



UNICREDIT S.p.A.

(incorporated with limited liability as a *Società per Azioni* in the Republic of Italy under registered number 00348170101)

and

UNICREDIT BANK IRELAND p.l.c.

(incorporated with limited liability in Ireland under registered number 240551)

and

UNICREDIT INTERNATIONAL BANK (LUXEMBOURG) S.A.

(incorporated as a public limited liability company (*société anonyme*) under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, having its registered office at 8-10, rue Jean Monnet, L - 2180 Luxembourg and registered with the Luxembourg trade and companies register under number B.103.341)

unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by

UNICREDIT S.p.A.

in the case of Notes issued by UniCredit Bank Ireland p.l.c. and UniCredit International Bank (Luxembourg) S.A.

€60,000,000,000 EURO MEDIUM TERM NOTE PROGRAMME

Under the €60,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the **Programme**) described in this document (the **Base Prospectus**), UniCredit S.p.A. (**UniCredit** or the **Parent**), UniCredit Bank Ireland p.l.c. (**UniCredit Ireland**) and UniCredit International Bank (Luxembourg) S.A. (**UniCredit International Luxembourg**) (each an **Issuer** and together the **Issuers**) may from time to time issue notes (the **Notes**) denominated in any currency agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer (as defined below). The payment of all amounts due in respect of Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland and by UniCredit International Luxembourg (the **Guaranteed Notes**) will be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by UniCredit (in such capacity, the **Guarantor**).

Notes may be issued in bearer or registered form (respectively **Bearer Notes** and **Registered Notes**). The maximum aggregate nominal amount of all Notes from time to time outstanding under the Programme will not exceed €60,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described herein), subject to increase as described herein.

The Notes may be issued on a continuing basis to one or more of the Dealers specified under “*Overview of the Programme*” and any additional Dealer appointed under the Programme from time to time by the Issuer (each a **Dealer** and together the **Dealers**), which appointment may be for a specific issue or on an ongoing basis. References in this Base Prospectus to the **relevant Dealer** shall, in the case of an issue of Notes being (or intended to be) subscribed by more than one Dealer, be to all Dealers agreeing to subscribe for such Notes.

An investment in Notes issued under the Programme involves certain risks. For a discussion of these risks see “Risk Factors”.

Applications have been made to the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* (the **CSSF**) in its capacity as competent authority under the laws of Luxembourg, for the approval of this document as three base prospectuses in accordance with Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive. **Prospectus Directive** means Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended, including Directive 2010/73/EU, and includes any relevant implementing measure in a relevant Member State of the European Economic Area) and Article 8.4 of the Luxembourg Act dated 10 July 2005 on prospectuses for securities, as amended (the **Prospectus Act 2005**). By approving this Base Prospectus, the CSSF assumes no responsibility as to the economic and financial soundness of the transactions contemplated

by this Base Prospectus or the quality or solvency of the Issuers in accordance with Article 7.7 of the Prospectus Act 2005. Application has also been made to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange for Notes issued under the Programme to be admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market (as contemplated by Directive 2004/39/EC) and to be listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. Application may also be made for notification to be given to competent authorities in other Member States of the European Economic Area in order to permit Notes issued under the Programme to be offered to the public and admitted to trading on regulated markets in such other Member States in accordance with the procedures under Article 18 of the Prospectus Directive.

References in this Base Prospectus to Notes being listed (and all related references) shall mean that such Notes have been admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market and have been admitted to the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. The Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market is a regulated market for the purposes of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (Directive 2004/39/EC).

The requirement to publish a prospectus under the Prospectus Directive only applies to Notes which are to be admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area and/or offered to the public in the European Economic Area other than in circumstances where an exemption is available under Article 3.2 of the Prospectus Directive (as implemented in the relevant Member State(s)). References in this Base Prospectus to **Exempt Notes** are to Notes for which no prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive. The CSSF has neither approved nor reviewed information contained in this Base Prospectus in connection with Exempt Notes.

Notice of the aggregate nominal amount of Notes, interest (if any) payable in respect of Notes, the issue price of Notes and certain other information which is applicable to each Tranche (as defined under "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*") of Notes will (other than in the case of Exempt Notes, as defined above) be set out in a final terms document (the **Final Terms**) which will be filed with the CSSF. Copies of Final Terms in relation to Notes to be listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange will also be published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu). In the case of Exempt Notes, notice of the aggregate nominal amount of Notes, interest (if any) payable in respect of Notes, the issue price of Notes and certain other information which is applicable to each Tranche will be set out in a pricing supplement document (the **Pricing Supplement**).

The Programme provides that Notes may be listed or admitted to trading, as the case may be, on such other or further stock exchange(s) or markets as may be agreed between the Issuers, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer. The Issuers may also issue unlisted Notes and/or Notes not admitted to trading on any market. The CSSF has neither approved nor reviewed information contained in this Base Prospectus in connection with Exempt Notes.

As more fully set out in "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes – Taxation*", in the case of payments by UniCredit as Issuer or (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) as Guarantor, additional amounts will not be payable to holders of the Notes or of the interest coupons appertaining to the Notes (the **Coupons**) with respect to any withholding or deduction pursuant to Italian Legislative Decree No. 239 of 1 April 1996 (as amended or supplemented) and related regulations of implementation which have been or may subsequently be enacted (**Decree 239**). In addition, certain other (more customary) exceptions to the obligation of the relevant Issuer and (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor to pay additional amounts to holders of the Notes with respect to the imposition of withholding or deduction from payments relating to the Notes also apply, also as more fully set out in "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes – Taxation*".

Except with respect to the information set out in this Base Prospectus under the heading "*Book Entry Clearance Systems*", each of UniCredit and (insofar as the contents of this Base Prospectus relate to it) UniCredit Ireland and UniCredit International Luxembourg, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirms that this Base Prospectus contains or incorporates all information which is material in the context of the issuance and offering of Notes, that the information contained or incorporated in this Base Prospectus is true and accurate in all material respects and is not misleading, that the opinions and intentions expressed in this Base Prospectus are honestly held and that there are no other facts the omission of which would make this Base Prospectus or any of such information or the expression of any such opinions or intentions misleading. UniCredit, UniCredit Ireland and UniCredit International Luxembourg accept responsibility accordingly.

The information relating to each of the Depository Trust Company (**DTC**), Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (**Euroclear**) and Clearstream Banking S.A. (**Clearstream, Luxembourg**) has been accurately reproduced from information published by each of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg respectively. So far as each of

UniCredit, UniCredit Ireland and UniCredit International Luxembourg is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by the Clearing Systems, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information misleading.

The rating of certain Series of Notes to be issued under the Programme may be specified in the applicable Final Terms. Whether or not each credit rating applied for in relation to a relevant Series of Notes will be issued by a credit rating agency established in the European Union and registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended) (the **CRA Regulation**), and whether such credit rating agency is included in the list of credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its website (at <http://www.esma.europa.eu/page/List-registered-and-certified-CRAs>) in accordance with the CRA Regulation, will be disclosed in the Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes). Please also refer to “Credit ratings assigned to the Issuers, the Guarantor or any Notes may not reflect all the risks associated with an investment in those Notes” in the “Risk Factors” section of this Base Prospectus.

Arranger
UBS INVESTMENT BANK

Co-Arranger
UNICREDIT BANK

Dealers

Barclays
BofA Merrill Lynch
Credit Suisse
Goldman Sachs International
Mediobanca
Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking
UBS Investment Bank

BNP PARIBAS
Crédit Agricole CIB
Deutsche Bank
J.P. Morgan
Morgan Stanley
The Royal Bank of Scotland
UniCredit Bank

The date of this Base Prospectus is 15 June 2015.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This document constitutes three base prospectuses in respect of all Notes other than Exempt Notes issued under the Programme: (a) the base prospectus for UniCredit in respect of non-equity securities within the meaning of Article 22 No. 6 (4) of the Commission Regulation (EC) No. 809/2004 of 29 April 2004, as amended (Non-Equity Securities); (b) the base prospectus for UniCredit Ireland in respect of Non-Equity Securities; and (c) the base prospectus for UniCredit International Luxembourg in respect of Non-Equity Securities (together, the *Prospectus*).

This Base Prospectus is to be read in conjunction with all documents which are deemed to be incorporated herein by reference (see “*Documents Incorporated by Reference*”). This Base Prospectus shall be read and construed on the basis that such documents are incorporated and form part of this Base Prospectus.

No representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made by any of the Dealers or any of their respective affiliates or the Trustee and no responsibility or liability is accepted by any of the Dealers or by any of their respective affiliates or the Trustee as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained or incorporated in this Base Prospectus or of any other information provided by the Issuers or the Guarantor in connection with the Programme. No Dealer or any of their respective affiliates or the Trustee accepts any liability in relation to the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus or any other information provided by the Issuers or the Guarantor in connection with the Programme.

This Base Prospectus contains industry and customer-related data as well as calculations taken from industry reports, market research reports, publicly available information and commercial publications. It is hereby confirmed that (a) to the extent that information reproduced herein derives from a third party, such information has been accurately reproduced and (b) insofar as the Issuers are aware and are able to ascertain from information derived from a third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the information reproduced inaccurate or misleading.

Commercial publications generally state that the information they contain originates from sources assumed to be reliable, but that the accuracy and completeness of such information is not guaranteed, and that the calculations contained therein are based on a series of assumptions. External data have not been independently verified by the Issuers.

No person is or has been authorised by the Issuers, the Guarantor or the Trustee to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with this Base Prospectus or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the Notes and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuers, the Guarantor, the Dealers or the Trustee.

Neither this Base Prospectus nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or with any Notes (a) is intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation or (b) should be considered as a recommendation by the Issuers, the Guarantor, any of the Dealers or the Trustee that any recipient of this Base Prospectus or of any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any Notes should purchase any Notes. Each investor contemplating purchasing any Notes should make its own independent investigation of the financial condition and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness, of the relevant Issuer and/or the Guarantor. Neither this Base Prospectus nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the issue of any Notes constitutes an offer or invitation by or on behalf of the Issuers, the Guarantor, any of the Dealers or the Trustee to any person to subscribe for or to purchase any Notes.

Neither the delivery of this Base Prospectus nor the offering, sale or delivery of any Notes shall in any circumstances imply that the information contained herein concerning the Issuers and the Guarantor is correct at any time subsequent to the date hereof or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date indicated in the document containing the same. The Dealers and the Trustee expressly do not undertake to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuers or the Guarantor during the life of the Programme or to advise any investor in the Notes of any information coming to their attention. Investors should review, *inter alia*, the most recently

published documents incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus when deciding whether or not to purchase any Notes.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELATING TO NON-EXEMPT OFFERS OF NOTES

Restrictions on Non-exempt offers of Notes in Relevant Member States

Certain Tranches of Notes with a denomination of less than €100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) may be offered in circumstances where there is no exemption from the obligation under the Prospectus Directive to publish a prospectus. Any such offer is referred to as a **Non-exempt Offer**. This Base Prospectus has been prepared on a basis that permits Non-exempt Offers of Notes in each Member State in relation to which the Issuer has given its consent, as specified in the applicable Final Terms (each specified Member State a **Non-exempt Offer Jurisdiction** and together the **Non-exempt Offer Jurisdictions**). Any person making or intending to make a Non-exempt Offer of Notes on the basis of this Base Prospectus must do so only with the Issuer's consent to the use of this Base Prospectus as provided under "*Consent given in accordance with Article 3.2 of the Prospectus Directive*" and provided that such person complies with the conditions specified in or attached to that consent.

Save as provided above, none of the Issuers, the Guarantor and any Dealer have authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any Non-exempt Offer of Notes in circumstances in which an obligation arises for the Issuers or any Dealer to publish or supplement a prospectus for such offer.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELATING TO THE USE OF THIS BASE PROSPECTUS AND OFFERS OF NOTES GENERALLY

This Base Prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any Notes in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make the offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offer or sale of Notes may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. The Issuers, the Guarantor, the Dealers and the Trustee do not represent that this Base Prospectus may be lawfully distributed, or that any Notes may be lawfully offered, in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any such jurisdiction, or pursuant to an exemption available thereunder, or assume any responsibility for facilitating any such distribution or offering. In particular, unless specifically indicated to the contrary in the applicable Final Terms, no action has been taken by the Issuers, the Guarantor, the Dealers or the Trustee which is intended to permit a public offering of any Notes or distribution of this Base Prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Accordingly, no Notes may be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this Base Prospectus nor any advertisement or other offering material may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations. Persons into whose possession this Base Prospectus or any Notes may come must inform themselves about, and observe, any such restrictions on the distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offering and sale of Notes. In particular, there are restrictions on the distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offer or sale of Notes in the United States, Japan, Hong Kong, the People's Republic of China, Australia and the European Economic Area (including the United Kingdom, the Republic of Italy, Ireland, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Luxembourg and Austria). See "*Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions*".

The Notes may not be a suitable investment for all investors. Each potential investor in the Notes must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor may wish to consider, either on its own or with the help of its financial and other professional advisers, whether it:

- (i) has sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Notes, the merits and risks of investing in the Notes and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus or any applicable supplement;
- (ii) has access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Notes and the impact the Notes will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (iii) has sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Notes, including Notes with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies, or where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the potential investor's currency;

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- (iv) understands thoroughly the terms of the Notes and is familiar with the behaviour of any relevant indices and financial markets; and

is able to evaluate possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

The investment activities of certain investors are subject to legal investment laws and regulations, or to review or regulation by certain authorities. Each potential investor should consult its legal advisers to determine whether and to what extent (a) Notes are legal investments for it, (b) Notes can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing and (c) other restrictions apply to its purchase or pledge of any Notes. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisers or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of Notes under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules.

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the *Securities Act*), and are subject to U.S. tax law requirements. Subject to certain exceptions, Notes may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to U.S. persons (see “*Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions*”). See “*Form of the Notes*” for a description of the manner in which Notes will be issued. Registered Notes are subject to certain restrictions on transfer, see “*Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions*”.

This Base Prospectus has not been submitted for clearance to the *Autorité des Marchés financiers* in France.

U.S. INFORMATION

The Notes have not been approved or disapproved by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or any other securities commission or other regulatory authority in the United States, nor have the foregoing authorities approved this Base Prospectus or confirmed the accuracy or determined the adequacy of the information contained in this Base Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is unlawful.

This Base Prospectus may be distributed on a confidential basis in the United States to a limited number of “qualified institutional buyers” within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act (**QIBs**) or Institutional Accredited Investors (each as defined under “*Form of the Notes*”) for informational use solely in connection with the consideration of the purchase of the Notes being offered hereby. Its use for any other purpose in the United States is not authorised. It may not be copied or reproduced in whole or in part nor may it be distributed or any of its contents disclosed to anyone other than the prospective investors to whom it is originally submitted.

The Bearer Notes are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to United States persons, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. Treasury regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and the Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder.

Registered Notes may be offered or sold within the United States only to QIBs or to Institutional Accredited Investors, in either case in transactions exempt from registration under the Securities Act in reliance on Rule 144A under the Securities Act (**Rule 144A**) or any other applicable exemption. Each U.S. purchaser of Registered Notes is hereby notified that the offer and sale of any Registered Notes to it may be being made in reliance upon the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A. Prospective purchasers are hereby notified that sellers of the Notes may be relying on the exemption from the provisions of Section 5 of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A.

Purchasers of Definitive IAI Registered Notes will be required to execute and deliver an IAI Investment Letter (as defined under “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*”). Each purchaser or holder of Definitive IAI Registered Notes, Notes represented by a Rule 144A Global Note or of any Notes issued in registered form in exchange or substitution therefor (together, the **Legended Notes**) will be deemed, by its acceptance or purchase of any such Legended Notes, to have made certain representations and agreements intended to restrict the resale or other transfer of such Notes as set out in “*Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions*”. Unless otherwise stated, terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them in “*Form of the Notes*”.

Notice to New Hampshire Residents

NEITHER THE FACT THAT A REGISTRATION STATEMENT OR AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE HAS BEEN FILED UNDER CHAPTER 421-B OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE REVISED STATUTES WITH THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE NOR THE FACT THAT A SECURITY IS EFFECTIVELY REGISTERED OR A PERSON IS LICENSED IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSTITUTES A FINDING BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE THAT ANY DOCUMENT FILED UNDER CHAPTER 421-B IS TRUE, COMPLETE AND NOT MISLEADING. NEITHER ANY SUCH FACT NOR THE FACT THAT AN EXEMPTION OR EXCEPTION IS AVAILABLE FOR A SECURITY OR A TRANSACTION MEANS THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS PASSED IN ANY WAY UPON THE MERITS OR QUALIFICATIONS OF, OR RECOMMENDED OR GIVEN APPROVAL TO, ANY PERSON, SECURITY OR TRANSACTION. IT IS UNLAWFUL TO MAKE, OR CAUSE TO BE MADE, TO ANY PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER, CUSTOMER OR CLIENT ANY REPRESENTATION INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

Available Information

To permit compliance with Rule 144A in connection with any resales or other transfers of Notes that are “restricted securities” within the meaning of the Securities Act, the Issuers and the Guarantor have undertaken in a deed poll dated 15 June 2015 (the **Deed Poll**) to furnish, upon the request of a holder of such Notes or of any beneficial interest therein, to such holder or to a prospective purchaser designated by him, the information required to be delivered under Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act if, at the time of the request, any of the Notes remain outstanding as “restricted securities” within the meaning of Rule 144A(a)(3) of the Securities Act and the relevant Issuer is neither a reporting company under Section 13 or 15(d) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the **Exchange Act**), nor exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) thereunder.

Service of Process and Enforcement of Civil Liabilities

The Issuers and the Guarantor are corporations organised under the laws of Ireland (in the case of UniCredit Ireland), Luxembourg (in the case of UniCredit International Luxembourg) and the Republic of Italy (in the case of UniCredit). All of the officers and directors named herein reside outside the United States and all or a substantial portion of the assets of each Issuer and the Guarantor and of such officers and directors are located outside the United States. As a result, it may not be possible for investors to effect service of process outside Ireland (in relation to UniCredit Ireland), Luxembourg (in relation to UniCredit International Luxembourg) or the Republic of Italy (in relation to UniCredit) upon the relevant Issuer or the Guarantor or such persons, or to enforce judgments against them obtained in courts outside Ireland (in relation to UniCredit Ireland), Luxembourg (in relation to UniCredit International Luxembourg) or the Republic of Italy (in relation to UniCredit) predicated upon civil liabilities of such Issuer or the Guarantor or of such directors and officers under laws other than Irish law (in relation to UniCredit Ireland), Luxembourg law (in relation to UniCredit International Luxembourg) or Italian law (in relation to UniCredit), including any judgment predicated upon United States federal securities laws.

Presentation of information

Investors should consult the Issuers should they require a copy of the ISDA 2006 Definitions, the ISDA 2003 Credit Derivatives Definitions or the ISDA 2009 Credit Derivatives Determinations Committees, Auction Settlement and Restructuring Supplement to the 2003 ISDA Credit Derivatives Definitions published on 14 July 2009, as applicable.

In this Base Prospectus, all references to:

- **U.S. dollars, U.S.\$ and \$** refer to United States dollars;
- **to Sterling, GBP and £** refer to pounds sterling;
- **euro, Euro and €** refer to 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; and

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- **Renminbi, RMB and CNY** refers to the currency of the People's Republic of China. All references to the **PRC** are to the People's Republic of China excluding the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (**Hong Kong**), the Macau Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and Taiwan.

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Summary of the Programme

Summaries are made up of disclosure requirements known as "Elements". These Elements are numbered in Sections A – E (A.1 – E.7).

This Summary contains all the Elements required to be included in a summary for the Notes, the Issuers and the Guarantor. Because some Elements are not required to be addressed, there may be gaps in the numbering sequence of the Elements.

Even though an Element may be required to be inserted in a summary because of the type of securities and issuer, it is possible that no relevant information can be given regarding the Element. In this case a short description of the Element is included in the summary with the mention of "not applicable".

Section A – Introduction and warnings

Element		
A.1	Warnings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This summary should be read as an introduction to the Base Prospectus.• Any decision to invest in any Notes should be based on a consideration of this Base Prospectus as a whole, including any documents incorporated by reference.• Where a claim relating to information contained in the Base Prospectus and the applicable Final Terms is brought before a court in a Member State of the European Economic Area, the plaintiff may, under the national legislation of the Member State where the claim is brought, be required to bear the costs of translating the Base Prospectus before the legal proceedings are initiated.• Civil liability will attach only to the persons who have tabled this summary including any translation thereof, but only if the summary is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent when read together with the other parts of this Base Prospectus or it does not provide, when read together with the other parts of this Base Prospectus, key information in order to aid investors when considering whether to invest in the Notes.
A.2	Consent	<p>[Certain Tranches of Notes with a denomination of less than €100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) may be offered in circumstances where there is no exemption from the obligation under the Prospectus Directive to publish a prospectus. Any such offer is referred to as a Non-exempt Offer.]¹</p> <p>[Not Applicable – the Notes are not being offered to the public as a part of a Non-exempt Offer] [<i>Consent:</i> Subject to the conditions set out below, [each of] the Issuer [and the Guarantor] consent[s] to the use of this Base Prospectus in connection with a Non-exempt Offer of Notes by the Managers[, [<i>names of specific financial intermediaries listed in final terms,</i>] [and] [each financial intermediary whose name is published on the Issuer's website (www.unicreditgroup.eu) and identified as an Authorised Offeror in respect of the relevant Non-exempt Offer] [and any financial intermediary which is authorised to make such offers under [the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, or other]applicable legislation implementing the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (Directive 2004/39/EC) and publishes on its website the following statement (with the information in</p>

¹ Delete this paragraph when preparing an issue specific summary.

		<p>square brackets being completed with the relevant information):</p> <p><i>"We, [insert legal name of financial intermediary], refer to the offer of [insert title of relevant Notes] (the Notes) described in the Final Terms dated [insert date] (the Final Terms) published by [UniCredit S.p.A./UniCredit Bank Ireland p.l.c./UniCredit International Bank (Luxembourg) S.A.] (the Issuer)[and unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by UniCredit S.p.A. (the Guarantor)]. In consideration of the Issuer offering to grant its consent to our use of the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) in connection with the offer of the Notes in [specify Member State(s)] during the Offer Period and subject to the other conditions to such consent, each as specified in the Base Prospectus, we hereby accept the offer by the Issuer in accordance with the Authorised Offeror Terms (as specified in the Base Prospectus), and confirm that we are using the Base Prospectus accordingly."</i></p> <p>Offer period: The Issuer's consent referred to above is given for Non-exempt Offers of Notes during [offer period for the issue to be specified here] (the Offer Period).</p> <p>Conditions to consent: The conditions to the Issuer's [and the Guarantor's] consent (in addition to the conditions referred to above) are that such consent (a) is only valid during the Offer Period; and (b) only extends to the use of this Base Prospectus to make Non-exempt Offers of the relevant Tranche of Notes in [specify each relevant Member State in which the particular Tranche of Notes can be offered].</p> <p>AN INVESTOR INTENDING TO ACQUIRE OR ACQUIRING ANY NOTES IN A NON-EXEMPT OFFER FROM AN AUTHORISED OFFEROR WILL DO SO, AND OFFERS AND SALES OF SUCH NOTES TO AN INVESTOR BY SUCH AUTHORISED OFFEROR WILL BE MADE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY TERMS AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE BETWEEN SUCH AUTHORISED OFFEROR AND SUCH INVESTOR INCLUDING AS TO PRICE, ALLOCATIONS AND SETTLEMENT ARRANGEMENTS. THE RELEVANT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE AUTHORISED OFFEROR AT THE TIME OF SUCH OFFER.</p>
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Section B – Issuers [and Guarantor]

Element	Title	
[B.1]	Legal and commercial name of the Issuer	UniCredit S.p.A. (UniCredit)
B.2	Domicile/ legal form/ legislation/ country of incorporation	UniCredit is a <i>Società per Azioni</i> incorporated under the laws of the Republic of Italy and domiciled in the Republic of Italy with registered office at Via A. Specchi 16, 00186, Rome, Italy.
B.4b	Trend information	Not Applicable - There are no known trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on the Issuer's prospects for its current financial year.
B.5	Description of the Group	The UniCredit Banking Group, registered with the Register of Banking Groups held by the Bank of Italy pursuant to Article 64 of Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993 as amended (the Italian Banking Act) under number 02008.1 (the Group or the UniCredit Group) is a leading financial services group with a well-established commercial network in 17 countries, including Italy, Germany, Austria, Poland and several other Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries. As at 31 December 2013, UniCredit Group is present in approximately 50 markets with almost 148,000 full time equivalent employees. The Group's portfolio of activities is highly diversified by segments and geographical areas, with a strong focus on commercial banking. Its wide range of banking, financial and related activities includes deposit-taking, lending, asset management, securities trading and brokerage, investment banking, international trade finance, corporate finance, leasing, factoring and the distribution of certain life insurance products through bank branches (<i>bancassurance</i>).
B.9	Profit forecast or estimate	Not Applicable - No profit forecasts or estimates have been made in the Base Prospectus..
B.10	Audit report qualifications	Not Applicable - No qualifications are contained in any audit or review report included in the Base Prospectus.
B.12	<p>Selected historical key financial information:</p> <p><i>Income Statement</i></p> <p>The table below sets out summary information extracted from the audited consolidated annual financial statements as at and for each of the financial years ended 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2013 for the UniCredit Group:</p>	

Element	Title			
	<i>€ millions</i>	Year ended 31 December 2014	Year ended 31 December 2013 (**)	Year ended 31 December 2013(*)
	Operating income of which:	22,513	23,335	23,973
	– net interest	12,442	12,303	12,990
	– dividends and other income from equity investments	794	964	324
	– net fees and commissions	7,572	7,361	7,728
	Operating costs	(13,838)	(14,253)	(14,801)
	Operating profit	8,675	9,082	9,172
	Profit (loss) before tax	4,091	(5,220)	(4,888)
	Net profit (loss) attributable to the Group	2,008	(13,965)	(13,965)
<p>(*) As published in "2013 Consolidated Reports and Accounts".</p> <p>(**) Reclassified income statement. Comparative figures as at 31 December 2013 have been restated mainly following the introduction of IFRS 10 and IFRS 11.</p> <p>The figures in this table refer to the reclassified income statement.</p> <p>The table below sets out summary information extracted from the unaudited consolidated interim report as at 31 March 2015 – Press Release of UniCredit and the unaudited consolidated interim reports as at 31 March 2014 for the UniCredit Group:</p>				
	<i>€ millions</i>	31 March 2015	31 March 2014 (***)	31 March 2014 (****)
	Operating income	5,749	5,588	5,578
	of which:			
	- net interest	2,963	3,077	3,077
	- dividends and other income from equity investments	118	104	104
	- net fees and commissions	2,014	1,890	1,890
	Operating costs (loss)	(3,418)	(3,410)	(3,510)
	Operating profit	2,331	2,178	2,068
	Profit before tax	1,080	1,275	1,275
	Net profit attributable to the Group	512	712	712
<p>(****) Comparative figures as at March 31, 2014 have been restated.</p>				

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	Statement of Financial Position			
	The table below sets out summary information extracted from the UniCredit Group's consolidated audited statement of financial positions as at and for the financial years ended 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2013:			
	<i>€ millions</i>	Year ended 31 December 2014	Year ended 31 December 2013(**)	Year ended 31 December 2013(*)
	Total assets	844,217	825,919	845,838
	Financial assets held for trading	101,226	80,701	80,910
	Loans and receivables with customers of which:	470,569	483,684	503,142
	– impaired loans	41,092	39,746	39,815
	Financial liabilities held for trading	77,135	63,799	63,169
	Deposits from customers and debt securities in issue of which:	560,688	557,379	571,024
	– deposits from customers	410,412	393,113	410,930
	– securities in issue	150,276	164,266	160,094
	Shareholders' Equity	49,390	46,722	46,841
	(*) As published in "2013 Consolidated Reports and Accounts".			
	(**) Reclassified Balance sheet. Comparative figures as at 31 December 2013 have been restated mainly following the introduction of IFRS 10 and IFRS 11.			
	The figures in this table refer to the reclassified balance sheet.			
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	<i>€ million</i>	31 March 2015	31 March 2014 (***)	31 March 2014 (****)
	Total assets	900,649	839,854	841,623
	Financial assets held for trading	114,356	79,368	79,368

Element	Title				
	Loans and receivables with customers	482,658	483,782	484,817	
	Financial liabilities held for trading	90,224	62,622	62,622	
	Deposits from customers and debt securities in issue	573,787	560,163	560,238	
	of which:				
	- deposits from customers	423,162	397,090	397,165	
	- securities in issue	150,625	163,073	163,073	
	Shareholders' Equity	51,331	47,460	47,460	
	(***) Comparative figures as at March 31, 2014 have been restated.				
	(****) As published in "Consolidated Interim Report as at March 31, 2014".				
Statements of no significant or material adverse change					
There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of UniCredit and the Group since 31 March 2015 and there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of UniCredit and the Group since 31 December 2014.					
B.13	Events impacting the Issuer's solvency	Not Applicable - There are no recent events particular to the Issuer which are to a material extent relevant to the evaluation of the Issuer's solvency.			
B.14	Dependence upon other group entities	UniCredit is the parent company of the UniCredit Group and carries out, in addition to banking activities, organic policy, governance and control functions vis-à-vis its subsidiary banking, financial and instrumental companies. Please also see Element B.5 above			
B.15	Principal activities	UniCredit, as a bank which undertakes management and co-ordination activities for the UniCredit Group, pursuant to the provisions of Article 61 of the Italian Banking Act, issues, when exercising these management and co-ordination activities, instructions to the other members of the banking group in respect of the fulfilment of the requirements laid down by the Bank of Italy in the interest of the banking group's stability.			
B.16	Controlling shareholders	Not Applicable - No individual or entity controls the Issuer within the meaning provided for in Article 93 of the Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998 (the Financial Services Act), as amended.			
B.17	Credit ratings	UniCredit S.p.A. has been rated:			
		Description	Standard &	Moody's	Fitch

Element	Title				
			Poor's		ratings
		Short Term Counterparty Credit Rating	A-3	P-2	F2
		Long Term Counterparty Credit Rating	BBB-	Baa2	BBB+
		Outlook	stable	Under Review for Upgrade	stable
		Tier II Subordinated Debt	BB	Ba2	BBB
		<p>[The Notes [have been/are expected to be] rated [<i>specify rating(s) of Tranche being issued</i>] by [<i>specify rating agent(s)</i>].]</p> <p>[[Each of] [<i>specify rating agent(s)</i>] is established in the European Union and registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 on credit rating agencies as amended from time to time (the CRA Regulation) as set out in the list of credit rating agencies registered in accordance with the CRA Regulation published on the website of the European Securities and Markets Authority pursuant to the CRA Regulation (for more information please visit the ESMA webpage).]</p> <p>[No ratings have been assigned to the Notes at the request of or with the co-operation of the Issuer in the rating process.]]</p>			

Element	Title	
[B.1]	Legal and commercial name of the Issuer	UniCredit Bank Ireland p.l.c. (UniCredit Ireland)
B.2	Domicile/ legal form/ legislation/ country of incorporation	UniCredit Ireland is a public limited liability company incorporated under the laws of Ireland and domiciled in Ireland with registered office at La Touche House, International Financial Services Centre, Dublin 1, Ireland.
B.4b	Trend information	Not Applicable - There are no known trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on the Issuer's prospects for its current financial year.
B.5	Description of the Group	The UniCredit Banking Group, registered with the Register of Banking Groups held by the Bank of Italy pursuant to Article 64 of Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993 as amended (the Italian Banking Act) under number 02008.1 (the Group or the UniCredit Group) is a leading financial services group with a well-established commercial network in 17 countries, including Italy, Germany, Austria, Poland and several other Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries. As at 31 December 2013, UniCredit Group is present in approximately 50 markets with almost 148,000 full time equivalent employees. The Group's portfolio of activities is highly diversified by segments and geographical areas, with a strong focus on commercial banking. Its wide range of banking, financial and related activities includes deposit-taking, lending, asset management, securities trading and brokerage, investment banking,

Element	Title		
		international trade finance, corporate finance, leasing, factoring and the distribution of certain life insurance products through bank branches (<i>bancassurance</i>).	
B.9	Profit forecast or estimate	Not Applicable - No profit forecasts or estimates have been made in the Base Prospectus.	
B.10	Audit report qualifications	Not Applicable - No qualifications are contained in any audit or review report included in the Base Prospectus.	
B.12	Selected historical key financial information: <i>Income Statement</i> The table below sets out summary information extracted from the audited annual financial statements as at and for each of the financial years ended 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2013 for UniCredit Ireland:		
	UniCredit Ireland	As at	
	€ millions	31 December 2014	31 December 2013
	Operating income of which:	82	56
	– net interest	91	89
	– dividends and other income from equity investments	-	-
	– net fees and commissions	(17)	(18)
	Operating costs	(6)	(7)
	Operating profit	76	49
	Profit (loss) before tax	85	54
	Net profit (loss)	74	47
	<i>Statement of Financial Position</i> The table below sets out summary information extracted from for UniCredit Ireland audited statement of financial position as at 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2013:		
	€ millions	31 December 2014	31 December 2013
	Total assets	28,346	26,206

Element	Title		
	Financial assets held for trading	4	3
	Loans and receivables with customers of which:	1,283	1,669
	– impaired loans	-	-
	Financial liabilities held for trading	5	1
	Deposits from customers and debt securities in issue of which:	7,596	7,314
	– deposits from customers	1,727	1,576
	– securities in issue	5,869	5,737
	Shareholders' Equity	2,221	2,123
	<p><i>Statements of no significant or material adverse change</i></p> <p>Not Applicable - There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of UniCredit Ireland since 31 December 2014.</p> <p>There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of UniCredit Ireland since 31 December 2014.</p> <p>Consistent with previous years UniCredit Ireland paid a dividend of €74 million, representing over 90% of its distributable profits for the financial year ending 31 December 2014, to its shareholders on 9 June 2015.</p>		
B.13	Events impacting the Issuer's solvency	Not Applicable - There are no recent events particular to the Issuer which are to a material extent relevant to the evaluation of the Issuer's solvency.	
B.14	Dependence upon other group entities	<p>UniCredit Ireland is an autonomous operating unit within the wider Group and as a fully owned subsidiary is subject to the coordination and support of the parent entity. This support extends to UniCredit Ireland's financial dependence as evidenced by UniCredit's injection of €2.2 billion in share capital and capital contributions to facilitate its ongoing trading activities.</p> <p>Please also see Element B.5 above</p>	
B.15	Principal activities	<p>UniCredit Ireland is engaged in the business of banking and provision of financial services. Its main business areas include credit and structured finance (including investing in loans, bonds, securitisation and other forms of asset financing), treasury activities (money market, repurchase agreements or "repos", Euro Over Night Index Average (EONIA) and other interest rate swaps and foreign exchange) and the issue of certificates</p>	

Element	Title	
		of deposit, medium term notes and commercial paper.
B.16	Controlling shareholders	UniCredit Ireland is a wholly owned subsidiary of UniCredit S.p.A.
B.17	Credit ratings	<p>UniCredit Ireland is not rated.</p> <p>[The Notes [have been/are expected to be] rated [<i>specify rating(s) of Tranche being issued</i>] by [<i>specify rating agent(s)</i>].]</p> <p>[No ratings have been assigned to the Notes at the request of or with the co-operation of the Issuer in the rating process.]]</p>

Element	Title	
[B.1]	Legal and commercial name of the Issuer	UniCredit International Bank (Luxembourg) S.A. (UniCredit International Luxembourg).
B.2	Domicile/ legal form/ legislation/ country of incorporation	UniCredit International Luxembourg is a public limited liability company (<i>société anonyme</i>) incorporated under the laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and domiciled in Luxembourg with registered office at 8-10 rue Jean Monnet, L-2180 Luxembourg.
B.4b	Trend information	Not Applicable - There are no known trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on the Issuer's prospects for its current financial year.
B.5	Description of the Group	The UniCredit Banking Group, registered with the Register of Banking Groups held by the Bank of Italy pursuant to Article 64 of Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993 as amended (the Italian Banking Act) under number 02008.1 (the Group or the UniCredit Group) is a leading financial services group with a well-established commercial network in 17 countries, including Italy, Germany, Austria, Poland and several other Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries. As at 31 December 2013, UniCredit Group is present in approximately 50 markets with almost 148,000 full time equivalent employees. The Group's portfolio of activities is highly diversified by segments and geographical areas, with a strong focus on commercial banking. Its wide range of banking, financial and related activities includes deposit-taking, lending, asset management, securities trading and brokerage, investment banking, international trade finance, corporate finance, leasing, factoring and the distribution of certain life insurance products through bank branches (<i>bancassurance</i>).
B.9	Profit forecast or estimate	Not Applicable - No profit forecasts or estimates have been made in the Base Prospectus.
B.10	Audit report qualifications	Not Applicable - No qualifications are contained in any audit or review report included in the Base Prospectus.

Element	Title		
B.12	Selected historical key financial information:		
	<i>Income Statement</i>		
	The table below sets out summary information extracted from the audited consolidated annual financial statements as at and for each of the financial years ended 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2013 for UniCredit International Luxembourg:		
	UniCredit International Luxembourg	As at	
	€ millions	Year ended 31 December 2014	Year ended 31 December 2013
	Operating income of which:	13	12
	– net interest	13	12
	Operating costs	(6)	(5)
	Profit	8	7
	Profit (loss) before tax	8	7
	Net profit (loss)	5	5
	<i>Statement of Financial Position</i>		
	The table below sets out summary information extracted from UniCredit International Luxembourg's audited consolidated statement of financial position as at and for each of the financial years ended 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2013:		
	€ millions	Year ended 31 December 2014	Year ended 31 December 2013
	Total assets	3,162	3,187
	Financial assets held for trading	2	2
	Loans and receivables with customers	34	123
	Financial liabilities held for trading	2	2
	Deposits from customers and debt securities in issue of which:	2,430	2,496

Element	Title		
	– deposits from customers	374	593
	– securities in issue	2,055	1,903
	Shareholders' Equity	270	250
	<p><i>Statements of no significant or material adverse change</i></p> <p>Not Applicable - there has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of UniCredit International Luxembourg since 31 December 2014.</p> <p>There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of UniCredit International Luxembourg since 31 December 2014.</p>		
B.13	Events impacting the Issuer's solvency	Not Applicable - There are no recent events particular to the Issuer which are to a material extent relevant to the evaluation of the Issuer's solvency.	
B.14	Dependence upon other group entities	<p>UniCredit International Luxembourg is a wholly owned subsidiary of UniCredit and owns a 100 per cent. interest in a subsidiary named UniCredit Luxembourg Finance S.A., whose principal object is the issue of securities in the US market under a USD 10 billion medium term note programme guaranteed by UniCredit S.p.A.</p> <p>Please also see Element B.5 above</p>	
B.15	Principal activities	<p>UniCredit International Luxembourg is engaged in the business of banking and the provision of financial services. Its main business areas include treasury activities (money market, repurchase agreements or "repos", interest rate swaps, foreign exchange), issue of certificates of deposit and structured notes, selective investments for its own account, treasury services for institutional and corporate counterparties, management of the remaining credit portfolio.</p>	
B.16	Controlling shareholders	UniCredit International Luxembourg is a wholly owned subsidiary of UniCredit.	
B.17	Credit ratings	<p>UniCredit International Luxembourg is not rated.</p> <p>[The Notes [have been/are expected to be] rated [<i>specify rating(s) of Tranche being issued</i>] by [<i>specify rating agent(s)</i>].]</p> <p>[No ratings have been assigned to the Notes at the request of or with the co-operation of the Issuer in the rating process.]]</p>	
[B.18]	Description of the Guarantee	<p>[The Notes issued by [UniCredit Ireland] [UniCredit International Luxembourg] will be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Guarantor.]</p> <p>[[<i>To include in the case of Senior Notes:</i>]The obligations of the Guarantor under its guarantee will be direct, unconditional and unsecured obligations of the Guarantor and will rank <i>pari passu</i> and (save for certain obligations required to be preferred by law) equally with all other unsecured</p>	

Element	Title			
		obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) of the Guarantor from time to time outstanding.] [[<i>To include in the case of Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland:</i>]The obligations of the Guarantor under its guarantee will constitute, direct, unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Guarantor.]]		
[B.19	Information about the Guarantor			
B.19 B.1	Legal and commercial name of the Guarantor	UniCredit S.p.A. (UniCredit)		
B.19 B.2	Domicile/ legal form/ legislation/ country of incorporation	The Guarantor is a <i>Società per Azioni</i> incorporated under the laws of the Republic of Italy and domiciled in the Republic of Italy with registered office at Via A. Specchi 16, 00186, Rome, Italy.		
B.19 B.4b	Trend information	Not Applicable - There are no known trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on the Guarantor's prospects for its current financial year.		
B.19 B.5	Description of the Group	The UniCredit Banking Group, registered with the Register of Banking Groups held by the Bank of Italy pursuant to Article 64 of the Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993, as amended (the Italian Banking Act) under number 02008.1 (the Group or the UniCredit Group) is a leading financial services group with a well-established commercial network in 17 countries, including Italy, Germany, Austria, Poland and several other Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries. As at 31 December 2013, UniCredit Group is present in roughly 50 markets with almost 148,000 full time equivalent employees. The Group’s portfolio of activities is highly diversified by segments and geographical areas, with a strong focus on commercial banking. Its wide range of banking, financial and related activities includes deposit-taking, lending, asset management, securities trading and brokerage, investment banking, international trade finance, corporate finance, leasing, factoring and the distribution of certain life insurance products through bank branches (<i>bancassurance</i>).		
B.19 B.9	Profit forecast or estimate	Not Applicable - No profit forecasts or estimates have been made in the Base Prospectus.		
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B.19 B.13	Events impacting the Guarantor's solvency	Not Applicable - There are no recent events particular to the Guarantor which are to a material extent relevant to the evaluation of the Guarantor's solvency.		
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Element	Title				
B.19 B.15	The Guarantor's Principal activities	The Guarantor, as a bank which undertakes management and co-ordination activities for the UniCredit Group, pursuant to the provisions of Article 61 of the Italian Banking Act, issues, when exercising these management and co-ordination activities, instructions to the other members of the banking group in respect of the fulfilment of requirements laid down by the Bank of Italy in the interest of the banking group's stability.			
B.19 B.16	Controlling shareholders	Not Applicable - No individual or entity controls the Guarantor within the meaning provided for in Article 93 of the Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998 (the Financial Services Act), as amended.			
B.19 B.17	Credit ratings	UniCredit S.p.A. has been rated:			
		Description	Standard & Poor's	Moody's	Fitch ratings
		Short Counterparty Rating	A-3	P-2	F2
		Term Credit Rating			
		Long Counterparty Rating	BBB-	Baa2	BBB+
		Term Credit Rating			
		Outlook	stable	Under Review for Upgrade	stable
		Tier II Subordinated Debt	BB	Ba2	BBB

Section C – Securities

Element	Title	
C.1	Description of Notes/ISIN	<p>The Notes to be issued may be Fixed Rate Notes, Floating Rate Notes, Zero Coupon Notes, Inflation Linked Interest Notes or CMS Linked Interest Notes.</p> <p>The Notes are [] per cent. [Fixed Rate/Floating Rate/Zero Coupon/Inflation Linked Interest Notes/CMS Linked Interest][] [Extendible] Notes due [] [unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by UniCredit S.p.A.]</p> <p>International Securities Identification Number (ISIN): []</p> <p>Common Code: []</p> <p>[CUSIP: []]</p> <p>[CINS: []]</p> <p>[specify other identification code]]</p> <p>[The Notes will be consolidated and form a single series with [identify earlier Tranches] on [the Issue Date/ exchange of the Temporary Global Note for interests in the Permanent Global Note, which is expected to occur on or about [date]]]</p>
C.2	Currency	<p>Subject to compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and directives, Notes may be issued in any currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer at the time of issue.</p> <p>The currency of this Series of Notes is [Pounds Sterling (£)/Euro (€)/U.S. dollars (U.S.\$)/Renminbi (CNY), which is the currency of the People's Republic of China/Other ([])].</p>
C.5	Restrictions on transferability	The Notes may not be transferred prior to the Issue Date.
C.8	Rights attached to the Notes, including ranking and limitations on those rights	<p>Notes issued under the Programme will have terms and conditions relating to, among other matters:</p> <p>Governing law</p> <p>The rights of the investors in connection with the Notes and any non-contractual obligations will be governed by English law[, except for the right of the investors in connection with the status of the [Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit] [Subordinated Guarantee (in case of Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland)] and any non-contractual obligations arising out thereof which shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, Italian law]. [The rights of the investors and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the status of the Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of Ireland.]</p>

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		<p>Status[and Subordination]</p> <p><i>[[Insert in the case of Senior Notes]</i>The Notes issued on a Senior basis constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and will rank <i>pari passu</i> among themselves and (save for certain obligations required to be preferred by law) equally with all other unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) of the Issuer, from time to time outstanding.]</p> <p><i>[Insert in the case of Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit S.p.A.]</i> Early redemption may occur only at the option of UniCredit and with the prior approval of the relevant Competent Authority.]</p> <p><i>[Insert in the case of Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland:]</i> Notes having a stated maturity (which must be at least five years) may be redeemed on their Maturity Date or, if of indeterminate duration, may be redeemed where five years' notice of redemption has been given. Otherwise Subordinated Notes may only be redeemed with the consent of the relevant Competent Authority, which will only be given where the request is made at UniCredit Ireland's initiative and UniCredit Ireland's solvency is not in question.]</p> <p>This Series of the Notes is issued on a [Senior/ Subordinated] basis.</p> <p>Each holder of a 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 Note.</p> <p>Events of default</p> <p><i>[Insert in the case of Senior Notes]</i> [The terms of the Senior Notes will contain, amongst others, the following events of default:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • default in payment of any principal or interest due in respect of the Notes, continuing for a specified period of time; • non-performance or non-observance by the Issuers [or, in the case of Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor] of any of its other obligations under the conditions of the Notes or the Trust Deed, in certain cases continuing for a specified period of time; • if either (i) any indebtedness for Borrowed Money in excess of €35,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency or currencies) of the Issuer [or (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor] shall become repayable prior to the due date for payment thereof by reason of default by the Issuer [or, as the case may be, the Guarantor] or shall not be repaid at maturity as extended by any applicable grace period therefor and, in either case, steps shall have been taken to obtain repayment, or (ii) any guarantee given by the Issuer [or (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor] of any indebtedness for Borrowed Money in excess of €35,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency or currencies) shall not be honoured when due and called; • events relating to the insolvency, winding up or cessation of

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		<p>business of the Issuers[, (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor];</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • certain final judgments for the payment of indebtedness remain unsatisfied for a specific period of time; and • (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantee ceases to be in full force and effect. • upon of the occurrence of the above, the Trustee, at its discretion, may, and if so requested in writing by the holders of at least one quarter in principal amount of the Notes then outstanding, or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders, shall give notice to the Issuer [and, in the case of the Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor] that each Note is, and each Note shall thereupon immediately become, due and repayable at its Early Redemption Amount together with accrued interest.] <p><i>[Insert in the case of Subordinated Notes]</i> [The terms of the Subordinated Notes will contain, amongst others, the following events of default:</p> <p><i>[Insert the case of Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UniCredit becoming subject to <i>Liquidazione Coatta Amministrativa</i> as defined in Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993 of the Republic of Italy; <p><i>[Insert the case of Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • events relating to the insolvency or winding up of UniCredit Ireland. <p>upon of the occurrence of the above, the Trustee, at its discretion, may, and if so requested in writing by the holders of at least one quarter in principal amount of the Notes then outstanding, or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders, shall give notice to the Issuer and, in the case of the Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor that each Note is, and each Note shall thereupon immediately become, due and repayable at its Early Redemption Amount together with accrued interest]</p> <p>Meetings</p> <p>The terms of the Notes will contain provisions for calling meetings of holders of such Notes to consider matters affecting their interests generally. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all holders, including holders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and holders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.</p> <p>Taxation</p> <p>All payments in respect of Notes will be made without deduction for or on account of withholding taxes imposed by (a) the Republic of Italy, in the case of Notes issued by UniCredit and Guaranteed Notes, (b) Ireland, in the case of Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland and (c) Luxembourg, in the case of Notes issued by UniCredit International</p>

