed by the ICSDs to service the Notes (the "CSP"), of the initial issue outstanding amount ("IOA") for each Tranche on or prior to the relevant Issue Date.
2. If any event occurs that requires a mark up or mark down of the records which an ICSD holds for its customers to reflect such customers' interest in the Notes, the Agent will (to the extent known to it) promptly provide details of the amount of such mark up or mark down, together with a description of the event that requires it, to the ICSDs (through the "CSP") to ensure that the IOA of the Notes remains at all times accurate.
3. The Agent will at least once every month reconcile its record of the IOA of the Notes with information received from the ICSDs (through the CSP) with respect to the IOA maintained by the ICSDs for the Notes and will promptly inform the ICSDs (through the CSP) of any discrepancies.
4. The Agent will promptly assist the ICSDs (through the CSP) in resolving any discrepancy identified in the IOA of the Notes.
5. The Agent will promptly provide to the ICSDs (through the CSP) details of all amounts paid by it under the Notes (or, where the Notes provide for delivery of assets other than cash, of the assets so delivered).
6. The Agent will (to the extent known to it) promptly provide to the ICSDs (through the CSP) notice of any changes to the Notes that will affect the amount of, or date for, any payment due under the Notes.
7. The Agent will (to the extent known to it) promptly provide to the ICSDs (through the CSP) copies of all information that is given to the holders of the Notes.
8. The Agent will promptly pass on to the Issuer all communications it receives from the ICSDs directly or through the CSP relating to the Notes.
9. The Agent will (to the extent known to it) promptly notify the ICSDs (through the CSP) of any failure by the Issuer to make any payment or delivery due under the Notes when due.

Please confirm that this letter correctly sets out the arrangements agreed between us by copying the above text in a letter from your side and resending it to us as a confirmation of acceptance at the following address:

BANCA IFIS S.P.A.
Via Terraglio 63
30174 Mestre Venezia
Italy

Yours faithfully,

BANCA IFIS S.P.A.

By:....."

In full and unconditional acceptance of the above.

Yours faithfully,

The Agent
BNP Paribas, Luxembourg Branch

By:.....

By:.....