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		<p>Luxembourg. In the event that any such deduction is made, the Issuers or, as the case may be, the Guarantor will, save in certain limited circumstances, be required to pay additional amounts to cover the amounts so deducted.</p> <p>Payments of any amount in respect of Notes, Receipts or Coupons will be subject in all cases to (i) any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in any jurisdiction 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, or law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto.</p> <p>Prescription</p> <p>The Notes (whether in bearer or registered form), Receipts and Coupons will become void unless presented for payment within a period of ten years (in the case of principal) and five years (in the case of interest) after the date on which such payment first becomes due.</p>
C.9	Interest/Redemption	<p>Interest</p> <p>Notes may or may not bear interest. Interest-bearing Notes will either bear interest payable at a fixed rate or a floating rate or calculated by reference the relevant inflation Index.</p> <p>[Payments (in respect of principal and interest) in respect of Notes denominated in Renminbi will be made in Renminbi, except in the case where "RMB Currency Event" is specified in the Final Terms and if by reason of a RMB Currency Event, as determined by the relevant Issuer acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner, the relevant Issuer is not able to pay any amount in respect of the Notes, the relevant Issuer's obligation to make payment in Renminbi shall be replaced by an obligation to pay such amount in the Relevant Currency converted using the Spot Rate.]</p> <p>Interest Rate</p> <p>[[<i>Insert in the case of Fixed Rate Notes:</i>] The Notes bear interest [from their date of issue/from []] at the fixed rate of []% per annum.</p> <p>The yield in respect of the Notes is []%.</p> <p>The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the relevant Issue Price.</p> <p>Interest will be paid [annually/semi-annually/quarterly] in arrear on [] in each year. The first interest payment will be made on [].</p> <p>[[<i>Insert in the case of Floating Rate Notes:</i>] The Notes bear floating rate interest [from their date of issue/from []] at floating rates calculated by reference to [[]-Euribor] [[]-Libor] [<i>insert CMS rate</i>] [for the relevant interest period[s][.]] [[<i>In the case of a factor insert:</i>], multiplied with a factor of [<i>Insert factor</i>]] [[<i>in the case of a margin insert:</i>], plus][, minus] the margin of []% per annum][for the relevant interest period]. Interest will be paid [annually/semi-annually/quarterly] in arrear on [],</p>

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		<p>and [] in each year, subject to adjustment for non-business days. The first interest payment will be made on [].]</p> <p>[[<i>Insert in the case of Inflation Linked Interest Notes:</i>] The Notes bear Inflation linked interest [from their date of issue/from []]. The interest rate is dependent on the performance of the [EUROSTAT Eurozone HICP (excluding Tobacco) Unrevised Series NSA Index which mirrors the weighted average of the harmonized indices of consumer prices in the Euro-Zone, excluding tobacco (non-revised series) (the HICP)] [Inflation for Blue Collar Workers and Employees - Excluding Tobacco Consumer Price Index Unrevised (<i>Indice dei prezzi al consumo per famiglie di operai e impiegati (FOI), senza tabacchi</i>) as calculated on a monthly basis by the ISTAT - Istituto Nazionale di Statistica (the Italian National Institute of Statistics) (the Italy CPI)] [] [for each interest period] [[<i>In the case of a factor insert:</i>], multiplied with a factor of [insert factor]] [[<i>In the case of a margin, insert:</i>] [], plus][], minus] the margin of [insert percentage]%] for the relevant interest period]. Interest will be paid [annually/semi-annually/quarterly] in arrear on [], and [] in each year, subject to adjustment for non-business days. The first interest payment will be made on [].]</p> <p>[<i>In the case of a minimum and/or maximum rate of interest, insert:</i>]The amount of interest payable on the Notes is subject to [insert the minimum/maximum rate of interest].]</p> <p>[The Notes do not bear any interest [and will be offered and sold at a discount to their nominal amount].]</p> <p>Underlyings</p> <p>[Not Applicable. Interest on the Notes is not based on an underlying.]</p> <p>[<i>Insert in the case of CMS Linked Notes:</i>][insert CMS Rate(s)]</p> <p>[<i>Insert in the case of Zero Coupon Notes:</i>]Not Applicable.]</p> <p>[<i>Insert in the case of Inflation Linked Interest Notes:</i>]The value of the Notes may be affected by the [performance of [insert the relevant inflation index].]</p> <p>[The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Inflation Linked Interest Notes, for each interest period, shall be determined in accordance with the following formula:</p> $\text{Rate of Interest} = [[\text{Index Factor}] * \text{YoY Inflation}] + \text{Margin}$ <p>Index Factor has the meaning given to it in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if Index Factor is specified as "Not Applicable", the Index Factor shall be deemed to be equal to one;</p> <p>Inflation Index has the meaning given to it in the applicable Final Terms;</p> <p>Inflation Index (t) means the value of the Inflation Index for the Reference Month in the calendar year in which the relevant Specified</p>

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		<p>Interest Payment Date (as specified in the Final Terms) falls;</p> <p>Inflation Index (t-1) means the value of the Inflation Index for the Reference Month in the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which the relevant Specified Interest Payment Date (as specified in the Final Terms) falls;</p> <p>Margin has the meaning given to it in the applicable Final Terms;</p> <p>Reference Month has the meaning given to it in the applicable Final Terms; and</p> <p>YoY Inflation (t) means in respect of the Specified Interest Payment Date (as specified in the Final Terms) falling in month (t), the value calculated in accordance with the following formula:</p> $\left[\frac{\text{Inflation Index}(t)}{\text{Inflation Index}(t-1)} - 1 \right]$ <p>Redemption</p> <p>The terms under which Notes may be redeemed (including the maturity date and the price at which they will be redeemed on the maturity date as well as any provisions relating to early redemption) will be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer at the time of issue of the relevant Notes.</p> <p><i>[Insert in the case of Inflation Linked Interest Notes:]</i> [Inflation Linked Interest Notes may be redeemed before their stated maturity at the option of the relevant Issuer, if the Index ceases to be published or any changes are made to it which, in the opinion of an Expert, constitute a fundamental change in the rules governing the Index and the change would, in the opinion of the Expert, be detrimental to the interests of the Noteholders.]</p> <p>Subject to any purchase and cancellation or early redemption, the Notes will be redeemed on [] at par.</p> <p>The Notes may be redeemed early [for tax reasons] [or] [for regulatory reasons] [or][at the option of the Issuer] [or] [at the option of the Noteholders]] at <i>[specify the early redemption price and any maximum or minimum redemption amounts]</i>.</p> <p>Repayment Procedure</p> <p>[Payments of principal in respect of definitive Bearer Notes will (subject as provided below) be made only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of definitive Bearer Notes, and payments of interest in respect of definitive Bearer Notes will (subject as provided below) be made as aforesaid only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of Coupons, in each case at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States (which expression, as used herein, means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction)).]</p>

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		<p>[Payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of Notes represented by any Global Note in bearer form will be made in the manner specified above in relation to definitive Bearer Notes and otherwise in the manner specified in the relevant Global Note against presentation or surrender, as the case may be, of such Global Note at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent. A record of each payment made against presentation or surrender of any Global Note in bearer form, distinguishing between any payment of principal and any payment of interest, will be made on such Global Note by the Principal Paying Agent and such record shall be <i>prima facie</i> evidence that the payment in question has been made.]</p> <p>[Payments of principal in respect of each Registered Note (whether or not in global form) will be made against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the Registered Note at the specified office of the Registrar or any of the Paying Agents.</p> <p>Payments of interest and principal in respect of each Registered Note (whether or not in global form) will be made by a cheque in the Specified Currency drawn on a Designated Bank and mailed by uninsured mail on the business day in the city where the specified office of the Registrar is located immediately preceding the relevant due date to the holder (or the first named of joint holders) of the Registered Note appearing in the Register.]</p> <p>Representative of holders</p> <p>The Issuer has appointed Citicorp Trustee Company Limited (the Trustee) to act as trustee for the holders of Notes. The trustee may, without the consent of any holders and without regard to the interests of particular holders, agree to (i) any modification of, or to the waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of, any of the provisions of the Notes or (ii) determine without the consent of any holders that an event of default or potential event of default shall not be treated as such or (iii) the substitution of another company as principal debtor under the Notes in place of the Issuer.</p> <p>Please also refer to Element C.8.</p>
C.10	Derivative component in the interest payments	<p>[Interest payments under the Floating Rate Notes depend on the development of the [insert []-Euribor] [insert []-Libor] [insert CMS rate] for the relevant interest period.]</p> <p>[Interest payments under the Inflation Linked Interest Notes are linked to the performance of the [HICP][Italy CPI][].]</p> <p>[Not applicable – There is no derivative component in the interest payments.]</p> <p>Please also refer to Element C.9.</p>
C.11	Admission to trading on a regulated market	<p>Notes issued under the Programme may be admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or such other stock exchange or regulated market specified below, or may be issued on an unlisted basis.</p>

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		<p>[Application [has been][is expected to be] made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on the regulated market of the [Luxembourg Stock Exchange.] [The Notes are not intended to be admitted to trading on any market.]</p>

Section D – Risks

Element	Title	
D.2	Key risks regarding the Issuers [and the Guarantor]	<p>In purchasing Notes, investors assume the risk that the Issuers and the Guarantor may become insolvent or otherwise be unable to make all payments due in respect of the Notes. There is a wide range of factors which individually or together could result in the Issuers and the Guarantor becoming unable to make all payments due in respect of the Notes. It is not possible to identify all such factors or to determine which factors are most likely to occur, as the Issuers and the Guarantor may not be aware of all relevant factors and certain factors which they currently deem not to be material may become material as a result of the occurrence of events outside the Issuers' and the Guarantor's control. The Issuers and the Guarantor have identified a number of factors which could materially adversely affect their businesses and ability to make payments due under the Notes. These factors include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • risks concerning liquidity which could affect the UniCredit Group's ability to meet its financial obligations as they fall due; • the UniCredit Group's results of operations, business and financial condition have been and will continue to be affected by adverse macroeconomic and market conditions; • the European sovereign debt crisis has adversely affected, and may continue to, adversely affect the Group's results of operations, business and financial condition; • the Group has exposure to European sovereign debt; • the liquidity available at country level could be subject to restrictions due to legal regulatory and political constraints; • systemic risk could adversely affect the Group's business; • risks connected to an economic slowdown and volatility of the financial markets – credit risk; • deteriorating asset valuations resulting from poor market conditions may adversely affect the Group's future earnings; • the economic conditions of the geographic markets in which the Group operates have had, and may continue to have, adverse effects on the Group's results of operations, business and financial condition; • non-traditional banking activities expose the Group to additional credit risks; • unidentified or unanticipated risks, by their nature, might not be captured in the current Group's risk management policies; • fluctuations in interest and exchange rates may affect the Group's results;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • changes in the Italian and European regulatory framework could adversely affect the Group's business; • implementation of Basel III and CRD IV; • forthcoming regulatory changes; • ECB Single Supervisory Mechanism; • the ECB is in the process of performing a comprehensive assessment of the Issuer and other European banks, the outcome of which is not yet known; • the bank recovery and resolution directive entered into force on 2 July 2014 and is intended to enable a range of actions to be taken in relation to credit institutions and investment firms considered to be at risk of failing. The implementation of the directive or the taking of any action under it could materially affect the value of any Notes; • as of 2016 the UniCredit Group will be subject to the provisions of the Regulation establishing the Single Resolution Mechanism; • the UniCredit Group may be subject to a proposed EU regulation on mandatory separation of certain banking activities; • the UniCredit Group may be affected by a proposed EU Financial Transactions Tax; • the UniCredit Group may be affected by new accounting and regulatory standards; • operational and IT risks are inherent in the Group's business; • intense competition, especially in the Italian market, where the Group has a substantial part of its businesses, could have a material adverse effect on the Group's results of operations and financial condition; • a certain level of uncertainty and professional judgment for the determination of the fair value of the shareholding held by UniCredit in the Bank of Italy; • the Group may fail to implement its 2013-2018 Strategic Plan; • risks related to the Goodwill Impairment Test; • any rating downgrades of UniCredit or other entities of the Group would increase the re-financing costs of the Group and may limit its access to the financial markets and other sources of liquidity; • as at the date of this Base Prospectus, there are certain legal proceedings pending against UniCredit and other companies belonging to the Group; and • the Group is involved in pending tax proceedings.
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D.3	Key risks regarding the Notes	<p>There are also risks associated with the Notes. These include a range of market risks (including that there may be no or only a limited secondary market in the Notes, that the value of an investor's investment may be adversely affected by exchange rate movements where the Notes are not denominated in the investor's own currency, that any credit rating assigned to the Notes may not adequately reflect all the risks associated with an investment in the Notes or may be subject to suspension, reduction or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency and that changes in interest rates will affect the value of Notes which bear interest at a fixed rate), the fact that the conditions of the Notes may be modified without the consent of the holder in certain circumstances, that the holder may not receive payment of the full amounts due in respect of the Notes as a result of amounts being withheld by the Issuer in order to comply with applicable law and that investors are exposed to the risk of changes in law or regulation affecting the value of Notes held by them.</p> <p>Key risks regarding to certain types of Notes</p> <p>Notes subject to optional redemption by the relevant Issuer: the relevant Issuer may be expected to redeem Notes when its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the Notes. At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time.</p> <p>If the relevant Issuer has the right to convert the interest rate on any Notes from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or vice versa, this may affect the secondary market and the market value of the Notes concerned.</p> <p>Notes which are issued at a substantial discount or premium may experience price volatility in response to changes in market interest rates.</p> <p>There are certain risks associated with investing in Senior Notes. These risks include the risk connected with the right of the Issuer to redeem the Senior Notes upon the occurrence of a Loss Absorption Disqualification Event.</p> <p>There are certain risks associated with investing in Subordinated Notes. These risks include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an investor in Subordinated Notes assumes an enhanced risk of loss in the event of the relevant Issuer's insolvency as UniCredit and UniCredit Ireland obligations under Subordinated Notes will be unsecured and subordinated and will rank junior in priority of payment to Senior Liabilities; • Subordinated Notes may be subject to loss absorption on any application of the general bail-in tool or at the point of non-viability of the Issuer. Investors should be aware that, in addition to the general bail-in tools, the bank recovery and resolution directive contemplates that Subordinated Notes may be subject to a write-down or conversion into common shares at the point of non-

		<p>viability should the Bank of Italy, the Central Bank of Ireland or other authority or authorities having prudential oversight of the relevant Issuer at the relevant time (the Relevant Authority) be given the power to do so. The Subordinated Notes issued under the Programme include provisions setting out that the obligations of the relevant Issuer under such Subordinated Notes are subject to the powers of the Relevant Authority pursuant to applicable law and/or regulation in force from time to time;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • under the Subordinated Guarantee, in the event of winding-up, dissolution, liquidation or bankruptcy (including, inter alia, <i>Liquidazione coatta amministrativa</i>, as described in Articles 80 to 94 of the Italian Banking Act) of UniCredit, the Subordinated Guarantee will rank in right of payment after unsubordinated unsecured creditors (including depositors) of UniCredit; and • the regulatory classification of the Notes - although it is the Issuers' expectation that the Notes qualify as "Tier 2 capital" there can be no representation that this is or will remain the case during the life of the Notes. <p>There are certain risks associated with investing in Inflation Linked Interest Notes. These risks include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • potential investors in any such Notes should be aware that depending on the terms of the Inflation Linked Interest Notes they may receive no interest or a limited amount of interest; • Inflation Linked Interest Notes may be subject to certain disruption provisions or extraordinary event provisions and If the Calculation Agent determines that any such event has occurred this may delay valuations under and/or settlements in respect of the Notes and consequently adversely affect the value of the Notes; • the market price of Inflation Linked Interest Notes may be volatile and may depend on the time remaining to the maturity date or expiration and the volatility of the level of the inflation or consumer price index or indices; and • the level of the inflation or consumer price index or indices may be affected by the economic, financial and political events in one or more jurisdictions or areas. <p>There are certain risks associated with investing in Renminbi Notes. These risks include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Renminbi is not freely convertible and there are significant restrictions on the remittance of the Renminbi into and outside the PRC which may affect the liquidity of the Notes; • there is only limited availability of Renminbi outside the PRC, which may affect the liquidity of the Notes and the relevant Issuer's ability to source Renminbi outside the PRC to service the Renminbi Notes; • an investment in Renminbi Notes is subject to exchange rate risk and interest rate risk; • an investment in Renminbi Notes is subject to interest rate risk;
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> an investment in Renminbi Notes is subject to risk of change in the regulatory regime governing the issuance of Renminbi Notes; and payments in respect of the Renminbi Notes will only be made to investors in the manner specified in the Renminbi Notes; <p>The value of Fixed Rate Notes may be adversely affected by movements in market interest rates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Credit ratings assigned to the Issuers, the Guarantor or any Notes may not reflect all the risks associated with an investment in those Notes.
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Section E – Offer

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E.2b	Reasons for the offer and use of proceeds	<p>The net proceeds from each issue of Notes will be applied by the Issuers for their general corporate purposes, which include making a profit. If in respect of any particular issue other than making a profit and/or hedging certain risks, there is a particular identified use of proceeds, this will be stated in the applicable Final Terms.²</p> <p>[The net proceeds from the issue of Notes will be applied by the Issuer for its general corporate purposes, which include making a profit [and[]].</p>
E.3	Terms and conditions of the offer	<p>The Notes may be offered to the Public as a public offer in one or more specified Public Offer Jurisdictions.</p> <p>The terms and conditions of each offer of Notes will be determined by agreement between the Issuer and the relevant Dealers at the time of issue. An Investor intending to acquire or acquiring any Notes in a Public Offer from an Authorised Offeror will do so, and offers and sales of such Notes to an Investor by such Authorised Offeror will be made, in accordance with any terms and other arrangements in place between such Authorised Offeror and such Investor including as to price, allocations and settlement arrangements.</p> <p>[Not Applicable – The Notes are not being offered to the public as part of a Non-Exempt Offer]</p> <p>[This issue of Notes is being offered in a Non-Exempt Offer in []].</p> <p>The issue price of the Notes is [] per cent. of their nominal amount.</p> <p><i>[Summarise any public offer, copying the language from paragraphs [8viii] and [9] of Part B of the Final Terms.]</i></p>
E.4	Interest of natural and legal persons involved in the issue/offer	<p>The relevant Dealer may be paid fees in relation to any issue of Notes under the Programme. Any such Dealer and its affiliates may also have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform other services for, the Issuers and the Guarantor and their affiliates in the ordinary</p>

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		<p>course of business.³</p> <p>The [Dealers/Managers] will be paid aggregate commissions equal to [] per cent. of the nominal amount of the Notes. Any [Dealer/Manager] and its affiliates may also have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform other services for, the Issuer [and the Guarantor] and [its/their respective] affiliates in the ordinary course of business.</p> <p>[Other than as mentioned above,[and save for [],] so far as the Issuers are aware, no person involved in the issue of the Notes has an interest material to the offer, including conflicting interests.]</p>
E.7	Expenses charged to the investor by the Issuer or an Offeror	<p>[Offer price: Issue Price.] [Authorised Offerors (as defined above) may, however, charge expenses to investors.]</p> <p>[Selling Concession: <i>[Insert selling concession.]</i>]</p> <p>[Other Commissions: <i>[Insert other commissions.]</i>]</p> <p>[Not applicable. No such expenses will be charged to the investor by the Issuer or a dealer.]</p>

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Risk Factors

Each of the Issuers and the Guarantor believes that the following factors may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme. All of these factors are contingencies which may or may not occur and neither the Issuers nor the Guarantor is in a position to express a view on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring.

In addition, factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme are also described below.

Each of the Issuers and the Guarantor believes that the factors described below represent the material risks inherent in investing in Notes issued under the Programme, but the inability of the Issuers or the Guarantor to pay interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with any Notes may occur for other reasons. The Issuers and the Guarantor have identified in this “Risk Factors” section a number of factors which could materially adversely affect their businesses and ability to make payments due under the Notes. Prospective investors should read these risk factors together with the other detailed information set out elsewhere in this Base Prospectus and reach their own views prior to making any investment decision.

The risk factors relating to the Group are deemed to cover the Issuers and the Guarantor.

FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT THE RELEVANT ISSUER’S ABILITY TO FULFIL ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER NOTES ISSUED UNDER THE PROGRAMME – FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT THE GUARANTOR’S ABILITY TO FULFIL ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE GUARANTEE

Risks concerning liquidity which could affect the UniCredit Group’s ability to meet its financial obligations as they fall due

The UniCredit Group (as defined below in the section headed “*Description of the Issuer*” below) is subject to liquidity risk, which can be split between funding liquidity risk, market liquidity risks, mismatch risk and contingency risk. Funding liquidity risk is the risk that the bank will not be able to meet efficiently its obligations, including funding commitments and deposit withdrawals, as they fall due. In this context, the procurement of liquidity for business activities and the ability to access long-term financing are necessary to enable the Group to meet its payment obligations in cash, scheduled or unscheduled, and avoid prejudice to its current activities and financial situation.

The global financial crisis and resulting financial instability have significantly reduced the levels and availability of liquidity provided by private placements which led to a significant intervention of government guaranteed bonds that have been pledged with the European Central Bank to access open market operations.

The perception of banking industry riskiness remained high even though reduced interbank lending implies a lower funding liquidity risk. It should be noted that market speculative behaviour, in particular towards peripheral countries, has been successfully dealt with by government intervention. Should this government support vanish, the Group would be forced to rely on higher recourse to the wholesale market, which seems to be feasible in case of a normalisation of the macroeconomic conditions. Also retail customers are expected to benefit from a more stable liquidity context. Indeed retail customers are interwoven with the banking system, since they invest in network bonds as well as place the deposits and other funding sources which grew significantly in the last period.

In this context, the Group has announced, as part of its Strategic Plan (as defined below), its intention to decrease the proportion of wholesale funding in favour of retail funding. However, reduced customer confidence could result in the Group’s inability to access retail funding and to increased deposit outflows, which in turn could further limit the Group’s ability to fund its operations and meet its minimum liquidity requirements. This strategy is in line with the expected requirements of the Basel Committee which favours banks to leverage on more stable funding sources such as core-retail.

UniCredit also borrows from the European Central Bank (the **ECB**). Thus, any adverse change to the ECB’s lending policy, including changes to collateral requirements (particularly those with retroactive effect), or any

changes to the funding requirements set by the ECB, could significantly affect the Group's results of operations, business and financial condition.

In terms of market liquidity, the effects of the immediate liquidity of the assets held as cash reserves should be considered. Sudden changes in market conditions (interest rates and creditworthiness in particular) can impact significantly on the time to sell even for high quality assets such as government bonds. "Size effects" play an important role for the Group as it is likely that a liquidation of significant amounts of assets, even if high quality ones, would affect the overall market conditions. Additionally possible ratings downgrades and the resulting effects on the securities value as well as the consequent difficulty in ensuring immediate liquidity in unfavourable economic conditions could also affect the Group's ability to meet its financial obligations as they fall due.

Apart from risks strictly related to funding and market liquidity, one additional risk that can affect the ordinary liquidity management is represented by the misalignment between the amounts and/or the maturities of cash inflows and outflows (Mismatch Risk). Out of the day-to-day liquidity management, the bank should handle the risk that future and unexpected obligations (i.e. drawing on committed facilities, deposit withdrawal, increase in collateral pledging) could require a greater amount of liquidity compared to what is considered the amount to run the ordinary business (Contingency risk).

Finally, it must be noted that the Group, in the management of short-term liquidity, adopted metrics that preserve its stability over a period of three months, while maintaining adequate liquidity reserves in terms of eligible and marketable securities. As defined in the Strategic Plan, the Group expects to achieve the objectives of compliance with the liquidity indicators that are going to be defined by Basel III regulations (as defined below) (i.e. Liquidity Coverage Ratio and Net Stable Funding Ratio) by 2015. The observation period related to the application of the rules, was delayed by one year, from 2013 to 2014, subject to the entry into force of the first part of the legislation in 2015, with a gradual phase-in which will be completed in 2018 (when the Liquidity Coverage Ratio requirement will be 100 per cent.).

The UniCredit Group's results of operations, business and financial condition have been and will continue to be affected by adverse macroeconomic and market conditions

The Group's performance is influenced by the financial markets conditions and the macroeconomic situations of the countries in which it operates. In recent years, the global financial system has been subject to considerable turmoil and uncertainty and, as at the date of this Prospectus, the short and medium term outlook for the global economy remains uncertain.

The repricing of sovereign risk following the recent economic crisis has contributed to keep volatility and uncertainty high, weighing negatively on the global financial system.

High uncertainty and risk aversion have led to significant distortions in global financial markets, including critically low levels of liquidity and availability of financing (resulting in high funding costs), historically high credit spreads, volatile capital markets and declining asset prices. In addition, the international banking system has been imperilled with unprecedented issues, which have led to sharp reductions in and, in some cases, the suspension of, interbank lending.

The businesses of many leading commercial banks, investment banks and insurance companies have been subject to significant pressure. Some of these institutions have failed or have become insolvent, have been integrated with other financial institutions, or have required capital injections from governmental authorities and supranational organisations. Additional adverse effects of the global financial crisis include the deterioration of loan portfolios, decreasing consumer confidence towards financial institutions, high levels of unemployment and a general decline in the demand for financial services.

Furthermore, the uncertain economic outlook in the countries in which the Group operates has had, and could continue to have, adverse effects on its operations, financing costs, share price and the value of its assets and has led to, and could continue to lead to, additional costs relating to devaluations and decreases in asset value.

All of the above could be further impacted by policy measures affecting the currencies of countries where the Group operates as well as by political instability in such countries and/or the inability of the governments thereof to take prompt action to confront the financial crisis.

The European sovereign debt crisis has adversely affected, and may continue to, adversely affect the Group's results of operations, business and financial condition

The sovereign debt crisis has raised concerns about the long-term sustainability of the European Monetary Union (the **EMU**). In the last few years, several EMU countries have requested financial aid from European authorities and from the International Monetary Fund (the **IMF**) and are currently pursuing an ambitious programme of reforms. The risk of a sharp upward repricing in sovereign credit spreads has significantly diminished after the ECB launched the “Outright Monetary Transactions” (the **OMT**) and started to buy government bonds (PSPP); however it has not completely faded. Resurfacing tensions in Greece create an additional factor of uncertainty that may negatively weigh on risk appetite and on sovereign spreads.

Market tensions might affect negatively the funding costs and economic outlook of some euro member countries. This, together with the risk that some countries (even if not very significant in terms of gross domestic product (**GDP**)) might leave the euro area, would have a material and negative impact on the Group and/or on the Group's clients, with negative implications for the Group's business, results and financial position.

Lingering market tensions might affect negatively the global economy and hamper the recovery of the euro area. Moreover, the tightening fiscal policy by some countries might weigh on households disposable income and on corporate profits with negative implications for the Group's business, results and financial position. This trend will likely continue in the coming quarters.

Any deterioration of the Italian economy would have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, in light of the Group's significant exposure to the Italian economy. In addition, if any of the countries in which the Group operates witnessed a significant deterioration in economic activity, the Group's results of operations, business and financial condition would be materially and adversely affected.

The ECB's unconventional monetary policy tools have contributed to ease market tensions, limiting the refinancing risk for the banking system and leading to a tightening of credit spreads. The possibility that the ECB could halt or reconsider the current set up of unconventional measures would impact negatively the value of sovereign debt instruments. This would have a materially negative impact on the Group's business, results and financial position.

Despite several initiatives of supranational organisations to deal with the heightened sovereign debt crisis in the euro area, global markets remain characterised by high volatility. Any further acceleration of the European sovereign debt crisis could likely significantly affect, among other things, the recoverability and quality of the sovereign debt securities held by the Group as well as the financial resources of the Group's clients holding similar securities. The occurrence of any of the above events could have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, results and financial condition.

More recently, geopolitical tensions related to the developments in Crimea have resurfaced. These tensions have already created volatility in the Central and Eastern European (**CEE**) region and are expected to weigh negatively on economic developments in the region. An escalation of these tensions would likely boost demand for safe assets, creating volatility in the level of credit risk premia in Europe – especially in the periphery.

The Group has exposure to European sovereign debt

With reference to the Group's sovereign exposures¹, the book value of sovereign debt securities as at December 31, 2014 amounted to €122,347 million, of which over 90 per cent. was concentrated in eight countries of which: Italy, with €59,387 million, represents over 49 per cent. of the total; Germany €24,749 million (20 per cent.); Austria €10,117 million (8 per cent.); Poland €5,955 million (5 per cent.); Spain €3,305 million (3 per cent.), Czech Republic €2,653 million (2 per cent.); France €2,075 million (2 per cent.) and Romania €1,451 million (1 per cent.). The remaining 10 per cent. of the total of sovereign debt securities, amounting to €12,656 million with reference to the book values as at December 31, 2014 is divided into 53 countries, among which Russia (€586 million), Slovenia (€333 million), the United States (€294 million), Portugal (€75 million), Argentina (€4 million) and Ireland (€1 million). The sovereign debt securities exposures towards Cyprus, Greece and Ukraine are immaterial. With respect to these exposures,

¹ Sovereign exposures are bond issued by and loan given to central and local governments and governmental bodies. Asset backed securities are not included.

as at December 31, 2014 there were no indications that impairment may have occurred. In addition to the exposures to sovereign debt securities, loans², given to central and local governments and governmental bodies must be taken into account. The total amount as at December 31, 2014 of loans given to countries towards which the overall exposure exceeds €140 million amounted to €25,395 million, representing more than 95 per cent. of the total: Germany €7,366 million (of which €922 million represented by financial assets held-for-trading or at fair value through P&L); Austria €6,030 million (of which €270 million represented by financial assets at fair value through P&L); Italy €5,800; Croatia €2,482 million; Poland €1,598 million, and others.

The book value of sovereign debt securities as at December 31, 2013³ amounted to €106,085 million, of which 89 per cent. concentrated in eight countries of which: Italy, with €47,202 million, represents over 44 per cent. of the total; Germany €25,842 million (24 per cent.); Austria €7,172 million (7 per cent.); Poland €6,888 million (6 per cent.); Czech Republic €2,547 million (2 per cent.); Turkey⁴ €2,501 million (2 per cent.); Romania €1,301 (1 per cent.) and Hungary €984 million (1 per cent.). The remaining 11 per cent. of the total of sovereign debt securities, amounting to €11,650 million with reference to the book values as at December 31, 2013 is divided into 65 countries, among which Spain (€504 million), Ukraine (€213 million), Slovenia (€202 million), the United States (€69 million), Ireland (€52 million) and Portugal (€30 million). As at December 31, 2013, the sovereign debt securities exposures to Greece and Cyprus are immaterial; with respect to these exposures, as at December 31, 2013, there were no indications that impairment may have occurred, with the exception of an Argentinian government bond, which was written down by €1.4 million. The book value of the net sovereign exposure to this country amounted to €3.1 million as at December 31, 2013.

In addition to the exposures to sovereign debt securities, loans⁵ given to central and local governments and governmental bodies must be taken into account. The total amount as at December 31, 2013 of loans given to countries towards which the overall exposure exceeds €150 million amounted to €25,418 million, representing more than 95 per cent. of the total: Germany €7,742 million (of which €869 million represented by financial assets held-for-trading or at fair value through P&L); Italy €6,463 million; Austria €5,428 million (of which €222 million represented by financial assets held-for-trading or at fair value through P&L); Croatia €2,568 million; Poland €1,556 million, and others.

Lastly, it should be noted that derivatives are traded within the ISDA master agreement and accompanied by credit support annexes, which provide for the use of cash collaterals or low-risk eligible securities.

The liquidity available at country level could be subject to restrictions due to legal, regulatory and political constraints. For a clearer understanding of this aspect, a few explanations regarding the limits on intra-group liquidity circulation and on regulations covering upstream loans are necessary.

In common with other multi-jurisdictional banking groups, the UniCredit Group companies have historically provided funding to other members of the Group, resulting in the transfer of excess cash liquidity from one member of the Group to another. In the past, one of the largest such outstanding exposures was from UniCredit Bank AG (UCB AG) to UniCredit, although UCB AG also has exposures to other UniCredit Group members. In addition, as the UniCredit Group's investment banking activities are centralised within UCB AG, significant non-cash intra-group credit exposures exist on a day-to-day basis between UCB AG and other Group members resulting from, among other things, UCB AG acting as an intermediary between such Group members, on the one hand, and external counterparties, on the other hand, in connection with various financial risk hedging transactions. Due to the nature of this business, the intra-group credit exposure of UCB AG is volatile and can change significantly on a daily basis.

As a general rule, the large exposure regime, provided by the CRD IV Regulation (as defined below)(from art. 395 onwards), limits interbank exposures to a maximum of 25 per cent. of the eligible capital, as defined by the CRD IV Regulation: this rule also applies to intra-group exposures, unless the national

² Excluding tax items.

³ Information in the table are "historical figures". They are not recasted or adjusted following new accounting principles or perimeter changes.

⁴ Amounts recognised using proportionate consolidation with reference to the ownership percentage for exposures held by joint ventures.

⁵ Excluding tax items.

legislator, adopting the regulation at national level, envisages a specific exemption (i.e. the Holding Company under other EU State regulations).

As a result of the global financial crisis, banking regulators in many of the jurisdictions in which the Group operates have sought, and continue to seek, to reduce the exposure of banks operating within their jurisdictions to other affiliated banks operating in jurisdictions over which they have no legal and/or regulatory control. This could have a material adverse effect on the way in which the UniCredit Group funds its operations and provides liquidity to members of the Group. Accordingly, the Group begun an active improvement of regional self-sufficiency aimed mainly at improving the funding gap.

The local competent authorities have recognized some waivers by distinguishing between a full or partial exemption from the large exposures limit for intra-group exposures and a lower risk-weight applied to intra-group exposures in order to avoid an excess versus the large exposures limit. In the case of Italy, Austria and Germany, the competent authorities have granted a few exceptions to the general rule and, in the absence of legal or regulatory limits established at the national level, reserve the right to judge exposure levels on a case-by-case basis. UCB AG relies on this exemption with respect to the intra-group exposures described above. The recent adoption of the CRR and its local implementation may modify the existing exemption. If this would be the case, UCB AG may need to either reduce or balance its risk-weighted assets by allocating additional qualifying regulatory capital to remain in compliance with its statutory minimum solvency ratio, as well as the higher ratio set as outcome of the Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process.

In Germany, as a result of the level of UCB AG's intra-group cash and non-cash exposures and consequent discussions between UniCredit, UCB AG and BaFin, UniCredit and UCB AG have undertaken to reduce UCB AG's net intra-group exposure to the UniCredit Group, including through the use of collateral, based on on-going discussions with BaFin and the Bank of Italy.

As a matter of fact, during the Italian sovereign debt crisis, in August 2011, BaFin communicated to UniCredit Bank AG its desire that its management set a cap on the exposure towards the Holding Company and its controlled entities.

The exposure of UCB AG towards UniCredit Group is expected to reduce further as a consequence of the maturing intercompany financing deals that will not be renewed fully. The adoption of a self-sufficiency principle by Group sub-holdings led to the adoption of strict policy in terms of funding gap control and reduction, not only in Italy but in all subsidiaries.

Systemic risk could adversely affect the Group's business

In light of the relatively reduced liquidity and relatively high funding costs that have prevailed in the interbank lending market since the onset of the global financial crisis, the Group is exposed to the risk that the financial viability (actual or perceived) of the financial institutions with whom, and the countries in which, it carries out its activities could deteriorate. The Group routinely executes a high volume of transactions with numerous counterparties in the financial services industry, including brokers and dealers, commercial banks, investment banks and other institutional clients. Financial services institutions that transact with each other are interrelated as a result of trading, investment, clearing, counterparty and other relationships; concerns about the stability of anyone or more of these institutions or the countries in which they operate could lead to significant constraints on the availability of liquidity (including completely frozen interbank funding markets), losses or other institutional failures. In addition, should one of the counterparties of a certain financial institution suffer losses due to the actual or perceived threat of default of a sovereign country, that counterparty may be unable to satisfy its obligations to the above financial institution. The above risks, commonly referred to as "systemic" risks, could adversely affect financial intermediaries, such as clearing agencies, clearing houses, banks, securities firms and exchanges, with whom the Group interacts on a daily basis, which in turn could adversely affect the Group's ability to raise new funding. The occurrence of any "systemic" risks could adversely affect the Group's results of operations, business and financial condition.

In addition, in many of the countries in which the Group operates, it is required to participate in deposit guarantee and investor protection schemes. As a result, the insolvency of one or more of the participants in these schemes could result in UniCredit, or one of its banking subsidiaries', obligation to settle guaranteed customer claims against such insolvent participant(s) or to pay increased or additional contributions, which could materially adversely affect the Group's results of operations, business and financial condition.

Risks connected to an economic slowdown and volatility of the financial markets – credit risk

The Group is exposed to potential losses linked to credit risk, in connection with the granting of financing, commitments, credit letters, derivative instruments, currency transactions and other kinds of transactions. Credit risk typically resides in the assets of the banking book (loans and bonds held to maturity). The risk for banks in issuing loans is that the borrowers will not repay the amount that is owed in the time and in accordance with the terms specified by the loan agreement. If a substantial number of customers were to default on their loans, this could have an adverse effect on the Group.

The loss could be complete or partial and could arise in a number of circumstances, e.g. failure to make a payment due by a consumer or a business on a mortgage loan, credit card, line of credit or other loan; with reference to the Group's sovereign exposure, a loss could occur when a government becomes unwilling or unable to meet its loan obligations.

Any deterioration of a borrower's creditworthiness and financial standing, or of the performance of loans and other receivables, as well as any wrong assessment of creditworthiness or country risks may have an adverse effect on the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations, since these assets must be written off (in whole or in part).

Credit risk is present in both the traditional on-balance sheet uncollateralised and collateralised lending business and off-balance sheet business, for example when extending credit by means of a bank guarantee.

Credit risks have historically been aggravated during periods of economic downturn or stagnation, which are typically characterised by higher rates of insolvencies and defaults.

The banking and financial markets in which the Group operates have been hit by an unprecedented crisis, since 2007, which has seriously affected the economic growth, the fiscal and monetary policies, the market liquidity, the capital market's expectations and subsequently the consumers' behaviour in terms of investments and savings. The demand for financial products in traditional lending operations decreased and affected the overall quality of assets at Group level. This situation has impacted negatively the solvency of mortgage debtors and, in general, all Group's borrowers and their overall financial condition. As a consequence of that situation, the level of insolvent clients compared to outstanding loans and obligations has increased, impacting on the levels of credit risk.

As part of their respective businesses, entities of the Group operate in countries (emerging markets) with a generally higher country risk profile than in their respective home markets, often directly holding assets located in these countries.

The Group's future earnings could also be adversely affected by depressed asset valuations resulting from a deterioration of market conditions in any of the markets in which the Group companies operate. As a result, volumes, revenues and net profits in banking and financial services business could be significantly volatile over time.

The Group monitors credit quality, manages specific risk of each counterparty and assesses the overall risk of the respective loan portfolios, and it will continue to do so. However, the weak signs of economic upturn cannot fully compensate for the negative effects of the still high market volatility which can negatively affect the Group risk management ability to keep the Group's exposure to credit risk at acceptable levels.

In addition, protracted or steep declines in the stock or bond markets in Italy and elsewhere may have an adverse impact on the Group's investment banking, securities trading and brokerage activities, the Group's asset management and private banking services, as well as the Group's investments and sales of products linked to financial assets performance.

Deteriorating asset valuations resulting from poor market conditions may adversely affect the Group's future earnings

The global economic slowdown and economic crisis in certain countries of the Euro-zone have exerted, and may exert downward pressure on asset prices, which has an impact on the credit quality of the Group's customers and counterparties. This may cause the Group to incur losses or to experience reductions in business activity,

increases in non-performing loans, decreased asset values, additional write-downs and impairment charges, resulting in significant changes in the fair values of the Group's exposures.

A substantial portion of the Group's loans to corporate and individual borrowers are secured by collateral such as real estate, securities, ships, term deposits and receivables. In particular, as mortgage loans are one of the Group's principal assets, it is highly exposed to developments in real estate markets.

A general deterioration in economic conditions in the countries in which the Group operates, in any industry in which its borrowers operate or in other markets in which the collateral is located, may result in decreases in the value of collateral securing the loans to levels below the outstanding principal balance on such loans. A decline in the value of collateral securing these loans or the inability to obtain additional collateral may require the Group to reclassify the relevant loans, establish additional provisions for loan losses and increase reserve requirements. In addition, a failure to recover the expected value of collateral in the case of foreclosure may expose the Group to losses which could have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition and results of operations. Moreover, an increase in financial market volatility or adverse changes in the liquidity of its assets could impair the Group's ability to value certain of its assets and exposures or result in significant changes in the fair values of these assets and exposures, which may be materially different from the current or estimated fair value. Any of these factors could require the Group to recognise write-downs or realise impairment charges, any of which may adversely affect its financial condition and results of operations.

The economic conditions of the geographic markets in which the Group operates have had, and may continue to have, adverse effects on the Group's results of operations, business and financial condition

While the Group operates in many countries, Italy is the primary country in which it operates. Thus, the Group's business is particularly linked to the macroeconomic situation existing in Italy and could be materially adversely affected by any changes thereto. Recently, economic forecasts have suggested considerable uncertainty over the future growth of the Italian economy.

In addition to other factors that may arise in the future, declining or stagnating Italian GDP, rising unemployment and unfavourable conditions in the financial and capital markets in Italy could result in declining consumer confidence and investment in the Italian financial system, increases in the number of impaired loans and/or loan defaults, leading to an overall reduction in demand for the products and services offered by the Group.

Thus, a persistence of adverse economic conditions, political and economic uncertainty and/or a slower economic recovery in Italy compared with other Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development countries could materially adversely affect the Group's results of operations, business and financial condition.

The Group also has significant operations in several Central and Eastern European countries (**CEE countries**), including Poland, Turkey, Russia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Bulgaria and Hungary. Within the CEE countries, the risks and uncertainties to which the UniCredit Group is exposed differ in nature and intensity, and a CEE country's membership in the European Union, or lack thereof, is only one of the key distinguishing factors that must be considered in assessing such risks and uncertainties. In addition, CEE countries, as a whole, have historically been characterised by highly volatile capital markets and exchange rates, a certain degree of political, economic and financial instability, as the most recent set back between Ukraine and Russia also shows. In some cases, CEE countries are characterised by less developed political, financial and judicial systems.

While some of the CEE countries in the region experienced an economic recovery in recent years, also thanks to their reform efforts, other CEE countries continue to face macroeconomic challenges of a different nature and entity and the timing of full economic recovery remains more uncertain.

In addition, recent developments in Ukraine and Russia have increased the uncertainty over the outlook for these two countries. In particular, with reference to Ukraine, the strong depreciation of the local currency (UAH) has led to the breach, throughout the Ukrainian banking sector, of some local regulatory requirements (minimum capital adequacy level, liquidity and open foreign exchange position) defined by the National Bank of Ukraine. This has affected also Ukrspotsbank. For further details please refer to the Notes to the Consolidated Account, Part E – Information on risks and related risk management policies Section 5 – Other Risks - Selected emerging risks of the Unicredit Consolidated Reports and Accounts as at December 31, 2014.

Given the more restrictive regulations than those prevailing at the international level, the Group may need to continue strengthening the equity of and/or transfer an increasing amount of funds to its subsidiaries located in CEE countries, also considering the risk of being exposed to, among other things, regulatory or legal initiatives of local authorities in those countries. In addition, similar to the risks present in all countries in which the Group operates, local authorities in CEE countries could also adopt measures and/or initiatives such as: (a) requiring the waiver or reduction of loan repayment obligations, resulting in a level of risk provisions more significant than would normally apply under Group policies; (b) demanding additional capital; (c) increasing levies on banking activities. The Group may also be required to ensure that its subsidiaries located in CEE countries have greater levels of liquidity, in a context where access to liquidity worldwide may be increasingly difficult to obtain. An increase in loan impairments could be necessary in connection with levels of credit risk estimated by the Group. Furthermore, unfavourable developments in the growth rates of CEE countries compared to historical levels, together with the uncertainties surrounding Western European economies, could adversely affect the Group's achievement of its strategic goals.

Non-traditional banking activities expose the Group to additional credit risks

In addition to traditional banking activities such as lending and deposit-taking, the Group carries out non-traditional banking activities, which may expose it to additional credit and/or counterparty risk. Such additional risks may stem from, for example: executing securities, futures, interest rate, currency or commodity trades that fail to settle in a timely manner due to non-delivery by the counterparty or alternatively due to system failures by clearing agents, exchanges, clearing houses or other financial intermediaries (including the Group); owning securities of third parties; and extending credit through other arrangements.

Parties to these transactions, such as trading counterparties or counterparties issuing securities held by entities of the Group, may default on their obligations due to insolvency, political and economic events, lack of liquidity, operational failure or other reasons. Defaults by counterparties with respect to a significant number of transactions or one or more transactions that involve significant volumes would have a material adverse effect on the Group's results of operations, business and financial condition.

The Group has made a series of significant investments in other companies, including those resulting from the conversion of debt into equity in the context of restructuring processes. Any losses or risks, operational or financial, to which the invested companies may be exposed may restrict the Group's ability to dispose of the above mentioned investments, and may cause considerable reductions in their value, with possible adverse effects to the Group's results of operations, business and financial condition.

In addition, the Group, as a result of executing guarantees and/or signing agreements to restructure debt, holds, and could acquire in the future, control or minority stakes in companies operating in industries other than those in which the Group currently operates, including, for example, real estate, oil, transport and consumer goods. These industries require specific skills in terms of knowledge and management that are not among those skills currently held by the Group. Nevertheless, in the course of any disposals, the Group may have to deal with such companies. This exposes the Group to the risks inherent in the activities of an individual company or subsidiary and to the risks arising from the inefficient management of such shareholdings, which could have adverse effects on the Group's results of operations, business and financial condition.

Unidentified or unanticipated risks, by their nature, might not be captured in the current Group's risk management policies

Banks belonging to the Group are subject to the risks inherent to banking and financial activities. The Group has structures, processes and human resources aimed at developing risk management policies, procedures and assessment methods for its activities in line with best market practices in the industry.

The Group's Risk Management Division provides strategic direction and defines the risk management policies implemented, locally, by the Group's risk management entities. Some of the methods used to monitor and manage these risks involve observations of historic market conditions and the use of statistical models for identifying, monitoring, controlling and managing risk.

However, these methods and strategies may be inadequate for the monitoring and management of certain risks, such as the risks attached to some complex financial products that are traded on unregulated markets (e.g., OTC derivatives), and, as a result, the Group could suffer greater losses than those contemplated by the methods or suffer losses not previously considered.

In addition, the occurrence of unforeseeable events or of events outside of the historical observation window, which have not been considered by the Risk Management Division and which may affect the performance of the markets in which the Group operates, could adversely affect the Group's results of operations, business and financial condition. These risks, and their effects, may be further aggravated by the complexities of integrating risk management policies into the Group's acquired entities.

At the date of this Prospectus, some of the relevant supervisory authorities are carrying out procedures to validate internal risk measurements that will be used for internal and regulatory purposes by UniCredit and other companies belonging to the Group. These procedures apply to models awaiting initial implementation as well as models already adopted, but for which the Group must demonstrate its maintenance of regulatory requirements.

In order to ensure the integrity and accuracy of the above measurement and risk management models, the Group employs a governance policy that is consistent with current applicable regulations in each of the markets in which it operates (for example, Bank of Italy, Circular No. 285 of 17 December 2013, as amended) as well as with international best practices.

Despite the maintenance and upgrading of these models, it is possible that, after investigation or verification by the supervisory authorities, the Group's internal models might no longer be adequate with respect to risks undertaken, which could adversely affect the Group, particularly with respect to its capital requirements.

Some regulators have conducted audits and/or reviews of risk management and internal control systems, and highlighted concerns (which were also the subject of additional internal and external audits) about the extent to which such systems are fully compliant with applicable legal and regulatory requirements. Progress on actions undertaken have been, and will continue to be, regularly reported to the relevant regulators.

Nevertheless, even if UniCredit plans, system improvements and robust monitoring process are acknowledged by the relevant regulators, there can be no assurance that the actions taken, and planned to be taken, by UniCredit will be fully satisfactory to the relevant regulators that have oversight of these matters. While UniCredit will address all the material concerns raised, there is a risk that the relevant regulators could take additional measures against UniCredit and its management, including issuing fines, imposing limitations on the conduct, outsourcing or the expansion of certain business activities.

Fluctuations in interest and exchange rates may affect the Group's results

Fluctuations in interest rates in Europe and in the other markets in which the Group operates may influence the Group's performance. The results of the Group's banking operations are affected, inter alia, by the Group's management of interest rate sensitivity. Interest rate sensitivity refers to the relationship between changes in market interest rates and changes in net interest income. A mismatch of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities in any given period, which tends to accompany changes in interest rates, may have a material effect on the Group's financial condition and results of operations. Change in interest rates also affects the underlying value of the bank's assets, liabilities and off-balance-sheet instruments.

The interest rate risk position estimates include assumptions for assets and liabilities that do not have a well-defined maturity. Examples are listed below:

- sight and savings accounts: maturity assumptions are in place as these amounts are to some extent assumed to be irresponsive to movements in the interest rates. For these maturity assumptions several considerations are taken into account including: the volatility of sight item volume, as well as the observed and perceived correlation between market and client rates. Both statistical as well as qualitative evidence is taken into account in order to evaluate which hedge maturity profile would best eliminate the potential interest rate risk arising from the sight items. The maturity mapping aims to obtain a replicating profile that would minimise the margin volatility.
- residential real estate mortgages: the model estimates the future volumes of redemptions on an ongoing basis, in order to limit the risk that the bank is not appropriately hedged for the interest rate risk resulting from the outstanding fixed interest rate mortgages. The assumptions on early loan repayments are based on historical data as well as a qualitative assessment.

The relevance and the approach to capture this event varies per region.

Rising interest rates along the yield curve can increase the cost of the Group's borrowed funds faster and at a higher rate than the yield on its assets, due to, for example, a mismatch in the maturities of its assets and liabilities that are sensitive to interest rate changes or a mismatch in the degree of interest rate sensitivity of assets and liabilities with similar maturities. At the same time, decreasing interest rates can also reduce the yield on the Group's assets at a rate which may not correspond to the decrease in the cost of funding.

Furthermore, a significant portion of the UniCredit Group's operations, mainly capital investments, are conducted in currencies other than the Euro, principally the Polish Zloty, the Turkish Lira, the U.S. Dollar, the Swiss Franc and the Japanese Yen. Unfavourable movements in foreign exchange rates could, therefore, influence the Group's results of operations, business, financial condition and prospects. As a result, the Group is exposed to foreign currency exchange rates and foreign currency transaction risks.

The Group's consolidated financial statements (including its interim financial statements) are prepared in Euro and carry out the necessary currency translations in accordance with applicable international accounting standards.

The Group employs a hedging policy with respect to the profits and dividends of its subsidiaries operating outside the Euro area. The Group takes prevailing market conditions into account in implementing its hedging policy. Any negative change in exchange rates and/or a hedging policy that is ineffective at covering risk could significantly adversely affect the Group's results of operations, business and financial condition.

Changes in the Italian and European regulatory framework could adversely affect the Group's business

The UniCredit Group is subject to extensive regulation and supervision by several bodies in all jurisdictions in which it operates, including the European Central Bank (which is also responsible for supervision at a consolidated level), Bank of Italy, CONSOB, BaFin, PFSA, EBA, ESMA and the Austrian FMA. The rules applicable to banks and other entities in banking groups are mainly provided by implementation of measures consistent with the regulatory framework set out by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (**BCBS**) and aim at preserving their stability and solidity and limiting their risk exposure. The UniCredit Group is also subject to regulations applicable to financial services that govern, among other things, the sale, placement and marketing of financial instruments as well as to those applicable to its bank-assurance activities. In particular, the UniCredit Group is subject to the supervision of CONSOB and the Institute for the Supervision of Private Insurance. The Issuer is also subject to the rules applicable to it as an issuer of shares listed on the Milan, Frankfurt and Warsaw Stock Exchanges.

In accordance with the regulatory frameworks defined by the supervisory authorities mentioned above and consistent with the regulatory framework being implemented at the European Union, the UniCredit Group has in place specific procedures and internal policies to monitor, among other things, liquidity levels and capital adequacy, the prevention and contrast of money laundering, privacy protection, transparency and fairness in customer relations and registration and reporting obligations. Despite the existence of these procedures and policies, there can be no assurance that violations of regulations will not occur, which could adversely affect the UniCredit Group's results of operations, business and financial condition. In addition, as at the date of this Prospectus, certain laws and regulations have only been recently approved and the relevant implementation procedures are still in the process of being developed.

The various regulatory requests may affect the activities of the UniCredit Group, including its ability to grant loans, or result in the need for further capital injections in order to meet capital requirements as well as require other sources of funding to satisfy liquidity requirements, which could result in adverse effects to the UniCredit Group's results of operations, business, assets, cash flows and financial condition, the products and services offered by the UniCredit Group as well as the UniCredit Group's ability to pay dividends.

In carrying out its activities, the UniCredit Group is subject to numerous regulations of general application such as those concerning taxation, social security, pensions, occupational safety and privacy.

In Italy, Article 3 of Decree 66/2014 increased up to 26 per cent. the rate of taxation for financial income. The increase regards both capital income (interest, dividends, yields on mutual funds, etc.) and capital gains and losses from investments in stocks, bonds and other products. The new tax rate has been applied from 1 July 2014. The risk associated with this measure is that it could discourage the inflow of foreign capital in Italy as well as affect the placement of bank bonds.

Article 11 of the same decree provides that the Italian Inland Revenue Agency reduces the conditions and compensations for payments made through bank channels presenting the “F24 Form”, a form prepared by the Italian Revenue Agency for the payment of taxes (**F24**). This provision is critical because in the current situation the costs incurred by the banks for F24’s payments and services are not covered by the compensation received. Moreover taxpayers often prefer to do more operations, causing operational peaks for banks. The same Article 11 provides that in the case of payments made by the customer on-line with F24 on behalf of third parties, a bank must retain the authorisation of the third party. The duty of retaining the authorisation is going to increase operational costs.

Any changes to these and other laws and regulations of general application and/or changes in their interpretation and/or their application by the supervisory authorities could adversely affect the UniCredit Group’s results of operations, business and financial condition.

Basel III and CRD IV

In the wake of the global financial crisis that began in 2008, the BCBS approved, in the fourth quarter of 2010, revised global regulatory standards (**Basel III**) on bank capital adequacy and liquidity, higher and better-quality capital, better risk coverage, measures to promote the build-up of capital that can be drawn down in periods of stress and the introduction of a leverage ratio as a backstop to the risk-based requirement as well as two global liquidity standards. The Basel III framework adopts a gradual approach, with the requirements to be implemented over time, with full enforcement in 2019.

In January 2013 the BCBS revised its original proposal in respect of the liquidity requirements in light of concerns raised by the banking industry, providing for a gradual phasing-in of the Liquidity Coverage Ratio with a full implementation in 2019 as well as expanding the definition of high quality liquid assets to include lower quality corporate securities, equities and residential mortgage backed securities. Regarding the other liquidity requirement, the Net Stable Funding Ratio, the BCBS published the final rules in October 2014 which will take effect from 1 January 2018.

The Basel III framework has been implemented in the EU through new banking requirements: Directive 2013/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on access to the activity of credit institutions and the prudential supervision of credit institutions and investment firms (the **CRD IV Directive**) and Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013⁶ on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms (the **CRD IV Regulation** and together with the CRD IV Directive, **CRD IV Package**). Full implementation began on 1 January 2014, with particular elements being phased in over a period of time (the requirements will be largely fully effective by 2019 and some minor transitional provisions provide for phase-in until 2024) but it is possible that in practice implementation under national laws be delayed. Additionally, it is possible that Member States may introduce certain provisions at an earlier date than that set out in the CRD IV Package. In Italy, the Government has approved the legislative decree 8 May 2015 implementing the CRD IV Directive. It is expected that such decree will enter into force in June 2015. The new regulation impacts, *inter alia*, on:

- proposed acquirers of credit institutions’ holdings, shareholders and Members of the management body requirements (Articles 23 and 91 of the CRD IV Directive);
- competent authorities’ powers to intervene in cases of crisis management (Articles 64, 65, 102 and 104 of the CRD IV Directive);
- reporting of potential or actual breaches of national provisions (so called whistleblowing, Article 71 of the CRD IV Directive); and
- administrative penalties and measures (Article 65 of the CRD IV Directive).

The Bank of Italy published new supervisory regulations on banks in December 2013 (Circular of the Bank of Italy No. 285 of 17 December 2013 (the **Circular No. 285**)) which came into force on 1 January 2014, implementing the CRD IV Package, and setting out additional local prudential rules. Italian banks are required to comply with a minimum CET1 Capital ratio of 4.5 per cent., Tier I Capital ratio of 6 per cent. and Total

⁶ Final Corrigendum published on 30 November 2013.

Capital Ratio of 8 per cent.. These minimum ratios are complemented by the following capital buffers to be met with CET1 Capital:

- *Capital conservation buffer*: set at 2.5 per cent. of risk weighted assets and applies to UniCredit from 1 January 2014 pursuant to Title II, Chapter I, Section II of Circular No. 285;
- *Counter-cyclical capital buffer*: set by the relevant competent authority between 0 per cent. - 2.5 per cent. (but may be set higher than 2.5 per cent. where the competent authority considers that the conditions in the member state justify this), with gradual introduction from 1 January 2016 and applying temporarily in the periods when the relevant national authorities judge the credit growth excessive (pursuant to Article 130 of the CRD IV Directive);
- *Capital buffers for globally systemically important banks (G-SIBs)*: set as an “additional loss absorbency” buffer ranging from 1.0 per cent. to 3.5 per cent. determined according to specific indicators (size, interconnectedness, substitutability of the services provided, global cross-border activity and complexity); to be phased in from 1 January 2016 (Article 131 of the CRD IV Directive) becoming fully effective on 1 January 2019. Based on the most recently updated list of G-SIBs published by the Financial Stability Board (**FSB**) in November 2014 (to be updated annually), the UniCredit Group is a G-SIB included in the bucket 1 and, therefore, has to comply with a higher loss absorbency requirement of 1 per cent.; and
- *Capital buffers for systemically important banks at a domestic level*: up to 2.0 per cent. as set by the relevant competent authority (reviewed at least annually from 1 January 2016, to compensate for the higher risk that such banks represent to the financial system (Article 131 of the CRD IV Directive).

In addition to the above listed capital buffers, under Article 133 of the CRD IV Directive each Member State may introduce a Systemic Risk Buffer of Common Equity Tier 1 capital for the financial sector or one or more subsets of that sector in order to prevent and mitigate long term non-cyclical systemic or macroprudential risks not covered by CRR, in the meaning of a risk of disruption in the financial system with the potential of having serious negative consequences on the financial system and the real economy in a specific Member State.

Failure to comply with such combined buffer requirements triggers restrictions on distributions and the need for the bank to adopt a capital conservation plan on necessary remedial actions (Articles 140 and 141 of the CRD IV Directive). At this stage no provision is included on the systemic risk buffer under Article 133 of the CRD IV Directive as the Italian level-1 rules for the CRD IV Directive implementation on this point have not yet been enacted.

The ECB, within the framework of the joint decision on the capital adequacy of the UniCredit Group, has defined the following capital requirements: 9.5 per cent. of the CET1 ratio and 13 per cent. of the total capital ratio, both calculated in accordance with transitional requirements.

As part of the CRD IV Package transitional arrangements, regulatory capital recognition of outstanding instruments which qualified as Tier I and Tier II capital instruments under the framework which the CRD IV Package has replaced (CRD III) that no longer meet the minimum criteria under the CRD IV Package will be gradually phased out. Fixing the base at the nominal amount of such instruments outstanding on 1 January 2013, their recognition is capped at 80 per cent. in 2014, with this cap decreasing by 10 per cent. in each subsequent year.

The new liquidity requirements introduced under the CRD IV Package are the Liquidity Coverage Ratio and the Net Stable Funding Ratio (the **NSFR**). The Liquidity Coverage Ratio Delegated Act has been adopted in October 2014 and published in the Official Journal of the European Union in January 2015. It shall be applicable from 1 October 2015, under a phase-in approach before it becomes fully applicable from 1 January 2018. On the NSFR, the EBA is tasked under the CRR with reporting to the European Commission on whether and how to introduce a net stable funding ratio (including an impact assessment) by the end of 2015. This will then be taken into account by the Commission in proposing a legislative proposal by the end of 2016, with an aim to comply with NSFR implementation in 2018, as per the Basel rules.

The CRD IV Package introduces a new leverage ratio with the aim of restricting the level of leverage that an institution can take on to ensure that an institution's assets are in line with its capital. The Leverage Ratio

Delegated Act was published in the Official Journal of the European Union in January 2015. Institutions have been required to disclose their leverage ratio from 1 January 2015. Full implementation and European harmonisation, however, is not expected until 1 January 2018 following the European Commission's review in 2016. The CRD IV Package contains specific mandates for the EBA to develop draft regulatory or implementing technical standards as well as guidelines and reports related to liquidity coverage ratio and leverage ratio in order to enhance regulatory harmonisation in Europe through the Single Rule Book.

Forthcoming regulatory changes

In addition to the substantial changes in capital and liquidity requirements introduced by Basel III and the CRD IV Package, there are several other initiatives, in various stages of finalisation, which represent additional regulatory pressure over the medium term and will impact the EU's future regulatory direction. These initiatives include, amongst others, a revised Markets in Financial Instruments EU Directive and Markets in Financial Instruments EU Regulation which entered into force on 2 July 2014 with implementation required at Member States level as from January 2017 subject to certain transitional arrangements. The BCBS has also published certain proposed changes to the current securitisation framework which may be accepted and implemented in due course.

One of the main proposed changes to the global regulatory framework is for G-SIBs to be required to have a minimum Total Loss Absorbing Capacity (TLAC). In November 2014, the FSB published a consultation document setting out its proposals for TLAC, which were endorsed at the Group of Twenty's (G20) Brisbane conference in November 2014. The FSB is aiming for the G20 to adopt a final standard by November 2015, with application as of 2019 at the earliest.

The FSB's proposals would, if implemented, require all G-SIBs to meet, in addition to the capital buffers provided under the CRD IV Package and the relevant implementing laws and regulations, a minimum pillar 1 TLAC in the order of 16 per cent. - 20 per cent. of their Risk Weighted Assets (the **RWA**) and at least twice their Basel III leverage ratio requirement. Liabilities that are eligible for TLAC shall be capital instruments and instruments that are contractually, statutorily or structurally subordinated to certain "excluded liabilities" (including insured deposits and liabilities that cannot be effectively written down or converted into equity by relevant authorities) in a manner that does not give rise to a material risk of compensation claims or successful legal challenges. The impact on G-SIBs may well come ahead of 2019, as markets may force earlier compliance and as such banks will need to adapt their funding structure in advance.

Based on the most recently updated FSB list of G-SIBs published in November 2014 (to be updated annually), the UniCredit Group is a G-SIB included in the bucket 1 and is therefore likely to be subject to the TLAC requirements if and when the FSB proposals are finalised and implemented into applicable law, provided that at that time the UniCredit Group will still be included in the list of G-SIBs.

Moreover, it is worth mentioning that the BCBS has embarked on a very significant RWA variability agenda. This includes the Fundamental Review of the Trading Book, revised standardised approaches (credit, market, operational risk) and a consultation paper on a capital floor. The regulator's primary aim is to eliminate unwarranted levels of RWA variance. The finalisation of the new framework is likely to be expected by 2015 year end for all the relevant workstreams. The new setup will have a revolutionary impact on risk modelling: directly on the exposures assessed via standardized approach, but also indirectly on an internal ratings based approach (**IRB**) RWA, due to the introduction of capital floors that, according to the new framework, will be calculated based on the revised standardized approach.

In addition, as mentioned in the previous section, the European Commission intends to develop the net stable funding ratio with the aim of introducing it from 1 January 2018.

ECB Single Supervisory Mechanism

In October 2013, the Council of the European Union adopted regulations establishing a single supervisory mechanism (the **ECB Single Supervisory Mechanism** or **SSM**) for all banks in the euro area, which have, beginning in November 2014, given the ECB, in conjunction with the national competent authorities of the eurozone states, direct supervisory responsibility over "banks of systemic importance" in the Banking Union as well as their subsidiaries in a participating non-euro area Member State. The SSM framework regulation (ECB/2014/17) setting out the practical arrangements for the SSM was published in April 2014 and entered into force in May 2014. Banks directly supervised by the ECB include, inter alia, any eurozone bank that has: (i)

assets greater than €30 billion; (ii) assets constituting at least 20 per cent of its home country's gross domestic product; or (iii) requested or received direct public financial assistance from the European Financial Stability Facility or the European Stability Mechanism.

The ECB is also exclusively responsible for key tasks concerning the prudential supervision of credit institutions, which includes, inter alia, the power to: (i) authorise and withdraw the authorisation of all credit institutions in the eurozone; (ii) assess acquisition and disposal of holdings in other banks; (iii) ensure compliance with all prudential requirements laid down in general EU banking rules; (iv) set, where necessary, higher prudential requirements for certain banks to protect financial stability under the conditions provided by EU law; (v) ensure compliance with robust corporate governance practices and internal capital adequacy assessment controls; and (vi) intervene at the early stages when risks to the viability of a bank exist, in coordination with the relevant resolution authorities. The ECB also has the right to impose pecuniary sanctions.

National competent authorities will continue to be responsible for supervisory matters not conferred on the ECB, such as consumer protection, money laundering, payment services, and branches of third country banks, besides supporting ECB in day-to-day supervision. In order to foster consistency and efficiency of supervisory practices across the eurozone, the EBA is developing a single supervisory handbook applicable to EU Member States (the **EBA Single Supervisory Handbook**).

The bank recovery and resolution directive is intended to enable a range of actions to be taken in relation to credit institutions and investment firms considered to be at risk of failing. The implementation of the directive or the taking of any action under it could materially affect the value of any Notes

On 2 July 2014, the directive providing for the establishment of an EU-wide framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms (Directive 2014/59/EU) (the **Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive** or **BRRD**) entered into force and Member States were expected to implement the majority of its provisions. The BRRD is designed to provide authorities with a credible set of tools to intervene sufficiently early and quickly in an unsound or failing institution so as to ensure the continuity of the institution's critical financial and economic functions, while minimising the impact of an institution's failure on the economy and financial system.

The BRRD contains four resolution tools and powers which may be used alone or in combination where the relevant resolution authority considers that (a) an institution is failing or likely to fail, (b) there is no reasonable prospect that any alternative private sector measures would prevent the failure of such institution within a reasonable timeframe, and (c) a resolution action is in the public interest: (i) sale of business - which enables resolution authorities to direct the sale of the firm or the whole or part of its business on commercial terms; (ii) bridge institution - which enables resolution authorities to transfer all or part of the business of the firm to a "bridge institution" (an entity created for this purpose that is wholly or partially in public control); (iii) asset separation - which enables resolution authorities to transfer impaired or problem assets to one or more publicly owned asset management vehicles to allow them to be managed with a view to maximising their value through eventual sale or orderly wind-down (this can be used together with another resolution tool only); and (iv) bail-in - which gives resolution authorities the power to write down certain claims of unsecured creditors of a failing institution and to convert certain unsecured debt claims (including Notes) to equity (the **general bail-in tool**), which equity could also be subject to any future application of the general bail-in tool.

The BRRD also provides for a Member State as a last resort, after having assessed and exploited the above resolution tools to the maximum extent possible whilst maintaining financial stability, to be able to provide extraordinary public financial support through additional financial stabilisation tools. These consist of the public equity support and temporary public ownership tools. Any such extraordinary financial support must be provided in accordance with the EU state aid framework.

An institution will be considered as failing or likely to fail when: it is, or is likely in the near future to be, in breach of its requirements for continuing authorisation; its assets are, or are likely in the near future to be, less than its liabilities; it is, or is likely in the near future to be, unable to pay its debts as they fall due; or it requires extraordinary public financial support (except in limited circumstances).

In addition to the general bail-in tool, the BRRD provides for resolution authorities to have the further power to permanently write-down or convert into equity capital instruments such as Subordinated Notes at the point of non-viability and before any other resolution action is taken (**non-viability loss absorption**). Any shares issued

to holders of Subordinated Notes upon any such conversion into equity may also be subject to any application of the general bail-in tool.

For the purposes of the application of any non-viability loss absorption measure, the point of non-viability under the BRRD is the point at which the relevant authority determines that the institution meets the conditions for resolution (but no resolution action has yet been taken) or that the institution will no longer be viable unless the relevant capital instruments (such as Subordinated Notes) are written-down or converted or extraordinary public support is to be provided and without such support the appropriate authority determines that the institution would no longer be viable.

The BRRD provides that Member States should apply the new “crisis management” measures from 1 January 2015, except for the general bail-in tool which is to be applied from 1 January 2016. It is expected that the BRRD will be implemented in Italy through the adoption of a delegation law (so called “European Delegation Law”). Eventually the Italian Government will adopt the relevant legislative decrees. The Italian Parliament started the examination of the “European Delegation Law 2014” on 4 March 2015. It is expected that approval of such law will occur during the course of 2015.

In addition, because (i) Article 44(2) of the BRRD excludes certain liabilities from the application of the general bail-in tool and (ii) the BRRD provides, at Article 44(3), that the resolution authority may partially or fully exclude certain further liabilities from the application of the general bail-in tool, the BRRD specifically contemplates that *pari passu* ranking liabilities may be treated unequally. Accordingly, holders of Senior Notes and Subordinated Notes of a Series may be subject to write-down or conversion upon an application of the general bail-in tool while other Series of Senior Notes or, as appropriate, Subordinated Notes (or, in each case, other *pari passu* ranking liabilities) are partially or fully excluded from such application of the general bail-in tool. Further, although the BRRD provides a safeguard in respect of shareholders and creditors upon application of resolution tools, Article 75 of the BRRD sets out that such protection is limited to the incurrence by shareholders or, as appropriate, creditors, of greater losses as a result of the application of the bail-in tool than they would have incurred in a winding up under normal insolvency proceedings. It is therefore possible not only that, in circumstances in which Senior Notes or Subordinated Notes have been partially or fully written-down or converted into equity on an application of the general bail-in tool, the claims of other holders of junior or *pari passu* liabilities may have been excluded from the application of the general bail-in tool and therefore the holders of such claims receive a treatment which is more favourable than that received by holders of Senior Notes or Subordinated Notes, but also that the safeguard referred to above does not apply to ensure equal (or better) treatment compared to the holders of such fully or partially excluded claims because the safeguard is not intended to address such possible unequal treatment but rather to ensure that shareholders or creditors do not incur greater losses in a bail-in (or other application of a resolution tool) than they would have received in a winding up under normal insolvency proceedings.

Also, in respect of Senior Notes, Article 108 of the BRRD requires that Member States modify their national insolvency regimes such that deposits of natural persons and micro, small and medium sized enterprises in excess of the coverage level contemplated by deposit guarantee schemes created pursuant to Directive 2014/49/EU have a ranking in normal insolvency proceedings which is higher than the ranking which applies to claims of ordinary, unsecured, non-preferred creditors, such as holders of Senior Notes. In addition, the BRRD does not prevent Member States, including Italy, from amending national insolvency regimes to provide other types of creditors, such as holders of corporate deposits or other operating liabilities of the Bank with rankings in insolvency higher than ordinary, unsecured, non-preferred creditors. The result of such changes to the insolvency hierarchy would mean that significant amounts of liabilities which under the national insolvency regime currently in force in Italy rank *pari passu* with Senior Notes, would rank higher than Senior Notes in normal insolvency proceedings and therefore that, on application of the general bail-in tool, such creditors would be written-down or converted into equity after Senior Notes and therefore that holders of such Senior Notes would be subject to greater losses than if the claims of such other creditors had been subject to bail-in on *pari passu* basis with Senior Notes. In this scenario, the safeguard set out in Article 75 of the BRRD (referred to above) would not provide any protection since, as noted above, Article 75 of the BRRD only seeks to achieve compensation for losses incurred by creditors which are in excess of those which would have been incurred in a winding-up under normal insolvency proceedings.

The powers set out in the BRRD will impact how credit institutions and investment firms are managed as well as, in certain circumstances, the rights of creditors. Once the BRRD is fully implemented, holders of Senior Notes and Subordinated Notes may be subject to write-down or conversion into equity on any application of the general bail-in tool and, in the case of Subordinated Notes, non-viability loss absorption, which may result in

such holders losing some or all of their investment. The exercise of any power under the BRRD or any suggestion of such exercise could, therefore, materially adversely affect the rights of Noteholders, the price or value of their investment in any Notes and/or the ability of the relevant Issuer and/or the Guarantor, as the case may be, to satisfy its obligations under any Notes and/or the Guarantee.

As of 2016 (or, if earlier, the date of national implementation of the BRRD), European banks will also have to comply with a Minimum Requirement for Eligible Liabilities (the **MREL**). The BRRD does not foresee an absolute minimum, but attributes the competence to set a minimum amount for each bank to national resolution authorities (for banks not being part of the Banking Union) or to the Single Resolution Board (the **SRB**) for banks being part of the Banking Union. Differently to the current discussions on TLAC (see more above under “*Forthcoming regulatory changes*”) MREL includes senior unsecured debt, which will make the cost impact for European G-SIBs lower than the envisaged TLAC standard. The European Banking Authority (**EBA**) is currently consulting on Regulatory Technical Standards (the **RTS**) which shall further define the way in which resolution authorities/the SRB shall calculate MREL. The EBA consultation paper suggests that the MREL requirements can be implemented for G-SIBs in a manner that is “consistent with” the international framework, and contemplates a possible increase in the MREL requirement over time in order to provide for an adequate transition to compliance with the TLAC requirements that are currently projected to apply from January 2019.

As of 2016 the UniCredit Group will be subject to the provisions of the Regulation establishing the Single Resolution Mechanism

In August 2014, the Regulation establishing a Single Resolution Mechanism (the **SRM Regulation**) entered into force. The SRM is expected to be operational by 1 January 2016. There are, however, certain provisions, including those concerning the preparation of resolution plans and provisions relating to the cooperation of the Single Resolution Board (the **Board**) which came into force on 1 January 2015.

The SRM Regulation, which will complement the SSM (as defined above), will apply to all banks under SSM supervision. It will mainly consist of the Board and a Single Resolution Fund (the **Fund**).

A centralised decision-making process will be built around the Board and will involve the European Commission and the Council of the European Union – which will have the possibility to object to Board decisions – as well as the ECB and the national resolution authorities.

The Fund, which will back the SRM Regulation decisions mainly taken by the Board, will be divided into national compartments during an eight years transitional period, as set out by an intergovernmental agreement. Banks will start to pay contributions in 2015 to national resolution funds that will transform gradually into the Fund starting from 2016 (and will be additional to the contributions to the national deposit guarantee schemes).

This framework ensures that, instead of national resolution authorities, there will be a single authority – i.e. the Board – which will take all relevant decisions for banks being supervised by the SSM and part of the Banking Union.

There are other benefits that will derive from the SRM Regulation. Such benefits are aimed at providing: (a) a solution to home-host conflicts in resolution, and (b) a competitive advantage that Banking Union banks will have *vis-à-vis* non-Banking Union ones, due to the availability of a larger resolution fund.

The UniCredit Group may be subject to a proposed EU regulation on mandatory separation of certain banking activities

On 29 January 2014, the European Commission adopted a proposal for a new regulation following the recommendations released on 31 October 2012 by the High Level Expert Group (the Liikanen Group) on the mandatory separation of certain banking activities. The proposed regulation contains new rules which would prohibit the biggest and most complex banks from engaging in the activity of proprietary trading. The new rules would also give supervisors the power to require those banks to separate certain trading activities from their deposit-taking business if the pursuit of such activities compromises financial stability. Alongside this proposal, the Commission has adopted accompanying measures aimed at increasing transparency of certain transactions in the shadow banking sector.

The proposed regulation will apply to European banks designated as G-SIBs (as defined above), including UniCredit, or that exceed the following thresholds for three consecutive years: a) total assets are equal or exceed

€30 billion; b) total trading assets and liabilities are equal or exceed €70 billion or 10 per cent. of their total assets. The banks that meet either one of the aforementioned conditions will be automatically banned from engaging in proprietary trading defined narrowly as activities using a bank's own capital or borrowed money to take positions in any type of transaction to purchase, sell or otherwise acquire or dispose of any financial instrument or commodities for the sole purpose of making a profit for own account and without connection to actual or anticipated client activity or for the purpose of hedging the entity's risk as a result of actual or anticipated client activity. In addition, such banks will be prohibited also from investing in or holding shares in hedge funds, or entities that engage in proprietary trading or sponsor hedge funds. Other trading and investment banking activities - including market-making, lending to venture capital and private equity funds, investment and sponsorship of complex securitisation, sales and trading of derivatives – are not subject to the ban (subject to the discretion of the bank's competent authority), however they might be subject to separation if such activities are deemed to pose a threat to financial stability.

The proprietary trading ban would apply as of 1 January 2017 and the effective separation of other trading activities would apply as of 1 July 2018.

Should a mandatory separation be imposed, additional costs at Group level are not ruled out, in terms of higher funding costs, additional capital requirements and operational costs due to the separation and lack of diversification benefits. Due to a relatively limited trading activity, Italian banks could be penalised and put at a relative disadvantage in comparison with their main global and European competitors (e.g. French and German banking institutions). As a result, the proposal could lead to the creation of an oligopoly where only the biggest players will be able to support the separation of the trading activities and the costs that will be incurred. The effective magnitude of the impact on the European banking sector will depend however upon several elements of the proposal currently highly debated at EU level. An additional layer of complexity, leading to uncertainty, is the high risk of diverging approaches throughout Europe on this issue.

The UniCredit Group may be affected by a proposed EU Financial Transactions Tax

On 14 February 2013 the European Commission published a legislative proposal on a new Financial Transactions Tax (the **FTT**). The proposal followed the Council's authorisation to proceed with the adoption of the FTT through enhanced cooperation, i.e. adoption limited to 11 countries - including Italy, France, Germany and Austria. Although implementation was originally envisaged for 1 January 2014, the process has been delayed. Joint statements issued by participating Member States indicate an intention to implement the FTT by 1 January 2016.

If adopted, the impact on the "real economy" of the FTT as currently envisaged – especially for corporations – could be severe as many financial transactions are made on behalf of businesses that would bear the additional costs of the tax. For example, a transaction tax would raise the cost of the sale and purchase of corporate bonds and shares in a time where it is widely acknowledged that access to capital markets by corporate issuers has to be incentivised.

Moreover, it is a matter of concern for the UniCredit Group that the Commission's proposal does not exempt the transfers of financial instruments within a group. Thus, if a financial instrument is not purchased for a client but only moved within a banking group, each transaction would be subject to taxation. Also, the inclusion of derivatives and repos/lending transactions within the scope of taxation under the Commission's proposal clashes with the efficiency of financial markets.

However, the FTT proposal remains subject to negotiation between the participating Member States and the scope of any such tax is uncertain. Additional EU Member States may decide to participate.

The UniCredit Group may be affected by new accounting and regulatory standards

Following the entry into force and subsequent application of new accounting standards, regulatory rules and/or the amendment of existing standards and rules, the UniCredit Group may have to revise the accounting and regulatory treatment of certain outstanding assets and liabilities (eg. deferred tax assets) and transactions (and the related income and expense). This may have potentially negative effects, also significant, on the estimates contained in the financial plans for future years and may cause the UniCredit Group to have to restate previously published financials. In this regard a relevant change is expected in 2018 from the entry into force of IFRS 9:

- IFRS 9 has been issued on 24 July 2014. This standard will introduce significant changes with regard to classification, measurement, impairment and hedge accounting of instruments, including financial instruments, replacing IAS 39. International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) decided that the mandatory effective date of IFRS 9 will be 1 January 2018, following the endorsement by the European Union.

In addition, it should be noted that:

The European Commission endorsed the following accounting principles and interpretations that will be applicable starting from the 2015 financial statements:

- Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2011-2013 Cycle (EU Regulation 1361/2014);
- Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2010-2012 Cycle (EU Regulation 28/2015); and
- Defined Benefit Plans: Employee Contributions (Amendments to IAS 19) (EU Regulation 29/2015).

As of December 31, 2014 the IASB also issued the following standards, amendments, interpretations or revisions not yet endorsed by the European Commission:

- IFRS 14 Regulatory Deferral Accounts (issued in January 2014);
- IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (issued in May 2014);
- Amendments to IFRS 10, IFRS 12 and IAS 28: Investment Entities: Applying the Consolidation Exception (issued in December 2014);
- Amendments to IAS 1: Disclosure Initiative (issued in December 2014);
- Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2012–2014 Cycle (issued in September 2014);
- Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28: Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture (issued in September 2014);
- Amendments to IAS 27: Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements (issued in August 2014);
- Amendments to IAS 16 and IAS 41: Agriculture: Bearer Plants (issued in June 2014);
- Amendments to IAS 16 and IAS 38: Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation (issued in May 2014); and
- Amendments to IFRS 11: Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations (issued in May 2014).

Operational and IT risks are inherent in the Group's business

The Group's operations are complex and geographically diverse, and require the ability to efficiently and accurately process a large number of transactions while complying with applicable laws and regulations in the countries in which it operates. The Group is exposed to operational risks and losses that can result from, among other things, internal and external fraud, unauthorized activities in the capital markets, inadequate or faulty systems and controls, telecommunications and other equipment failures, data security system failures, errors, omissions or delays of employees, including with respect to the products and services offered, unsuitable Group policies and procedures, including those related to risk management, customer complaints, natural disasters, terrorist attacks, computer viruses and violations of law.

In addition, acquisitions and organisational restructuring in Italy, Germany, Austria and Central and Eastern Europe, has led to the integration of the information, internal audit and accounting systems of the companies acquired, some of which were profoundly different from those used by the Group. As of the date of this Prospectus, the Group's commercial banking activities in Italy, Germany and Austria are integrated on the EuroSIG platform.

While the Group actively employs procedures to contain and mitigate operational risk and related adverse effects, the occurrence of certain unforeseeable events, wholly or partly out of the Group's control, could substantially limit their effectiveness. As a result, there can be no assurance that the Group will not suffer future material losses due to the inadequacy or failure of the above procedures. The occurrence of one or more of above risks could adversely affect the Group's results of operations, business and financial position.

Intense competition, especially in the Italian market, where the Group has a substantial part of its businesses, could have a material adverse effect on the Group's results of operations and financial condition

UniCredit and the companies belonging to the UniCredit Group are subject to risks arising from competition in the markets in which they operate, particularly in Italy, Germany, Austria, Poland and the CEE countries.

In particular, the Italian market represents the main market in which the Group operates. As at 31 December 2014, 42.9 per cent. of direct funding and 51.1 per cent. of the revenues of the Group are related to the Italian market.

In general, the international banking and financial services industry is extremely competitive. Competitive pressure could increase as a result of regulatory actions, the behaviour of competitors, consumer demand, technological advances, aggregation processes which involve large groups like the UniCredit Group requiring ever larger economies of scale, the entry of new competitors and other factors not entirely within the Group's control. In addition, the aforementioned aggregation processes could intensify if instability in the financial markets persists. A worsening of the macroeconomic situation may also result in increased competitive pressure due to, for example, increased pressure on prices and lower volumes of activity.

In the event that the Group is not able to respond to increasing competitive pressure through, among other things, providing innovative and profitable products and services to meet the needs of customers, the Group could lose market share in the various sectors in which it is active.

In addition, as a result of such competition, the Group may fail to maintain or increase business volumes and profit levels that have been achieved in the past, resulting in adverse effects on the Group's results of operations, business and financial condition.

Information about the shareholding in the Bank of Italy

UniCredit S.p.A. holds 22.114 per cent. of the Share Capital of Bank of Italy, recognized under the Balance Sheet Item 40 - Available-for-sale financial assets.

Pursuant to Law No. 5 of 29 January 2014, the Bank of Italy carried out a capital increase of €7.5 billion (using pre-existing reserves), through the issue of new shares to replace the existing shares (which were canceled). Following this transaction, the difference between the fair value of the initial recognition of the new shares (€1,659 million) and the carrying amount of the former canceled shares (€285 million) was recognized through profit or loss in 2013 (Item 100 - Gains on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets). This resulted in a positive effect on the profit for the year 2013 of €1,190 million (net of €184 million of taxes).

This accounting treatment was examined by the IFRS Interpretation Committee, which decided that since the issue related to circumstances that were unique, it was not of general interest, and since it had not caused differences in the accounting approach in the financial statements of the companies involved (prepared on the basis of the same interpretation), it would not be the subject of a technical decision. The taxes had been determined using the 12 per cent. tax rate, as set by the Stability Law of 27 December 2013; the transaction did not have any impact on Regulatory Capital at 31 December 2013.

Law Decree No. 66 of 24 April 2014, converted into Law No. 89/2014, established an increase of the tax rate, to be applied at the higher value of the new shares of the Bank of Italy (from 12 per cent. to 26 per cent.), thus resulting in an increase in costs of €215 million recorded under item Taxes in the income statement for the first half of 2014.

In order to facilitate the balanced distribution of shares between shareholders, the new laws applicable to the Bank of Italy – in force from December 2013 – introduced a limit of 3 per cent. for the holding of shares in the capital of the Bank of Italy, establishing that no voting rights or dividend rights would be attached to excess shares, and that there would be an adjustment period (within which to dispose of any surplus shares) of no more

than 36 months, during which the excess shares would not have voting rights but would have dividend rights. Although the reform has laid the basis for removing the previous situation of immobilization, as things stand, the Bank of Italy has not made any commitment to the repurchase or intermediate the excess shares, the operating procedures and the conditions for such repurchase have not yet been defined, and initiatives aimed at creating transactions are still at the initial study phase.

At December 31, 2014, investments in the Bank of Italy were measured at fair value, using a fundamentally level 3 measurement process, which confirmed a book value in line with the values of the previous year, without therefore resulting in any measurement impacts in 2014. The measurement, based on a long-term dividend discount model adjusted by a liquidity discount appropriate to reflect a limited circulation of shares, also takes into account the value at which the capital increase was carried out, which in turn reflects the outcome of the measurement process carried out in November 2013 by the committee of high-level experts on behalf of the Bank of Italy.

As is the case for all fair value measurements of unlisted securities performed using models and non-observable variables, there is a certain level of uncertainty and professional judgment. In addition, in the specific case of the investment in question, the observation of effective disposals of the shares, in the coming months, qualifies as a factor of uncertainty for the determination of fair value and its sustainability in the near future.

With regard to the regulatory treatment in 2014 (effects on regulatory capital and capital ratios):

- the value of the investment measured at fair value in the balance sheet, is applied a weighting of 100 per cent. (in accordance with Article 133 "Exposures in Equity Instruments" of the CRR); and
- the revaluation recognized through profit or loss at December 31, 2013 is not subject to the filter.

Risks connected with failure to implement the Strategic Plan

On 11 March 2014, the Board of Directors of UniCredit approved the 2013-2018 Strategic Plan (the “**Strategic Plan**”), which contains the following actions and objectives:

- The Strategic Plan envisages a separate reporting of the Italian non-core portfolio which includes assets lines defined as not strategic and not in line with Group risk appetite, managed through a dedicated team and tailored credit process (the “**Non Core Portfolio**”); the Non Core Portfolio defined in approximately €87 billion⁷ in gross loans, including both performing (33 per cent.) and impaired loans (67 per cent.), of which more than 80 per cent. originated before 2009. UniCredit is the first bank in Italy to be fully operative on a segregated portfolio and to provide full transparency on the run-down process on a quarterly basis.
- The Strategic Plan of the core bank business is based on three key pillars:
 1. the multi-channel transformation of commercial bank in western European markets and UniCredit’s position as a European leader in corporate banking in order to further enhance non lending business;
 2. a strong focus on growth businesses such as selected CEE regions and capital-light businesses (like Asset Management and Asset Gathering), and
 3. consolidation of leadership position for the Corporate and Investment Banking (CIB) segment and of operational excellence
- Investments spread through the Strategic Plan will drive network restructuring and digitalization in Western Europe, foster growth in CEE and achieve group synergies
- Strict cost control will lead to cost savings on the time horizon of the Strategic Plan, thanks to dedicated initiatives targeting business simplification which include FTEs reductions.

⁷ Pro-forma as including Trevi consolidated since January 2014

The Strategic Plan is based on a series of estimates and projections relating to the occurrence of future events and actions that will have to be undertaken by the management on the time horizon of the Strategic Plan.

The main projections on which the Strategic Plan is based include those relating to the macroeconomic scenario, which cannot be influenced by the management, as well as hypothetical assumptions relating to the effects of specific actions or concerning future events which can only be partially influenced by the management and which may not happen or may change over the period of time covered in the plan. These circumstances could therefore mean that the actual results achieved may differ considerably from the forecasts, and could have significant repercussions on the Group's prospects.

In light of the uncertainty that characterises not only the projected data, but also the potential effects of the actions and managerial choices of the Group's management based on the Strategic Plan, investors are reminded that they should not make their investment decisions based exclusively on this data.

Risks related to the Goodwill Impairment Test

The impairment test result as at 31 December 2014 confirms the sustainability of the goodwill with no need for an impairment on the consolidated accounts of the UniCredit Group.

The main reasons leading to this result are related to the Group's new 2015 Budget and the latest Strategic Plan approved in March 2014. With reference to the macroeconomic environment, the current scenario has deteriorated slightly for the short term (versus Strategic Plan assumptions) but for the medium/ long term, the projections remain aligned as the recovery is expected to strengthen in Western Europe and most of the CEE countries except for Russia. On top of that, also the decrease in Cost of Equity and time value of future cash flows, has been a key determinant in current results of goodwill impairment test.

It must also be emphasised that the parameters and information used to verify the recoverability of goodwill (in particular the expected cash flows for the various cash generating CGU⁸, and the discount rates used) are significantly influenced by the macroeconomic and market situation, which may be subject, to currently unpredictable changes. In the coming reporting periods, the effect of these changes – and of changes in the corporate strategies – could therefore lead to a revision of the estimated cash flows of the various CGUs and of the assumptions about the main financial measures (discount rates, expected growth rates, Common Equity Tier 1 ratio, etc.) that could impact the results of the future impairment tests.

Ratings

UniCredit is rated by Fitch Italia S.p.A. (**Fitch**), by Moody's Italia S.r.l. (**Moody's**) and by Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services Italy S.r.l. (**Standard & Poor's**), each of which is established in the European Union and registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 on credit rating agencies as amended from time to time (the **CRA Regulation**) as set out in the list of credit rating agencies registered in accordance with the CRA Regulation published on the website of the European Securities and Markets Authority pursuant to the CRA Regulation (for more information please visit the ESMA webpage).

In determining the rating assigned to UniCredit, these rating agencies consider and will continue to review various indicators of UniCredit's creditworthiness, including (but not exhaustive) the Group's performance, profitability and its ability to maintain its consolidated capital ratios within certain target levels. If UniCredit fails to achieve or maintain any or a combination of more than one of the indicators, this may result in a downgrade of UniCredit's rating by Fitch, Moody's or Standard & Poor's.

Any rating downgrade of UniCredit or other entities of the Group would be expected to increase the re-financing costs of the Group and may limit its access to the financial markets and other sources of liquidity, all of which could have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition and results of operations.

Risks in connection with legal proceedings

As at the date of this Prospectus, UniCredit S.p.A. and other UniCredit group companies are involved in numerous legal proceedings (which include commercial disputes, adversarial regulatory matters and

⁸ The CGU (Cash Generating Units) are the Business Segments related to Segment Reporting reported in Integrative Note Section L of UCG Consolidated Report at 31 December 2014.

investigations). From time to time, past and present directors, officers and employees may be involved in civil and/or criminal proceedings, the details of which the UniCredit group may not lawfully know about or communicate.

The Group is also required to deal appropriately with various legal and regulatory requirements in relation to issues such as conflicts of interest, ethical issues, anti-money laundering laws, US and international sanctions, client assets, competition law, privacy and information security rules and others. Actual or alleged failure to do so may lead, and in certain instances has led to additional litigation and investigations and subjects the Group to damages claims, regulatory fines, other penalties and/or reputational damage. In addition, one or more Group companies is subject to investigations by the relevant supervisory authority in a number of countries in which it operates. These include investigations relating to aspects of systems and controls and instances of actual and potential regulatory infringement by the relevant Group companies and/or its clients. Given the nature of the Group's business and the reorganization of the Group over time there is a risk that claims or matters that initially involve one Group company may affect or involve other Group entities.

In many cases, there is substantial uncertainty regarding the outcome of the proceedings and the amount of any possible losses. These cases include criminal proceedings, administrative proceedings brought by the relevant supervisory or prosecution authority and claims in which the petitioner has not specifically quantified the penalties requested (for example, in putative class actions in the United States). In such cases, given the impossibility of predicting possible outcomes and estimating losses (if any) in a reliable manner, no provisions have been made. However, where it is possible to reliably estimate the amount of possible losses and the loss is considered likely, provisions have been made in the financial statements based on the circumstances and consistent with international accounting standards (IAS).

To provide for possible liabilities that may result from pending legal proceedings (excluding labour law, tax cases and credit recovery actions), the UniCredit Group has set aside a provision for risks and charges of € 685 million as at December 31, 2014. The estimate for reasonably possible liabilities and this provision are based upon available information as at the date of the Prospectus but, given the numerous uncertainties inherent in legal proceedings, involve significant elements of judgment. In some cases it is not possible to form a reliable estimate, for example where proceedings have not yet been initiated or where there are sufficient legal and factual uncertainties to make any estimate purely speculative. Therefore, it is possible that this provision may not be sufficient to entirely meet the legal costs and the fines and penalties that may result from pending legal actions, and the actual costs of resolving pending matters may prove to be substantially higher.

Consequently it cannot be excluded that an unfavourable outcome of such legal proceedings or such investigations may have a negative impact on the results of the UniCredit Group and/or its financial situation.

For further details please refer to the paragraph “*Legal and arbitration proceedings*” in the section “*Description of UniCredit and the UniCredit Group*”.

The Group is involved in pending tax proceedings

At the date of the Prospectus, there are different tax proceedings pending against UniCredit and other companies belonging to the UniCredit Group.

For example, over the past decade, several Group banks have carried out structured finance transactions, including the “DB Vantage” transaction. In connection with such structured finance transactions, UniCredit and several Group banks have been audited or investigated by the Italian Tax Agency (*Agenzia delle Entrate*). Those audits and investigations presented tax and legal risks to the Group. Several of the above audits resulted in the issuance of tax assessment notices to UniCredit and other Group banks, with reference to the fiscal years 2004 and 2005. As regards the fiscal year 2005, UniCredit settled the tax assessment notices for amounts lower than originally assessed, while the fiscal year 2004 was challenged before the Provincial Tax Court. On 18 April 2014 a settlement was reached in respect of the tax proceedings with the payment of €3.2 million (including tax, penalties and interest) representing the first instalment (out of twelve).

There can be no assurance that UniCredit Group will not be subject to an adverse outcome of one or more of the tax proceedings to which it is subject or may be subject in the future. Such an adverse outcome could have a material adverse effect on the Group's results of operations, business and financial condition. In addition, should a member of the Group breach or allegedly breach tax legislation in one or more of the countries in which the

Group operates, the Group could be exposed to increased tax risks, which in turn could increase the likelihood of further tax litigation and result in reputational damage.

FACTORS WHICH ARE MATERIAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSING THE MARKET RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH NOTES ISSUED UNDER THE PROGRAMME

The Notes may not be a suitable investment for all investors

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

- (a) have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Notes, the merits and risks of investing in the Notes and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus or in any applicable supplement;
- (b) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Notes and the impact the Notes will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (c) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Notes, including Notes with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies, or where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the potential investor's currency;
- (d) understand thoroughly the terms of the Notes and be familiar with the behaviour of any relevant indices and financial markets; and
- (e) be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

Some Notes are complex financial instruments. Sophisticated institutional investors generally do not purchase complex financial instruments as stand-alone investments. They purchase complex financial instruments as a way to reduce risk or enhance yield with an understood, measured, appropriate addition of risk to their overall portfolios. A potential investor should not invest in Notes which are complex financial instruments unless it has the expertise (either alone or with a financial adviser) to evaluate how the Notes will perform under changing conditions, the resulting effects on the value of the Notes and the impact this investment will have on the potential investor's overall investment portfolio.

Neither the obligations of the Issuers under the Notes nor those of the Guarantor in respect of Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland or UniCredit International Luxembourg are covered by deposit insurance schemes in the Republic of Italy, Ireland or Luxembourg. Furthermore, neither Notes issued by UniCredit nor Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland or by UniCredit International Luxembourg will be guaranteed by, respectively, the Republic of Italy, Ireland or Luxembourg under any legislation that is or will be passed to address liquidity issues in the credit markets, including government guarantees or similar measures.

Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Notes

A wide range of Notes may be issued under the Programme. A number of these Notes may have features which contain particular risks for potential investors. Set out below is a description of the most common such features, distinguishing between factors which may occur in relation to any Notes and those which might occur in relation to certain types of Exempt Notes:

Risks applicable to all Notes

If the relevant Issuer has the right to redeem any Notes at its option, this may limit the market value of the Notes concerned and an investor may not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in a manner which achieves a similar effective return

Notes subject to optional redemption by the relevant Issuer

An optional redemption feature is likely to limit the market value of the Notes. During any period when the relevant Issuer may elect to redeem Notes, the market value of those Notes generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This may also be true prior to any redemption period.

The relevant Issuer may be expected to redeem Notes when its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the Notes. At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time.

In addition, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Issuer (UniCredit and/or UniCredit Ireland) may also, at its option, redeem Subordinated Notes for tax reasons in the circumstances described in, and in accordance with, Condition 8.2 (*Redemption for tax reasons*) or following a change of the regulatory classification of the relevant Subordinated Notes in the circumstances described in, and in accordance with Condition 8.3 (*Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)*) or in accordance with Condition 8.4 (*Redemption at the option of the Issuer (Issuer Call)*). Any redemption of the Subordinated Notes is subject to the prior approval of the relevant Competent Authority and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including Articles 77(b) and 78 of the CRD IV Regulation.

If the relevant Issuer has the right to convert the interest rate on any Notes from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or vice versa, this may affect the secondary market and the market value of the Notes concerned

Fixed/Floating Rate Notes are Notes which may bear interest at a rate that converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or from a floating rate to a fixed rate. Where the relevant Issuer has the right to effect such a conversion, this will affect the secondary market and the market value of the Notes since the relevant Issuer may be expected to convert the rate when it is likely to produce a lower overall cost of borrowing. If the relevant Issuer converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate in such circumstances, the spread on the Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may be less favourable than then prevailing spreads on comparable Floating Rate Notes tied to the same reference rate. In addition, the new floating rate at any time may be lower than the rates on other Notes. If the relevant Issuer converts from a floating rate to a fixed rate in such circumstances, the fixed rate may be lower than then prevailing market rates.

Notes which are issued at a substantial discount or premium may experience price volatility in response to changes in market interest rates

The market values of securities issued at a substantial discount (such as Zero Coupon Notes) or premium to their principal amount tend to fluctuate more in relation to general changes in interest rates than do prices for more conventional interest-bearing securities. Generally, the longer the remaining term of such securities, the greater the price volatility as compared to more conventional interest-bearing securities with comparable maturities.

The credit rating assigned to the Notes may be suspended, reduced or withdrawn.

A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, reduction or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

Risks relating to Senior Notes

Loss Absorption Disqualification Event Redemption

If at any time a Loss Absorption Disqualification Event occurs and is continuing in relation to any Series of Senior Notes, and the applicable Final Terms for the Senior Notes of such Series specify that the Issuer has an option to redeem such Notes, the relevant Issuer may redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes of such Series at the price set out in the applicable Final Terms together with any outstanding interest. Senior Notes may only be redeemed by the Issuer provided that (except to the extent that the Competent Authority does not so require at the time of the proposed redemption) the Issuer has given such notice to the Competent Authority as the Competent Authority may then require before it becomes committed to such redemption and no objection

thereto has been raised by the Competent Authority or (if required) the Competent Authority has provided its consent thereto and any other requirements of the Competent Authority applicable (if any) to such redemption at the time have been complied with by the Issuer. A Loss Absorption Disqualification Event shall be deemed to have occurred if (i) at the time that any Loss Absorption Regulation (as defined in the Conditions) becomes effective with respect to the Issuer and/or the Regulatory Group, the Notes do not or (in the opinion of the Issuer) are likely not to qualify in full towards the Issuer's and/or the Regulatory Group's minimum requirements for (A) own funds and eligible liabilities and/or (B) loss absorbing capacity instruments; or (ii) as a result of any amendment to, or change in, any Loss Absorption Regulation, or any change in the application or official interpretation of any Loss Absorption Regulation, in any such case becoming effective on or after the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes, the Notes are or (in the opinion of the Issuer) are likely to be fully or partially excluded from the Issuer's and/or the Regulatory Group's minimum requirements for (A) own funds and eligible liabilities and/or (B) loss absorbing capacity instruments, in each case as such minimum requirements are applicable to the Issuer and/or the Regulatory Group and determined in accordance with, and pursuant to, the relevant Loss Absorption Regulations; provided that in the case of (i) and (ii) above, a Loss Absorption Disqualification Event shall not occur where the exclusion of the Notes from the relevant minimum requirement(s) is due to the remaining maturity of the Notes being less than any period prescribed by any applicable eligibility criteria for such minimum requirements under the relevant Loss Absorption Regulations on the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes. As (i) the implementation of the minimum requirements for eligible liabilities under the BRRD is subject to the implementation of the BRRD in Italy and (ii) the proposed term sheet published by the FSB on total loss absorbing capacity requirements for global systemically important banks is subject to further consultation and finalisation, the Issuer is currently unable to predict whether the Senior Notes will not (or are likely not to) qualify in full towards its or the Regulatory Group's minimum requirements for (A) own funds and eligible liabilities and/or (B) loss absorbing capacity instruments, or will be fully or partially excluded from their or the Regulatory Group's minimum requirements for (A) own funds and eligible liabilities and/or (B) loss absorbing capacity instruments, in each case as such minimum requirements are applicable to the Issuer and/or the Regulatory Group.

If the Senior Notes are to be so redeemed, there can be no assurance that Noteholders will be able to reinvest the amounts received upon redemption at a rate that will provide the same rate of return as their investment in the Senior Notes.

Waiver of set-off

In Condition 4 (*Status of Senior Notes and the Senior Guarantee*) each holder of a Senior 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 Note.

Risks relating to Subordinated Notes

An investor in Subordinated Notes assumes an enhanced risk of loss in the event of the relevant Issuer's insolvency

UniCredit and UniCredit Ireland obligations under Subordinated Notes will be unsecured and subordinated and will rank junior in priority of payment to Senior Liabilities. **Senior Liabilities** means any direct, unconditional, unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness or payment obligations (or indebtedness or obligations which are subordinated but to a lesser degree than the obligations under the relevant Subordinated Notes) of UniCredit and UniCredit Ireland for money borrowed or raised or guaranteed by UniCredit or UniCredit Ireland, as the case may be, and any indebtedness or mandatory payment obligations preferred by the laws of the Republic of Italy (in the case of UniCredit) and Ireland (in the case of UniCredit Ireland). Although Subordinated Notes may pay a higher rate of interest than comparable Notes which are not subordinated, there is a real risk that an investor in Subordinated Notes will lose all or some of his investment should the relevant Issuer become insolvent.

In no event will holders of Subordinated Notes be able to accelerate the maturity of their Subordinated Notes; such holders will have claims only for amounts then due and payable on their Subordinated Notes. After the relevant Issuer has fully paid all deferred interest on any issue of Subordinated Notes and if that issue of Subordinated Notes remains outstanding, future interest payments on that issue of Subordinated Notes will be subject to further deferral as described above.

Waiver of set-off

Conditions 5.1(d) (*Status of Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit*) and 5.3(d) (*Status of Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland*) 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.

Subordinated Notes may be subject to loss absorption on any application of the general bail-in-tool or at the point of non-viability of the Issuer

Investors should be aware that, in addition to the general bail-in tools, the BRRD contemplates that Subordinated Notes may be subject to a write-down or conversion into common shares at the point of non-viability should the Bank of Italy, the Central Bank of Ireland or other authority or authorities having prudential oversight of the relevant Issuer at the relevant time be given the power to do so. The BRRD is intended to enable a range of actions to be taken in relation to credit institutions and investment firms considered to be at risk of failing. The implementation of the directive or the taking of any action under it could materially affect the value of any Notes.

Risk under the Subordinated Guarantee

The obligations of UniCredit in respect of each Series of Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland (the **Subordinated Guarantee**) constitute direct, unsecured and subordinated obligations of UniCredit.

The Subordinated Guarantee is intended to provide the holders of the Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland, as closely as possible, with rights equivalent to those to which the holders would have been entitled if the Subordinated Notes had been issued directly by UniCredit.

In the event of winding-up, dissolution, liquidation or bankruptcy (including, *inter alia*, *Liquidazione coatta amministrativa*, as described in Articles 80 to 94 of the Italian Banking Act) of UniCredit, the Subordinated Guarantee will rank in right of payment after unsubordinated unsecured creditors (including depositors) of UniCredit but at least *pari passu* with all the present and future subordinated obligations of UniCredit of the same nature and in priority to the claims of the shareholders of UniCredit.

The Guarantee may be limited by applicable laws or subject to certain defences that may limit their validity and enforceability.

The Guarantee given by the Guarantor provides Noteholders with a direct claim against the Guarantor in respect of the relevant Issuers' obligations under the Notes. Enforcement of the Guarantee would be subject to certain generally available defences, which may include those relating to corporate benefit, fraudulent conveyance or transfer, voidable preference, financial assistance, corporate purpose, capital maintenance or affecting the rights of creditors generally. If a court were to find the Guarantee given by the Guarantor void or unenforceable, then Noteholders would cease to have any claim in respect of the Guarantor and would be creditors solely of the Issuers.

Enforcement of the Guarantee is subject to the detailed provisions contained in the Trust Deed (and any supplemental Trust Deed) which include certain limitations reflecting mandatory provisions of Italian laws, such as that the payment obligations of UniCredit S.p.A. under the Guarantee shall at no time exceed €66,000,000,000.

Regulatory classification of the Notes

The intention of the Issuers is for Subordinated Notes to qualify on issue as "Tier 2 capital" for regulatory capital purposes. Current regulatory practice by the Bank of Italy or the Central Bank of Ireland (in each case acting as lead regulator) does not require (or customarily provide) a confirmation prior to the issuance of Subordinated Notes that the Notes will be treated as such.

Although it is the Issuers' expectation that the Notes qualify on issue as "Tier 2 capital", there can be no representation that this is or will remain the case during the life of the Notes. If there is a change in the regulatory classification of the Subordinated Notes that would be likely to result in their exclusion from "Tier 2" capital and, in respect of any redemption of the relevant Subordinated Notes proposed to be made prior to the fifth anniversary of the Issue Date, both of the following conditions are met: (i) the Competent Authority (as defined in Condition 8.3) considers such a change to be reasonably certain and (ii) the

relevant Issuer demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Competent Authority that the change in the regulatory classification of the Subordinated Notes was not reasonably foreseeable by the relevant Issuer as at the date of the issue of the relevant Subordinated Notes, the relevant Issuer will (if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) have the right to redeem the Subordinated Notes in accordance with Condition 8.3 (*Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)*), subject to, *inter alia*, the prior approval of the relevant Competent Authority and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including Articles 77(b) and 78 of the CRD IV Regulation. There can be no assurance that holders of such Subordinated Notes will be able to reinvest the amounts received upon redemption at a rate that will provide the same rate of return as their investments in the relevant Notes, as the case may be.

Risks relating to Inflation Linked Interest Notes

The relevant Issuer may issue Inflation Linked Interest Notes where the amount of interest is dependent upon the level of an inflation/consumer price index or indices.

Potential investors in any such Notes should be aware that depending on the terms of the Inflation Linked Interest Notes they may receive no interest or a limited amount of interest. In addition, the movements in the level of the inflation/consumer price index or indices may be subject to significant fluctuations that may not correlate with changes in interest rates, currencies or other indices and the timing of changes in the relevant level of the index or indices may affect the actual return to investors, even if the average level is consistent with their expectations.

Inflation Linked Interest Notes may be subject to certain disruption provisions or extraordinary event provisions. Relevant events may relate to an inflation/consumer price index publication being delayed or ceasing or such index being rebased or modified. If the Calculation Agent determines that any such event has occurred this may delay valuations under and/or settlements in respect of the Notes and consequently adversely affect the value of the Notes. Any such adjustments may be by reference to a Related Bond if specified in the applicable Final Terms. In addition certain extraordinary or disruption events may lead to early termination of the Notes which may have an adverse effect on the value of the Notes. Whether and how such provisions apply to the relevant Notes can be ascertained by reading the Inflation Linked Conditions in conjunction with the applicable Final Terms.

If the amount of interest payable is determined in conjunction with a multiplier greater than one or by reference to some other leverage factor, the effect of changes in the level of the inflation/consumer price index or the indices or interest payable will be magnified.

A relevant consumer price index or other formula linked to a measure of inflation to which the Notes are linked may be subject to significant fluctuations that may not correlate with other indices. Any movement in the level of the index may result in a reduction of the interest payable on the Notes (if applicable).

The timing of changes in the relevant consumer price index or other formula linked to the measure of inflation comprising the relevant index or indices may affect the actual yield to investors on the Notes, even if the average level is consistent with their expectations.

An inflation or consumer price index to which interest payments are linked is only one measure of inflation for the relevant jurisdiction or area, and such Index may not correlate perfectly with the rate of inflation experienced by Noteholders in such jurisdiction or area.

The market price of Inflation Linked Interest Notes may be volatile and may depend on the time remaining to the maturity date or expiration and the volatility of the level of the inflation or consumer price index or indices. The level of the inflation or consumer price index or indices may be affected by the economic, financial and political events in one or more jurisdictions or areas.

Risks applicable to certain types of Exempt Notes

There are particular risks associated with an investment in certain types of Exempt Notes, such as Index Linked Notes and Dual Currency Notes. In particular, an investor might receive less interest than expected or no interest in respect of such Notes and may lose some or all of the principal amount invested by it.

The relevant Issuer may issue Notes with principal or interest determined by reference to an index or formula, to changes in the prices of securities or commodities, to movements in currency exchange rates or to other factors (each, a **Relevant Factor**). In addition, the relevant Issuer may issue Notes with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies which may be different from the currency in which the Notes are denominated. Potential investors should be aware that:

- (a) the market price of such Notes may be volatile;
- (b) they may receive no interest;
- (c) payment of principal or interest may occur at a different time or in a different currency than expected;
- (d) they may lose all or a substantial portion of their principal;
- (e) a Relevant Factor may be subject to significant fluctuations that may not correlate with changes in interest rates, currencies or other indices;
- (f) if a Relevant Factor is applied to Notes in conjunction with a multiplier greater than one or contains some other leverage factor, the effect of changes in the Relevant Factor on principal or interest payable will likely be magnified; and
- (g) the timing of changes in a Relevant Factor may affect the actual yield to investors, even if the average level is consistent with their expectations. In general, the earlier the change in the Relevant Factor, the greater the effect on yield.

The historical experience of an index or other Relevant Factor should not be viewed as an indication of the future performance of such Relevant Factor during the term of any Notes. Accordingly, each potential investor should consult its own financial and legal advisers about the risk entailed by an investment in any Notes linked to a Relevant Factor and the suitability of such Notes in the light of its particular circumstances.

Where Notes are issued on a partly paid basis, an investor who fails to pay any subsequent instalment of the issue price could lose all of its investment

The relevant Issuer may issue Notes where the issue price is payable in more than one instalment. Any failure by an investor to pay any subsequent instalment of the issue price in respect of his Notes could result in such investor losing all of its investment.

Notes which are issued with variable interest rates or which are structured to include a multiplier or other leverage factor are likely to have more volatile market values than more standard securities

Notes with variable interest rates can be volatile investments. If they are structured to include multipliers or other leverage factors, or caps or floors, or any combination of those features or other similar related features, their market values may be even more volatile than those for securities that do not include those features.

Inverse Floating Rate Notes will have more volatile market values than conventional Floating Rate Notes

Inverse Floating Rate Notes have an interest rate equal to a fixed rate minus a rate based upon a reference rate such as LIBOR. The market values of those Notes are typically more volatile than market values of other conventional floating rate debt securities based on the same reference rate (and with otherwise comparable terms). Inverse Floating Rate Notes are more volatile because an increase in the reference rate not only decreases the interest rate of the Notes, but may also reflect an increase in prevailing interest rates, which further adversely affects the market value of these Notes.

Risks related to Notes generally

Set out below is a description of material risks relating to the Notes generally:

The conditions of the Notes contain provisions which may permit their modification without the consent of all investors and confer significant discretions on the Trustee which may be exercised without the consent of the Noteholders and without regard to the individual interests of particular Noteholders

The conditions of the Notes contain provisions for calling meetings of Noteholders to consider matters affecting their interests generally. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all Noteholders, including Noteholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and Noteholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.

The conditions of the Notes also provide that the Trustee may, without the consent of Noteholders and without regard to the interests of particular Noteholders, agree to (a) any modification of, or to the waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of, any of the provisions of the Notes or (b) determine without the consent of the Noteholders that any Event of Default or potential Event of Default shall not be treated as such or (c) the substitution of another company as principal debtor under any Notes in place of the relevant Issuer, in the circumstances described in Condition 17 of the conditions of the Notes.

Risks related to Singapore taxation

Notes issued in Singapore dollars are intended to be, where applicable, "qualifying debt securities" for the purposes of the Income Tax Act, Chapter 134 of Singapore (the **ITA**), subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions as further described under "*Taxation in Singapore*". However, there is no assurance that such Notes will continue to enjoy the tax concessions in connection therewith under the ITA should the relevant tax laws be amended or revoked at any time, which amendment or revocation may be prospective or retroactive.

Call options are subject to the prior consent of the relevant Competent Authority

In addition to the call rights described under "*Regulatory classification of the Notes*" below, Subordinated Notes may also contain provisions allowing the relevant Issuer to call them after a minimum period of, for example, five years. To exercise such a call option, the Issuer must obtain the prior written consent of the relevant Competent Authority in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including Articles 77(b) and 78 of the CRD IV Regulation.

Holders of such Notes have no rights to call for the redemption of such Notes and should not invest in such Notes in the expectation that such a call will be exercised by the relevant Issuer. The relevant Competent Authority must agree to permit such a call, based upon its evaluation of the regulatory capital position of the relevant Issuer and the Guarantor (in the case of Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland) and certain other factors at the relevant time and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including Articles 77(b) and 78 of the CRD IV Regulation. There can be no assurance that the relevant Competent Authority will permit such a call. Holders of such Notes should be aware that they may be required to bear the financial risks of an investment in such Notes for a period of time in excess of the minimum period.

Withholding under the EU Savings Directive

Under Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income (the **Saving Directive**), Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of other Member States details of certain payments of interest or similar income paid or secured by a person established in a Member State or for the benefit of an individual resident in another Member State or certain limited types of entities established in another Member State.

For a transitional period, Austria is required (unless during that period it elects otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments. The end of the transitional period is dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries. A number of non-EU countries and territories including Switzerland have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland).

On 24 March 2014, the Council of the European Union adopted a Council Directive (the **Amending Directive**) amending and broadening the scope of the requirements described above. The Amending Directive requires Member States to apply these new requirements from 1 January 2017 and if they were to take effect the changes would expand the range of payments covered by the Saving Directive, in particular to include additional types of income payable on securities. They would also expand the circumstances in which payments that indirectly

benefit an individual resident in a Member State must be reported or subject to withholding. This approach would apply to payments made to, or secured for, persons, entities or legal arrangements (including trusts) where certain conditions are satisfied, and may in some cases apply where the person, entity or arrangement is established or effectively managed outside of the European Union.

However, the European Commission has proposed the repeal of the Saving Directive from 1 January 2017 in the case of Austria and from 1 January 2016 in the case of all other Member States (subject to on-going requirements to fulfil administrative obligations such as the reporting and exchange of information relating to, and accounting for withholding taxes on, payments made before those dates). This is to prevent overlap between the Saving Directive and a new automatic exchange of information regime to be implemented under Council Directive 2011/16/EU on Administrative Cooperation in the field of Taxation (as amended by Council Directive 2014/107/EU). The proposal also provides that if it proceeds, Member States will not be required to apply the new requirements of the Amending Directive.

If a payment were to be made in or collected through a Member State which has opted for a withholding system and an amount of, or in respect of, tax were to be withheld from that payment, neither the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor, the Principal Paying Agent, nor any of the Paying Agents (as defined in the Conditions of the Notes), nor any other person would be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any Note as a result of the imposition of such withholding tax. The relevant Issuer is required to maintain a Paying Agent in a Member State that is not obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to the Savings Directive.

U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) Withholding

Whilst the Notes are in global form and held within Euroclear Bank SA/NV or Clearstream Banking (together the **ICSDs**), in all but the most remote circumstances, it is not expected that the new reporting regime and potential withholding tax imposed by sections 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (**FATCA**) and laws implementing intergovernmental agreements thereto will affect the amount of any payment received by the ICSDs (see "*Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act*" in the Taxation section). However, FATCA may affect payments made to custodians or intermediaries in the subsequent payment chain leading to the ultimate investor if any such custodian or intermediary generally is unable to receive payments free of FATCA withholding. It also may affect payment to any ultimate investor that is a financial institution that is not entitled to receive payments free of withholding under FATCA, or an ultimate investor that fails to provide its broker (or other custodian or intermediary from which it receives payment) with any information, forms, other documentation or consents that may be necessary for the payments to be made free of FATCA withholding. Investors should choose the custodians or intermediaries with care (to ensure each is compliant with FATCA or other laws or agreements related to FATCA), provide each custodian or intermediary with any information, forms, other documentation or consents that may be necessary for such custodian or intermediary to make a payment free of FATCA withholding. Investors should consult their own tax adviser to obtain a more detailed explanation of FATCA and how FATCA may affect them. The Issuer's obligations under the Notes are discharged once it has made payment to or to the order of the common depositary or common safekeeper for the ICSDs (as bearer or registered holder of the Notes) and the Issuer has therefore no responsibility for any amount thereafter transmitted through the hands of the ICSDs and custodians or intermediaries. Further, foreign financial institutions in a jurisdiction which has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the United States in respect of FATCA (an **IGA**) are generally not expected to be required to withhold under FATCA or an IGA (or any law implementing an IGA) from payments they make.

U.S. Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act Withholding

The U.S. Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act (the **HIRE Act**) imposes a 30 per cent. withholding tax on amounts attributable to U.S. source dividends that are paid or "deemed paid" under certain financial instruments if certain conditions are met. While significant aspects of the application of the relevant provisions of the HIRE Act to the Notes are uncertain, if the relevant Issuer or any withholding agent determines that withholding is required, neither the relevant Issuer nor any withholding agent will be required to pay any additional amounts with respect to amounts so withheld. Prospective investors should refer to the section "*U.S. Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act*" in the Taxation section.

The value of the Notes could be adversely affected by a change in English law or administrative practice

The conditions of the Notes are based on English law in effect as at the date of this Base Prospectus, save that subordination provisions applicable to Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit are governed by, and

shall be construed in accordance with, Italian law in effect as at the date of this Base Prospectus, and Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, Irish law in effect as at the date of this Base Prospectus. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to English law or to Italian law for the Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit or to Irish law for the Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland or administrative practice after the date of this Base Prospectus and any such change could materially adversely impact the value of any Notes affected by it.

Investors who hold less than the minimum Specified Denomination may be unable to sell their Notes and may be adversely affected if definitive Notes are subsequently required to be issued.

In relation to any issue of Notes which have denominations consisting of a minimum Specified Denomination plus one or more higher integral multiples of another smaller amount, it is possible that such Notes may be traded in amounts in excess of the minimum Specified Denomination that are not integral multiples of such minimum Specified Denomination. In such a case a holder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds an amount which is less than the minimum Specified Denomination in his account with the relevant clearing system would not be able to sell the remainder of such holding without first purchasing a principal amount of Notes at or in excess of the minimum Specified Denomination such that its holding amounts to a Specified Denomination. Further, a holder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds an amount which is less than the minimum Specified Denomination in his account with the relevant clearing system at the relevant time may not receive a definitive Note in respect of such holding (should definitive Notes be printed) and would need to purchase a principal amount of Notes at or in excess of the minimum Specified Denomination such that its holding amounts to a Specified Denomination.

If such Notes in definitive form are issued, holders should be aware that definitive Notes which have a denomination that is not an integral multiple of the minimum Specified Denomination may be illiquid and difficult to trade.

The Renminbi is not freely convertible and there are significant restrictions on the remittance of the Renminbi into and outside the PRC which may affect the liquidity of the Notes

The Renminbi is not freely convertible at present. The government of the PRC (the **PRC Government**) continues to regulate conversion between the Renminbi and foreign currencies, despite the significant reduction over the years by the PRC Government of control over routine foreign exchange transactions under current accounts. Currently, participating banks in Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, London, Frankfurt, Seoul, Toronto, Sydney, Doha, Paris, Luxembourg, Kuala Lumpur, and Bangkok have been permitted to engage in the settlement of Renminbi trade transactions. This represents a current account activity.

On 7 April 2011, SAFE promulgated the “Circular on Issues Concerning the Capital Account Items in connection with Cross-Border Renminbi” (the **SAFE Circular**), which became effective on 1 May 2011. According to the SAFE Circular, in the event that foreign investors intend to use Renminbi (including offshore Renminbi and onshore Renminbi held in the capital accounts of non-PRC residents) to make contribution to an onshore enterprise or make payment for the transfer of equity interest of an onshore enterprise by a PRC resident, such onshore enterprise shall be required to submit the prior written consent of the relevant Ministry of Commerce (**MOFCOM**) to the relevant local branch of SAFE of such onshore enterprise and register for a foreign invested enterprise status. Further, the SAFE Circular clarifies that the foreign debts borrowed, and the foreign guarantee provided, by an onshore entity (including a financial institution) in Renminbi shall, in principle, be regulated under the current PRC foreign debt and foreign guarantee regime.

On 13 October 2011, People's Bank of China (the **PBoC**) promulgated the "Administrative Measures on Renminbi Settlement of Foreign Direct Investment" (商務部關於跨境人民幣直接投資有關問題的公告) (the **PBoC FDI Measures**) as part of the implementation of the PBoC's detailed foreign direct investment (**FDI**) accounts administration system. The system covers almost all aspects in relation to FDI, including capital injections, payments for the acquisition of PRC domestic enterprises, repatriation of dividends and other distributions, as well as Renminbi denominated cross-border loans. On 14 June 2012, the PBoC further issued the implementing rules for the PBoC FDI Measures. Under the PBoC FDI Measures, special approval for FDI and shareholder loans from the PBoC, which was previously required, is no longer necessary. In some cases however, post-event filing with the PBoC is still necessary.

On 3 December 2013, the MOFCOM promulgated the "Circular on Issues in relation to Cross-border Renminbi Foreign Direct Investment" (商務部關於跨境人民幣直接投資有關問題的通知) (the **MOFCOM Circular**), which became effective on 1 January 2014, to further facilitate FDI by simplifying and streamlining the applicable regulatory framework. The MOFCOM Circular replaced the "Notice on Issues in relation to Cross-border Renminbi Foreign Direct Investment" (商務部關於跨境人民幣直接投資有關問題的通知) promulgated by MOFCOM on 12 October 2011 (the **2011 MOFCOM Notice**). Pursuant to the MOFCOM Circular, written approval from the appropriate office of MOFCOM and/or its local counterparts specifying "Renminbi Foreign Direct Investment" and the amount of capital contribution is required for each FDI. Compared with the 2011 MOFCOM Notice, the MOFCOM Circular no longer contains the requirements for central level MOFCOM approvals for investments of RMB300 million or above, or in certain industries, such as financial guarantee, financial leasing, micro-credit, auction, foreign invested investment companies, venture capital and equity investment vehicles, cement, iron and steel, electrolyse aluminium, ship building and other industries under the state macro-regulation. Unlike the 2011 MOFCOM Notice, the MOFCOM Circular has also removed the approval requirement for foreign investors who intend to change the currency of their existing capital contribution from a foreign currency to Renminbi. In addition, the MOFCOM Circular also clearly prohibits FDI funds from being used for any investments in securities and financial derivatives (except for investments in PRC listed companies by strategic investors) or for entrustment loans in the PRC.

On 13 February 2015, the SAFE promulgated Circular of the State Administration of Foreign Exchange on Further Simplifying and Improving the Direct Investment-related Foreign Exchange Administration Policies (國家外匯管理局關於進一步簡化和改進直接投資外匯管理政策的通知) (the **2015 SAFE Circular**), which will be effective on 1 June 2015. The 2015 SAFE Circular aims to deepen the reform of foreign exchange administration of capital accounts, promote and facilitate the capital operation of enterprises in making cross-border investments, regulate the direct investment-related foreign exchange administration business, and improve the administration efficiency. The 2015 SAFE Circular sets forth the following reformation: (i) cancel the administrative examination and approval procedures relating to the foreign exchange registration approval under domestic direct investment and the foreign exchange registration approval under overseas direct investment; (ii) cancel the confirmation and registration of foreign investors' non-monetary contribution and the confirmation and registration of foreign investors' contribution to purchasing the equity held by the Chinese party under domestic direct investment; (iii) the confirmation and registration of foreign investors' monetary contribution is adjusted to book-entry registration of domestic direct investment monetary contribution.

As the SAFE Circular, the PBoC FDI Measures, the MOFCOM Circular and the 2015 SAFE Circular are relatively new, they will be subject to interpretation and application by the relevant authorities in the PRC.

There is no assurance that the PRC Government will continue to liberalise the control over cross-border Renminbi remittances in the future, or that new PRC regulations will not be promulgated in the future which have the effect of restricting or eliminating the remittance of Renminbi into or outside the PRC. In the event that funds cannot be repatriated outside the PRC in Renminbi, this may affect the overall availability of Renminbi outside the PRC and the ability of the Issuer to source Renminbi to finance its obligations under Notes denominated in Renminbi (the **Renminbi Notes**).

There is only limited availability of Renminbi outside the PRC, which may affect the liquidity of the Notes and the relevant Issuer's ability to source Renminbi outside the PRC to service the Renminbi Notes

As a result of the restrictions imposed by the PRC Government on cross-border Renminbi fund flows, the availability of Renminbi outside of the PRC is limited. Currently, licensed banks in Hong Kong and Singapore may offer limited Renminbi-denominated banking services to Hong Kong residents, Singapore residents, and specified business customers. The PBoC, the central bank of the PRC, has also established a Renminbi clearing and settlement system for participating banks in Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, London, Frankfurt, Seoul, Toronto, Sydney, Doha, Paris, Luxembourg, Kuala Lumpur, and Bangkok. Each of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, Singapore Branch, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited, Bank of China, Taipei Branch, China Construction Bank (London) Limited, Bank of China, Frankfurt Branch, Bank of Communications, Seoul Branch, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Canada), Bank of China (Australia) Limited, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited, Doha Branch, Bank of China, Paris Branch and Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited, Luxembourg Branch, Bank of China (Malaysia) Limited, and Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Thailand) Limited (each an **Renminbi Clearing Bank**) has entered into settlement agreements with the PBoC to act as the renminbi clearing bank in Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, London, Frankfurt, Seoul, Toronto, Sydney, Doha, Paris, Luxembourg, Kuala Lumpur, and Bangkok respectively.

However, the current size of Renminbi-denominated financial assets outside the PRC is limited. Renminbi business participating banks do not have direct Renminbi liquidity support from the PBoC. They are only allowed to square their open positions with the relevant Renminbi Clearing Bank after consolidating the Renminbi trade position of banks outside Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, London, Frankfurt, Seoul, Toronto, Sydney, Doha, Paris, Luxembourg, Kuala Lumpur, and Bangkok that are in the same bank group of the participating banks concerned with their own trade position, and the relevant Renminbi Clearing Bank only has access to onshore liquidity support from the PBoC only for the purpose of squaring open positions of participating banks for limited types of transactions, including open positions resulting from conversion services for corporations in relation to cross-border trade settlement. The relevant Renminbi Clearing Bank is not obliged to square for participating banks any open positions resulting from other foreign exchange transactions or conversion services and participating banks will need to source Renminbi from the offshore market to square such open positions.

Although it is expected that the offshore Renminbi market will continue to grow in depth and size, its growth is subject to many constraints as a result of PRC laws and regulations on foreign exchange. There is no assurance that no new PRC regulations will be promulgated or the settlement agreements will not be terminated or amended in the future which will have the effect of restricting the availability of Renminbi offshore. The limited availability of Renminbi outside the PRC may affect the liquidity of the Renminbi Notes. To the extent that the relevant Issuer is required to source Renminbi in the offshore market to service the Renminbi Notes, there is no assurance that it will be able to source such Renminbi on satisfactory terms, if at all. If the Renminbi is not available in certain circumstances as described in the conditions applicable to Renminbi Notes, the relevant Issuer can make payments under the Renminbi Notes in U.S. Dollars or such other currency as specified in the applicable final terms or pricing supplement of the Notes (as the case may be).

Investment in the Renminbi Notes is subject to exchange rate risks

The value of the Renminbi against the U.S. dollar and other foreign currencies fluctuates from time to time and is affected by changes in the PRC and international political and economic conditions and by many other factors. All payments of interest and principal will be made with respect to the Renminbi Notes in Renminbi unless otherwise specified. As a result, the value of these Renminbi payments in U.S. dollar terms (or in terms of other applicable foreign currencies) may vary with the prevailing exchange rates in the market place. If the value of Renminbi depreciates against the U.S. dollar or other foreign currencies, the value of the investment in U.S. dollar or other applicable foreign currency terms will decline.

In the event that access to Renminbi becomes restricted to the extent that, by reason of Inconvertibility, Non-transferability or Illiquidity (as defined in the terms and conditions of the Notes), the relevant Issuer is unable, or it is impractical for it, to pay interest or principal in Renminbi, the Conditions of the Notes allow the Issuer to make payment in U.S. dollars or such other currency as specified in the applicable final terms or pricing supplement of the Notes (as the case may be) at the prevailing Spot Rate (as defined in the Conditions of the Notes) for the relevant Determination Date (as defined in the Conditions of the Notes), all as provided in more detail in the Conditions of the Notes. As a result, the value of these Renminbi payments may vary with the prevailing exchange rates in the marketplace. If the value of Renminbi depreciates against the U.S. dollar or other foreign currencies, the value of a holder's investment in U.S. dollar or other foreign currency terms will decline.

An investment in Renminbi Notes is subject to interest rate risk

The PRC Government has gradually liberalised the regulation of interest rates in recent years. Further liberalisation may increase interest rate volatility. The Renminbi Notes may carry a fixed interest rate. Consequently, the trading price of such Renminbi Notes will vary with fluctuations in interest rates. If a holder of Renminbi Notes tries to sell any Renminbi Notes before their maturity, they may receive an offer that is less than the amount invested.

An investment in Renminbi Notes is subject to risk of change in the regulatory regime governing the issuance of Renminbi Notes

Renminbi Notes issuance is subject to laws and regulations of the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s) (as defined in the terms and conditions of the Notes). The PRC Government currently views Hong Kong as one of the key offshore RMB-denominated debt instrument centres and has established a cooperative relationship with Hong Kong's local government to develop the RMB-denominated debt instrument market. There can be no

assurance that the PRC Government will continue to encourage issuance of RMB-denominated debt instruments outside of mainland China and any change in the Chinese government's policy or the regulatory regime governing the issuance of RMB-denominated debt instruments may adversely affect the Renminbi Notes.

Payments in respect of the Renminbi Notes will only be made to investors in the manner specified in the terms and conditions of the relevant Notes

Investors may be required to provide certification and other information (including Renminbi account information) in order to be allowed to receive payments in Renminbi in accordance with the Renminbi clearing and settlement system for participating banks in the RMB Settlement Centre(s). All Renminbi payments to investors in respect of the Notes will be made solely (i) for so long as the Notes are represented by a Global Notes held with the common depositary or common safekeeper, as the case may be, for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg or any alternative clearing system by transfer to a Renminbi bank account maintained in RMB Settlement Centre(s) in accordance with prevailing Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg rules and procedures, or (ii) for so long as the Notes are in definitive form, by transfer to a Renminbi bank account maintained in the RMB Settlement Centre(s) in accordance with prevailing rules and regulations. Other than described in the Conditions of the Notes, the Issuers and the Guarantor cannot be required to make payment by any other means (including in any other currency or in bank notes, by cheque or draft or by transfer to a bank account in the PRC).

PRC Taxation

Holders of the Notes will not be subject to withholding tax, income tax or any other taxes or duties imposed by any governmental authority in the PRC in respect of the Notes or any repayment of principal and payment of interest made thereon.

Risks related to the market generally

Set out below is a brief description of the principal market risks, including liquidity risk, exchange rate risk, interest rate risk and credit risk:

An active secondary market in respect of the Notes may never be established or may be illiquid and this would adversely affect the value at which an investor could sell his Notes

Notes may have no established trading market when issued, and one may never develop. If a market does develop, it may not be very liquid. Therefore investors may not be able to sell their Notes easily or at prices that will provide them with a yield comparable to similar investments that have a developed secondary market. This is particularly the case for Notes that are especially sensitive to interest rate, currency or market risks, are designed for specific investment objectives or strategies or have been structured to meet the investment requirements of limited categories of investors. These types of Notes generally would have a more limited secondary market and more price volatility than conventional debt securities.

If an investor holds Notes which are not denominated in the investor's home currency, it will be exposed to movements in exchange rates adversely affecting the value of its holding. In addition, the imposition of exchange controls in relation to any Notes could result in an investor not receiving payments on those Notes

The Issuers will pay principal and interest on the Notes and the Guarantor will make any payments under the Guarantee in the Specified Currency. This presents certain risks relating to currency conversions if an investor's financial activities are denominated principally in a currency or currency unit (the **Investor's Currency**) other than the Specified Currency. These include the risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the Specified Currency or revaluation of the Investor's Currency) and the risk that authorities with jurisdiction over the Investor's Currency may impose or modify exchange controls. An appreciation in the value of the Investor's Currency relative to the Specified Currency would decrease (a) the Investor's Currency-equivalent yield on the Notes, (b) the Investor's Currency-equivalent value of the principal payable on the Notes and (c) the Investor's Currency-equivalent market value of the Notes.

Government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate or the ability of the Issuers or the Guarantor to make payments in respect of the Notes. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal.

The value of Fixed Rate Notes may be adversely affected by movements in market interest rates

Investment in Fixed Rate Notes involves the risk that if market interest rates subsequently increase above the rate paid on the Fixed Rate Notes, this will adversely affect the value of the Fixed Rate Notes.

Credit ratings assigned to the Issuers, the Guarantor or any Notes may not reflect all the risks associated with an investment in those Notes

One or more independent credit rating agencies may assign credit ratings to the Issuers, the Guarantor or the Notes. The ratings may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to structure, market, additional factors discussed above, and other factors that may affect the value of the Notes. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised, suspended or withdrawn by the rating agency at any time.

In general, European regulated investors are restricted under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (the **CRA Regulation**) (as amended from time to time) from using credit ratings for regulatory purposes, unless such ratings are issued by a credit rating agency established in the EU and registered under the CRA Regulation (and such registration has not been withdrawn or suspended), subject to transitional provisions that apply in certain circumstances whilst the registration application is pending. Such general restriction will also apply in the case of credit ratings issued by non-EU credit rating agencies, unless the relevant credit ratings are endorsed by an EU-registered credit rating agency or the relevant non-EU rating agency is certified in accordance with the CRA Regulation (and such endorsement action or certification, as the case may be, has not been withdrawn or suspended). The list of registered and certified rating agencies published by the ESMA on its website in accordance with the CRA Regulation is not conclusive evidence of the status of the relevant rating agency included in such list, as there may be delays between certain supervisory measures being taken against a relevant rating agency and the publication of the updated ESMA list. Certain information with respect to the credit rating agencies and ratings is set out on the cover of this Base Prospectus.

Responsibility Statement

The Issuers and the Guarantor (the **Responsible Persons**) accept responsibility for the information contained in this Base Prospectus and the Final Terms for each Tranche of Notes issued under the Programme. To the best of the knowledge of the Responsible Persons, each having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in this Base Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and contains no omissions likely to affect its import.

Consent given in accordance with article 3.2 of the Prospectus Directive (Retail Cascades)

In the context of a Non-exempt Offer of such Notes, the Issuers and the Guarantor accept responsibility in each of the Non-exempt Offer Jurisdictions for the content of this Base Prospectus under Article 6 of the Prospectus Directive in relation to any person (an **Investor**) who acquires any Notes in a Non-exempt Offer made by a Dealer or an Authorised Offeror (as defined below), where that offer is made during the Offer Period specified in the applicable Final Terms and provided that the conditions attached to the giving of consent for the use of this Base Prospectus are complied with. The consent and conditions attached to it are set out under "*Consent*" and "*Common Conditions to Consent*" below.

None of the Issuers, the Guarantor or any Dealer makes any representation as to the compliance by an Authorised Offeror with any applicable conduct of business rules or other applicable regulatory or securities law requirements in relation to any Non-exempt Offer and none of the Issuers or any Dealer has any responsibility or liability for the actions of that Authorised Offeror.

Save as provided below, none of the Issuers and the Guarantor has authorised the making of any Non-exempt Offer by any offeror and the Issuers have not consented to the use of this Base Prospectus by any other person in connection with any Non-exempt Offer of Notes. Any Non-exempt Offer made without the consent of the relevant Issuer is unauthorised and none of the relevant Issuer, and, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor and, for the avoidance of doubt, any Dealer accepts any responsibility or liability in relation to such offer for the actions of the persons making any such unauthorised offer.

If, in the context of a Non-exempt Offer, an Investor is offered Notes by a person which is not an Authorised Offeror, the Investor should check with that person whether anyone is responsible for this Base Prospectus for the purposes of Article 6 of the Prospectus Directive in the context of the relevant Non-exempt Offer and, if so, who that person is. If the Investor is in any doubt about whether it can rely on this Base Prospectus and/or who is responsible for its contents it should take legal advice.

Consent

In connection with each Tranche of Notes and subject to the conditions set out below under "*Common Conditions to Consent*":

- (a) ***Specific Consent:*** the relevant Issuer and, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor, each consent to the use of this Base Prospectus (as supplemented as at the relevant time, if applicable) in connection with a Non-exempt Offer of such Notes by:
 - (i) the relevant Dealer(s) or Manager(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms;
 - (ii) any financial intermediaries specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
 - (iii) any other financial intermediary appointed after the date of the applicable Final Terms and whose name is published on the Issuers' website (www.unicreditgroup.eu) and identified as an Authorised Offeror in respect of the relevant Non-exempt Offer; and
- (b) ***General Consent:*** if (and only if) Part B of the applicable Final Terms specifies "General Consent" as "Applicable", the relevant Issuer and, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor, each hereby offer to grant their consent to the use of this Base Prospectus (as supplemented as at the relevant time, if applicable) in connection with a Non-exempt Offer of Notes by any financial intermediary which satisfies the following conditions:
 - (i) it is authorised to make such offers under applicable legislation implementing the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (Directive 2004/39/EC); and

- (ii) it accepts such offer by publishing on its website the following statement (with the information in square brackets completed with the relevant information) (the **Acceptance Statement**):

*"We, [insert legal name of financial intermediary], refer to the offer of [insert title of relevant Notes] (the **Notes**) described in the Final Terms dated [insert date] (the **Final Terms**) published by [UniCredit S.p.A./UniCredit Bank Ireland p.l.c./UniCredit International Bank (Luxembourg) S.A.] (the **Issuer**)[and unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by UniCredit S.p.A. (the **Guarantor**)]. In consideration of the Issuer offering to grant its consent to our use of the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) in connection with the offer of the Notes in [specify Member State(s)] during the Offer Period and subject to the other conditions to such consent, each as specified in the Base Prospectus, we hereby accept the offer by the Issuer in accordance with the Authorised Offeror Terms (as specified in the Base Prospectus), and confirm that we are using the Base Prospectus accordingly."*

The consent referred to above relates to Non-exempt offers occurring within 12 months from the date of this Base Prospectus.

The **Authorised Offeror Terms** are that the relevant financial intermediary:

- (A) will, and it agrees, represents, warrants and undertakes for the benefit of the Issuers, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer that it will, at all times in connection with the relevant Non-exempt Offer:
- (I) act in accordance with, and be solely responsible for complying with, all applicable laws, rules, regulations and guidance of any applicable regulatory bodies (the **Rules**) from time to time including, without limitation and in each case, Rules relating to both the appropriateness or suitability of any investment in the Notes by any person and disclosure to any potential Investor;
 - (II) comply with the restrictions set out under "*Subscription and Sale*" in this Base Prospectus which would apply as if it were a Dealer;
 - (III) ensure that any fee (and any other commissions or benefits of any kind) or rebate received or paid by that financial intermediary in relation to the offer or sale of the Notes does not violate the Rules and, to the extent required by the Rules, is fully and clearly disclosed to Investors or potential Investors;
 - (IV) hold all licences, consents, approvals and permissions required in connection with solicitation of interest in, or offers or sales of, the Notes under the Rules;
 - (V) comply with applicable anti-money laundering, anti-bribery, anti-corruption and "know your client" Rules (including, without limitation, taking appropriate steps, in compliance with such Rules, to establish and document the identity of each potential Investor prior to initial investment in any Notes by the Investor), and will not permit any application for Notes in circumstances where the financial intermediary has any suspicions as to the source of the application monies;
 - (VI) retain Investor identification records for at least the minimum period required under applicable Rules, and shall, if so requested and to the extent permitted by the rules, make such records available to the relevant Dealer, the relevant Issuer and, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor or directly to the appropriate authorities with jurisdiction over the relevant Issuers, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor and/or the relevant Dealer in order to enable the relevant Issuer, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor and/or the relevant Dealer to comply with anti-money laundering, anti-bribery, anti-corruption and "know your client" Rules applying to the relevant Issuer, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor and/or the relevant Dealer;
 - (VII) immediately inform the relevant Issuer, and if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor, and the relevant Dealer if at any time it becomes aware or suspects that it

is or may be in violation of any Rules and take all appropriate steps to remedy such violation and comply with such Rules in all respects;

- (VIII) ensure that no holder of Notes or potential Investor in Notes shall become an indirect or direct client of the relevant Issuer, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor or the relevant Dealer for the purposes of any applicable Rules from time to time, and to the extent that any client obligations are created by the relevant financial intermediary under any applicable Rules, then such financial intermediary shall perform any such obligations so arising;
- (IX) co-operate with the relevant Issuer, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer in providing such information (including, without limitation, documents and records maintained pursuant to paragraph (I)) above) upon written request from the relevant Issuer, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor or the relevant Dealer as is available to such financial intermediary or which is within its power and control from time to time, together with such further assistance as is reasonably requested by the relevant Issuer, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor or the relevant Dealer:
 - (i) in connection with any request or investigation by any regulator in relation to the Notes, the relevant Issuer, the if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, Guarantor or the relevant Dealer; and/or
 - (ii) in connection with any complaints received by the relevant Issuer, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor and/or the relevant Dealer relating to the relevant Issuer, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor and/or the relevant Dealer or another Authorised Offeror including, without limitation, complaints as defined in rules published by any regulator of competent jurisdiction from time to time; and/or
 - (iii) which the relevant Issuer, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor or the relevant Dealer may reasonably require from time to time in relation to the Notes and/or as to allow the relevant Issuer, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor or the relevant Dealer fully to comply with its own legal, tax and regulatory requirements,in each case, as soon as is reasonably practicable and, in any event, within any time frame set by any such regulator or regulatory process;
- (X) during the primary distribution period of the Notes: (i) only sell the Notes at the Issue Price specified in the applicable Final Terms (unless otherwise agreed with the relevant Dealer); (ii) only sell the Notes for settlement on the Issue Date specified in the applicable Final Terms; (iii) not appoint any sub-distributors (unless otherwise agreed with the relevant Dealer); (iv) not pay any fee or remuneration or commissions or benefits to any third parties in relation to the offering or sale of the Notes (unless otherwise agreed with the relevant Dealer); and (v) comply with such other rules of conduct as may be reasonably required and specified by the relevant Dealer;
- (XI) either (i) obtain from each potential Investor an executed application for the Notes, or (ii) keep a record of all requests such financial intermediary (x) makes for its discretionary management clients, (y) receives from its advisory clients and (z) receives from its execution-only clients, in each case prior to making any order for the Notes on their behalf, and in each case maintain the same on its files for so long as is required by any applicable Rules;
- (XII) ensure that it does not, directly or indirectly, cause the relevant Issuer, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor or the relevant Dealer to breach any Rule or subject the relevant Issuer, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, Guarantor or the

relevant Dealer to any requirement to obtain or make any filing, authorisation or consent in any jurisdiction;

- (XIII) comply with the conditions to the consent referred to under "*Common Conditions to Consent*" below and any further requirements or other Authorised Offeror Terms relevant to the Non-exempt Offer as specified in the applicable Final Terms;
 - (XIV) make available to each potential Investor in the Notes this Base Prospectus (as supplemented as at the relevant time, if applicable), the applicable Final Terms and any applicable information booklet provided by the Issuer for such purpose, and not convey or publish any information that is not contained in or entirely consistent with this Base Prospectus; and
 - (XV) if it conveys or publishes any communication (other than this Base Prospectus or any other materials provided to such financial intermediary by or on behalf of the relevant Issuer for the purposes of the relevant Non-exempt Offer) in connection with the relevant Non-exempt Offer, it will ensure that such communication (A) is fair, clear and not misleading and complies with the Rules, (B) states that such financial intermediary has provided such communication independently of the relevant Issuer, that such financial intermediary is solely responsible for such communication and that none of the relevant Issuer, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer accepts any responsibility for such communication and (C) does not, without the prior written consent of the relevant Issuer, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor or the relevant Dealer (as applicable), use the legal or publicity names of the relevant Issuer, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor or the relevant Dealer or any other name, brand or logo registered by an entity within their respective groups or any material over which any such entity retains a proprietary interest, except to describe the relevant Issuer as issuer of the relevant Notes and the Guarantor as the guarantor of the relevant Notes on the basis set out in this Base Prospectus;
- (B) agrees and undertakes to indemnify each of the relevant Issuer, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer (in each case on behalf of such entity and its respective directors, officers, employees, agents, affiliates and controlling persons) against any losses, liabilities, costs, claims, charges, expenses, actions or demands (including reasonable costs of investigation and any defence raised thereto and counsel's fees and disbursements associated with any such investigation or defence) which any of them may incur or which may be made against any of them arising out of or in relation to, or in connection with, any breach of any of the foregoing agreements, representations, warranties or undertakings by such financial intermediary, including (without limitation) any unauthorised action by such financial intermediary or failure by such financial intermediary to observe any of the above restrictions or requirements or the making by such financial intermediary of any unauthorised representation or the giving or use by it of any information which has not been authorised for such purposes by the relevant Issuer, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor or the relevant Dealer; and
- (C) agrees and accepts that:
- (I) the contract between the relevant Issuer and the financial intermediary formed upon acceptance by the financial intermediary of the relevant Issuer's offer to use the Base Prospectus with its consent in connection with the relevant Exempt Offer (the **Authorised Offeror Contract**), and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Authorised Offeror Contract, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law;
 - (II) subject to (IV) below, the English courts have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute arising out of or in connection with the Authorised Offeror Contract (including any dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Authorised Offeror Contract) (a **Dispute**) and the relevant Issuer

and the financial intermediary submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts;

- (III) for the purposes of (C)(II) and (IV)a, the relevant Issuer and the financial intermediary waive any objection to the English courts on the grounds that they are an inconvenient or inappropriate forum to settle any dispute;
- (IV) this paragraph (C) is for the benefit of the relevant Issuer, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor and each relevant Dealer. To the extent allowed by law, the relevant Issuer, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor and each relevant Dealer may, in respect of any Dispute or Disputes, take (i) proceedings in any other court with jurisdiction; and (ii) concurrent proceedings in any number of jurisdictions; and
- (V) the relevant Issuer, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor and each relevant Dealer will, pursuant to the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, be entitled to enforce those provisions of the Authorised Offeror Contract which are, or are expressed to be, for their benefit, including the agreements, representations, warranties, undertakings and indemnity given by the financial intermediary pursuant to the Authorised Offeror Terms.

The financial intermediaries referred to in paragraphs (a)(ii), (a)(iii) and (b) above are together the **Authorised Offerors** and each an **Authorised Offeror**.

Any Authorised Offeror falling within (a) above and who meets the other conditions stated in "Common Conditions to Consent" below and who wishes to use this Base Prospectus in connection with a Non-exempt Offer is required, for the duration of the relevant Offer Period, to publish on its website the Acceptance Statement.

Common Conditions to Consent

The conditions to the relevant Issuer's, and if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor's consent are (in addition to the conditions described in paragraph (a) above if Part B of the applicable Final Terms specifies "General Consent" as "Applicable") that such consent:

- (i) is only valid during the Offer Period specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (ii) only extends to the use of this Base Prospectus to make Non-exempt Offers of the relevant Tranche of Notes in the Republic of Italy, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Federal Republic of Germany and Austria as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

The consent referred to above relates to Offer Periods (if any) occurring within 12 months from the date of this Base Prospectus.

Each Tranche of Notes may only be offered to Investors as part of a Non-exempt Offer in each relevant Member States specified in the applicable Final Terms, or otherwise in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish or supplement a prospectus for such offer.

ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN INVESTORS AND AUTHORISED OFFERORS

AN INVESTOR INTENDING TO ACQUIRE OR ACQUIRING ANY NOTES IN A NON-EXEMPT OFFER FROM AN AUTHORISED OFFEROR WILL DO SO, AND OFFERS AND SALES OF SUCH NOTES TO AN INVESTOR BY SUCH AUTHORISED OFFEROR WILL BE MADE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY TERMS AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE BETWEEN SUCH AUTHORISED OFFEROR AND SUCH INVESTOR INCLUDING AS TO PRICE, ALLOCATIONS AND SETTLEMENT ARRANGEMENTS. THE ISSUER AND THE GUARANTOR (IF THE NOTES ARE GUARANTEED NOTES) WILL NOT BE A PARTY TO ANY SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WITH SUCH INVESTORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE NON-EXEMPT OFFER OR SALE OF THE NOTES CONCERNED AND, ACCORDINGLY, THIS BASE PROSPECTUS AND ANY FINAL TERMS WILL NOT CONTAIN SUCH INFORMATION. THE INVESTOR MUST LOOK TO THE

AUTHORISED OFFEROR AT THE TIME OF SUCH OFFER FOR THE PROVISION OF SUCH INFORMATION AND THE AUTHORISED OFFEROR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH INFORMATION. THE RELEVANT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE AUTHORISED OFFEROR AT THE TIME OF SUCH OFFER. NONE OF THE ISSUER, THE GUARANTOR (IF THE NOTES ARE GUARANTEED NOTES) AND, FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, ANY DEALER HAS ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY TO AN INVESTOR IN RESPECT OF THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED ABOVE.

Stabilisation

In connection with the issue of any Tranche of Notes, the Dealer or Dealers (if any) named as the Stabilisation Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilisation Manager(s)) in the applicable Final Terms may over-allot Notes or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Notes at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the Stabilisation Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of a Stabilisation Manager) will undertake stabilisation action. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche of Notes is made and, if begun, will be carried out in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations and may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of Notes and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche of Notes. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment must be conducted by the relevant Stabilisation Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilisation Manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

Overview of the Programme

The following overview does not purport to be complete and is taken from, and is qualified in its entirety by, the remainder of this Base Prospectus and, in relation to the terms and conditions of any particular Tranche of Notes, the applicable Final Terms (or, in the case of Exempt Notes, the applicable Pricing Supplement). The relevant Issuer and any relevant Dealer may agree that Notes shall be issued in a form other than that contemplated in the Terms and Conditions, in which event, in the case of Notes other than Exempt Notes and, if appropriate, a supplement to the Base Prospectus or a new Base Prospectus will be published.

This Overview constitutes a general description of the Programme for the purposes of Article 22.5(3) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 809/2004 implementing the Prospectus Directive.

Words and expressions defined in "*Form of the Notes*" and "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*" shall have the same meanings in this Overview.

Issuers:	UniCredit S.p.A. (UniCredit) UniCredit Bank Ireland p.l.c. (UniCredit Ireland) UniCredit International Bank (Luxembourg) S.A. (UniCredit International Luxembourg)
Guarantor:	Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland and UniCredit International Luxembourg will be guaranteed by UniCredit.
Description:	Euro Medium Term Note Programme
Arranger:	UBS Limited
Co-Arranger:	UniCredit Bank AG
Dealers:	Barclays Bank PLC BNP Paribas Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch Goldman Sachs International J.P. Morgan Securities plc Mediobanca – Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. Merrill Lynch International Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc The Royal Bank of Scotland plc Société Générale UBS Limited UniCredit Bank AG and any other Dealers appointed from time to time in accordance with the Eleventh Amended and Restated Programme Agreement.
Certain Restrictions:	Each issue of Notes denominated in a currency in respect of which particular laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements apply will only be issued in circumstances which comply with such laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements from time to time (see " <i>Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions</i> ") including the following restrictions applicable at the date of this Base Prospectus.
Notes issued by UniCredit	Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland and/or UniCredit International

Ireland and/or UniCredit International Luxembourg having a maturity of less than one year:	Luxembourg having a maturity of less than one year will, if the proceeds of the issue are accepted in the United Kingdom, constitute deposits for the purposes of the prohibition on accepting deposits contained in section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 unless they are issued to a limited class of professional investors and have a denomination of at least £100,000 or its equivalent. See “ <i>Subscription and Sale</i> ”.
Programme Size:	Up to €60,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described in the Programme Agreement) outstanding at any time. The Issuers and the Guarantor may increase the amount of the Programme in accordance with the terms of the Programme Agreement.
Issuing and Principal Paying Agent:	Citibank, N.A., London Branch or such other agent(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms or Pricing Supplement.
Trustee:	Citicorp Trustee Company Limited.
Distribution:	Notes may be distributed by way of private or public placement and in each case on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis.
Currencies:	Notes may be denominated in euro, Sterling, U.S. dollars, yen, Renminbi (CNY) and, subject to any applicable legal or regulatory restrictions, any other currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s).
Rule 144A Option:	Registered Notes may be freely traded amongst “qualified institutional buyers” within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act (QIBs) in accordance with Rule 144A.
Institutional Accredited Investor Option:	Registered Notes may be privately placed with Institutional Accredited Investors pursuant to Regulation D and may be traded in accordance with Section 4 of the Securities Act.
Registrar:	Citigroup Global Markets Deutschland AG.
Transfer Agents:	Citibank, N.A., London Branch and KBL European Private Bankers S.A.
Subordinated Notes:	<p>Subordinated Notes may be issued by UniCredit or UniCredit Ireland.</p> <p>UniCredit International Luxembourg will not issue Subordinated Notes.</p>
Maturities:	<p>The Notes will have such maturities as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s), subject to such minimum or maximum maturities as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or by any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Issuer or the relevant Specified Currency.</p> <p>The Notes may however be issued with an Initial Maturity Date which may be extended from time to time up to a Final Maturity Date at the option of the holders. Please see Condition 8.8 (“<i>Extendible Notes</i>”).</p> <p>Unless otherwise permitted by current laws, regulations, directives and/or the Bank of Italy’s requirements applicable to the issue of Subordinated Notes by UniCredit, the Subordinated Notes must have a minimum maturity of five years.</p> <p>In the case of Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland, unless otherwise permitted by current laws, regulations, directives and/or the Central Bank of Ireland requirements applicable to the issue of Subordinated Notes, Subordinated Notes having a stated maturity must have a minimum maturity of at least five years (or, if issued for an indeterminate</p>

duration, redemption of such Notes may only occur subject to five years' notice of redemption being given or with the relevant Competent Authority's consent, which will only be given where the request is made at UniCredit Ireland's initiative and UniCredit Ireland's solvency is not in question) and otherwise in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including Articles 77(b) and 78 of the CRD IV Regulation. See also "*Redemption*" below.

Issue Price: Notes may be issued on a fully-paid or in the case of Exempt Notes, a partly-paid basis and at an issue price which is at par or at a discount to, or premium over, par.

Form of Notes: The Notes may be issued in bearer or registered form as described in "*Form of the Notes*". Notes may not be issued or sold in the United States in bearer form, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. tax regulations.

Fixed Rate Notes: Fixed interest will be payable on such date or dates as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) and on redemption and will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s).

Floating Rate Notes: Floating Rate Notes will bear interest at a rate determined:

- (a) on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest rate swap transaction in the relevant Specified Currency governed by an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series); or
- (b) on the basis of the reference rate set out in the applicable Final Terms (or, in the case of Exempt Notes, Pricing Supplement).

The margin (if any) relating to such floating rate will be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) for each Series of Floating Rate Notes.

Floating Rate Notes may also have a maximum interest rate, a minimum interest rate or both.

Interest on Floating Rate Notes in respect of each Interest Period, as agreed prior to issue by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s), will be payable on such Interest Payment Dates, and will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction, as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s).

Inflation Linked Interest Notes: Payments of interest in respect of Inflation Linked Interest Notes will be calculated by reference to one or more inflation Indices as set out in Condition 6.

Zero Coupon Notes: Zero Coupon Notes will be offered and sold at a discount to their nominal amount and will not bear interest.

Extendible Notes: Notes may be issued with an Initial Maturity Date which may be extended from time to time upon the election of the holders on specified Election Date(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms (or, in the case of Exempt Notes, the applicable Pricing Supplement).

Other provisions in relation to Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes: Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes may also have a maximum interest rate, a minimum interest rate or both. Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes in respect of each Interest

Period, as agreed prior to issue by the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s), will be payable on such Interest Payment Dates, and will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as may be agreed between the Issuers and the relevant Dealer(s) (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms).

The Notes may bear interest on a different interest basis in respect of different interest periods. The Issuer has the option of changing the interest basis between fixed rate and floating rate and vice versa in respect of different periods, upon prior notification of such change in interest basis to noteholders.

Exempt Notes:

The Issuers may issue Exempt Notes which are Index Linked Notes, Dual Currency Notes, Partly Paid Notes and Notes redeemable in one or more instalments. References in this Base Prospectus to **Exempt Notes** are to Notes for which no prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive. The CSSF has neither approved nor reviewed information contained in this Base Prospectus in connection with Exempt Notes.

Index Linked Notes: payments of principal in respect of Index Linked Redemption Notes or of interest in respect of Index Linked Interest Notes will be calculated by reference to such index and/or formula or to changes in the prices of securities or commodities or to such other factors as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) may agree.

Dual Currency Notes: payments (whether in respect of principal or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Dual Currency Notes will be made in such currencies, and based on such rates of exchange, as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) may agree.

Partly Paid Notes: the Issuers may issue Notes in respect of which the issue price is paid in separate instalments in such amounts and on such dates as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) may agree.

Notes redeemable in instalments: the Issuers may issue Notes which may be redeemed in separate instalments in such amounts and on such dates as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) may agree.

The relevant Issuer, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, and the Guarantor, if any, may agree with any Dealer and the Trustee that Exempt Notes may be issued in a form not contemplated by the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, in which event the relevant provisions will be included in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

Redemption:

The applicable Final Terms (or, in the case of Exempt Notes, the applicable Pricing Supplement) will indicate either that the relevant Notes cannot be redeemed prior to their stated maturity (other than in the case of Exempt Notes in specified instalments, if applicable, or for taxation reasons or, in the case of Subordinated Notes, for regulatory reasons subject to, *inter alia*, the prior approval of the relevant Competent Authority, as applicable or following an Event of Default or, in the case of Senior Notes, at the option of the Issuer if the Issuer determines that a Loss Absorption Disqualification Event has occurred and is continuing) or that such Notes will be redeemable at the option of the relevant Issuer and/or the Noteholders. The terms of any such redemption, including notice periods, any relevant conditions to be satisfied and the relevant redemption dates and prices will, as appropriate, be indicated in the applicable Final Terms.

In the case of Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit, early redemption

may occur only at the option of UniCredit and with the prior approval of the relevant Competent Authority and otherwise in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including Articles 77(b) and 78 of the CRD IV Regulation.

In the case of Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland, Subordinated Notes having a stated maturity (which must be at least five years) may be redeemed on their Maturity Date or, if of indeterminate duration, may be redeemed where five years' notice of redemption has been given. Otherwise Subordinated Notes may only be redeemed with the consent of the relevant Competent Authority, which will only be given where the request is made at UniCredit Ireland's initiative and UniCredit Ireland's solvency is not in question and otherwise in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including Articles 77(b) and 78 of the CRD IV Regulation.

The applicable Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes, may provide that Notes may be redeemable in two or more instalments of such amounts and on such dates as are indicated in the applicable Final Terms.

Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland and/or UniCredit International Luxembourg having a maturity of less than one year may be subject to restrictions on their denomination and distribution, see "*Certain Restrictions – Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland and/or UniCredit International Luxembourg having a maturity of less than one year*" above.

If the applicable Final Terms specify that the Issuer Call due to Loss Absorption Disqualification Event applies, then any Series of Senior Notes may on or after the date specified in the applicable Final Terms be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time (if the Note is a Floating Rate Note, an Index Linked Interest Note or a Dual Currency Interest Note), on giving not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Principal Paying Agent and the Trustee and, in accordance with Condition 16, the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), if the Issuer determines that a Loss Absorption Disqualification Event has occurred and is continuing.

Under Part II of the Prospectus Act 2005, which implements the Prospectus Directive in Luxembourg, prospectuses for the admission to trading of money market instruments having a maturity at issue of less than 12 months and complying also with the definition of securities are not subject to the approval provisions of Part II and do not need to be approved by the CSSF. Any offers to the public of such securities in Luxembourg would be subject to the prior approval of the CSSF of a simplified prospectus pursuant to Part III, Chapter 1 of the Prospectus Act 2005.

Redemption for Indexation Reasons:

Inflation Linked Interest Notes may be redeemed before their stated maturity at the option of the relevant Issuer, if the Index ceases to be published or any changes are made to it which, in the opinion of an Expert, constitute a fundamental change in the rules governing the Index and the change would, in the opinion of the Expert, be detrimental to the interests of the Noteholders.

Denomination of Notes:

The Notes will be issued in such denominations as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) save that the minimum denomination of each Note will be such amount as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or by any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency, see "*Certain Restrictions – Notes having a maturity of less than one year*" above, and save that the minimum denomination of each Note will be

€1,000 (or, if the Notes are denominated in a currency other than euro, the equivalent amount in such currency) and save that any Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland that: (i) will not be listed on any stock market and that mature within two years will have a minimum denomination of €500,000 or U.S.\$500,000 or, in the case of Notes which are denominated in a currency other than euro or U.S. dollars, the equivalent in that other currency of €500,000 (such amount to be determined by reference to the relevant rate of exchange at the date of the first publication of this Programme); and (ii) will not be listed on any stock exchange and that do not mature within two years will have a minimum denomination of €500,000 or its equivalent at the date of issuance.

Certain Conditions of the Notes: See elements C.8 and B.18 of "*Summary of the Programme*" for a description of certain terms and conditions applicable to all Notes issued under the Programme.

Documents Incorporated by Reference

The following documents which have previously been published and have been filed with CSSF at the same time as the Base Prospectus shall be incorporated in, and form part of, this Base Prospectus:

- the Terms and Conditions contained in the Base Prospectus dated 2 July 2014, pages 139 to 185 (inclusive), prepared by the Issuers in connection with the Programme;
- the audited consolidated annual financial statements as at and for each of the financial years ended 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2013 of UniCredit;
- the unaudited consolidated interim report as at 31 March 2015 – Press Release of UniCredit;
- the unaudited consolidated interim financial information as at and for the three months ended 31 March 2014 of UniCredit;
- the unaudited consolidated interim financial information as at and for the six months ended 30 June 2014 of UniCredit;
- the audited annual financial statements as at and for each of the financial years ended 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2013 of UniCredit Ireland;
- the audited consolidated annual financial statements as at and for each of the financial years ended 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2013 of UniCredit International Luxembourg;
- the Memorandum and Articles of Association of UniCredit;
- the Memorandum and Articles of Association of UniCredit Ireland; and
- the Memorandum and Articles of Association of UniCredit International Luxembourg,

save that any statement contained herein or in a document which is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purpose of this Base Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in any such subsequent document which is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such earlier statement (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise). Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Base Prospectus. Any information not listed in the cross reference table below is considered as additional information and is not required by the relevant schedules of Commission Regulation (EC) N°809/2004, save that, for the Base Prospectus dated 15 June 2015, the information not listed is either not relevant for the investors or covered elsewhere in the Prospectus.

Following the publication of this Base Prospectus a supplement may be prepared by the Issuers and the Guarantor and approved by the CSSF in accordance with Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive. Statements contained in any such supplement (or contained in any document incorporated by reference therein) shall, to the extent applicable (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise), be deemed to modify or supersede statements contained in this Base Prospectus or in a document which is incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not, except as so modified or superseded, constitute a part of this Base Prospectus.

Copies of documents incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus can be obtained free of charge from the registered office of each of the Issuers and from the specified office of the Paying Agents for the time being in London and Luxembourg. Copies of documents incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus, the Base Prospectus, as well as the Final Terms relating to each Tranche of Notes issued under the Programme, will also be published on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's website (www.bourse.lu).

The Issuers and the Guarantor will, in the event of any significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in this Base Prospectus which is capable of affecting the assessment of any

Notes, prepare a supplement to this Base Prospectus or publish a new Base Prospectus for use in connection with any subsequent issue of Notes.

The following information from UniCredit's, UniCredit Ireland's and UniCredit Luxembourg International's annual and interim reports is incorporated by reference, and the following cross-reference lists are provided to enable investors to identify specific items of information so incorporated:

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Form of the Notes

Any reference in this section to "applicable Final Terms" shall be deemed to include a reference to "applicable Pricing Supplement" where relevant.

The Notes of each Series will either be in bearer form, with or without Coupons attached, or registered form, without Coupons attached. Bearer Notes will be issued outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act (**Regulation S**) and Registered Notes will be issued both outside the United States in reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Regulation S and within the United States in reliance on Rule 144A or Regulation D under the Securities Act.

BEARER NOTES

Each Tranche of Bearer Notes will initially be issued in the form of a temporary global note (a **Temporary Bearer Global Note**) or, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, a permanent Global Note (a **Permanent Bearer Global Note**) and, together with the Temporary Bearer Global Note, the **Bearer Global Notes**) which, in either case, will:

- (i) if the Global Notes are intended to be issued in new global note (**NGN**) form, as stated in the applicable Final Terms, be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common safekeeper for Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (**Euroclear**) and Clearstream Banking S.A. (**Clearstream, Luxembourg**); and
- (ii) if the Global Notes are not intended to be issued in NGN form, be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common depository for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Where the Global Notes issued in respect of any Tranche are in NGN form, the applicable Final Terms will also indicate/Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be notify as to whether or not such Global Notes are intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility. Any indication that the Global Notes are to be so held does not necessarily mean that the Notes of the relevant Tranche will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any times during their life as such recognition depends upon satisfaction of the Eurosystem eligibility criteria. The Common Safekeeper for NGNs will either be Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or another entity approved by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as indicated in the applicable Final Terms.

Whilst any Bearer Note is represented by a Temporary Bearer Global Note, payments of principal, interest (if any) and any other amount payable in respect of the Notes due prior to the Exchange Date (as defined below) will be made (against presentation of the Temporary Bearer Global Note if the Temporary Bearer Global Note is not intended to be issued in NGN form) only to the extent that certification (in a form to be provided) to the effect that the beneficial owners of interests in such Bearer Note are not U.S. persons or persons who have purchased for resale to any U.S. person, as required by U.S. Treasury regulations, has been received by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, has given a like certification (based on the certifications it has received) to the Principal Paying Agent.

On and after the date (the **Exchange Date**) which is 40 days after a Temporary Bearer Global Note is issued, interests in such Temporary Bearer Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge) upon a request as described therein either for (a) interests in a Permanent Bearer Global Note of the same Series or (b) for definitive Bearer Notes of the same Series with, where applicable, receipts, interest coupons and talons attached (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms and subject, in the case of definitive Bearer Notes, to such notice period as is specified in the applicable Final Terms), in each case against certification of beneficial ownership as described above unless such certification has already been given, provided that purchasers in the United States and certain U.S. persons will not be able to receive definitive Bearer Notes. The holder of a Temporary Bearer Global Note will not be entitled to collect any payment of interest, principal or other amount due on or after the Exchange Date unless, upon due certification, exchange of the Temporary Bearer Global Note for an interest in a Permanent Bearer Global Note or for definitive Bearer Notes is improperly withheld or refused.

Payments of principal, interest (if any) or any other amounts on a Permanent Bearer Global Note will be made through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (against presentation or surrender (as the case may be) of

the Permanent Bearer Global Note) if the Permanent Bearer Global Note is not intended to be issued in NGN form) without any requirement for certification.

The applicable Final Terms will specify that a Permanent Bearer Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for definitive Bearer Notes with, where applicable, receipts, interest coupons and talons attached upon either (a) not less than 60 days' written notice from Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Bearer Global Note) to the Principal Paying Agent as described therein or (b) only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event or (c) at any time at the request of the relevant Issuer. For these purposes, **Exchange Event** means that (i) an Event of Default (as defined in Condition 11) has occurred and is continuing, or (ii) the relevant Issuer has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg 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 satisfactory to the Trustee is available. The relevant Issuer will promptly give notice to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 16 if an Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Bearer Global Note) may give notice to the Principal Paying Agent requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur not later than 45 days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Principal Paying Agent.

The following legend will appear on all Notes (other than Temporary Global Notes), receipts and interest coupons relating to such Notes where TEFRA D is specified in the applicable Final Terms or Pricing Supplement, as the case may be:

“ANY UNITED STATES PERSON 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.”

The sections referred to provide that United States holders, with certain exceptions, will not be entitled to deduct any loss on Bearer Notes, receipts or interest coupons and will not be entitled to capital gains treatment in respect of any gain on any sale, disposition, redemption or payment of principal in respect of such Notes, receipts or interest coupons.

Notes which are represented by a Bearer Global Note will only be transferable in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

REGISTERED NOTES

The Registered Notes of each Tranche offered and sold in reliance on Regulation S, which will be sold to non-U.S. persons outside the United States, will initially be represented by a global note in registered form (a **Regulation S Global Note**). Prior to expiry of the distribution compliance period (as defined in Regulation S) applicable to each Tranche of Notes, beneficial interests in a Regulation S Global Note may not be offered or sold to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. person save as otherwise provided in Condition 1 and may not be held otherwise than through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, and such Regulation S Global Note will bear a legend regarding such restrictions on transfer.

The Registered Notes of each Tranche may only be offered and sold in the United States or to U.S. persons in private transactions (a) to “qualified institutional buyers” within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act (**QIBs**) or (b) to “accredited investors” (as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act), that are institutions (**Institutional Accredited Investors**) who agree to purchase the Notes for their own account and not with a view to the distribution thereof. The Registered Notes of each Tranche sold to QIBs will be represented by a global note in registered form (a **Rule 144A Global Note** and, together with a Regulation S Global Note, the **Registered Global Notes**).

Registered Global Notes will either (a) be deposited with a custodian for, and registered in the name of a nominee of, DTC or (b) be deposited with a common depositary for, and registered in the name of a common nominee of, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as specified in the applicable Final Terms. Persons holding beneficial interests in Registered Global Notes will be entitled or required, as the case may be, under the circumstances described below, to receive physical delivery of definitive Notes in fully registered form.

The Registered Notes of each Tranche sold to Institutional Accredited Investors will be in definitive form, registered in the name of the holder thereof (**Definitive IAI Registered Notes**). Unless otherwise set forth in the applicable Final Terms, Definitive IAI Registered Notes will be issued only in minimum denominations of U.S.\$500,000 and integral multiples of U.S.\$1,000 in excess thereof (or the approximate equivalents in the applicable Specified Currency). Definitive IAI Registered Notes will be subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth therein and will bear the restrictive legend described under “*Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions*”. Institutional Accredited Investors that hold Definitive IAI Registered Notes may elect to hold such Notes through DTC, but transferees acquiring the Notes in transactions exempt from Securities Act registration pursuant to Regulation S or Rule 144 under the Securities Act (if available) may do so upon satisfaction of the requirements applicable to such transfer as described under “*Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions*”. The Rule 144A Global Note and the Definitive IAI Registered Notes will be subject to certain restrictions on transfer set forth therein and will bear a legend regarding such restrictions.

Payments of principal, interest and any other amount in respect of the Registered Global Notes will, in the absence of provision to the contrary, be made to the person shown on the Register (as defined in Condition 7.6) as the registered holder of the Registered Global Notes. None of the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (in the case of Guaranteed Notes), the Trustee, any Paying Agent or the Registrar will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments or deliveries made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the Registered Global Notes or for maintaining, supervising, investigating, monitoring or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

Payments of principal, interest or any other amount in respect of the Registered Notes in definitive form will, in the absence of provision to the contrary, be made to the persons shown on the Register on the relevant Record Date (as defined in Condition 7.6) immediately preceding the due date for payment in the manner provided in that Condition.

Interests in a Registered Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for definitive Registered Notes without receipts, interest coupons or talons attached only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event. For these purposes, **Exchange Event** means that either (a) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, (b) in the case of Notes registered in the name of a nominee for DTC, either DTC has notified the relevant Issuer that it is unwilling or unable to continue to act as depository for the Notes and no alternative clearing system is available or DTC has ceased to constitute a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act, or (c) in the case of Notes registered in the name of a nominee for a common depository for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, the relevant Issuer has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg 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, in any such case, no successor clearing system is available. The relevant Issuer will promptly give notice to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 16 if an Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event, DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Registered Global Note) may give notice to the Registrar requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur not later than ten days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Registrar.

TRANSFER OF INTERESTS

Interests in a Registered Global Note may, subject to compliance with all applicable restrictions, be transferred to a person who wishes to hold such interest in another Registered Global Note or in the form of a Definitive IAI Registered Note and Definitive IAI Registered Notes may, subject to compliance with all applicable restrictions, be transferred to a person who wishes to hold such Notes in the form of an interest in a Registered Global Note. No beneficial owner of an interest in a Registered Global Note will be able to transfer such interest, except in accordance with the applicable procedures of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, in each case to the extent applicable. **Registered Notes are also subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth therein and will bear a legend regarding such restrictions, see “*Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions*”.**

GENERAL

Pursuant to the Agency Agreement (as defined under “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*”), the Principal Paying Agent shall arrange that, where a further Tranche of Notes is issued which is intended to form a single Series with an existing Tranche of Notes at a point after the Issue Date of the further Tranche, the Notes of such further Tranche shall be assigned a common code and ISIN and, where applicable, a CUSIP and CINS number

which are different from the common code, ISIN, CUSIP and CINS assigned to Notes of any other Tranche of the same Series until such time as the Tranches are consolidated and form a single Series, which shall not be prior to the expiry of the distribution compliance period applicable to the Notes of such Tranche.

For so long as any of the Notes is represented by a Global Note held on behalf of Euroclear and/or 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 such Notes (in which regard any 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 or as otherwise required by a court of competent jurisdiction or a public official authority) shall be treated by the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) and their agents as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest on such nominal amount of such Notes, for which purpose the bearer of the relevant Bearer Global Note or the registered holder of the relevant Registered Global Note shall be treated by the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) and their agents as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant Global Note, and the expressions **Noteholder** and **holder of Notes** and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.

So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner or holder of a Registered Global Note, DTC or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the Notes represented by such Registered Global Note for all purposes under the Agency Agreement and such Notes except to the extent that in accordance with DTC's published rules and procedures any ownership rights may be exercised by its participants or beneficial owners through participants.

Any reference herein to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in the applicable Final Terms.

A Note may be accelerated by the Trustee thereof in certain circumstances described in Condition 11. In such circumstances, where any Note is still represented by a Global Note and the Global Note (or any part thereof) has become due and repayable in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of such Notes and payment in full of the amount due has not been made in accordance with the provisions of the Global Note, then holders of interests in such Global Note credited to their accounts with Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, will become entitled to proceed directly against the relevant Issuer on the basis of statements of account provided by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC, as the case may be, on and subject to the terms of the Trust Deed. In addition, holders of interests in such Global Note credited to their accounts with DTC may require DTC to deliver definitive Notes in registered form in exchange for their interest in such Global Note in accordance with DTC's standard operating procedures.

Applicable Final Terms

NOTES WITH A DENOMINATION OF LESS THAN €100,000 (OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN ANY OTHER CURRENCY), OTHER THAN EXEMPT NOTES

Set out below is the form of Final Terms which will be completed for each Tranche of Notes which are not Exempt Notes and which have a denomination of less than €100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) issued under the Programme.

[Date]

FINAL TERMS

[UniCredit S.p.A. / UniCredit Bank (Ireland) p.l.c. /UniCredit International Bank (Luxembourg) S.A.]

Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes]
[guaranteed by UniCredit S.p.A.]
under the
€60,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme

Part A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 15 June 2015 [and the supplement[s] to it dated [date] [and [date]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (the **Base Prospectus**). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with such Base Prospectus. Full information on the Issuer[, the Guarantor] and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus.

A summary of the individual issue is annexed to these Final Terms. The Base Prospectus is available for viewing during normal business hours at [UniCredit S.p.A., Via A. Specchi 16, 00186, Rome, Italy][UniCredit Bank (Ireland) p.l.c. – address][UniCredit International Bank (Luxembourg) S.A. – address] [and] has been published on the website of UniCredit www.unicreditgroup.eu, as well as on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, www.bourse.lu. Copies may be obtained, free of charge, from the Issuer at the address above.

[The following alternative language applies if the first tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under a Base Prospectus with an earlier date.]

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the **Conditions**) set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 2 July 2014 which are incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus dated 15 June 2015. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus dated [current date] [and the supplement[s] to it dated [date] [and [date]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (the **Base Prospectus**), including the Conditions incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus. Full information on the Issuer [, the Guarantor] and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus. A summary of the individual issue is annexed to these Final Terms. The Base Prospectus is available for viewing during normal business hours at UniCredit S.p.A., Via A. Specchi 16, 00186, Rome, Italy has been published on the website of UniCredit www.unicreditgroup.eu as well as on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, www.bourse.lu. Copies may be obtained, free of charge, from the Issuer at the address above.

[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as “Not Applicable” (N/A). Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if “Not Applicable” is indicated for individual paragraphs or subparagraphs (*in which case the sub-paragraphs of the paragraphs which are not applicable can be deleted*). Italics denote guidance for completing the Final Terms.]

[When completing any final terms, or adding any other final terms or information, consideration should be given as to whether such terms or information constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.]

[If the Notes have a maturity of less than one year from the date of their issue, the minimum denomination may need to be £100,000 or its equivalent in any other currency.]

1. Series Number: []
 - (a) Tranche Number: []
 - [(b) Date on which the Notes will be consolidated and form a single Series: [The Notes will be consolidated and form a single Series with [Provide issue amount/ISIN/maturity date/issue date of earlier Tranches] on [the Issue Date/exchange of the Temporary Global Note for interests in the Permanent Global Note, as referred to in paragraph 29 below, which is expected to occur on or about [date]]][Not Applicable]]

(delete this paragraph if Not Applicable)
2. Specified Currency or Currencies: []
3. Aggregate Nominal Amount:
 - (a) Series: []
 - (b) Tranche: []
4. Issue Price: [] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [insert date] (if applicable)]
5. Specified Denominations:¹ []

(In the case of Registered Notes, this means the minimum integral amount in which transfers can be made)
 - (a) Calculation Amount: []

(If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination)

If more than one Specified Denomination, insert the highest common factor. Note: There must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations)
6. Issue Date: []
 - (a) Interest Commencement Date: [specify/Issue Date/Not Applicable]

¹ Notes to be issued by UniCredit Ireland which are not listed on a stock exchange and which mature within two years must have a minimum denomination of €500,000 or US\$500,000 or, in the case of Notes which are denominated in a currency other than euro or U.S. dollars, the equivalent in that other currency of €500,000 (such amount to be determined by reference to the relevant rate of exchange at the date of first publication of this programme).

(An Interest Commencement Date will not be relevant for certain Notes, for example Zero Coupon Notes.)

7. Maturity Date: *[Specify date or for Floating rate notes - Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to [specify month and year]²]*
- [The Maturity Date may need to be not less than one year after the Issue Date)]*
8. Interest Basis: ☐ per cent. Fixed Rate]
- ☐ per cent. Fixed Rate from to , then ☐ per cent. Fixed Rate from to]
- ☐ month [LIBOR/EURIBOR/CMS Reference Rate] +/- ☐ per cent. Floating Rate]
- [Floating Rate: CMS Rate Linked Interest]
- [Inflation Linked Interest]
- [Zero Coupon]
- (further particulars specified below)
9. Redemption/Payment Basis: 100 per cent.
10. Change of Interest Basis: *[Specify the date when any fixed to floating rate or vice versa change occurs or cross refer to paragraphs 14, 15 and 16 below and identify there] [Not Applicable]*
11. Put/Call Options: [Not Applicable]
- [Investor Put]
- [Issuer Call]
- [Regulatory Call]
- [Loss Absorption Disqualification Event]
- [(see paragraph[s] [19][, 20][,21][and][,22]]
12. Status of the Notes: [Senior/Subordinated]
- (a) [Date of [Board] approval for issuance of Notes:]
- (b) [Date of [Board] approval for the Guarantee:]
- (Only relevant where Board (or similar) authorisation is required for the particular tranche of Notes or*

² Note that for Renminbi denominated Fixed Rate Notes, where the Interest Payment Dates are subject to modification it will be necessary to use the second option here.

related Guarantee)

PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

13. Fixed Rate Note Provisions: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (a) Rate(s) of Interest: [[] per cent. per annum payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date] *[specify other in case of different Rates of Interest in respect of different Interest Periods].*
- (b) Interest Payment Date(s): [[] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date]
- (Amend appropriately in the case of irregular coupons)*
- (c) Business Day Convention [Modified Following Business Day Convention/Not Applicable]
- (For certain Renminbi denominated Fixed Rate Notes, the Interest Payment Dates are subject to modification, insert Modified Following Business Day Convention)*
- (d) Fixed Coupon Amount(s): [] per Calculation Amount
(Applicable to Notes in definitive form)
(Specify different Fixed Coupon Amounts if different Rates of Interest are specified as being applicable in respect of different Interest Periods)
- (e) Broken Amount(s): *(Applicable to Notes in definitive form)* [[] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] []][Not Applicable]
- (f) Day Count Fraction: [30/360] [Actual/Actual (ICMA)] [Actual/365 (Fixed)]³
- (g) Determination Date[s]: [[] in each year][Not Applicable]
- (Only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA). In such a case, insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon)*
14. Floating Rate Note Provisions: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (a) Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates: [], subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention set out in (b) below/, not

³ Applicable for Fixed Rate Notes denominated in Renminbi.

- subject to any adjustment, as the Business Day Convention in (b) below is specified to be Not Applicable]
- (b) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention][Not Applicable]
- (c) Additional Business Centre(s): []
- (d) Manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount are to be determined: [Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination]
- (e) Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount (if not the Agent): []
- (f) Screen Rate Determination:
- Reference Rate(s): [[] month [LIBOR/EURIBOR/CMS Reference Rate]]/[CMS Rate]]
 - Relevant Financial Centre: [London/Brussels/specify other Relevant Financial Centre] (only relevant for CMS Rate)
- (If CMS Rate is not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- Reference Currency: [] (only relevant for CMS Rate)
 - Designated Maturity: [] (only relevant for CMS Rate)
 - Specified Time: [] in the Relevant Financial Centre (only relevant for CMS Rate)
- (i) Interest Determination Date(s): []
- (Second London Business Day prior to the start of each Interest Period if LIBOR (other than Sterling or euro LIBOR), first day of each Interest Period if Sterling LIBOR and the second day on which the TARGET2 System is open prior to the start of each Interest Period if EURIBOR, euro LIBOR or CMS Rate where the reference currency is euro)*
- (In the case of a CMS Rate where the Reference Currency is euro): [Second day on which the TARGET2 system is open prior to the start of each interest Period]*
- (In the case of a CMS Rate where the Reference Currency is other than euro): [Second (specify type of day) prior to the start of each Interest Period]*
- (ii) Relevant Screen Page: [ISDAFIX2 or any successor screen page] *[insert other screen page]*

(In the case of EURIBOR, if not Reuters EURIBOR01 ensure it is a page which shows a composite rate or amend the fallback provisions appropriately)

(In the case of a CMS Linked Interest Note, specify relevant screen page and any applicable headings and captions)

- CMS Rate definitions: [Not Applicable][Cap means [] per cent. per annum]
[Floor means [] per cent. per annum]
[Leverage means [] per cent.]
- (g) ISDA Determination:
 - (i) Floating Rate Option: []
 - (ii) Designated Maturity: []
 - (iii) Reset Date: []

(In the case of a LIBOR or EURIBOR based option, the first day of the Interest Period. In the case of a CMS Linked Interest Note, if based on euro then the first day of each Interest Period and if otherwise to be checked.)
- (h) Linear Interpolation: [Not Applicable/Applicable – the Rate of interest for the [long/short] [first/last] Interest Period shall be calculated using Linear Interpolation (specify for each short or long interest period)]
- (i) Difference in Rates: [Applicable]/[Not Applicable]
 - CMS Rate 1: []
 - Manner in which CMS Rate 1 is to be determined: [Reference Rate determined in accordance with Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Rate determined in accordance with ISDA Determination/ CMS Rate determined in accordance with ISDA Determination]

(Sub-paragraphs (vi) and (vii) above to be completed in relation to CMS Rate 1)
 - CMS Rate 2: []
 - Manner in which CMS Rate 2 is to be determined: [Reference Rate determined in accordance with Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Rate determined in accordance with ISDA Determination/ CMS Rate determined in accordance with ISDA Determination]

(Sub-paragraphs (vi) and (vii) above to be completed in relation to CMS Rate 1)
- (j) Margin(s): [Not Applicable]/[+/-] [] per cent. per annum
- (k) Minimum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum

- (l) Maximum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum
- (m) Day Count Fraction: [[Actual/Actual (ISDA)],[Actual/Actual]
Actual/365 (Fixed)
Actual/365 (Sterling)
Actual/360
[30/360][360/360][Bond Basis]
[30E/360][Eurobond basis]
30E/360 (ISDA)]⁴
- (See Condition 6 for alternatives)
15. Inflation Linked Interest Note Provisions [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (a) Inflation Index: []
- (Give or annex details of index/indices)*
- (b) Inflation Index Sponsor: []
- (c) Index Factor: [] [Specify the relevant Index Factor] [Not Applicable]
- (d) Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and/or Interest Amount(s) (if not the Principal Paying Agent): [name] shall be the Calculation Agent (no need to specify if the Principal Paying Agent is to perform this function)]
- (e) Determination Date(s): []
- (f) Interest or calculation period(s): []
- (g) Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates: []
- (h) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention]
[Not Applicable]
- (Note that this item adjusts the end date of each Interest Period (and, consequently, also adjusts the length of the Interest Period and the amount of interest due). In relation to the actual date on which Noteholders are entitled to receive payment of interest, see also Condition 7.8 (Payments Day).)*
- (i) Additional Business Centre(s): []
- (j) Minimum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum
- (k) Maximum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum

⁴ Actual/365(Fixed) is applicable to Renminbi denominated Notes.

- (l) Margin: *[[insert Margin]* per cent. per annum] [Not Applicable]
- (m) Day Count Fraction: *[]*
- (n) Commencement Date of the Inflation Index: *[]/[Specify the relevant commencement month of the retail price index]*
- (o) Reference Month: *[]*
- (p) Reference Bond: *[]*
- (q) Related Bond: *[Applicable]/[Not Applicable]*
The Related Bond is: *[]* [Fallback Bond]
The issuer of the Related Bond is: *[]*
- (r) Fallback Bond: *[Applicable]/[Not Applicable]*
- (s) Cut-Off Date: *[As per Conditions]/[specify other]*
- (t) End Date: *[]*
(This is necessary whenever Fallback Bond is applicable)
- (u) Additional Disruption Events: *[As per Conditions]/[specify]*
- (v) Trade Date: *[]*
16. Change of Interest Basis Provisions: *[Applicable]/[Not Applicable]*
(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
(To be completed in addition to paragraphs 13 and 14 (as appropriate) if any fixed to floating or fixed reset rate change occurs)
- (i) Switch Option: *[Applicable – [specify details of the change(s) in Interest Basis and the relevant Interest Periods to which the change(s) in Interest Basis applies]/[Not Applicable]*
(The Issuer must give notice of the exercise of the Switch Option to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 16 on or prior to the relevant Switch Option Expiry Date)
- (ii) Switch Option Expiry Date: *[]*
- (iii) Switch Option Effective Date: *[]*
17. Zero Coupon Note Provisions: *[Applicable/Not Applicable]*
(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
- (a) Accrual Yield: *[]* per cent. per annum

- (b) Reference Price: []
- (c) Day Count Fraction in relation to [30/360]
Early Redemption Amounts:
[Actual/360]
[Actual/365]

PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

18. Notice periods for Condition 8.2: Minimum period: [] days
Maximum period: [] days
19. Issuer Call: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
- (a) Optional Redemption Date(s): []
- (b) Optional Redemption Amount (in the case of Subordinated Notes only, subject to the prior approval of the relevant Competent Authority, as applicable, and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including Articles 77(b) and 78 of the CRD IV Regulation): [[] per Calculation Amount][[Make-whole Amount]]
- (c) Reference Bond: [Insert applicable Reference Bond/FA Selected Bond]
- (d) Quotation Time: [11.00 a.m. [London/specify other] time]
- (e) Redemption Margin: [[] per cent./Not Applicable]
- (f) If redeemable in part:
- (i) Minimum Redemption Amount: []
- (ii) Maximum Redemption Amount: []
- (g) Notice period: Minimum period: [] days
Maximum period: [] days
(When setting notice periods, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems (which require a minimum of 5 clearing system business days' notice for a call) and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and the Agent or Trustee.)

20. Regulatory Call: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (Only relevant in the case of Subordinated Notes)*
- (a) Early Redemption Amount payable on redemption for regulatory reasons (in the case of Subordinated Notes only and subject to the prior approval of the relevant Competent Authority, as applicable, and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including Articles 77(b) and 78 of the CRD IV Regulation) as contemplated by Condition 8.3 and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in Condition 8.7 (Redemption and Purchase – Early Redemption Amounts): [[] per Calculation Amount/As per Condition 8.7]
21. Issuer Call due to Loss Absorption Disqualification Event: [Applicable from [●]]/[Not Applicable]
- (if applicable, specify the date from which the Senior Notes can be redeemed at the option of the Issuer. Please consider that not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice has to be sent to the Principal Paying Agent and the Trustee and, in accordance with Condition 16, the Noteholders)*
- (Only relevant in the case of Senior Notes)*
22. Investor Put: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (a) Optional Redemption Date(s): []
- (b) Optional Redemption Amount: [] per Calculation Amount
- (c) Notice periods: Minimum period: [] days
- [Maximum period: [] days]
- (When setting notice periods, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems (which require a minimum of 15 clearing system business days' notice for a put) and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and the Agent or Trustee).*
23. Early Redemption Amount payable on redemption for taxation reasons (as contemplated by Condition 8.2) or on event [[] per Calculation Amount/As per Condition 8.2]
- [See also paragraph 20 (Regulatory Call)] *(Delete this*

of default (in the case of Subordinated Notes only, subject to the prior approval of the relevant Competent Authority, as applicable, and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including Articles 77(b) and 78 of the CRD IV Regulation):

cross-reference unless the Notes are Subordinated Notes and the Regulatory Call is applicable) (N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount (except in the case of Zero Coupon Notes) is 100 per cent. of the nominal value (i.e. par), the Early Redemption Amount is likely to be par (but consider) / In the case of Zero Coupon Notes only, evaluate to insert the reference to the Condition 8.2. If, however, the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value, consideration should be given as to what the Early Redemption Amount should be.)

24. Extendible Notes: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (a) Initial Maturity Date: []
- (b) Final Maturity Date: []
- (c) Election Date(s): []
- (d) Notice period: Not less than [] nor more than [] days prior to the applicable Election Date]
25. RMB Currency Event: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
26. Spot Rate :
- (i) Relevant Spot Rate Screen Page: []/[Not Applicable]
- (ii) Relevant Valuation Time: []/[Not Applicable]
27. Party responsible for calculating the Spot Rate: [Calculation Agent][Not Applicable]
28. Relevant Currency: [*specify*] [Not Applicable]

GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

29. Form of Notes
- (a) Form of Notes: [Bearer Notes:
- [Temporary Bearer Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Bearer Global Note which is exchangeable for definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event]]
- [Permanent Bearer Global Note exchangeable for definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event]]
- [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on and after the Exchange Date]
- [Notes shall not be physically delivered in Belgium, except to a clearing system, a depository or other

institution for the purpose of their immobilisation in accordance with article 4 of the Belgian Law of 14 December 2005.⁵]

[Registered Notes:

Regulation S Global Note (U.S.\$[] nominal amount) registered in the name of a nominee for [DTC/a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg]/Rule 144A Global Note (U.S.\$[] nominal amount) registered in the name of a nominee for [DTC/a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg]/Definitive IAI Registered Notes (*specify nominal amounts*)]

(b) New Global Note:

[Yes] [No]

30. Additional Financial Centre(s):

[Not Applicable/give details]

(Note that this paragraph relates to the date of payment and not the end dates of Interest Periods for the purposes of calculating the amount of interest, to which subparagraph 15(c) relates)

31. [RMB Settlement Centre(s):

[Not Applicable/give details]]

32. Talons for future Coupons to be attached to Definitive Notes:

[Yes, as the Notes have more than 27 coupon payments, Talons may be required if, on exchange into definitive form, more than 27 coupon payments are still to be made/No]

[THIRD PARTY INFORMATION

[*Relevant third-party information,*] has been extracted from [*specify source*]. The Issuer [and the Guarantor] confirm[s] that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by [*specify source*], no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]]

Signed on behalf of [*name of the Issuer*]:

[Signed on behalf of UniCredit S.p.A.:

By:

By:

Duly authorised

Duly authorised

By:

By:

Duly authorised

Duly authorised]

⁵ Include for Notes that are to be offered in Belgium.

Part B – OTHER INFORMATION

1. **LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING:** [Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market. with effect from [].]

[Application is expected to be made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market with effect from [].] [Not Applicable.]

(Where documenting a fungible issue need to indicate that original Notes are already admitted to trading)

- (a) Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading: []

2. RATINGS

Ratings:

[The Notes to be issued [[have been]/[are expected to be]] rated]/[The following ratings reflect ratings assigned to Notes of this type issued under the Programme generally]:

[insert details]] by [insert the legal name of the relevant credit rating agency entity(ies) and associated defined terms].

[Each of [defined terms] is established in the European Union and is registered under the Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended) (the **CRA Regulation**).]

[Need to include a brief explanation of the meaning of the ratings if this has previously been published by the rating provider.]

(The above disclosure should reflect the rating allocated to Notes of the type being issued under the Programme generally or, where the issue has been specifically rated, that rating.)

3. INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE

[Save for any fees payable to the [Dealers/Managers], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the Notes has an interest material to the offer. The [Dealers/Managers] and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform other services for, the Issuer [and the Guarantor] and [its/their] affiliates in the ordinary course of business - Amend as appropriate if there are other interests]

[(When adding any other description, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)]

4. REASONS FOR THE OFFER, ESTIMATED NET PROCEEDS AND TOTAL EXPENSES

- (a) [Reasons for the offer: []]
- (b) Estimated net proceeds: []
- (c) Estimated total expenses: []]

(Delete unless the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies, in which case (i) above is required where the reasons for the offer are different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks and, where such reasons are inserted in (i), disclosure of net proceeds and total expenses at (ii) and (iii) above are also required.)]

5. YIELD (Fixed Rate Notes only)

Indication of yield: []

6. [HISTORIC INTEREST RATES (Floating Rate Notes Only)

Details of historic [LIBOR/EURIBOR/CMS Reference Rate] rates can be obtained from [Reuters].]

7. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

- (a) ISIN: []
- (b) Common Code: []
- (c) CUSIP: [] [Not Applicable]
- (d) CINS: [] [Not Applicable]
- (e) [[specify other codes] []]
- (f) Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank and Clearstream Luxembourg and the relevant identification number(s): [Not Applicable/give name(s) and number(s)]
- (g) Delivery: Delivery [against/free of] payment
- (h) Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any): []
- (i) Intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility: [Yes. Note that the designation "yes" simply means that the Notes are intended upon issue to be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper and does not necessarily mean that the Notes will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been

met.]/

[No. Whilst the designation is specified as "no" at the date of these Final Terms, should the Eurosystem eligibility criteria be amended in the future such that the Notes are capable of meeting them the Notes may then be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper. Note that this does not necessarily mean that the Notes will then be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra day credit operations by the Eurosystem at any time during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.]]

8. DISTRIBUTION

- | | | |
|--------|---|---|
| (i) | Method of distribution: | [Syndicated/Non-syndicated] |
| (ii) | If syndicated, names and addresses of Managers and underwriting commitments: | [Not Applicable/give names, addresses and underwriting commitments]

<i>(Include names and addresses of entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis and names and addresses of the entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or on a "best efforts" basis if such entities are not the same as the Managers.)</i> |
| (iii) | Date of [Subscription Agreement/other agreement]: | [] [Not Applicable] |
| (iv) | Stabilisation Manager(s) (if any): | [Not Applicable/give name] |
| (v) | If non-syndicated, name and address of relevant Dealer: | [Not Applicable/give name and address] |
| (vi) | Total commission and concession: | [] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount |
| (vii) | U.S. Selling Restrictions: | [Reg. S Compliance Category [1/2/3]; TEFRA D/TEFRA C/TEFRA not applicable]] |
| (viii) | [Non-exempt Offer [where there is no exemption from the obligation under the Prospectus Directive to publish a prospectus]: | [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

<i>(if not applicable, delete the remaining placeholders of this paragraph (viii) and also paragraph 9 below)</i> |
| | [Public/Non-exempt] Offer Jurisdictions: | <i>[Specify relevant Member State(s) where the issuer intends to make Public/Non-exempt Offers (where the Base Prospectus lists the Public/Non-exempt Offer Jurisdictions, select from that list), which must therefore be jurisdictions where the Base Prospectus and any supplements have been passported (in addition to the jurisdiction where approved and published</i> |

Offer Period:	<i>[Specify date(s)] until [specify date(s) or a formula such as "the Issue Date" or "the date which falls [] Business Days thereafter"]</i>
Financial intermediaries granted specific consent to use the Base Prospectus in accordance with the Conditions in it:	<i>[Insert names and addresses of financial intermediaries receiving consent (specific consent)/Not Applicable]</i>
General Consent:	<i>[Not Applicable][Applicable]</i>
Other Authorised Offeror Terms conditions to consent:	<i>[Not Applicable][Add here any other Authorised Offeror Terms].</i> <i>(Authorised Offeror Terms should only be included here where General Consent is applicable)</i> <i>(Consider any local regulatory requirements necessary to be fulfilled so as to be able to make a non-exempt offer [where there is no exemption from the obligation under the Prospectus Directive to publish a prospectus] in relevant jurisdictions. No such offer should be made in any relevant jurisdiction until those requirements have been met. Non-exempt offers may only be made into jurisdictions in which the base prospectus (and any supplement) has been notified/passported.)</i>

9. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER

(Delete whole section if sub-paragraph 8(viii) is specified to be Not Applicable because there is no Non-exempt Offer)

- | | | |
|-----|---|--|
| (a) | Offer Price: | <i>[Issue Price/Not Applicable/specify]</i> |
| (b) | Conditions to which the offer is subject: | <i>[Not Applicable/give details]</i> |
| (c) | Description of the application process: | <i>[A prospective investor will subscribe for Notes in accordance with the arrangements agreed with the relevant authorized intermediary relating to the subscription of securities generally/give details/Not Applicable]</i> |
| (d) | Details of the minimum and/or maximum amount of application: | <i>[Not Applicable/give details]</i> |
| (e) | Description of possibility to reduce subscriptions and manner for refunding excess amount paid by applicants: | <i>[Not Applicable/give details]</i> |
| (f) | Details of the method and time limits for paying up and delivering the Notes: | <i>[Not Applicable/give details]</i> |
| (g) | Manner in and date on which results of the offer are to be made public: | <i>[Not Applicable/give details]</i> |

- (h) Procedure for exercise of any right of pre-emption, negotiability of subscription rights and treatment of subscription rights not exercised: [Not Applicable/*give details*]
- (i) Whether tranche(s) have been reserved for certain countries: [Not Applicable/*give details*]
- (j) Process for notification to applicants of the amount allotted and the indication whether dealing may begin before notification is made: [Not Applicable/*give details*]
- (k) Amount of any expenses and taxes specifically charged to the subscriber or purchaser: [Not Applicable/*give details*]
- (l) Name(s) and address(es), to the extent known to the Issuer, of the placers in the various countries where the offer takes place. [*insert name*] [*insert address*] [The Authorised Offerors identified in paragraph [8] above and identifiable from the Base Prospectus/None/*give details*]

NOTES WITH A DENOMINATION OF AT LEAST €100,000 (OR ITS EQUIVALENT IN ANY OTHER CURRENCY), OTHER THAN EXEMPT NOTES

Set out below is the form of Final Terms which will be completed for each Tranche of Notes which are not Exempt Notes and which have a denomination of at least €100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) issued under the Programme.

[Date]

FINAL TERMS

[UniCredit S.p.A. / UniCredit Bank (Ireland) p.l.c. / UniCredit International Bank (Luxembourg) S.A.]

**Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes]
[guaranteed by UniCredit S.p.A.]
under the
€60,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme**

Part A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 15 June 2015 [and the supplement[s] to it dated [date(s)] [and [date]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (the **Base Prospectus**). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with such Base Prospectus. Full information on the Issuer[, the Guarantor] and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus. The Base Prospectus is available for viewing during normal business hours at [UniCredit S.p.A., Via A. Specchi 16, 00186, Rome, Italy][UniCredit Bank (Ireland) p.l.c. – address][UniCredit International Bank (Luxembourg) S.A. – address] [and] has been published on the website of UniCredit www.unicreditgroup.eu, as well as on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, www.bourse.lu. Copies may be obtained, free of charge, from the Issuer at the address above.

[The following alternative language applies if the first tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under a Base Prospectus with an earlier date.]

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the **Conditions**) set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 2 July 2014 which are incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus dated 15 June 2015. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus dated [current date] [and the supplement[s] to it dated [date] [and [date]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (the **Base Prospectus**), including the Conditions incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus. Full information on the Issuer [, the Guarantor] and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus. The Base Prospectus has been published on the website of UniCredit www.unicreditgroup.eu as well as on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, www.bourse.lu. Copies may be obtained, free of charge, from the Issuer at the address above.

[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as “Not Applicable” (N/A). Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if “Not Applicable” is indicated for individual paragraphs or subparagraphs (in which case the sub-paragraphs of the paragraphs which are not applicable can be deleted). Italics denote guidance for completing the Final Terms.]

[If the Notes have a maturity of less than one year from the date of their issue, the minimum denomination may need to be £100,000 or its equivalent in any other currency.]

1. Series Number: []

(a) Tranche Number: []

- [(b) Date on which the Notes will be consolidated and form a single Series: [The Notes will be consolidated and form a single Series with [Provide issue amount/ISIN/maturity date/issue date of earlier Tranches] on [the Issue Date/exchange of the Temporary Global Note for interests in the Permanent Global Note, as referred to in paragraph [] below, which is expected to occur on or about [date]][Not Applicable]]
- (delete this paragraph if Not Applicable)*
2. Specified Currency or Currencies: []
3. Aggregate Nominal Amount:
- (a) Series: []
- (b) Tranche: []
4. Issue Price: [] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [insert date] (if applicable)]
5. Specified Denominations:¹ []
- (In the case of Registered Notes, this means the minimum integral amount in which transfers can be made)*
- (Notes must have a minimum denomination of €100,000 (or equivalent))*
- (Note – where multiple denominations above [€100,000] or equivalent are being used the following sample wording should be followed:*
- "[€100,000] and integral multiples of [€1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [€199,000]. No Notes in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [€199,000].")*
- (a) Calculation Amount: []
- (If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination*
- If more than one Specified Denomination, insert the highest common factor. Note: There must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations)*
6. Issue Date: []
- (a) Interest Commencement Date: [specify/Issue Date/Not Applicable]
- (An Interest Commencement Date will not be relevant for*

¹ Notes to be issued by UniCredit Ireland with a minimum maturity of two years which are not listed on a stock exchange must have a minimum denomination of €500,000 or its equivalent at date of issuance. Notes to be issued by UniCredit Ireland which are not listed on a stock exchange and which mature within two years must have a minimum denomination of €500,000 or US\$500,000 or, in the case of Notes which are denominated in a currency other than euro or U.S. dollars, the equivalent in that other currency of €500,000 (such amount to be determined by reference to the relevant rate of exchange at the date of first publication of this programme).

certain Notes, for example Zero Coupon Notes.)

7. Maturity Date: *[Specify date or for Floating rate - Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to [specify month and year]²]*
[(The Maturity Date may need to be not less than one year after the Issue Date)]
8. Interest Basis: ☐ per cent. Fixed Rate]
☐ per cent. Fixed Rate from to , then ☐ per cent. Fixed Rate from to]
☐ month [LIBOR/EURIBOR/CMS Reference Rate] +/- ☐ per cent. Floating Rate]
[Floating Rate: CMS Rate Linked Interest]
[Inflation Linked Interest]
[Zero Coupon]
(further particulars specified below)
9. Redemption/Payment Basis: 100 per cent.
10. Change of Interest Basis: *[Specify the date when any fixed to floating rate or vice versa change occurs or cross refer to paragraphs 13,14 and 15 below and identify there]* [Not Applicable]
11. Put/Call Options: [Not Applicable]
[Investor Put]
[Issuer Call]
[Regulatory Call]
[Loss Absorption Disqualification Event]
[(see paragraph[s] [19]/[20][21][and][22])]
12. Status of the Notes: [Senior/ Subordinated]
- (a) [Date of [Board] approval for issuance of Notes] ☐
- (b) [Date of [Board] approval for the Guarantee:] ☐
(Only relevant where Board (or similar) authorisation is required for the particular tranche of Notes or related Guarantee)

² Note that for Renminbi denominated Fixed Rate Notes, where the Interest Payment Dates are subject to modification it will be necessary to use the second option here

PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

13. Fixed Rate Note Provisions: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (a) Rate(s) of Interest: [[] per cent. per annum payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date] *[specify other in case of different Rates of Interest in respect of different Interest Periods]*.
- (b) Interest Payment Date(s): [[] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date
(Amend appropriately in the case of irregular coupons)
- (c) Business Day Convention [Modified Following Business Day Convention/Not Applicable]
(For certain Renminbi denominated Fixed Rate Notes, the Interest Payment Dates are subject to modification, insert Modified Following Business Day Convention)
- (d) Fixed Coupon Amount(s): [] per Calculation Amount
(Applicable to Notes in definitive form)
(Specify different Fixed Coupon Amounts if different Rates of Interest are specified as being applicable in respect of different Interest Periods)
- (e) Broken Amount(s): *(Applicable to Notes in definitive form)* [[] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] []][Not Applicable]
- (f) Day Count Fraction: [30/360] [Actual/Actual (ICMA)] [Actual/365 (Fixed)]³
- (g) Determination Date[s]: [[] in each year][Not Applicable]
(Only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA). In such a case, insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon)
14. Floating Rate Note Provisions: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (a) Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates: [], subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention set out in (b) below/, not subject to any adjustment, as the Business Day Convention in (b) below is specified to be Not Applicable]
- (b) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention][Not Applicable]
- (c) Additional Business Centre(s): []

³ Applicable for Fixed Rate Notes denominated in Renminbi.

- (d) Manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount are to be determined: [Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination]
- (e) Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount (if not the Agent): []
- (f) Screen Rate Determination:
- Reference Rate(s): [[] month [LIBOR/EURIBOR/CMS Reference Rate]]/[CMS Rate]]
 - Relevant Financial Centre: [London/Brussels/specify other Relevant Financial Centre] (only relevant for CMS Rate)
- (If CMS Rate is not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- Reference Currency: [] (only relevant for CMS Rate)
 - Designated Maturity: [] (only relevant for CMS Rate)
 - Specified Time [] in the Relevant Financial Centre (only relevant for CMS Rate)
- (i) Interest Determination Date(s): []
- (Second London Business Day prior to the start of each Interest Period if LIBOR (other than Sterling or euro LIBOR), first day of each Interest Period if Sterling LIBOR and the second day on which the TARGET2 System is open prior to the start of each Interest Period if EURIBOR, euro LIBOR, or CMS Rate when the reference currency is euro)*
- (In the case of a CMS Rate where the Reference Currency is euro): [Second day on which the TARGET2 system is open prior to the start of each interest Period]*
- (In the case of a CMS Rate where the Reference Currency is other than euro): [Second (specify type of day) prior to the start of each Interest Period]*
- (ii) Relevant Screen Page: [ISDAFIX2 or any successor screen page] [insert other screen page]
- (In the case of EURIBOR, if not Reuters EURIBOR01 ensure it is a page which shows a composite rate or amend the fallback provisions appropriately)*
- (In the case of a CMS Linked Interest Note, specify relevant screen page and any applicable headings and captions)*

- CMS Rate definitions: [Cap means [] per cent. per annum]
[Floor means [] per cent. per annum]
[Leverage means [] per cent.]
- (g) ISDA Determination:
 - (i) Floating Rate Option: []
 - (ii) Designated Maturity: []
 - (iii) Reset Date: []

(In the case of a LIBOR or EURIBOR based option, the first day of the Interest Period. In the case of a CMS Linked Interest Note, if based on euro then the first day of each Interest Period and if otherwise to be checked.)
- (h) Linear Interpolation: [Not Applicable/Applicable - the Rate of interest for the [long/short] [first/last] Interest Period shall be calculated using Linear Interpolation (specify for each short or long interest period)]
- (i) Difference in Rates: [Applicable]/[Not Applicable]
 - CMS Rate 1: []
 - Manner in which CMS Rate 1 is to be determined: [Reference Rate determined in accordance with Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Rate determined in accordance with ISDA Determination/ CMS Rate determined in accordance with ISDA Determination]
(Sub-paragraphs (vi) and (vii) above to be completed in relation to CMS Rate 1)
 - CMS Rate 2: []
 - Manner in which Rate 2 is to be determined: [Reference Rate determined in accordance with Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Rate determined in accordance with ISDA Determination/ CMS Rate determined in accordance with ISDA Determination]
(Sub-paragraphs (vi) and (vii) above to be completed in relation to CMS Rate 1)
- (j) Margin(s): [Not Applicable] [[+/-] [] per cent. per annum]
- (k) Minimum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum
- (l) Maximum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum
- (m) Day Count Fraction: [[Actual/Actual (ISDA)],[Actual/Actual]
Actual/365 (Fixed)
Actual/365 (Sterling)
Actual/360
[30/360][360/360][Bond Basis]
[30E/360][Eurobond basis]
30E/360 (ISDA)]⁴

15. Inflation Linked Interest Note Provisions [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (a) Inflation Index: []
- (Give or annex details of index/indices)*
- (b) Inflation Index Sponsor: []
- (c) Index Factor: [] [Specify the relevant Index Factor] [Not Applicable]
- (d) Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and/or Interest Amount(s) (if not the Principal Paying Agent): [name] shall be the Calculation Agent *(no need to specify if the Principal Paying Agent is to perform this function)*
- (e) Determination Date(s): []
- (f) Interest or calculation period(s): []
- (g) Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates: []
- (h) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention] [Not Applicable]
- (Note that this item adjusts the end date of each Interest Period (and, consequently, also adjusts the length of the Interest Period and the amount of interest due). In relation to the actual date on which Noteholders are entitled to receive payment of interest, see also Condition 7.8 (Payments Day).)*
- (i) Additional Business Centre(s): []
- (j) Minimum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum
- (k) Maximum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum
- (l) Margin: [[insert Margin] per cent. per annum] [Not Applicable]
- (m) Day Count Fraction: []
- (n) Commencement Date of the Inflation Index: [] [Specify the relevant commencement month of the retail price index]
- (o) Reference Month: []
- (p) Reference Bond: []

⁴ Actual 365 (Fixed) is applicable to Renminbi denominated Notes.

- (q) Related Bond: [Applicable]/[Not Applicable]
The Related Bond is: [] [Fallback Bond]
The issuer of the Related Bond is: []
- (r) Fallback Bond: [Applicable]/[Not Applicable]
- (s) Cut-Off Date: [As per Conditions]/[specify other]
- (t) End Date: []
(This is necessary whenever Fallback Bond is applicable)
- (u) Additional Disruption Events: [As per Conditions]/[specify]
- (v) Trade Date: []
16. Change of Interest Basis Provisions: [Applicable]/[Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
(To be completed in addition to paragraphs 13 and 14 (as appropriate) if any fixed to floating or fixed reset rate change occurs)
- (a) Switch Option: [Applicable – [specify details of the change(s) in Interest Basis and the relevant Interest Periods to which the change(s) in Interest Basis applies]/[Not Applicable]
(The Issuer must give notice of the exercise of the Switch Option to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 16 on or prior to the relevant Switch Option Expiry Date)
- (b) Switch Option Expiry Date: []
- (c) Switch Option Effective Date: []
17. Zero Coupon Note Provisions: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
- (a) Accrual Yield: [] per cent. per annum
- (b) Reference Price: []
- (c) Day Count Fraction in relation to Early Redemption Amounts: [30/360]
[Actual/360]
[Actual/365]

PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

18. Notice periods for Condition 8.2
(Redemption for tax reasons): Minimum period: [] days

- Maximum period: [] days
19. Issuer Call: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (a) Optional Redemption Date(s): []
- (b) Optional Redemption Amount (in the case of Subordinated Notes only, subject to the prior approval of the relevant Competent Authority, as applicable, and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including Articles 77(b) and 78 of the CRD IV Regulation): [[] per Calculation Amount][[Make-whole Amount]]
- (c) Reference Bond: [Insert applicable Reference Bond/FA Selected Bond]
- (d) Quotation Time: [11.00 a.m. [London/specify other] time]
- (e) Redemption Margin: [[] per cent./Not Applicable]
- (f) If redeemable in part:
- (i) Minimum Redemption Amount: []
- (ii) Maximum Redemption Amount: []
- (g) Notice period: Minimum period: [] days
- Maximum period: [] days
- (When setting notice periods, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems (which require a minimum of 5 clearing system business days' notice for a call) and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and the Agent or Trustee)*
20. Regulatory Call: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (Only relevant in the case of Subordinated Notes)*
- (a) Early Redemption Amount payable on redemption for regulatory reasons (in the case of [] per Calculation Amount/As per Condition 8.7]

Subordinated Notes only and subject to the prior approval of the relevant Competent Authority, as applicable, and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including Articles 77(b) and 78 of the CRD IV Regulation) as contemplated by Condition 8.3 and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in Condition 8.7 (Redemption and Purchase – Early Redemption Amounts):

21. Issuer Call due to Loss Absorption Disqualification Event: [Applicable from [●]]/[Not Applicable]
- (if applicable, specify the date from which the Senior Notes can be redeemed at the option of the Issuer. Please consider that not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice has to be sent to the Principal Paying Agent and the Trustee and, in accordance with Condition 16, the Noteholders)*
- (Only relevant in the case of Senior Notes)*
22. Investor Put: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (a) Optional Redemption Date(s): []
- (b) Optional Redemption Amount: [] per Calculation Amount
- (c) Notice periods: Minimum period: [] days
- [Maximum period: [] days]
- (When setting notice periods, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems (which require a minimum of 15 clearing system business days' notice for a put) and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and the Agent or Trustee)*
23. Early Redemption Amount payable on redemption for taxation reasons (as contemplated by Condition 8.2) or on event of default (in the case of Subordinated Notes only, subject to the prior approval of the relevant Competent Authority, as applicable, and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including Articles 77(b) and 78 of the CRD IV Regulation): [[] per Calculation Amount/As per Condition 8.2]
- [See also paragraph 20 (Regulatory Call)] *(Delete this cross-reference unless the Notes are Subordinated Notes and the Regulatory Call is applicable) (N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount (except in the case of Zero Coupon Notes) is 100 per cent. of the nominal value (i.e. par), the Early Redemption Amount is likely to be par (but consider) / In the case of Zero Coupon Notes only, evaluate to insert the reference to the Condition 8.2. If, however, the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value, consideration should be given as to what the Early Redemption Amount should*

be.)

24. Extendible Notes: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (a) Initial Maturity Date: []
- (b) Final Maturity Date: []
- (c) Election Date(s): []
- (d) Notice period: Not less than [] nor more than [] days prior to the applicable Election Date
25. RMB Currency Event: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
26. Spot Rate : (i) Relevant Spot Rate Screen Page: []/[Not Applicable]
- (ii) Relevant Valuation Time: []/[Not Applicable]
27. Party responsible for calculating the Spot Rate: [Calculation Agent][Not Applicable]
28. Relevant Currency: [*specify*] [Not Applicable]

GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

29. Form of Notes
- (a) Form of Notes: [Bearer Notes:
- [Temporary Bearer Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Bearer Global Note which is exchangeable for definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event]]
- [Permanent Bearer Global Note exchangeable for definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event]]
- [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on and after the Exchange Date]
- [Notes shall not be physically delivered in Belgium, except to a clearing system, a depository or other institution for the purpose of their immobilisation in accordance with article 4 of the Belgian Law of 14 December 2005.⁵]
- (Ensure that this is consistent with the wording in the "Form of the Notes" section in the Base Prospectus and the Notes themselves. The exchange upon notice/at any time options should not be expressed to be applicable if*

⁵ Include for Notes that are to be offered in Belgium.

the Specified Denomination of the Notes in paragraph 1 includes language substantially to the following effect: "[€100,000] and integral multiples of [€1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [€199,000]." Furthermore, such Specified Denomination construction is not permitted in relation to any issue of Notes which is to be represented on issue by a Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes.)

[Registered Notes:

Regulation S Global Note (U.S.\$[] nominal amount) registered in the name of a nominee for [DTC/a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg]/Rule 144A Global Note (U.S.\$[] nominal amount) registered in the name of a nominee for [DTC/a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg]/Definitive IAI Registered Notes (*specify nominal amounts*)]

- (b) New Global Note: [Yes] [No]
30. Additional Financial Centre(s): [Not Applicable/give details]
(Note that this paragraph relates to the date of payment and not the end dates of Periods for the purpose of calculating the amount of interest, to which subparagraph 14(c) relates)
31. [RMB Settlement Centre(s): [Not Applicable/give details]]
32. Talons for future Coupons to be attached to Definitive Notes: [Yes, as the Notes have more than 27 coupon payments, Talons may be required if, on exchange into definitive form, more than 27 coupon payments are still to be made/No]

[THIRD PARTY INFORMATION

[Relevant third-party information] has been extracted from [*specify source*]. The Issuer [and the Guarantor] confirm[s] that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by [*specify source*], no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]]

Signed on behalf of [*name of the Issuer*]: [Signed on behalf of UniCredit S.p.A.:

By: By:

Duly authorised *Duly authorised*

By: By:

Duly authorised *Duly authorised]*

Part B – OTHER INFORMATION

1. **LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING:** [Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market with effect from [].]
- [Application is expected to be made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market with effect from [].] [Not Applicable.]
- (Where documenting a fungible issue need to indicate that original Notes are already admitted to trading)*
- (a) Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading: []
2. **RATINGS**
- Ratings: [The Notes to be issued [[have been]/[are expected to be]] rated]/[The following ratings reflect ratings assigned to Notes of this type issued under the Programme generally]:
- [insert details]] by [insert the legal name of the relevant credit rating agency entity(ies) and associated defined terms].*
- [Each of [defined terms] is established in the European Union and is registered under the Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended) (the **CRA Regulation**).]
- (The above disclosure should reflect the rating allocated to Notes of the type being issued under the Programme generally or, where the issue has been specifically rated, that rating.)*
3. **INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE**
- [Save for any fees payable to the [Dealers/Managers], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the Notes has an interest material to the offer. The [Dealers/Managers] and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform other services for, the Issuer [and the Guarantor] and [its/their] affiliates in the ordinary course of business - Amend as appropriate if there are other interests]
- [(When adding any other description, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)]*
4. **YIELD** (Fixed Rate Notes only)
- Indication of yield: []
5. **[HISTORIC INTEREST RATES** (*Floating Rate Notes only*)

[LIBOR/EURIBOR/CMS Reference Rate] rates can be obtained from [Reuters].]

6. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

- (a) ISIN Code: []
- (b) Common Code: []
- (c) CUSIP: [] [Not Applicable]
- (d) CINS: [] [Not Applicable]
- (e) [[specify other codes] []]
- (f) Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear and Clearstream Luxembourg and the relevant identification number(s): [Not Applicable/give name(s) and number(s)]
- (g) Delivery: Delivery [against/free of] payment
- (h) Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any): []
- (i) Intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility: [Yes. Note that the designation "yes" simply means that the Notes are intended upon issue to be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper and does not necessarily mean that the Notes will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.] /
- [No. Whilst the designation is specified as "no" at the date of these Final Terms, should the Eurosystem eligibility criteria be amended in the future such that the Notes are capable of meeting them the Notes may then be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper. Note that this does not necessarily mean that the Notes will then be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra day credit operations by the Eurosystem at any time during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.]]

7. DISTRIBUTION

- (i) Method of distribution: [Syndicated/Non-syndicated]
- (ii) If syndicated, names and addresses of Managers and underwriting commitments: [Not Applicable/give names]

(Include names and addresses of entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis and names and addresses of the entities agreeing to place the

issue without a firm commitment or on a "best efforts" basis if such entities are not the same as the Managers.)

- (iii) Date of [Subscription Agreement/other agreement]: [] [Not Applicable]
- (iv) Stabilisation Manager(s) (if any): [Not Applicable/give name]
- (v) If non-syndicated, name and address of relevant Dealer: [Not Applicable/give name and address]
- (vi) U.S. Selling Restrictions: [Reg. S Compliance Category [1/2/3]; TEFRA D/TEFRA C/TEFRA not applicable]]

Applicable Pricing Supplement

APPLICABLE PRICING SUPPLEMENT

EXEMPT NOTES OF ANY DENOMINATIONS

Set out below is the form of Pricing Supplement which will be completed for each Tranche of Exempt Notes, whatever the denomination of those Notes, issued under the Programme.

NO PROSPECTUS IS REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIRECTIVE 2003/71/EC FOR THE ISSUE OF NOTES DESCRIBED BELOW.

[Date]

PRICING SUPPLEMENT

[UniCredit S.p.A. / UniCredit Bank (Ireland) p.l.c. / UniCredit International Bank (Luxembourg) S.A.]

Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes]
[guaranteed by UniCredit S.p.A.]
under the
€60,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme

Part A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Any person making or intending to make an offer of the Notes may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or to supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer.

This document constitutes the Pricing Supplement for the Notes described herein. This document must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus dated 15 June 2015 [as supplemented by the supplement[s] dated [date[s]]] (the **Base Prospectus**). Full information on the Issuer [, the Guarantor] and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of this Pricing Supplement and the Base Prospectus. Copies of the Base Prospectus may be obtained from [address].

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the Conditions) set forth in the Base Prospectus [dated [original date]] [and the supplement dated [date]] which are incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus].¹

[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "Not Applicable". Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if "Not Applicable" is indicated for individual paragraphs or subparagraphs. Italics denote directions for completing the Pricing Supplement.]

[If the Notes have a maturity of less than one year from the date of their issue, the minimum denomination [must/may need to] be £100,000 or its equivalent in any other currency.]

- | | | |
|----|----------------|---|
| 1. | Issuer: | [UniCredit S.p.A./UniCredit Bank Ireland p.l.c./UniCredit International Bank (Luxembourg) S.A.] |
| | (a) Guarantor: | [UniCredit S.p.A.][Not Applicable] |
| 2. | Series Number: | [] |

¹ Only include this language where it is a fungible issue and the original Tranche was issued under an Base Prospectus with a different date.

- (a) Tranche Number: []
- [(b) Date on which the Notes will be consolidated and form a single Series: [The Notes will be consolidated and form a single Series with [Provide issue amount/ISIN/maturity date/issue date of earlier Tranches] on [the Issue Date/exchange of the Temporary Global Note for interests in the Permanent Global Note, as referred to in paragraph [] below, which is expected to occur on or about [date]]][Not Applicable]]
3. Specified Currency or Currencies: []
4. Aggregate Nominal Amount:
- (a) Series: []
- (b) Tranche: []
5. Issue Price: [] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [insert date] (if applicable)]
6. Specified Denominations:² []
- (a) Calculation Amount: []
- (If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination
- If more than one Specified Denomination, insert the highest common factor. Note: There must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations)
7. Issue Date: []
- (a) Interest Commencement Date: [specify/Issue Date/Not Applicable]
- (An Interest Commencement Date will not be relevant for certain Notes, for example Zero Coupon Notes.)
8. Maturity Date: []
9. Interest Basis:
- [[] per cent. Fixed Rate]
 [[specify Reference Rate] +/- [] per cent. Floating Rate]
 [Zero Coupon]
 [Index Linked Interest]
 [Dual Currency Interest]
 [Inflation Linked Interest]
 [specify other]
 (further particulars specified below)
10. Redemption/Payment Basis: [Redemption at par]
 [Index Linked Redemption]

² Notes to be issued by UniCredit Ireland with a minimum maturity of two years which are not listed on a stock exchange must have a minimum denomination of €500,000 or its equivalent at date of issuance. Notes to be issued by UniCredit Ireland which are not listed on a stock exchange and which mature within two years must have a minimum denomination of €500,000 or US\$500,000 or, in the case of Notes which are denominated in a currency other than euro or U.S. dollars, the equivalent in that other currency of €500,000 (such amount to be determined by reference to the relevant rate of exchange at the date of first publication of this programme).

- [Dual Currency Redemption]
[Partly Paid]
[Instalment]
[specify other]
11. Change of Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment Basis: [Specify the date when any fixed to floating rate change occurs or cross refer to paragraphs 14 and 15 below and identify there] [Not Applicable]
12. Put/Call Options: [Not Applicable]
[Investor Put]
[Issuer Call]
[Loss Absorption Disqualification Event]
[(further particulars specified below)]
13. Status of the Notes: [Senior/ Subordinated]
- (a) [Date of [Board] approval for issuance of Notes] []
- (b) [Date of [Board] approval for the Guarantee:] []
(Only relevant where Board (or similar) authorisation is required for the particular tranche of Notes or related Guarantee)

PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

14. Fixed Rate Note Provisions: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
- (a) Rate(s) of Interest: [] per cent. per annum payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date
- (b) Interest Payment Date(s): [[] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date
(Amend appropriately in the case of irregular coupons)
- (c) Business Day Convention [Modified Following Business Day Convention/Not Applicable]
(For certain Renminbi denominated Fixed Rate Notes, the Interest Payment Dates are subject to modification, insert Modified Following Business Day Convention)
- (d) Fixed Coupon Amount(s): [] per Calculation Amount
(Applicable to Notes in definitive form)
- (e) Broken Amount(s): (Applicable to Notes in definitive form) [[] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] []][Not Applicable]

- (f) Day Count Fraction: [30/360/Actual/Actual (ICMA)/specify other][Actual 365 (Fixed)]³
- (g) Determination Date[s]: [[] in each year][Not Applicable]
- (Only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA). In such a case, insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon)*
15. Floating Rate Note Provisions: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (a) Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates: [] [, subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention set out in (b) below/, not subject to any adjustment, as the Business Day Convention in (b) below is specified to be Not Applicable]
- (b) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention][Not Applicable]
- (c) Additional Business Centre(s): []
- (d) Manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount are to be determined: [Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination/specify other]
- (e) Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount (if not the Agent): []
- (f) Screen Rate Determination:
- (i) Reference Rate: Reference Rate: [] month [LIBOR/EURIBOR/CMS Reference Rate]. *(Either LIBOR, EURIBOR or other, although additional information is required if other, including fallback provisions in the Agency Agreement)*
- (ii) Interest Determination Date(s): []
- (Second London business day prior to the start of each Interest Period if LIBOR (other than Sterling or euro LIBOR), first day of each Interest Period if Sterling LIBOR and the second day on which the TARGET2 System is open prior to the start of each Interest Period if EURIBOR or euro LIBOR)*
- (iii) Relevant Screen Page: [ISDAFIX2 or any successor screen page] *[insert other screen page]*

³ Applicable for Fixed Rate Notes denominated in Renminbi.

(In the case of EURIBOR, if not Reuters EURIBOR01 ensure it is a page which shows a composite rate or amend the fallback provisions appropriately)

(g) ISDA Determination:

(i) Floating Rate Option: []

(ii) Designated Maturity: []

(iii) Reset Date: []

(In the case of a LIBOR or EURIBOR based option, the first day of the Interest Period)

(h) Linear Interpolation: [Not Applicable/Applicable - the Rate of interest for the [long/short] [first/last] Interest Period shall be calculated using Linear Interpolation (*specify for each short or long interest period*)]

(i) Margin(s): [+/-] [] per cent. per annum

(j) Minimum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum

(k) Maximum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum

(l) Day Count Fraction: [Actual/Actual (ISDA)][Actual/Actual Actual/365 (Fixed) Actual/365 (Sterling) Actual/360 [30/360][360/360][Bond Basis] [30E/360][Eurobond Basis] 30E/360 (ISDA) Other]⁴

(m) Fallback provisions, rounding provisions and any other terms relating to the method of calculating interest on Floating Rate Notes which are Exempt Notes, if different from those set out in the Conditions: []

16. Zero Coupon Note Provisions: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)

(a) Accrual Yield: [] per cent. per annum

(b) Reference Price: []

(c) Any other formula/basis of determining amount payable for

⁴ Actual 365 (Fixed) is applicable to Renminbi denominated Notes.

- Zero Coupon Notes which are Exempt Notes:
- (d) Day Count Fraction in relation to Early Redemption Amounts: [30/360]
[Actual/360]
[Actual/365]
[specify other codes]
17. Index Linked Interest Note: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
- (a) Index/Formula: [give or annex details]

[If physical settlement of Index Linked Notes is contemplated, details to be set out in an annex]
- (b) Calculation Agent [give name]
- (c) Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest (if not the Calculation Agent) and Interest Amount (if not the Agent): []
- (d) Provisions for determining Coupon where calculation by reference to Index and/or Formula is impossible or impracticable: *[need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions]*
- (e) Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates: [] [, subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention set out in (b) below/, not subject to any adjustment, as the Business Day Convention in (b) below is specified to be Not Applicable]
- (f) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/ Preceding Business Day Convention/specify other] [Not Applicable]
- (g) Additional Business Centre(s): []
- (h) Minimum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum
- (i) Maximum Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum
- (j) Day Count Fraction: []
18. Dual Currency Interest Note Provisions: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
- (a) Rate of Exchange/method of calculating Rate of Exchange: [give or annex details]

- (b) Party, if any, responsible for calculating the principal and/or interest due (if not the Agent): []
- (c) Provisions applicable where calculation by reference to Rate of Exchange impossible or impracticable: *[need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions]*
- (d) Person at whose option Specified Currency(ies) is/are payable: []

PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

19. Notice periods for Condition 8.2 (Redemption for tax reasons): Minimum period: [] days
Maximum period: [] days
20. Issuer Call: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
- (a) Optional Redemption Date(s): []
- (b) Optional Redemption Amount (in the case of Subordinated Notes only, subject to the prior approval of the relevant Competent Authority, as applicable, and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including Articles 77(b) and 78 of the CRD IV Regulation): [] per Calculation Amount
- (c) Notice periods: Minimum period: [] days
Maximum period: [] days
(When setting notice periods, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems (which require a minimum of 15 clearing system business days' notice for a put) and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and the Agent or Trustee).
21. Regulatory Call: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
(Only relevant in the case of Subordinated Notes)
- (a) Early Redemption Amount payable on redemption for regulatory reasons (in the case of Subordinated Notes only and [] per Calculation Amount/ As per Condition 8.7]

subject to the prior approval of the relevant Competent Authority, as applicable, and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including Articles 77(b) and 78 of the CRD IV Regulation) as contemplated by Condition 8.3 and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in Condition 8.7 (Redemption and Purchase – Early Redemption Amounts):

22. Issuer Call due to Loss Absorption Disqualification Event: [Applicable]/[Not Applicable]
- (if applicable, specify the date from which the Senior Notes can be redeemed at the option of the Issuer. Please consider that not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice has to be sent to the Principal Paying Agent and the Trustee and, in accordance with Condition 16, the Noteholders)*
- (Only relevant in the case of Senior Notes)*
23. Final Redemption Amount: []/[100 per cent.] per Calculation Amount
24. Early Redemption Amount payable on redemption for taxation reasons (as contemplated by Condition 8.2) or on event of default (in the case of Subordinated Notes only, subject to the prior approval of the relevant Competent Authority, as applicable, and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including Articles 77(b) and 78 of the CRD IV Regulation): [] per Calculation Amount
- [See also paragraph 20 (Regulatory Call)] (Delete this cross-reference unless the Notes are Subordinated Notes and the Regulatory Call is applicable) (N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount (except in the case of Zero Coupon Notes) is 100 per cent. of the nominal value (i.e. par), the Early Redemption Amount is likely to be par (but consider) / In the case of Zero Coupon Notes only, evaluate to insert the reference to the Condition 8.2. If, however, the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value, consideration should be given as to what the Early Redemption Amount should be.)*
25. RMB Currency Event: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]
- (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
26. Spot Rate : (i) Relevant Spot Rate Screen Page: []/[Not Applicable]
- (ii) Relevant Valuation Time: []/[Not Applicable]
27. Party responsible for calculating the Spot Rate: [Calculation Agent][Not Applicable]
28. Relevant Currency: [*specify*] [Not Applicable]
29. Extendible Notes: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (a) Initial Maturity Date: []

(b) Final Maturity Date: []

(c) Election Date(s): []

(d) Notice period: Not less than [] nor more than [] days prior to the applicable Election Date

GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

1. Form of Notes:

(a) Form of Notes:

[Bearer Notes:

[Temporary Bearer Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Bearer Global Note which is exchangeable for definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event]]

[Permanent Bearer Global Note exchangeable for definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event]]

[Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on and after the Exchange Date]

[Notes shall not be physically delivered in Belgium, except to a clearing system, a depository or other institution for the purpose of their immobilisation in accordance with article 4 of the Belgian Law of 14 December 2005.⁵]

(Ensure that this is consistent with the wording in the "Form of the Notes" section in the Base Prospectus and the Notes themselves. The exchange upon notice/at any time options should not be expressed to be applicable if the Specified Denomination of the Notes in paragraph 1 includes language substantially to the following effect: "[€100,000] and integral multiples of [€1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [€199,000]." Furthermore, such Specified Denomination construction is not permitted in relation to any issue of Notes which is to be represented on issue by a Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes.)

[Registered Notes:

Regulation S Global Note (U.S.\$[] nominal amount) registered in the name of a nominee for [DTC/a common depository for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg]/Rule 144A Global Note (U.S.\$[] nominal amount) registered in the name of a nominee for [DTC/a common depository for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg]/Definitive IAI Registered Notes (*specify nominal amounts*)

(b) [New Global Note:

[Yes] [No]]

2. Additional Financial Centre(s):

[Not Applicable/give details]
(Note that this paragraph relates to the date of payment and not the end dates of Interest Periods for the purposes of calculating the amount of interest, to which subparagraphs 16(b) relates)

⁵ Include for Notes that are to be offered in Belgium.

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| 3. | [RMB Settlement Centre | [Not Applicable/give details]] |
| 4. | Talons for future Coupons to be attached to Definitive Notes: | [Yes, as the Notes have more than 27 coupon payments, Talons may be required if, on exchange into definitive form, more than 27 coupon payments are still to be made/No] |
| 5. | Details relating to Partly Paid Notes: amount of each payment comprising the Issue Price and date on which each payment is to be made and consequences (if any) of failure to pay, including any right of the Issuer to forfeit the Notes and interest due on late payment. | [Not Applicable/give details. <i>A new form of Temporary Global Note and/or Permanent Global Note may be required for Partly Paid issues</i>] |
| 6. | Details relating to Instalment Notes: | [Applicable/Not Applicable]

<i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)</i> |
| | (a) Instalment Amount(s): | [give details] |
| | (b) Instalment Date(s): | [give details] |
| 7. | Other terms or special conditions: | [Not Applicable/give details] |

[THIRD PARTY INFORMATION]

[Relevant third party information] has been extracted from [specify source]. The Issuer confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by [specify source], no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]

Signed on behalf of [name of the Issuer]:	[Signed on behalf of UniCredit S.p.A.:
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By:	By:
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Part B – OTHER INFORMATION

1. **LISTING**
[Application [has been made/is expected to be made] by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be listed on [specify market - note this must not be a regulated market] with effect from [].] [Not Applicable]
2. **RATINGS**
Ratings: [The Notes to be issued [[have been]/[are expected to be]] rated [insert details] by [insert the legal name of the relevant credit rating agency entity(ies)].
3. **INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE**
[Save for any fees payable to the [Managers/Dealers], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the Notes has an interest material to the offer. The [Managers/Dealers] and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform other services for, the Issuer [and the Guarantor] and [its/their] affiliates in the ordinary course of business - Amend as appropriate if there are other interests]
4. **OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**
 - (i) ISIN: []
 - (ii) Common Code: []
 - (iii) CUSIP: [] [Not Applicable]
 - (iv) CINS: [] [Not Applicable]
 - (v) [[specify other codes] []]
 - (vi) Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear. and Clearstream Luxembourg and the relevant identification number(s): [Not Applicable/give name(s) and number(s)]
 - (vii) Delivery: Delivery [against/free of] payment
 - (viii) Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any): []
 - (ix) Intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility: [Yes. Note that the designation "yes" simply means that the Notes are intended upon issue to be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper and does not necessarily mean that the Notes will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.]/

[No. Whilst the designation is specified as "no" at the date of this Pricing Supplement, should the Eurosystem

eligibility criteria be amended in the future such that the Notes are capable of meeting them the Notes may then be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper. Note that this does not necessarily mean that the Notes will then be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra day credit operations by the Eurosystem at any time during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.]]

5. DISTRIBUTION

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| (i) | Method of distribution: | [Syndicated/Non-syndicated] |
| (ii) | If syndicated, names and addresses of Managers and underwriting commitments: | [Not Applicable/ <i>give names</i>] |
| | | <i>(Include names and addresses of entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis and names and addresses of the entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or on a "best efforts" basis if such entities are not the same as the Managers.)</i> |
| (iii) | Date of [Subscription] Agreement: | [] [Not Applicable] |
| (iv) | Stabilisation Manager(s) (if any): | [Not Applicable/ <i>give name</i>] |
| (v) | If non-syndicated, name and address of relevant Dealer: | [Not Applicable/ <i>give name and address</i>] |
| (vi) | U.S. Selling Restrictions: | [Reg. S Compliance Category [1/2/3]; TEFRA D/TEFRA C/TEFRA not applicable]] |

Terms and Conditions of the Notes

Any reference in the Terms and Conditions to "applicable Final Terms" or "Final Terms" shall be deemed to include a reference to "applicable Pricing Supplement" or "Pricing Supplement" where relevant in the case of Exempt Notes.

The following are the Terms and Conditions of the Notes which will be attached to or (in the case of Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland) incorporated by reference into each Global Note (as defined below) and each definitive Note, in the latter case only if permitted by the relevant stock exchange, the competent authority or other relevant authority (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 applicable Pricing Supplement in relation to any Tranche of Exempt Notes may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the following Terms and Conditions, replace or modify the following Terms and Conditions for the purpose of such Notes. 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 "Applicable Final Terms" for a description of the content of Final Terms which will specify which of such terms are to apply in relation to the relevant Notes.

This Note is one of a Series (as defined below) of Notes constituted by an Tenth Amended and Restated Trust Deed (such Tenth Amended and Restated Trust Deed, as modified and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the **Trust Deed**) dated 15 June 2015 and made between UniCredit S.p.A. (**UniCredit** or the **Parent**), UniCredit Bank Ireland p.l.c. (**UniCredit Ireland**), UniCredit International Bank (Luxembourg) S.A. (**UniCredit International Luxembourg**) and Citicorp Trustee Company Limited as trustee for the time being for the Noteholders (the **Trustee**, which expression shall include all persons for the time being the trustee or trustees under the Trust Deed), and issued by UniCredit or UniCredit Ireland or UniCredit International Luxembourg (or any other company which has become an issuer under the Programme and the Trust Deed in accordance with Condition 17) as indicated in the applicable Final Terms (each of them, the **Issuer**, which expression shall include any company substituted in place of the Issuer in accordance with Condition 17). The terms of the guarantee applicable to the Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland and UniCredit International Luxembourg and provided by UniCredit (in its capacity as guarantor of Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland and UniCredit International Luxembourg, the **Guarantor**, which expression shall include any company substituted in place of the Guarantor in accordance with Condition 17) are contained in the Trust Deed. These terms and conditions (the **Conditions**) include summaries of, and are subject to, the detailed provisions of the Trust Deed, which includes the form of the Bearer Notes, Registered Notes, Coupons, Receipts and Talons referred to below. References herein to the **Notes** shall be references to the Notes of this Series and shall mean:

- (a) in relation to any Notes represented by a global Note (a **Global Note**), units of each Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency;
- (b) any Global Note;
- (c) any definitive Notes in bearer form (**Definitive Bearer Notes**) issued in exchange for a Global Note in bearer form; and
- (d) definitive Notes in registered form (**Definitive Registered Notes**) (whether or not issued in exchange for a Global Note in registered form).

The Notes, the Receipts (as defined below) and the Coupons (as defined below) have the benefit of a Thirteenth Amended and Restated Agency Agreement dated 15 June 2015 (such Thirteenth Amended and Restated Agency Agreement, as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the **Agency Agreement**) and made between UniCredit, UniCredit Ireland, UniCredit International Luxembourg, the Guarantor, the Trustee, Citibank, N.A., London Branch as issuing and principal paying agent (the **Principal Paying Agent**, which expression shall include any successor principal paying agent) and the other paying agents named therein (together with the Principal Paying Agent, the **Paying Agents**, which expression shall include any additional or successor paying agents), Citibank, N.A., London Branch as exchange agent (the **Exchange Agent** which expression shall include any successor exchange agent) and Citigroup Global Markets Deutschland AG as registrar (the **Registrar**, which expression shall include any successor registrar) and a transfer agent and the

other transfer agents named therein (together with the Registrar, the **Transfer Agents**, which expression shall include any additional or successor transfer agents).

The final terms for this Note (or the relevant provisions thereof) are set out in Part A of the Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes) attached to or endorsed on this Note which complete these Terms and Conditions (the **Conditions**) and, in the case of a Note which is neither admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area nor offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive (an **Exempt Note**), may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the Conditions, replace or modify the Conditions for the purposes of this Note. 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 or to the **applicable Pricing Supplement** (or the relevant provisions thereof) attached to or endorsed on this Note. The expression **Prospectus Directive** means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive) to the extent implemented in the relevant Member State of the European Economic Area and includes any relevant implementing measure in the relevant Member State and the expression **2010 PD Amending Directive** means Directive 2010/73/EU.

Interest bearing definitive Bearer Notes (unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Final Terms) have interest coupons (**Coupons**) and, in the case of Notes which, when issued in definitive form, have more than 27 interest payments remaining, talons for further Coupons (**Talons**) attached on issue. Any reference herein to Coupons or coupons shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to Talons or talons. Exempt Notes in definitive form which are repayable in instalments have receipts (**Receipts**) for the payment of the instalments of principal (other than the final instalment) attached on issue. Registered Notes and Global Notes do not have Receipts, Coupons or Talons attached on issue.

Any reference to **Noteholders** or **holders** in relation to any Notes shall mean (in the case of Bearer Notes) the holders of the Notes and (in the case of Registered Notes) the persons in whose name the Notes are registered and shall, in relation to any Notes represented by a Global Note, be construed as provided below. Any reference herein to **Receipholders** shall mean the holders of the Receipts and 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 (a) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series and (b) have the same terms and conditions or terms and conditions which are the same in all respects save for the amount and date of the first payment of interest thereon and the date from which interest starts to accrue.

Copies of the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement and a deed poll dated 15 June 2015 (the **Deed Poll**) and executed by UniCredit, UniCredit Ireland and UniCredit International Luxembourg are available for inspection during normal business hours at the principal office for the time being of the Trustee being at Citigroup Centre, Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5LB and at the specified office of each of the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar and the other Paying Agents and Transfer Agents (such Agents and the Registrar being together referred to as the **Agents**) and the Luxembourg Listing Agent as long as the Notes are admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market and listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. 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.bourse.lu). If this Note is an Exempt Note, the applicable Pricing Supplement will only be obtainable by a Noteholder holding one or more Notes and such Noteholder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Issuer, the Trustee and the relevant Paying Agent as to its holding of such Notes and identity unless the regulations of the relevant stock exchange require otherwise. The Noteholders, the Receipholders and the Couponholders are deemed to have notice of, and are entitled to the benefit of, all the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement and the applicable Final Terms or applicable Pricing Supplement which are applicable to them.

Words and expressions defined in the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement or used in the applicable Final Terms shall have the same meanings where used in the Conditions unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated and provided that, in the event of inconsistency between the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement, the Trust Deed will prevail and, in the event of inconsistency between the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement and the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms will prevail.

1. FORM, DENOMINATION AND TITLE

The Notes are in bearer form or in registered form as specified in the applicable Final Terms and, in the case of definitive Notes, serially numbered, in the currency (the **Specified Currency**) and the denominations (the **Specified Denomination(s)**) specified in the applicable Final Terms. Notes of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Notes of another Specified Denomination and Bearer Notes may not be exchanged for Registered Notes and *vice versa*.

Unless this Note is an Exempt Note, this Note may be a Fixed Rate Note, a Floating Rate Note, an Inflation Linked Interest Note, a Zero Coupon Note, a CMS Linked Interest Note or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Interest Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms.

If this Note is an Exempt Note, this Note may be a Fixed Rate Note, a Floating Rate Note, a Zero Coupon Note, an Index Linked Interest Note, a Dual Currency Interest Note (each as hereinafter defined), or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Interest Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms.

If this Note is an Exempt Note, this Note may also be an Index Linked Redemption Note, an Instalment Note, a Dual Currency Redemption Note and a Partly Paid Note or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Redemption/Payment Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms.

This Note may be an Extendible Note, depending on the Redemption/Payment Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement if applicable).

This Note may also be a Senior Note issued by UniCredit, UniCredit Ireland or UniCredit International Luxembourg, a Subordinated Note issued by UniCredit or UniCredit Ireland, as indicated in the applicable Final Terms.

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

Subject as set out below, title to the Notes, Receipts and Coupons will pass by delivery and title to the Registered Notes will pass upon registration of transfers in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement. The Issuer, the Guarantor (in the case of Guaranteed Notes), the Paying Agents and the Trustee will (except as otherwise required by law or as otherwise required by a court of competent jurisdiction or a public official authority) deem and treat the bearer of any Bearer Note, Receipt or Coupon and the registered holder of any Registered Note as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing thereon or notice of any previous loss or theft thereof) for all purposes but, in the case of any Global Note, without prejudice to the provisions set out in the next succeeding paragraph.

For so long as any of the Notes is represented by a Global Note held on behalf of Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (**Euroclear**) and/or Clearstream Banking, S.A. (**Clearstream, Luxembourg**), and/or the Depositary Trust Company (**DTC**) or its nominee, each person (other than Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC) who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or of Clearstream, Luxembourg or of DTC as the holder of a particular nominal amount of such Notes (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC 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 or proven error) shall be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Paying Agents and the Trustee as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest on such nominal amount of such Notes, for which purpose the bearer of the relevant Bearer Global Note or the registered holder of the relevant Registered Global Note shall be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) any Paying Agent and the Trustee as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant Global Note and the expressions **Noteholder** and **holder of Notes** and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.

Notes which are represented by a Global Note will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

References to DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in Part B the applicable Final Terms, provided that, in the case of the Notes issued in NGN form, such additional or alternative clearing system must also be authorised to hold such Notes as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations.

2. TRANSFERS OF REGISTERED NOTES

2.1 Transfers of interests in Registered Global Notes

Transfers of beneficial interests in Registered Global Notes will be effected by DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, and, in turn, by other participants and, if appropriate, indirect participants in such clearing systems acting on behalf of beneficial transferors and transferees of such interests. A beneficial interest in a Registered Global Note will, subject to compliance with all applicable legal and regulatory restrictions, be transferable for Notes in definitive form or for a beneficial interest in another Registered

Global Note only in the authorised denominations set out in the applicable Final Terms and only in accordance with the rules and operating procedures for the time being of DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be and in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement. Transfers of a Registered Global Note registered in the name of a nominee for DTC shall be limited to transfers of such Registered Global Note, in whole but not in part, to another nominee of DTC or to a successor of DTC or such successor's nominee.

2.2 Transfers of Registered Notes in definitive form

Subject as provided in Conditions 2.5, 2.6 and 2.7 below, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement, a Registered Note in definitive form may be transferred in whole or in part (in the authorised denominations set out in the applicable Final Terms). In order to effect any such transfer (a) the holder or holders must (i) surrender the Registered Note for registration of the transfer of the Registered Note (or the relevant part of the Registered Note) at the specified office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent, with the form of transfer thereon duly executed by the holder or holders thereof or his or their attorney or attorneys duly authorised in writing and (ii) complete and deposit such other certifications as may be required by the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent and (b) the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent must, after due and careful enquiry, be satisfied with the documents of title and the identity of the person making the request. Any such transfer will be subject to such reasonable regulations as the Issuer, the Trustee and the Registrar may from time to time prescribe (with the prior written approval of the Trustee) (the initial such regulations being set out in Schedule 4 to the Agency Agreement). Subject as provided above, the Registrar will, within three business days (being for this purpose a day on which banks are open for business in the city where the specified office of the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent is located) of the request (or such longer period as may be required to comply with any applicable fiscal or other laws or regulations), deliver, or procure the delivery of, at its specified office or the specified office of a Transfer Agent to the transferee or (at the risk of the transferee) send by uninsured mail, to such address as the transferee may request, a new Registered Note in definitive form, duly authenticated by the Registrar, of a like aggregate nominal amount to the Registered Note (or the relevant part of the Registered Note) transferred. In the case of the transfer of part only of a Registered Note in definitive form, a new Registered Note in definitive form in respect of the balance of the Registered Note not transferred will be so authenticated and delivered or (at the risk of the transferor) sent to the transferor.

2.3 Registration of transfer upon partial redemption

In the event of a partial redemption of Notes under Condition 8, the Issuer shall not be required to register the transfer of any Registered Note, or part of a Registered Note, called for partial redemption.

2.4 Costs of registration

Noteholders will not be required to bear the costs and expenses of effecting any registration of transfer as provided above, except for any costs or expenses of delivery other than by regular uninsured mail and except that the Issuer may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any stamp duty, tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation to the registration.

2.5 Transfers of interests in Regulation S Global Notes

Prior to expiry of the applicable Distribution Compliance Period, transfers by the holder of, or of a beneficial interest in, a Regulation S Global Note to a transferee in the United States or who is a U.S. person will only be made:

- (a) upon receipt by the Registrar of a written certification substantially in the form set out in the Trust Deed, amended as appropriate (a **Transfer Certificate**), copies of which are available from the specified office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent, from the transferor of the Note or beneficial interest therein to the effect that such transfer is being made:
 - (i) to a person whom the transferor reasonably believes to be a QIB in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A; or
 - (ii) to a person who is an Institutional Accredited Investor, together with, in the case of (ii), a duly executed investment letter from the relevant transferee substantially in the form set out in the Trust Deed (an **IAI Investment Letter**); or
- (b) otherwise pursuant to the Securities Act or an exemption therefrom, subject to receipt by the Issuer of such satisfactory evidence as the Issuer may reasonably require, which may include an opinion of U.S. counsel, that such transfer is in compliance with any applicable securities laws of any State of the United States, and, in each case, in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any State of the United States or any other jurisdiction.

In the case of (a)(i) above, such transferee may take delivery through a Legended Note in global or definitive form and, in the case of (a)(ii) above, such transferee may take delivery only through a Legended Note in definitive form. After expiry of the applicable Distribution Compliance Period (A) beneficial interests in Regulation S Global Notes registered in the name of a nominee for DTC may be held through DTC directly, by a participant in DTC, or indirectly through a participant in DTC and (B) such certification requirements will no longer apply to such transfers.

2.6 Transfers of interests in Legended Notes

Transfers of Legended Notes or beneficial interests therein may be made:

- (a) to a transferee who takes delivery of such interest through a Regulation S Global Note, upon receipt by the Registrar of a duly completed Transfer Certificate from the transferor to the effect that such transfer is being made in accordance with Regulation S and that, in the case of a Regulation S Global Note registered in the name of a nominee for DTC, if such transfer is being made prior to expiry of the applicable Distribution Compliance Period, the interests in the Notes being transferred will be held immediately through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg; or
- (b) to a transferee who takes delivery of such interest through a Legended Note:
 - (i) where the transferee is a person whom the transferor reasonably believes is a QIB in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A, without certification; or
 - (ii) where the transferee is an Institutional Accredited Investor, subject to delivery to the Registrar of a Transfer Certificate from the transferor to the effect that such transfer is being made to an Institutional Accredited Investor, together with a duly executed IAI Investment Letter from the relevant transferee; or

- (c) otherwise pursuant to the Securities Act or an exemption therefrom, subject to receipt by the Issuer of such satisfactory evidence as the Issuer may reasonably require, which may include an opinion of U.S. counsel that such transfer is in compliance with any applicable securities laws of any State of the United States,

and, in each case, in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any State of the United States or any other jurisdiction.

Notes transferred by Institutional Accredited Investors to QIBs pursuant to Rule 144A or outside the United States pursuant to Regulation S will be eligible to be held by such QIBs or non-U.S. investors through DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as appropriate, and the Registrar will arrange for any Notes which are the subject of such a transfer to be represented by the appropriate Registered Global Note, where applicable.

Upon the transfer, exchange or replacement of Legended Notes, or upon specific request for removal of the legend, the Registrar shall deliver only Legended Notes or refuse to remove such legend, as the case may be, unless there is delivered to the Issuer such satisfactory evidence as may reasonably be required by the Issuer, which may include an opinion of U.S. counsel that neither the legend nor the restrictions on transfer set forth therein are required to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Securities Act.

2.7 Exchanges and transfers of Registered Notes generally

Holders of Registered Notes in definitive form, other than Institutional Accredited Investors, may exchange such Notes for interests in a Registered Global Note of the same type at any time.

2.8 Transfer of Registered Notes issued by UniCredit International Luxembourg

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Condition 2, Notes in registered form issued by UniCredit International Luxembourg will be numbered serially with an identifying number which will be recorded in the register of the Noteholders of UniCredit International Luxembourg held at the registered office of UniCredit International Luxembourg and a copy of which (at all times in an up-to-date version) is held by the Registrar.

In the case of discrepancy between the register of the Noteholders of UniCredit International Luxembourg held by the Registrar and the register kept by UniCredit International Luxembourg, the registrations in the register held by UniCredit International Luxembourg shall prevail for Luxembourg law purposes.

2.9 Definitions

In this Condition, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

Distribution Compliance Period means the period that ends 40 days after the completion of the distribution of each Tranche of Notes, as certified by the relevant Dealer (in the case of a non-syndicated issue) or the relevant Lead Manager (in the case of a syndicated issue);

Institutional Accredited Investor means accredited investors (as defined in Rule 501(a) (1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act) that are institutions;

Legended Note means Registered Notes in definitive form that are issued to Institutional Accredited Investors and Registered Notes (whether in definitive form or represented by a Registered Global Note) sold in private transactions to QIBs in accordance with the requirements of Rule 144A which bear a legend specifying certain restrictions on transfer (a **Legend**);

QIB means a “qualified institutional buyer” within the meaning of Rule 144A as defined below;
Regulation S means Regulation S under the Securities Act;

Regulation S Global Note means a Registered Global Note representing Notes sold outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S;

Rule 144A means Rule 144A under the Securities Act;

Rule 144A Global Note means a Registered Global Note representing Notes sold in the United States or to QIBs; and

Securities Act means the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

3. **GUARANTEED NOTES**

This Condition 3 applies only to Notes specified in the applicable Final Terms as being Guaranteed Notes.

If the Notes are specified in the applicable Final Terms to be guaranteed (**Guaranteed Notes**), the Guarantor has unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed the due performance of all payment and other obligations of the Issuer under the Notes, Receipts and Coupons, these Conditions and the Trust Deed. The obligations of the Guarantor in this respect (the **Guarantee**) are contained in the Trust Deed.

4. **STATUS OF THE SENIOR NOTES AND THE SENIOR GUARANTEE**

This Condition 4 applies only to Notes specified in the applicable Final Terms as Senior and being Senior Notes.

The Senior Notes and any relative Receipts and Coupons and (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the obligations of the Guarantor under the Guarantee constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and the Guarantor respectively, ranking equally (subject to any obligations preferred by any applicable law) with all other unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) of the Issuer and the Guarantor respectively, present and future and, in the case of the Senior Notes, *pari passu* and rateably without any preference among themselves. Any payment by the Guarantor under the Guarantee shall (to the extent of such payment) extinguish the corresponding debt of the Issuer.

Each holder of a Senior 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 Note.

5. **STATUS OF THE SUBORDINATED NOTES AND THE SUBORDINATED GUARANTEE**

This Condition 5 applies only to Notes specified in the applicable Final Terms as Subordinated and being Subordinated Notes.

Condition 5.1 applies only to Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit, Condition 5.2 applies only to the Subordinated Guarantee in respect of UniCredit Ireland Subordinated Notes and Condition 5.3 applies only in relation to Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland (together referred to in these Conditions also as **UniCredit Ireland Subordinated Notes**).

5.1 **Status of Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit**

- (a) Subordinated Notes (notes intended to qualify as Tier 2 capital for regulatory capital purposes, in accordance with Part II, Chapter 1 of 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 (the **Bank of Italy Regulations**), including any successor regulations, and Article 63 of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms) and any relative Receipts and Coupons constitute unconditional, unsecured and subordinated obligations of UniCredit and rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves.
- (b) In the event of the winding-up, dissolution, liquidation or bankruptcy of UniCredit or in the event that UniCredit becomes subject to an order for *Liquidazione Coatta Amministrativa*, as defined in Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993 of the Republic of Italy, as amended (the **Italian Banking Act**) the payment obligations of UniCredit under the Subordinated Notes and the relative

Receipts and Coupons will rank in right of payment after unsubordinated unsecured creditors (including depositors) of UniCredit and after all creditors of UniCredit holding instruments which are less subordinated than the relevant Subordinated Notes but at least *pari passu* with all other subordinated obligations of UniCredit which do not rank or are not expressed by their terms to rank junior or senior to the relevant Subordinated Notes and in priority to the claims of shareholders of UniCredit.

- (c) In relation to each Series of Subordinated Notes all Subordinated Notes of such Series will be treated equally and all amounts paid by UniCredit in respect of principal and interest thereon will be paid *pro rata* on all Subordinated Notes of such Series.
- (d) 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.

5.2 Status of the Subordinated Guarantee

The obligations of UniCredit in respect of each Series of UniCredit Ireland Subordinated Notes (the **Subordinated Guarantee**) constitute direct, unsecured and subordinated obligations of UniCredit.

All amounts paid by UniCredit under the Subordinated Guarantee in respect of principal and interest on each Series of Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland will be paid *pro rata* on all Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland of such Series.

In the event of the winding-up, dissolution, liquidation or bankruptcy of UniCredit or in the event that UniCredit becomes subject to an order for *Liquidazione Coatta Amministrativa*, as defined in the Italian Banking Act, the payment obligations of UniCredit under the Subordinated Guarantee shall rank in right of payment after unsubordinated unsecured creditors (including depositors) of UniCredit but at least *pari passu* with all other present and future subordinated obligations of UniCredit of the same nature and in priority to the claims of shareholders of UniCredit.

5.3 Status of Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland

- (a) Subordinated Notes and any related Coupons constitute unconditional and unsecured obligations of UniCredit Ireland subordinated as described in Condition 5.4. Notes of each Series of Subordinated Notes will rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves.
- (b) In relation to each Series of UniCredit Ireland Subordinated Notes, all UniCredit Ireland Subordinated Notes of such Series will be treated equally and all amounts paid by UniCredit Ireland in respect of principal and interest thereon will be paid *pro rata* on all UniCredit Ireland Subordinated Notes of such Series.
- (c) Each holder of a UniCredit Ireland Subordinated Note unconditionally and irrevocably waives any right of set-off, counterclaim, abatement or other similar remedy that it might otherwise have, under the laws of any jurisdiction, in respect of such UniCredit Ireland Subordinated Note.
- (d) The repayment of principal and the payment of interest in respect of UniCredit Ireland Subordinated Notes are obligations of UniCredit Ireland.

5.4 Special Provisions relating to Subordinated Notes of UniCredit Ireland

In the event of a bankruptcy, examinership or liquidation of UniCredit Ireland, claims against UniCredit Ireland in respect of Subordinated Notes (**Subordinated Claims**) will rank:

- (a) after claims of all unsubordinated creditors and claims of all subordinated creditors whose claims are less subordinated than the Subordinated Claims;
- (b) *pari passu* with all claims of subordinated creditors that have the same degree of subordination as the Subordinated Claims;

- (c) ahead of all claims of subordinated creditors that are more subordinated than the Subordinated Claims and all claims in respect of the share capital of UniCredit Ireland.

All claims of subordinated creditors that have the same degree of subordination as the Subordinated Claims will be satisfied together and pro rata with the holders of the Subordinated Subordinated Notes, without any preference or priority.

6. INTEREST

The applicable Final Terms will indicate whether the Notes are Fixed Rate Notes, Floating Rate Notes, Inflation Linked Interest Notes or Zero Coupon Notes or, in the case of Exempt Notes, whether a different interest basis applies.

6.1 Interest on Fixed Rate Notes

This Condition 6.1 applies to Fixed Rate Notes only. The applicable Final Terms contains provisions applicable to the determination of fixed rate interest and must be read in conjunction with this Condition 6.1 for full information on the manner in which interest is calculated on Fixed Rate Notes. In particular, the applicable Final Terms will specify the Interest Commencement Date, the Rate(s) of Interest, the Interest Payment Date(s), any applicable Business Day Convention, the Maturity Date, the Fixed Coupon Amount, any applicable Broken Amount, the Calculation Amount, the Day Count Fraction and any applicable Determination Date.

Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate(s) per annum equal to the Rate(s) of Interest. Interest will be payable in arrear on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year up to (but excluding) the Maturity Date. The Rate of Interest may be specified in the applicable Final Terms either (i) as the same Rate of Interest for all Interest Periods or (ii) as a different Rate of Interest in respect of one or more Interest Periods.

In respect of Notes which are denominated in Renminbi, if the Business Day Convention is specified as the Modified Following Business Day Convention in the applicable Final Terms or Pricing Supplement, as the case may be, if any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

If the Notes are in definitive form, except as provided in the applicable Final Terms, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date will amount to the Fixed Coupon Amount. Payments of interest on any Interest Payment Date in respect of the Fixed Interest Period ending on (but excluding) such date will, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, amount to the Broken Amount so specified.

As used in the Conditions, **Fixed Interest Period** means the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date.

Except in the cases of Notes in definitive form where an applicable Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, interest shall be calculated in respect of any period by applying the Rate of Interest to the Calculation Amount, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such subunit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Fixed Rate Note in definitive form comprises more than one Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Fixed Rate Note shall be the aggregate of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for each Calculation Amount comprising the Specified Denomination without any further rounding.

Day Count Fraction means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest, in accordance with this Condition 6.1:

- (a) if “Actual/Actual (ICMA)” is specified in the applicable Final Terms:

- (i) in the case of Notes where the number of days in the relevant period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (the **Accrual Period**) is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the number of days in such Accrual Period divided by the product of (A) the number of days in such Determination Period and (B) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) that would occur in one calendar year; or
- (ii) in the case of Notes where the Accrual Period is longer than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the sum of:
 - (A) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the Determination Period in which the Accrual Period begins divided by the product of (I) the number of days in such Determination Period and (II) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year; and
 - (B) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (I) the number of days in such Determination Period and (II) the number of Determination Dates that would normally occur in one calendar year;
- (b) if "30/360" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (such number of days being calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months) divided by 360;
- (c) if "Actual/Actual (ISDA)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Interest Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (d) If "Actual/365 (Fixed)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365.

In the Conditions:

Business Day means a day which is both:

- (i) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in any Additional Business Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (ii) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s).

Determination Period means each period from (and including) a Determination Date to (but excluding) the next Determination Date (including, where either the Interest Commencement Date or the final Interest Payment Date is not a Determination Date, the period commencing on the first Determination Date prior to, and ending on the first Determination Date falling after, such date);

RMB Settlement Centre, means the financial centre(s) specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or Pricing Supplement in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. If no RMB Settlement Centre is specified in the relevant Final Terms or Pricing Supplement, the RMB Settlement Centre shall be deemed to be Hong Kong; and

sub-unit means, with respect to any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, with respect to euro, one cent.

6.2 Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Inflation Linked Interest Notes

(a) Interest Payment Dates

This Condition 6.2 applies to Floating Rate Notes and Inflation Linked Interest Notes only. The applicable Final Terms contains provisions applicable to the determination of floating rate interest and inflation linked rate interest and must be read in conjunction with this Condition 6.2 for full information on the manner in which interest is calculated on Floating Rate Notes, or, as appropriate, Inflation Linked Interest Notes. In particular, the applicable Final Terms will identify any Specified Interest Payment Dates, any Specified Period, the Interest Commencement Date, the Business Day Convention, any Additional Business Centres, whether ISDA Determination or Screen Rate Determination applies to the calculation of interest (applicable to Floating Rate Notes only), the party who will calculate the amount of interest due if it is not the Agent, the Margin, any maximum or minimum interest rates and the Day Count Fraction. Where, in the case of Floating Rate Notes, ISDA Determination applies to the calculation of interest, the applicable Final Terms will also specify the applicable Floating Rate Option, Designated Maturity and Reset Date. Where Screen Rate Determination applies to the calculation of interest, the applicable Final Terms will also specify the applicable Reference Rate, Interest Determination Date(s) and Relevant Screen Page.

Each Floating Rate Note and Inflation Linked Interest Note bears interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and such interest will be payable in arrear on either:

- (i) the Specified Interest Payment Date(s) in each year specified in the applicable Final Terms; or
- (ii) if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each date (each such date, together with each Specified Interest Payment Date, an **Interest Payment Date**) which falls in the number of months or other period specified as the Specified Period in the applicable Final Terms after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.

Such interest will be payable in respect of each Interest Period. In the Conditions, **Interest Period** means the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date).

If a Business Day Convention is specified in the applicable Final Terms and (x) if there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which an Interest Payment Date should occur or (y) if any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified as:

- (A) in any case where Specified Periods are specified in accordance with Condition 6.2(a)(ii), the Floating Rate Convention, such Interest Payment Date (a) in the case of (x) above, shall be the last day that is a Business Day in the relevant month and the provisions of (ii) below shall apply *mutatis mutandis*
- (B) or (b) in the case of (y) above, shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (i) such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (ii) each subsequent Interest Payment Date shall be the last Business Day in the month which falls in the Specified Period after the preceding applicable Interest Payment Date occurred; or
- (C) the Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or
- (D) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day; or
- (E) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

In the Conditions:

Business Day means a day which is both:

- (i) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in any Additional Business Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (ii) either (a) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than any Additional Business Centre and which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars, New Zealand dollars or Renminbi shall be Sydney, Auckland and the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s), respectively) or (b) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System (the **TARGET2 System**) is open.

RMB Settlement Centre(s) means the financial centre(s) specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or Pricing Supplement in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. If no RMB Settlement Centre is specified in the relevant Final Terms or Pricing Supplement, the RMB Settlement Centre shall be deemed to be Hong Kong.

(b) Rate of Interest – Floating Rate Notes

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes will be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. It may be specified in the Final Terms that the Rate of Interest is multiplied by a factor.

(i) ISDA Determination for Floating Rate Notes

Where ISDA Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be the relevant ISDA Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any). For the purposes of this subparagraph (i), **ISDA Rate** for an Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Principal Paying Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Principal Paying Agent were acting as Calculation Agent for that swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions, as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes (the **ISDA Definitions**) and under which:

- (A) the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (B) the Designated Maturity is a period specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (C) the relevant Reset Date is the day specified in the applicable Final Terms.

For the purposes of this subparagraph (i), Floating Rate, Calculation Agent, Floating Rate Option, Designated Maturity and Reset Date have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions. Unless otherwise stated in the applicable Final Terms the Minimum Rate of Interest shall be deemed to be zero.

(ii) Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes (other than CMS Linked Interest Notes)

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be either:

- (A) the offered quotation; or

- (B) the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate (being either the London interbank offered rate (**LIBOR**) or the Euro-zone interbank offered rate (**EURIBOR**), as specified in the applicable Final Terms) which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page as at 11.00 a.m. (London time, in the case of LIBOR, or Brussels time, in the case of EURIBOR) on the Interest Determination Date in question plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Principal Paying Agent. If five or more of such offered quotations are available on the Relevant Screen Page, the highest (or, if there is more than one such highest quotation, one only of such quotations) and the lowest (or, if there is more than one such lowest quotation, one only of such quotations) shall be disregarded by the Principal Paying Agent for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of such offered quotations.

If the Relevant Screen Page is not available or if no offered quotation appears or, in the case of fewer than three such offered quotations appears, in each case as at the Specified Time, the Principal Paying Agent shall request each of the Reference Banks to provide the Principal Paying Agent with its offered quotation (expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate at approximately the Specified Time on the Interest Determination Date in question. If two or more of the Reference Banks provide the Principal Paying Agent with offered quotations, the Rate of Interest for the Interest 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 Margin (if any), all as determined by the Principal Paying Agent.

If on any Interest Determination Date one only or none of the Reference Banks provides the Principal Paying Agent with an offered quotation as provided in the preceding paragraph, the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period shall be the rate per annum which the Principal Paying Agent determines as being the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the rates, as communicated to (and at the request of) the Principal Paying Agent by the Reference Banks or any two or more of them, at which such banks were offered, at approximately the Specified Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date, deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate by leading banks in the London inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is LIBOR) or the Euro-zone inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR) or the inter-bank market of the Relevant Financial Centre (if any other Reference Rate is used) plus or minus (as appropriate) the Margin (if any) or, if fewer than two of the Reference Banks provide the Principal Paying Agent with offered rates, the offered rate for deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate, or the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of the offered rates for deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate, at which, at approximately the Specified Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date, any one or more banks (which bank or banks is or are in the opinion of the relevant Issuer suitable for the purpose) informs the Principal Paying Agent it is quoting to leading banks in the London inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is LIBOR) or the Euro-zone inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR) or the inter-bank market of the Relevant Financial Centre (if any other Reference Rate is used) plus or minus (as appropriate) the Margin (if any), provided that, if the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the Rate of Interest shall be 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). Unless otherwise stated in the applicable Final Terms the Minimum Rate of Interest shall be deemed to be zero.

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

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be:

- (A) where "CMS Reference Rate" is specified as the Reference Rate in the applicable Final Terms, determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to the following formula:

$$\text{CMS Rate} + \text{Margin}$$

- (B) where "Leveraged CMS Reference Rate" is specified as the Reference Rate in the applicable Final Terms, determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to the following formula:

$$\text{Leverage} \times \text{CMS Rate}$$

- (C) where "Steepener CMS Reference Rate" is specified as the Reference Rate in the applicable Final Terms, determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to the following formula:

Either:

- (a) where "Steepener CMS Reference Rate: Unleveraged" is specified in the applicable Final Terms:

$$\text{CMS Rate 1} - \text{CMS Rate 2}$$

or

- (b) where "Steepener CMS Reference Rate: Leveraged" is specified in the applicable Final Terms:

$$\text{Leverage} \times [(\text{Min}(\text{CMS Rate 1}; \text{Cap} - \text{CMS Rate 2})) + \text{Margin}]$$

- (D) where "Call Spread CMS Reference Rate" is specified as the Reference Rate in the applicable Final Terms, determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to the following formula:

$$\text{Leverage} \times \text{Min} [\text{Max}(\text{CMS Rate} + \text{Margin}; \text{Floor}); \text{Cap}]$$

Unless otherwise stated in the applicable Final Terms the Minimum Rate of Interest shall be deemed to be zero.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (B):

CMS Rate shall mean the applicable swap rate for swap transactions in the Reference Currency with a maturity of the Designated Maturity, expressed as a percentage, as published on Reuters Page ISDAFIX2, Euribor basis, fixed at 11:00 AM CET on the relevant Determination Date, all as determined by the Calculation Agent. If the Relevant Screen Page is not available, the Calculation Agent shall request each of the Reference Banks to provide the Calculation Agent with its quotation for the Relevant Swap Rate at approximately the Specified Time on the Interest Determination Date in question. If at least three of the 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 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;

CMS Rate 1 and **CMS Rate 2** shall mean the CMS Rate with a particular Designated Maturity as specified in the relevant Final Terms;

Cap means a percentage per annum as specified in the relevant Final Terms;

Floor means a percentage per annum as specified in the relevant Final Terms;

Leverage means a percentage number as specified in the relevant Final Terms;

Margin means a percentage per annum as specified in the relevant Final Terms;

Reference Banks means (i) where the Reference Currency is Euro, the principal office of five leading swap dealers in the inter-bank market, (ii) where the Reference Currency is Sterling, the principal London office of five leading swap dealers in the London interbank market, (iii) where the Reference Currency is United States dollars, the principal New York City office of five leading swap dealers 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 leading swap dealers in the Relevant Financial Centre inter-bank market, in each case selected by the Calculation Agent;

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 Sterling, the mid-market semi-annual swap rate determined on the basis of the arithmetic mean of the bid and offered rates for the semi-annual fixed leg, calculated on an Actual/365 (Fixed) day count basis, of a fixed-for-floating Sterling 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/365 (Fixed) day count basis, is equivalent (A) if the Designated Maturity is greater than one year, to GBP-LIBOR-BBA (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) with a designated maturity of six months or (B) if the Designated Maturity is one year or less, to GBP-LIBOR-BBA with a designated maturity of three months;
- (iii) where the Reference Currency is United States dollars, the mid-market semiannual swap rate determined on the basis of the mean of the bid and offered rates for the semi-annual fixed leg, calculated on a 30/360 day count basis, of a fixed-for-floating United States dollar 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, calculated on an Actual/360 day count basis, is equivalent to USD-LIBOR-BBA (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) with a designated maturity of three months; and
- (iv) where the Reference Currency is any other currency of if the Final Terms specify otherwise, the mid-market swap rate as determined in accordance with the applicable Final Terms.

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

Reuters Page ISDAFIX2 means, in respect of a CMS Linked Notes, whichever of the Reuters Screen ISDAFIX pages designated for purposes of displaying par swap rates for swaps in the currency of denomination of the relevant issue of CMS-Linked Notes.

(c) Rate of Interest – Inflation Linked Interest Notes

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Inflation Linked Interest Notes, for each Interest Period, shall be determined by the Calculation Agent, or other party specified in the Final Terms, on the relevant Determination Date in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Rate of Interest} = [[\text{Index Factor}] * \text{YoY Inflation}] + \text{Margin}$$

subject to the Minimum Rate of Interest or the Maximum Rate of Interest if, in either case, designated as applicable in the applicable Final Terms in which case the provisions of paragraph (d) below shall apply as appropriate.

The Rate of Interest shall be rounded (if necessary) to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards.

Unless otherwise stated in the applicable Final Terms the Minimum Rate of Interest shall be deemed to be zero.

Definitions

For the purposes of the Conditions:

Index Factor has the meaning given to it in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if Index Factor is specified as "Not Applicable", the Index Factor shall be deemed to be equal to one;

Inflation Index has the meaning given to it in the applicable Final Terms;

Inflation Index (t) means the value of the Inflation Index for the Reference Month in the calendar year in which the relevant Specified Interest Payment Date falls;

Inflation Index (t-1) means the value of the Inflation Index for the Reference Month in the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which the relevant Specified Interest Payment Date falls;

Margin has the meaning given to it in the applicable Final Terms;

Reference Month has the meaning given to it in the applicable Final Terms; and

YoY Inflation (t) means in respect of the Specified Interest Payment Date falling in month (t), the value calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\left[\frac{\text{Inflation Index}(t)}{\text{Inflation Index}(t-1)} - 1 \right]$$

(d) Minimum Rate of Interest and/or Maximum Rate of Interest

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Minimum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) above is less than such Minimum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Minimum Rate of Interest.

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Maximum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) above is greater than such Maximum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Maximum Rate of Interest.

(e) 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 6.1 or Condition 6.2 above, 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 16 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 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 to the Issuer pursuant to this Condition and in accordance with Condition 16 prior to the relevant Switch Option Expiry Date.

(f) Determination of Rate of Interest and calculation of Interest Amounts

The Principal Paying Agent, in the case of Floating Rate Notes, and the Calculation Agent, in the case of Inflation Linked Interest Notes, will, at or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, determine the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period. In the case of Inflation Linked Interest Notes, the Calculation Agent will notify the Principal Paying Agent of the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period as soon as practicable after calculating the same.

The Principal Paying Agent will calculate the amount of interest (the **Interest Amount**) payable on the Floating Rate Notes for the relevant Interest Period by applying the Rate of Interest to the Calculation Amount, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Floating Rate Note or, as appropriate, an Inflation Linked Interest Note in definitive form 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.

Calculation Agent means the entity designated for such purpose as is specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Day Count Fraction means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest for any Interest Period:

- (A) if "Actual/Actual (ISDA)" or "Actual/Actual" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Interest Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (I) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (II) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (B) if "Actual/365 (Fixed)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365;

- (C) if “Actual/365 (Sterling)” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 or, in the case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366;
- (D) if “Actual/360” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360;
- (E) if “30/360”, “360/360” or “Bond Basis” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where:

- "Y₁" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;
- "Y₂" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;
- "M₁" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;
- "M₂" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;
- "D₁" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number is 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 Interest Period, unless such number would be 31 and D₁ is greater than 29, in which case D₂ will be 30;

- (F) if “30E/360” or “Eurobond Basis” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where:

- "Y₁" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;
- "Y₂" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;
- "M₁" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;
- "M₂" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;
- "D₁" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number is 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 Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D₂ will be 30;

- (G) if “30E/360 (ISDA)” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where:

- "Y₁" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;
- "Y₂" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;
- "M₁" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;
- "M₂" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;
- "D₁" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest 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 Interest Period, unless (I) that day is the last day of February but not the Maturity Date or (II) such number would be 31 and in which case D₂ will be 30.

(g) Linear Interpolation

Where Linear Interpolation is specified as applicable in respect of an Interest Period in the applicable Final Terms, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be calculated by the Agent by straight line linear interpolation by reference to two rates based on the relevant Reference Rate (where Screen Rate Determination is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms or Pricing Supplement if applicable) or the relevant Floating Rate Option (where ISDA Determination is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms or Pricing Supplement if applicable), one of which shall be determined as if the Designated Maturity were the period of time for which rates are available next shorter than the length of the relevant Interest Period and the other of which shall be determined as if the Designated Maturity were the period of time for which rates are available next longer than the length of the relevant Interest Period provided however that if there is no rate available for a period of time next shorter or, as the case may be, next longer, then the Agent shall determine such rate at such time and by reference to such sources as it determines appropriate.

Designated Maturity means, in relation to Screen Rate Determination, the period of time designated in the Reference Rate.

(h) Notification of Rate of Interest and Interest Amounts

The Principal Paying Agent will cause the Rate of Interest and each Interest Amount for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange at the latest on the first London Business Day of each Interest Period, the Issuer and any stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes or Inflation Linked Interest Notes are for the time being listed and notice thereof to be published in accordance with Condition 16 as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than the fourth London Business Day thereafter. Each Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without prior notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. Any such amendment will be promptly notified to each stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes or Inflation Linked Interest Notes are for the time being listed and to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 16. For the purposes of this

paragraph (f), the expression **London Business Day** means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for general business in London.

(i) Determination or Calculation by Trustee

If for any reason at any relevant time the Principal Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Calculation Agent defaults in its obligation to determine the Rate of Interest or calculate any Interest Amount in accordance with paragraph (b) or (e) above, as the case may be, and in each case in accordance with paragraph (c) above, the Trustee may (without any liability for loss, damage, cost, expense or any other claim whatsoever) determine the Rate of Interest at such rate plus or minus (as appropriate) the relevant margin (if any) as, in its absolute discretion (having such regard as it shall think fit to the foregoing provisions of this Condition 6.2, but subject always to paragraph (b) above, it shall deem fair and reasonable in all the circumstances or, as the case may be, the Trustee may (without any liability for loss, damage, cost, expense or any other claim whatsoever) calculate the Interest Amount(s) in the manner referred to in paragraph (e) above, and such determination or calculation shall be deemed to have been made by the Agent or the Calculation Agent, as applicable.

(j) Certificates to be final

All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this Condition 6.2 by the Principal Paying Agent or, if applicable, the Calculation Agent, or, if applicable, the Trustee, shall (in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or manifest error or proven error) be binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor (in the case of the Guaranteed Notes), the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent, the Calculation Agent (if applicable), the other Agents and all Noteholders, Receiptholders and Couponholders and (in the absence as aforesaid) no liability to the Issuer, the Guarantor (in the case of Guaranteed Notes), the Trustee, the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders shall attach to the Principal Paying Agent or, if applicable, the Calculation Agent or the Trustee in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

6.3 Inflation Linked Interest Note Provisions

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled in accordance with this Condition 6.3 or as specified in the applicable Final Terms and subject to this Condition 6.3, each Inflation Linked Interest Note will bear interest in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms and the Conditions.

The following provisions apply to Inflation Linked Interest Notes:

Additional Disruption Event means any of Change of Law, Hedging Disruption and/or Increased Cost of Hedging, in each case if specified in the applicable Final Terms, and such other events (if any) specified as an Additional Disruption Event in the applicable Final Terms.

Change in Law means that, on or after the Trade Date (as specified in the applicable Final Terms):

- (a) due to the adoption of or any change in any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, any tax law), or
- (b) due to the promulgation of or any change in the interpretation by any court, tribunal or regulatory authority with competent jurisdiction of any applicable law or regulation (including any action taken by a taxing authority),

the Calculation Agent determines in its discretion that (i) it has become illegal to hold, acquire or dispose of any relevant hedging arrangements in respect of the Inflation Index, (ii) any Hedging Party will incur a materially increased cost in performing its obligations in relation to the Notes (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect on the tax position of the Issuer, any of its Affiliates or any other Hedging Party), or (iii), if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the performance of the Guarantor under the Guarantee has become unlawful.

Cut-Off Date means, in respect of a Determination Date, five (5) Business Days prior to any due date for payment under the Notes for which valuation on the relevant Determination Date is relevant, unless otherwise stated in the applicable Final Terms.

Delayed Index Level Event means, in respect of any Determination Date and an Inflation Index, that the relevant Inflation Index Sponsor fails to publish or announce the level of such Inflation Index (the **Relevant Level**) in respect of any Reference Month which is to be utilised in any calculation or determination to be made by the Issuer in respect of such Determination Date, at any time on or prior to the Cut-Off Date.

Determination Date means each date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

End Date means each date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

Fallback Bond means, in respect of an Inflation Index, a bond selected by the Calculation Agent and issued by the government of the country to whose level of inflation the relevant Inflation Index relates and which pays a coupon or redemption amount which is calculated by reference to such Inflation Index, with a maturity date which falls on (a) the End Date specified in the applicable Final Terms, (b) the next longest maturity after the End Date if there is no such bond maturing on the End Date, or (c) the next shortest maturity before the End Date if no bond defined in (a) or (b) is selected by the Calculation Agent. If the relevant Inflation Index relates to the level of inflation across the European Monetary Union, the Calculation Agent will select an inflation-linked bond that is a debt obligation of one of the governments (but not any government agency) of France, Italy, Germany or Spain and which pays a coupon or redemption amount which is calculated by reference to the level of inflation in the European Monetary Union. In each case, the Calculation Agent will select the Fallback Bond from those inflation-linked bonds issued on or before the Issue Date and, if there is more than one inflation-linked bond maturing on the same date, the Fallback Bond shall be selected by the Calculation Agent from those bonds. If the Fallback Bond redeems, the Calculation Agent will select a new Fallback Bond on the same basis, but notwithstanding the immediately prior sentence, selected from all eligible bonds in issue at the time the original Fallback Bond redeems (including any bond for which the redeemed bond is exchanged).

Hedging Disruption means that any Hedging Party is unable, after using commercially reasonable efforts, to (a) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the relevant price risk of the Issuer (or the Guarantor (as appropriate)) issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Notes, or (b) freely realise, recover, remit, receive, repatriate or transfer the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s), as determined by the Calculation Agent.

Hedging Party means at any relevant time, the Issuer, or any of its Affiliates or any other party providing the Issuer directly or indirectly with hedging arrangements in relation to the Notes as the Issuer may select at such time.

Increased Cost of Hedging means that any Hedging Party would incur a materially increased (as compared with circumstances existing on the Trade Date) amount of tax, duty, expense or fee (other than brokerage commissions) to (a) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the market risk (including, without limitation, price risk, foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk) of the Issuer (or, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor (as appropriate)) issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Notes, or (b) realise, recover or remit the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s), provided that any such materially increased amount that is incurred solely due to the deterioration of the creditworthiness of the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates shall not be deemed an Increased Cost of Hedging.

Inflation Index means each inflation index specified in the applicable Final Terms and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.

Inflation Index Sponsor means, in relation to an Inflation Index, the entity that publishes or announces (directly or through an agent) the level of such Inflation Index which, as of the Issue Date, is the Inflation Index Sponsor specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Reference Month means the calendar month for which the level of the Inflation Index is reported as specified in the applicable Final Terms, regardless of when this information is published or announced, except that if the period for which the Relevant Level was reported is a period other than a month, the Reference Month shall be the period for which the Relevant Level is reported.

Related Bond means, in respect of an Inflation Index, the bond specified as such in the applicable Final Terms. If the Related Bond specified in the applicable Final Terms is "Fallback Bond", then, for any Related Bond determination, the Calculation Agent shall use the Fallback Bond. If no bond is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the Related Bond and "Fallback Bond: Not Applicable" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, there will be no Related Bond. If a bond is specified as the Related Bond in the applicable Final Terms and that bond redeems or matures before the End Date (i) unless "Fallback Bond: Not Applicable" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Calculation Agent shall use the Fallback Bond for any Related Bond determination and (ii) if "Fallback Bond: Not Applicable" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, there will be no Related Bond.

Relevant Level has the meaning set out in the definition of "Delayed Index Level Event" above.

Inflation Index Delay And Disruption Provisions

(a) Delay in Publication

If the Calculation Agent determines that a Delayed Index Level Event in respect of an Inflation Index has occurred with respect to any Determination Date, then the Relevant Level for such Inflation Index with respect to the relevant Reference Month subject to such Delayed Index Level Event (the **Substitute Index Level**) shall be determined by the Calculation Agent as follows:

- (i) if "Related Bond" is specified as applicable for such Inflation Index in the relevant Final Terms, the Calculation Agent shall determine the Substitute Index Level by reference to the corresponding index level determined under the terms and conditions of the relevant Related Bond;
- (ii) if (I) "Related Bond" is not specified as applicable for such Inflation Index in the relevant Final Terms, or (II) the Calculation Agent is not able to determine a Substitute Index Level under (i) above, the Calculation Agent shall determine the Substitute Index Level by reference to the following formula:

$$\text{Substitute Index Level} = \text{Base Level} \times (\text{Latest Level} / \text{Reference Level}); \text{ or}$$

- (iii) otherwise in accordance with any formula specified in the relevant Final Terms,

in each case as of such Determination Date,

where:

Base Level means, in respect of an Inflation Index, the level of such Inflation Index (excluding any "flash" estimates) published or announced by the relevant Inflation Index Sponsor in respect of the month which is 12 calendar months prior to the month for which the Substitute Index Level is being determined.

Latest Level means, in respect of an Inflation Index, the latest level of such Inflation Index (excluding any "flash" estimates) published or announced by the relevant Inflation Index Sponsor prior to the month in respect of which the Substitute Index Level is being determined.

Reference Level means, in respect of an Inflation Index, the level of such Inflation Index (excluding any "flash" estimates) published or announced by the relevant Inflation Index Sponsor in respect of the month that is 12 calendar months prior to the month in respect of the Latest Level.

The Issuer shall give notice to Noteholders, in accordance with Condition 17 (*Notices*) of any Substitute Index Level calculated pursuant to Condition 6.3.

If the Relevant Level (as defined above) is published or announced at any time on or after the relevant Cut-off Date, such Relevant Level will not be used in any calculations. The Substitute Index Level so determined pursuant to this Condition 6.3 will be the definitive level for that Reference Month.

(b) Cessation of Publication

If the Calculation Agent determines that the level for the Inflation Index has not been published or announced for two (2) consecutive months, the Inflation Index Sponsor announces that it will no longer continue to publish or announce the Inflation Index or the Inflation Index Sponsor otherwise cancels the Inflation Index, then the Calculation Agent shall determine a successor inflation index (the **Successor Inflation Index**) (in lieu of any previously applicable Inflation Index) for the purposes of the Inflation Linked Interest Notes by using the following methodology:

- (i) if at any time (other than after an early redemption or cancellation event has been designated by the Calculation Agent pursuant to Condition 6.3(b)(v) below), a successor inflation index has been designated by the calculation agent (or equivalent) pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Related Bond, such successor inflation index shall be designated a "Successor Inflation Index" notwithstanding that any other Successor Inflation Index may previously have been determined under Conditions 6.3(b)(ii), 6.3(b)(iii) or 6.3(b)(iv) below;
- (ii) if a Successor Inflation Index has not been determined pursuant to Condition 4(b)(i) above, and a notice has been given or an announcement has been made by the Inflation Index Sponsor, specifying that the Inflation Index will be superseded by a replacement Inflation Index specified by the Inflation Index Sponsor, and the Calculation Agent determines that such replacement index is calculated using the same or substantially similar formula or method of calculation as used in the calculation of the previously applicable Inflation Index, such replacement index shall be the Inflation Index for purposes of the Inflation Linked Interest Notes from the date that such replacement Inflation Index comes into effect;
- (iii) if a Successor Inflation Index has not been determined pursuant to Conditions 6.3(b)(i) or 6.3(b)(ii) above, the Calculation Agent shall ask five leading independent dealers to state what the replacement index for the Inflation Index should be. If four or five responses are received and, of those four or five responses, three or more leading independent dealers state the same index, this index will be deemed the "Successor Inflation Index". If three responses are received and two or more leading independent dealers state the same index, this index will be deemed the "Successor Inflation Index". If fewer than three responses are received or no Successor Inflation Index is determined pursuant to this Condition 6.3(b)(iii), the Calculation Agent will proceed to Condition 6.3(b)(iv) below;
- (iv) if no replacement index or Successor Inflation Index has been determined under Conditions 6.3(b)(i), 6.3(b)(ii) or 6.3(b)(iii) above by the next occurring Cut-Off Date, the Calculation Agent, subject as provided below, will determine an appropriate alternative index from such Cut-Off Date, and such index will be deemed a "Successor Inflation Index"; or
- (v) if the Calculation Agent determines that there is no appropriate alternative index in relation to Inflation Linked Interest Notes, on giving notice to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 17 (*Notices*), the Issuer shall redeem or cancel, as applicable all but not some only of the Inflation Linked Interest Notes, each Inflation Linked Interest Note being redeemed or cancelled, as applicable by payment of the

relevant Early Redemption Amount. Payments will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 17 (*Notices*).

(c) Rebasing of the Inflation Index

If the Calculation Agent determines that the Inflation Index has been or will be rebased at any time, the Inflation Index as so rebased (the **Rebased Index**) will be used for purposes of determining the level of the Inflation Index from the date of such rebasing; provided, however, that the Calculation Agent shall make adjustments as are made by the calculation agent (or equivalent) pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Related Bond, if "Related Bond" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, to the levels of the Rebased Index so that the Rebased Index levels reflect the same rate of inflation as the Inflation Index before it was rebased, or, if "Related Bond" is not specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Calculation Agent shall make adjustments to the levels of the Rebased Index so that the Rebased Index levels reflect the same rate of inflation as the Inflation Index before it was rebased.

(d) Material Modification Prior to Last Occurring Cut-Off

If, on or prior to the last occurring Cut-Off Date, the Inflation Index Sponsor announces that it will make a material change to the Inflation Index then the Calculation Agent shall make any such adjustments, if "Related Bond" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, consistent with adjustments made to the Related Bond, or, if "Related Bond" is not specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, only those adjustments to the Inflation Index necessary for the modified Inflation Index to continue as the Inflation Index.

(e) Manifest Error in Publication

With the exception of any corrections published after the day which is three (3) Business Days prior to the relevant Maturity Date, if, within thirty (30) calendar days of publication, the Calculation Agent determines that the Inflation Index Sponsor has corrected the level of the Inflation Index to remedy a manifest error in its original publication, the Calculation Agent may, in its discretion, make such adjustments to the terms of the Inflation Linked Interest Notes as it determines appropriate to account for the correction and will notify the Noteholders of any such adjustments in accordance with Condition 17 (*Notices*).

(f) Consequences of an Additional Disruption Event

If the Calculation Agent determines that an Additional Disruption Event has occurred, the Issuer may at its option

- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any terms of the Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms to account for the Additional Disruption Event and determine the effective date of that adjustment; or
- (ii) redeem or cancel, as applicable, all but not some of the Inflation Linked Interest Notes on the date notified by the Calculation Agent to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 17 (*Notices*) by payment of the relevant Early Redemption Amount, as at the date of redemption or cancellation, as applicable, taking into account the relevant Additional Disruption Event.

(g) Inflation Index Disclaimer

- (i) The Notes are not sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by the Inflation Index or the Inflation Index Sponsor and the Inflation Index Sponsor does not make any representation whatsoever, whether express or implied, either as to the results to be obtained from the use of the Inflation Index and/or the levels at which the Inflation

Index stands at any particular time on any particular date or otherwise. Neither the Inflation Index nor the Inflation Index Sponsor shall be liable (whether in negligence or otherwise) to any person for any error in the Inflation Index and the Inflation Index Sponsor is under no obligation to advise any person of any error therein. The Inflation Index Sponsor is not making any representation whatsoever, whether express or implied, as to the advisability of purchasing or assuming any risk in connection with the Notes. Neither the Issuer nor, if the Notes are guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor shall have liability to the Noteholders for any act or failure to act by the Inflation Index Sponsor in connection with the calculation, adjustment or maintenance of the Inflation Index. Except as disclosed prior to the Issue Date specified in the applicable Final Terms, neither the Issuer nor, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor nor their Affiliates has any affiliation with or control over the Inflation Index or the Inflation Index Sponsor or any control over the computation, composition or dissemination of the Inflation Index. Although the Calculation Agent will obtain information concerning the Inflation Index from publicly available sources it believes reliable, it will not independently verify this information. Accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking (express or implied) is made and no responsibility is accepted by the Issuer, if the Notes are Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor, its, or as appropriate, their Affiliates or the Calculation Agent as to the accuracy, completeness and timeliness of information concerning the Inflation Index. For the purposes of the Inflation Linked Interest and Redemption Notes:

6.4 Exempt Notes

In the case of Exempt Notes which are also Floating Rate Notes where the applicable Pricing Supplement identifies that Screen Rate Determination applies to the calculation of interest, if the Reference Rate from time to time is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as being other than LIBOR or EURIBOR, the Rate of Interest in respect of such Exempt Notes will be determined as provided in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

The rate or amount of interest payable in respect of Exempt Notes which are not also Fixed Rate Notes or Floating Rate Notes shall be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, provided that where such Notes are Index Linked Interest Notes the provisions of Condition 6.2 shall, save to the extent amended in the applicable Pricing Supplement, apply as if the references therein to Floating Rate Notes and to the Agent were references to Index Linked Interest Notes and the Calculation Agent, respectively, and provided further that the Calculation Agent will notify the Agent of the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period as soon as practicable after calculating the same.

Partly Paid Notes

In the case of Partly Paid Notes (other than Partly Paid Notes which are Zero Coupon Notes), interest will accrue as aforesaid on the paid-up nominal amount of such Notes and otherwise as specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

Dual Currency Note

In the case of Dual Currency Notes, if the rate or amount of interest falls to be determined by reference to an exchange rate, the rate or amount of interest payable in respect of Dual Currency Interest Notes shall be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

7. PAYMENTS

7.1 Method of payment

Subject as provided below:

- (a) payments in a Specified Currency other than euro and Renminbi will be made by credit or transfer to an account in the relevant Specified Currency maintained by the payee with, or, at the option of the payee, by a cheque in such Specified Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively);
- (b) payments in euro will be made by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque; and
- (c) payments in Renminbi will be made by credit or transfer to an account denominated in Renminbi and maintained by the payee with a bank in the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s) in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations and guidelines issued from time to time (including all applicable laws and regulations with respect to settlement in Renminbi in the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s)).

7.2 Payments Subject to Fiscal and Other Laws

Payments will be subject in all cases to (i) any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 9, 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, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto (without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 9).

7.3 Presentation of definitive Bearer Notes, Receipts and Coupons

Payments of principal in respect of definitive Bearer Notes will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in Condition 7.1 above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of definitive Bearer Notes, and payments of interest in respect of definitive Bearer Notes will (subject as provided below) be made as aforesaid only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of Coupons, in each case at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States (which expression, as used herein, means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction)).

Fixed Rate Notes in definitive bearer form (other than Long Maturity Notes (as defined below) and save as provided in Condition 7.5) should be presented for payment together with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression shall for this purpose include Coupons falling to be issued on exchange of matured Talons), failing which the amount of any missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, the same proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupon as the sum so paid bears to the sum due) will be deducted from the sum due for payment. Each amount of principal so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of the relative missing Coupon at any time before the expiry of ten years after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 9) in respect of such principal (whether or not such Coupon would otherwise have become void under Condition 10) or, if later, five years from the date on which such Coupon would otherwise have become due, but in no event thereafter.

Upon any Fixed Rate Note in definitive bearer form becoming due and repayable prior to its Maturity Date, all unmatured Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no further Coupons will be issued in respect thereof.

Upon the date on which any Floating Rate Note or Long Maturity Note in definitive bearer form becomes due and repayable, unmatured Coupons and Talons (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment or, as the case may be, exchange for further Coupons shall be made in respect thereof. A **Long Maturity Note** is a Fixed Rate Note (other than a Fixed Rate Note which on issue had a Talon attached) whose nominal amount on issue is less than the aggregate interest payable thereon provided that such Note shall cease to be a Long Maturity Note on the Interest

Payment Date on which the aggregate amount of interest remaining to be paid after that date is less than the nominal amount of such Note.

If the due date for redemption of any definitive Bearer Note is not an Interest Payment Date, interest (if any) accrued in respect of such Note from (and including) the preceding Interest Payment Date or, as the case may be, the Interest Commencement Date shall be payable only against surrender of the relevant definitive Bearer Note.

7.4 Payments in respect of Bearer Global Notes

Payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of Notes represented by any Global Note in bearer form will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner specified above in relation to definitive Bearer Notes and otherwise in the manner specified in the relevant Global Note against presentation or surrender, as the case may be, of such Global Note at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent. A record of each payment made against presentation or surrender of any Global Note in bearer form, distinguishing between any payment of principal and any payment of interest, will be made on such Global Note by the Principal Paying Agent and such record shall be *prima facie* evidence that the payment in question has been made.

7.5 Specific provisions in relation to payments in respect of certain types of Exempt Notes

Payments of instalments of principal (if any) in respect of definitive Notes, other than the final instalment, will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in Condition 7.1 above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the relevant Receipt in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Payment of the final instalment will be made in the manner provided in Condition 7.1 above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the relevant Note in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Each Receipt must be presented for payment of the relevant instalment together with the definitive Note to which it appertains. Receipts presented without the definitive Note to which they appertain do not constitute valid obligations of the Issuer. Upon the date on which any definitive Note becomes due and repayable, unmatured Receipts (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect thereof.

Upon the date on which any Dual Currency Note or Index Linked Note in definitive form becomes due and repayable, unmatured Coupons and Talons (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment or, as the case may be, exchange for further Coupons shall be made in respect thereof.

7.6 Payments in respect of Registered Notes

Payments of principal (other than instalments of principal prior to the final instalment) in respect of each Registered Note (whether or not in global form) will be made against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the Registered Note at the specified office of the Registrar or any of the Paying Agents. Such payments will be made by transfer to the Designated Account (as defined below) of the holder (or the first named of joint holders) of the Registered Note appearing in the register of holders of the Registered Notes maintained by the Registrar (the **Register**) (a) where in global form, at the close of the business day (being for this purpose a day on which Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg are open for business) before the relevant due date and (b) where in definitive form, at the close of business on the third business day (being for this purpose a day on which banks are open for business in the city where the specified office of the Registrar is located) before the relevant due date. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, if (i) a holder does not have a Designated Account or (ii) the principal amount of the Notes held by a holder is less than U.S.\$250,000 (or its approximate equivalent in any other Specified Currency), payment will instead be made by a cheque in the Specified Currency drawn on a Designated Bank (as defined below); and any payment in Renminbi will be made solely by transfer to the Designated Account in the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s) of the holder (or the first named of joint holders) of the Registered Note appearing in the Register. For these purposes, **Designated Account** means the account (which, in the case of a payment in Japanese Yen to a non-resident of Japan, shall be a non-resident account) maintained by a holder with a Designated Bank and identified as such in the Register and **Designated Bank** means the account (which, in the case of a payment in Japanese yen to a non-resident of Japan,

shall be a non-resident account and, in the case of a payment in Renminbi, means the Renminbi account maintained by or on behalf of the Noteholder with a bank in the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s), details of which appear on the Register at the close of business on the fifth business day before the due date for payment) maintained by a holder with a Designated Bank and identified as such in the Register and Designated Bank means (in the case of payment in a Specified Currency other than euro and Renminbi) a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney or Auckland, respectively) and (in the case of a payment in euro) any bank which processes payments in euro and (in the case of a payment in Renminbi) a bank in the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s).

Payments of interest and payments of instalments of principal (other than the final instalment) in respect of each Registered Note (whether or not in global form) will be made by a cheque in the Specified Currency drawn on a Designated Bank and mailed by uninsured mail on the business day in the city where the specified office of the Registrar is located immediately preceding the relevant due date to the holder (or the first named of joint holders) of the Registered Note appearing in the Register (a) where in global form, at the close of the business day (being for this purpose a day on which Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg are open for business) before the relevant due date, and (b) where in definitive form, at the close of business on the fifth day (in the case of Renminbi) and at the close of the fifteenth business day (in the case of a currency other than Renminbi) (whether or not such fifth day or fifteenth day is a business day (being for this purpose a day on which banks are open for business in the city where the specified office of the Registrar is located) (the **Record Date**) at his address shown in the Register on the Record Date and at his risk. Notwithstanding the foregoing, payments of interest and payments of instalments of principal (other than the final instalment) in respect of each Registered Note (whether or not in global form) the Renminbi will be made solely by transfer to the Designated Account in the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s) of the holder (or the first named of joint holders) of the Registered Note appearing in the Register. Upon application of the holder to the specified office of the Registrar not less than three business days in the city where the specified office of the Registrar is located before the due date for any payment of interest in respect of a Registered Note, the payment may be made by transfer on the due date in the manner provided in the preceding paragraph. Any such application for transfer shall be deemed to relate to all future payments of interest (other than interest due on redemption) and instalments of principal (other than the final instalment) in respect of the Registered Notes which become payable to the holder who has made the initial application until such time as the Registrar is notified in writing to the contrary by such holder. Payment of the interest due in respect of each Registered Note on redemption and the final instalment of principal will be made in the same manner as payment of the principal amount of such Registered Note.

Holders of Registered Notes will not be entitled to any interest or other payment for any delay in receiving any amount due in respect of any Registered Note as a result of a cheque posted in accordance with this Condition arriving after the due date for payment or being lost in the post. No commissions or expenses shall be charged to such holders by the Registrar in respect of any payments of principal or interest in respect of the Registered Notes.

All amounts payable to DTC or its nominee as registered holder of a Registered Global Note in respect of Notes denominated in a Specified Currency other than U.S. dollars shall be paid by transfer by the Registrar to an account in the relevant Specified Currency of the Exchange Agent on behalf of DTC or its nominee for conversion into and payment in U.S. dollars in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement.

None of the Issuer, the Guarantor (in the case of Guaranteed Notes), the Trustee or the Agents will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial ownership interests in the Registered Global Notes or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

7.7 General provisions applicable to payments

The holder of a Global Note shall be the only person entitled to receive payments in respect of Notes represented by such Global Note and the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Note in respect of each amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear, Clearstream,

Luxembourg or DTC as the beneficial holder of a particular nominal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note must look solely to Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or DTC, as the case may be, for his share of each payment so made by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Note.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Condition, if any amount of principal and/or interest in respect of Bearer Notes is payable in U.S. dollars, such U.S. dollar payments of principal and/or interest in respect of such Notes will be made at the specified office of a Paying Agent in the United States if:

- (a) the Issuer has appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment in U.S. dollars at such specified offices outside the United States of the full amount of principal and interest on the Notes in the manner provided above when due;
- (b) payment of the full amount of such principal and interest at all such specified offices outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on the full payment or receipt of principal and interest in U.S. dollars; and
- (c) such payment is then permitted under United States law without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer and the Guarantor, adverse tax consequences to the Issuer or the Guarantor (in the case of Guaranteed Notes).

7.8 Payment Day

If the date for payment of any amount in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon is not a Payment Day, the holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day in the relevant place and shall not be entitled to further interest or other payment in respect of such delay. For these purposes, **Payment Day** means any day which (subject to Condition 10) is:

- (a) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits):
 - (i) in the case of Notes in definitive form only, the relevant place of presentation; and
 - (ii) in any Additional Financial Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (b) either (i) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than the place of presentation and any Additional Financial Centre and which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars New Zealand dollars or Renminbi, shall be Sydney, Auckland and the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s), respectively) or (ii) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET2 System is open.

7.9 RMB Currency Event

If “RMB Currency Event” is specified in the applicable Final Terms or Pricing Supplement, as the case may be, and if by reason of a RMB Currency Event, as determined by the relevant Issuer acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner, the relevant Issuer is not able to pay any amount in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon, the Issuer’s obligation to make a payment in RMB under the terms of the Notes shall be replaced by an obligation to pay such amount in the Relevant Currency converted using the Spot Rate for the relevant Determination Date.

The relevant Issuer shall give not less than 10 nor more than 60 days’ notice (prior to the date of payment) to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 17 (*Notices*) stating the occurrence of the RMB Currency Event, giving details thereof.

For the purpose of this Condition and unless stated otherwise in the applicable Final Terms or Pricing Supplement, as the case may be:

Determination Business Day means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s), London and foreign exchange markets settle payments and the principal financial centre of the country of the Relevant Currency;

Determination Date means the day which is two Determination Business Days before the due date of the relevant payment under the Notes;

Governmental Authority means any *de facto* or *de jure* government (or any agency or instrumentality thereof), court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) of the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s);

Mainland China means the People's Republic of China (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan);

Relevant Currency means U.S. dollars or such other currency as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms or Pricing Supplement, as the case may be;

Relevant Currency Valuation Time means the time specified as such in the applicable Final Terms or Pricing Supplement, as the case may be;

RMB Currency Events means any one of RMB Illiquidity, RMB Non-Transferability and RMB Inconvertibility;

RMB Illiquidity means the general Renminbi exchange market in the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s) becomes illiquid and, as a result of which, the Issuer cannot obtain sufficient Renminbi in order to satisfy its obligation to pay any amount in respect of the Notes as determined by the Issuer in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner following consultation with two independent foreign exchange dealers of international repute active in the RMB exchange market in the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s);

RMB Inconvertibility means the occurrence of any event that makes it impossible for the Issuer to convert any amount due in respect of the Notes into RMB on any payment date at the general RMB exchange market in the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s), other than where such impossibility is due solely to the failure of the Issuer to comply with any law, rule or regulation enacted by any Governmental Authority (unless such law, rule or regulation is enacted after the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the relevant Series and it is impossible for the Issuer, due to an event beyond its control, to comply with such law, rule or regulation);

RMB Non-Transferability means the occurrence of any event that makes it impossible for the relevant Issuer to deliver RMB, (A) between accounts inside the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s), (B) from an account inside the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s) to an account outside the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s) and outside Mainland China (including where the RMB clearing and settlement system for participating banks in the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s) is disrupted or suspended), (C) from an account outside the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s) and outside Mainland China to an account inside the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s), other than where such impossibility is due solely to the failure of the Issuer to comply with any law, rule or regulation enacted by any Governmental Authority (unless such law, rule or regulation is enacted after the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the relevant Series and it is impossible for the Issuer, due to an event beyond its control, to comply with such law, rule or regulation); and

Spot Rate means the spot CNY/Relevant Currency exchange rate for the purchase of the Relevant Currency with Renminbi in the over-the-counter Renminbi exchange market in the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s) for settlement in two Determination Business Days, as determined by the Calculation Agent at or around the Relevant Valuation Time on the Determination Date by reference to the Relevant Spot Rate Screen Page. If such rate is not available, the Calculation Agent shall determine the rate taking into consideration all available information which the Calculation Agent deems relevant,

including pricing information obtained from the Renminbi non-deliverable exchange market in the relevant RMB Settlement Centre(s) or elsewhere and the CNY/Relevant Currency exchange rate in the PRC domestic foreign exchange market. All notifications, opinions, determinations, certificates, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this by the Calculation Agent, will (in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or manifest error) be binding on the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor, the Paying Agents and all holders of the Notes.

7.10 Interpretation of principal and interest

Any reference in the Conditions to principal in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable:

- (a) any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to principal under Condition 9;
- (b) the Final Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (c) the Early Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (d) the Optional Redemption Amount(s) (if any) of the Notes;
- (e) in relation to Exempt Notes redeemable in instalments, the Instalment Amounts;
- (f) in relation to Zero Coupon Notes, the Amortised Face Amount (as defined in Condition 8.7); and
- (g) any premium and any other amounts which may be payable by the Issuer under or in respect of the Notes.

Any reference in the Conditions to interest in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable, any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to interest under Condition 9. Any reference in these Conditions to payment of any sums in respect of the Notes (including, in respect of Index Linked Notes and other structured Notes) shall be deemed to include, as applicable, delivery of any relevant Reference Asset (as defined in Condition 8.13) if so provided in the applicable Pricing Supplement and references to “paid” and “payable” shall be construed accordingly.

8. REDEMPTION AND PURCHASE

8.1 Redemption at maturity

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as specified below, each Note will be redeemed by the Issuer on the Maturity Date specified in the applicable Final Terms or Pricing Supplement (i) at *par* in case of Fixed Rate Notes, Floating Rate Notes, Zero Coupon Notes, Inflation Linked Interest Notes and CMS Linked Interest Notes as indicated in the applicable Final Terms in the relevant Specified Currency or (ii) at its Final Redemption Amount, in case of Exempt Notes, which is such amount as may be specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement in the relevant Specified Currency.

8.2 Redemption for tax reasons

Subject to Condition 8.7, the Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer (but subject, in the case of Subordinated Notes, to the provisions of Condition 8.15) in whole, but not in part, at any time (if this Note is not a Floating Rate Note) or on any Interest Payment Date (if this Note is a Floating Rate Note), on giving not less than the minimum period and not more than the maximum period of notice specified in the applicable Final Terms to the Principal Paying Agent and the Trustee and, in accordance with Condition 16, the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), if:

- (a) on the occasion of the next payment due under the Notes, the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 9 or the Guarantor (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) would be unable for reasons outside its control to procure payment by the Issuer and in making payment itself would be required to pay such additional

amounts, in each case as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of a Tax Jurisdiction (as defined in Condition 9) or any political subdivision of, or any authority in, or of, a Tax Jurisdiction having power to tax, or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the date on which agreement is reached to issue the first Tranche of the Notes, provided that in the case of any redemption of Subordinated Notes proposed to be made prior to the fifth anniversary of the Issue Date, if and to the extent then required under the relevant Regulatory Capital Requirement (as defined in Condition 8.15) any such change or amendment is, to the satisfaction of the relevant Competent Authority, material and was not reasonably foreseeable by the relevant Issuer as at the date of the issue of the relevant Subordinated Notes; and

- (b) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) taking reasonable measures available to it,

provided that no such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) would be obliged to pay such additional amounts were a payment in respect of the Notes then due.

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition, the Issuer shall deliver or procure that there is delivered to the Trustee to make available at its specified office to the Noteholders a certificate signed by two authorised signatories of the Issuer or, as the case may be, two authorised signatories of the Guarantor stating that the said circumstances prevail and describe the facts leading thereto and the Trustee shall be entitled to accept such certificate as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set out above, in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders.

Upon the expiry of any such notice as is referred to in this Condition 8.2, the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Notes in accordance with this Condition 8.2. Notes redeemed pursuant to this Condition 8.2 will be redeemed at their Early Redemption Amount referred to in Condition 8.7 below together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

8.3 Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)

This Condition 8.3 applies only to Notes specified in the applicable Final Terms as being Subordinated Notes.

If Regulatory Call is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer (subject to the provisions of Condition 8.15), in whole, but not in part, at any time (if the Note is neither a Floating Rate Note, an Index Linked Interest Note nor a Dual Currency Interest Note) or on any Interest Payment Date (if the Note is either a Floating Rate Note, an Index Linked Interest Note or a Dual Currency Interest Note), on giving not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Principal Paying Agent and the Trustee and, in accordance with Condition 16, the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), if there is a change in the regulatory classification of the Subordinated Notes that would be likely to result in their exclusion from "Tier 2" capital and, in respect of any redemption of the relevant Subordinated Notes proposed to be made prior to the fifth anniversary of the Issue Date, both of the following conditions are met: (i) the Competent Authority considers such a change to be reasonably certain and (ii) the Issuer demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Competent Authority that the change in the regulatory classification of the Subordinated Notes was not reasonably foreseeable by the relevant Issuer as at the date of the issue of the relevant Subordinated Notes.

In this Condition 8.3:

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition, the relevant Issuer shall deliver or procure that there is delivered to the Trustee a certificate signed by two authorised signatories of the Issuer or, as the case may be, two authorised signatories of the Guarantor stating that the said circumstances prevail and describe the facts leading thereto and the Trustee shall be entitled to accept such certificate as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set out above, in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders.

Upon the expiry of any such notice as is referred to in this Condition 8.3, the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Notes in accordance with this Condition 8.3. Notes redeemed pursuant to this Condition 8.3 will be redeemed at their Early Redemption Amount referred to in Condition 8.7 below together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

8.4 Redemption at the option of the Issuer (Issuer Call)

This Condition 8.4 applies to Notes which are subject to redemption prior to the Maturity Date at the option of the Issuer (other than for taxation reasons or for regulatory reasons), such option being referred to as an Issuer Call. The applicable Final Terms contains provisions applicable to any Issuer Call and must be read in conjunction with this Condition 8.4 for full information on any Issuer Call. In particular, the applicable Final Terms will identify the Optional Redemption Date(s), the Optional Redemption Amount, any minimum or maximum amount of Notes which can be redeemed and the applicable notice periods.

If Issuer Call is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may (subject to, in the case of Subordinated Notes, the provisions of Condition 8.15), having given not less than the minimum period nor more than the maximum period of notice specified in the applicable Final Terms to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 16 (which notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption), redeem all or some only of the Notes then outstanding on any Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant Optional Redemption Date. Any such redemption must be of a nominal amount not less than the Minimum Redemption Amount and not more than the Maximum Redemption Amount, in each case as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

The Optional Redemption Amount will either be the specified percentage of the nominal amount of the Notes stated in the applicable Final Terms or, if a Make-whole Amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, will be an amount calculated by the Agent equal to the higher of:

- (a) 100 per cent. of the nominal amount of the Notes to be redeemed; or
- (b) the sum of the present values of the nominal amount of the Notes to be redeemed and the Remaining Term Interest on such Notes (exclusive of interest accrued to the Optional Redemption Date) discounted to the Optional Redemption Date on an annual basis (based on the actual number of days elapsed divided by 365 or (in the case of a leap year) 366) at the Reference Bond Rate (as defined below), plus the specified Redemption Margin,

plus in each case, for the avoidance of doubt, any interest accrued on the Notes to, but excluding, the Optional Redemption Date.

In the Conditions:

FA Selected Bond means a government security or securities selected by the Financial Adviser as having an actual or interpolated maturity comparable with the remaining term of the Notes 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 remaining term of the Notes;

Financial Adviser means an independent and internationally recognised financial adviser selected by the Issuer;

Redemption Margin shall be as set out in the applicable Final Terms;

Reference Bond shall be as set out in the applicable Final Terms or the FA Selected Bond;

Reference Bond Price means, with respect to the Optional Redemption Date, (a) the arithmetic average of the Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations for such date of redemption, after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations, or (b) if the

Agent obtains fewer than four such Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations, the arithmetic average of all such quotations;

Reference Bond Rate means, with respect to the Optional Redemption Date, the rate per annum equal to the annual or semi-annual yield (as the case may be) to maturity or interpolated yield to maturity (on the relevant day count basis) of the Reference Bond, assuming a price for the Reference Bond (expressed as a percentage of its nominal amount) equal to the Reference Bond Price for such Optional Redemption Date;

Reference Government Bond Dealer means each of five banks selected by the Issuer, or their affiliates, which are (a) primary government securities dealers, and their respective successors, or (b) market makers in pricing corporate bond issues;

Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations means, with respect to each Reference Government Bond Dealer and the Optional Redemption Date, the arithmetic average, as determined by the Agent, of the bid and offered prices for the Reference Bond (expressed in each case as a percentage of its nominal amount) at the Quotation Time specified in the applicable Final Terms on the Reference Date quoted in writing to the Agent by such Reference Government Bond Dealer; and

Remaining Term Interest means, with respect to any Note, the aggregate amount of scheduled payment(s) of interest on such Note for the remaining term of such Note determined on the basis of the rate of interest applicable to such Note from and including the Optional Redemption Date.

All notifications, opinions, determinations, certifications, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of this Condition 8.4 by the Agent, shall (in the absence of negligence, wilful default or fraud) be binding on the Issuer, the Agent, the Paying Agents and all Noteholders and Couponholders.

In the case of a partial redemption of Notes, the Notes to be redeemed (**Redeemed Notes**) will be selected individually by lot, in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, and in accordance with the rules of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (to be reflected in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as either a pool factor or a reduction in nominal amount, at their discretion) in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by a Global Note, not more than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption (such date of selection being hereinafter called the **Selection Date**). In the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, a list of the serial numbers of such Redeemed Notes will be published in accordance with Condition 16 (Notices) not less than 15 days prior to the date fixed for redemption. No exchange of the relevant Global Note will be permitted during the period from (and including) the Selection Date to (and including) the date fixed for redemption pursuant to this Condition 8.4 and notice to that effect shall be given by the Issuer to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 16 (Notices) at least five days prior to the Selection Date.

8.5 Issuer Call Due to Loss Absorption Disqualification Event

This Condition 8.5 applies only to Notes specified in the applicable Final Terms as being Senior Notes.

If is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms Issuer Call due to Loss Absorption Disqualification Event, then any Series of Senior Notes may on or after the date specified in the applicable Final Terms be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time (if the Note is either a Floating Rate Note, an Index Linked Interest Note or a Dual Currency Interest Note), on giving not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Principal Paying Agent and the Trustee and, in accordance with Condition 16, the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), if the Issuer determines that a Loss Absorption Disqualification Event has occurred and is continuing.

Senior Notes may only be redeemed by the Issuer pursuant to this provision provided that (except to the extent that the Competent Authority does not so require at the time of the proposed redemption) the Issuer has given such notice to the Competent Authority as the Competent Authority may then require before it becomes committed to such redemption and no objection thereto has been raised by the Competent Authority or (if required) the Competent Authority has provided its consent thereto and any other requirements of the Competent Authority applicable (if any) to such redemption at the time have been complied with by the Issuer.

Upon the expiry of any such notice as is referred to in this Condition 8.5, the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Notes in accordance with this Condition 8.5. Notes redeemed pursuant to this Condition 8.5 will be redeemed at their Early Redemption Amount referred to in Condition 8.7 below together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

As used in this Condition 8.5, a **Loss Absorption Disqualification Event** shall be deemed to have occurred if:

- (i) at the time that any Loss Absorption Regulation becomes effective with respect to the Issuer and/or the Regulatory Group, the Notes do not or (in the opinion of the Issuer) are likely not to qualify in full towards the Issuer's and/or the Regulatory Group's minimum requirements for (A) own funds and eligible liabilities and/or (B) loss absorbing capacity instruments; or
- (ii) as a result of any amendment to, or change in, any Loss Absorption Regulation, or any change in the application or official interpretation of any Loss Absorption Regulation, in any such case becoming effective on or after the Issue Date, the Notes are or (in the opinion of the Issuer) are likely to be fully or partially excluded from the Issuer's and/or the Regulatory Group's minimum requirements for (A) own funds and eligible liabilities and/or (B) loss absorbing capacity instruments,

in each case as such minimum requirements are applicable to the Issuer and/or the Regulatory Group and determined in accordance with, and pursuant to, the Loss Absorption Regulations; provided that a Loss Absorption Disqualification Event shall not occur where the exclusion of the Notes from the relevant minimum requirement(s) is due to the remaining maturity of the Notes being less than any period prescribed by any applicable eligibility criteria for such minimum requirements under the Loss Absorption Regulations effective on the Issue Date of the first tranche of the Notes.

"Loss Absorption Regulations" means, at any time, 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 of the Republic of Italy, the Bank of Italy, the European Central Bank, the European Banking Authority, the Italian resolution authority, the Single Resolution Board, the Financial Stability Board and/or of the European Parliament or of the Council of the European Union then in effect in the Republic of Italy 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, the Bank of Italy, the European Central Bank, the European Banking Authority, the Italian resolution authority or the Single Resolution Board from time to time (whether or not such requirements, guidelines or policies are applied generally or specifically to the Issuer or to the Regulatory Group (as defined below)).

As used in this Condition 8.5 **"Regulatory Group"** means UniCredit and each entity within the prudential consolidation of UniCredit pursuant to Chapter 2 of Title II of Part One of Regulation (EU) No. 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms, as amended or replaced from time to time.

8.6 Redemption at the option of the Noteholders (Investor Put)

This Condition 8.6 applies only to Notes specified in the applicable Final Terms as being Senior Notes.

This Condition 8.6 applies to Notes which are subject to redemption prior to the Maturity Date at the option of the Noteholder, such option being referred to as an **Investor Put**. The applicable Final Terms contains provisions applicable to any Investor Put and must be read in conjunction with this Condition 8.6 for full information on any Investor Put. In particular, the applicable Final Terms will identify the Optional Redemption Date(s), the Optional Redemption Amount and the applicable notice periods.

If Investor Put is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, upon the holder of any Note giving to the Issuer in accordance with Condition 16 not less than the minimum period nor more than the maximum period of notice specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer will, upon the

expiry of such notice, redeem, in whole (but not, in the case of a Bearer Note in definitive form, in part), such Note on the Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the Optional Redemption Date. Registered Notes may be redeemed under this Condition 8.6 in any multiple of their lowest Specified Denomination.

If this Note is represented by a Global Note and held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, to exercise the right to require redemption of this Note the holder of this Note must, within the notice period, give notice to any Paying Agent of such exercise in accordance with the standard procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (which may include notice being given on his instruction by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any common depositary or, as the case may be, the common safekeeper for them to any Paying Agent by electronic means) in a form acceptable to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg from time to time and, if this Note is represented by a Global Note, at the same time present or procure the presentation of the relevant Global Note to any Paying Agent for notation accordingly.

The Optional Redemption Amount will be the specified percentage of the nominal amount of the Notes stated in the applicable Final Terms.

If this Note is in definitive form, to exercise the right to require redemption of this Note the holder of this Note must deliver such Note at the specified office of any Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes) or the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes) at any time during normal business hours of such Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar falling within the notice period, accompanied by a duly completed and signed notice of exercise in the form (for the time being current) obtainable from any specified office of any Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar (a **Put Notice**) and in which the holder must specify a bank account (or, if payment is required to be made by cheque, an address) to which payment is to be made under this Condition and, in the case of Registered Notes, the nominal amount thereof to be redeemed and, if less than the full nominal amount of the Registered Notes so surrendered is to be redeemed, an address to which a new Registered Note in respect of the balance of such Registered Notes is to be sent subject to and in accordance with the provisions of Condition 2.2.

Any Put Notice given by a holder of any Note pursuant to this paragraph shall be irrevocable except where, prior to the due date of redemption, an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, in which event such holder, at its option, may elect by notice to the Issuer to withdraw the notice given pursuant to this paragraph.

8.7 Early Redemption Amounts

For the purpose of Condition 8.2 and Condition 8.3 above and Condition 11:

- (a) in the case of a Note with a Final Redemption Amount equal to the Issue Price of the first Tranche of the Series, at the Final Redemption Amount thereof;
- (b) in the case of a Note (other than a Zero Coupon Note) with a Final Redemption Amount which is or may be less or greater than the Issue Price of the first Tranche of the Series, at the amount specified in the applicable Final Terms or, if no such amount or manner is so specified in the applicable Final Terms, at its nominal amount; or
- (c) in the case of a Zero Coupon Note, at an amount (the **Amortised Face Amount**) calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Early Redemption Amount} = \text{RP} (1 + \text{AY})^y$$

where:

RP means the Reference Price;

AY means the Accrual Yield expressed as a decimal; and

y is the Day Count Fraction specified in the applicable Final Terms which will be either (i) 30/360 (in which case the numerator will be equal to the number of days (calculated on the basis of a 360- day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each) from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator will be 360) or (ii) Actual/360 (in which case the numerator will be equal to the actual number of days from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator will be 360) or (iii) Actual/365 (in which case the numerator will be equal to the actual number of days from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator will be 365).

8.8 Extendible Notes

Notes may be issued with an initial maturity date (the **Initial Maturity Date**) which may be extended from time to time upon the election of the Noteholders on specified dates (each, an **Election Date**) up to a final maturity date (the **Final Maturity Date**) as set forth in the applicable Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement if applicable) (**Extendible Notes**). To make an election effective on any Election Date, the Noteholder must deliver a notice of election in the form (for the time being current) obtainable from any specified office of any Paying Agent or, as the case may be, Registrar (a **Notice of Election**), during the Notice Period for that Election Date specified in the Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement if applicable) in accordance with Condition 16 (*Notices*). Any Notice of Election so given by a Noteholder pursuant to this paragraph will be irrevocable and binding upon that Noteholder. The Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement if applicable) relating to each issue of Extendible Notes will specify the Initial Maturity Date, the Final Maturity Date, the Election Date(s) and the applicable Notice Period.

8.9 Specific redemption provisions applicable to certain types of Exempt Notes

The Final Redemption Amount, any Optional Redemption Amount and the Early Redemption Amount in respect of Index Linked Redemption Notes and Dual Currency Redemption Notes may be specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Pricing Supplement. For the purposes of Condition 8.2, Index Linked Interest Notes and Dual Currency Interest Notes may be redeemed only on an Interest Payment Date.

Instalments

Instalment Notes will be redeemed in the Instalment Amounts and on the Instalment Dates specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement. In the case of early redemption, the Early Redemption Amount of Instalment Notes will be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

Partly Paid Notes

Partly Paid Notes will be redeemed, whether at maturity, early redemption or otherwise, in accordance with the provisions of this Condition and the applicable Pricing Supplement.

8.10 Purchases

Subject as provided in the following paragraph, the Parent, the Issuer or any subsidiary of the Parent may at any time purchase Notes (provided that, in the case of definitive Notes, all unmatured Receipts, Coupons and Talons appertaining thereto are purchased therewith) at any price in the open market or otherwise. If purchases are made by tender, tenders must be available to all Noteholders alike. Such Notes may be held, reissued, resold or, at the option of the purchaser, surrendered to any Paying Agent for cancellation.

Subordinated Notes may only be purchased by the Parent, the Issuer or any of the Parent's subsidiaries subject to the provisions of Condition 8.15, unless and to the extent permitted by the relevant Regulatory Capital Requirement (as defined in Condition 8.15) at the relevant time the Notes to be

purchased (a) do not exceed 10 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the Series and (b) are not purchased in order to be surrendered to any Paying Agent for cancellation.

8.11 Cancellation

All Notes which are redeemed will forthwith be cancelled (together with all unmatured Receipts, Coupons and Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith at the time of redemption). All Notes so cancelled and the Notes purchased by the Parent, the Issuer or any Subsidiary of the Issuer and surrendered to any Paying Agent for cancellation pursuant to Condition 8.10 above (together with all unmatured Receipts, Coupons and Talons cancelled therewith) shall be forwarded to the Principal Paying Agent and cannot be reissued or resold.

8.12 Late payment on Zero Coupon Notes

If the amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note upon redemption of such Zero Coupon Note pursuant to Condition 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.6 above or upon its becoming due and repayable as provided in Condition 11 is improperly withheld or refused, the amount due and repayable in respect of such Zero Coupon Note shall be the amount calculated as provided in Condition 8.7(b) above as though the references therein to the date fixed for the redemption or the date upon which such Zero Coupon Note becomes due and payable were replaced by references to the date which is the earlier of:

- (a) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such Zero Coupon Note have been paid; and
- (b) five days after the date on which the full amount of the moneys payable in respect of such Zero Coupon Notes has been received by the Principal Paying Agent, the Trustee or the Registrar and notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 16.

8.13 Index Linked Notes and other Structured Notes

The Issuer may, as indicated in the applicable Pricing Supplement, be entitled to redeem Index Linked Notes or other structured Notes, including where the amount of principal and/or interest in respect of such Notes is based on the price, value, performance or some other factor relating to an asset or other property (**Reference Asset**), by physical delivery of all or part of the Reference Asset or of some other asset or property (**Physically-Settled Notes**).

8.14 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.

8.15 Conditions to Early Redemption and Purchase of Subordinated Notes

Any redemption or purchase of Subordinated Notes in accordance with Conditions 8.2 (*Redemption for tax reasons*), 8.3 (*Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory call)*), 8.4 (*Redemption at the option of the Issuer (Issuer call)*) or 8.10 (*Purchases*) is subject to:

- (a) the relevant Issuer giving notice to the relevant Competent Authority and such Competent Authority granting permission to redeem or purchase the relevant Subordinated Notes (in each case to the extent, and in the manner, required by the relevant Regulatory Capital Requirements, including Articles 77(b) and 78 of the CRD IV Regulation); and
- (b) compliance by the relevant Issuer with any alternative or additional pre-conditions to redemption or purchase, as applicable, set out in the relevant Regulatory Capital Requirements for the time being.

In these Conditions:

Competent Authority means, in the case of Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit, the Bank of Italy and/or, to the extent applicable in any relevant situation, the European Central Bank or any successor or

replacement entity to either, or other authority having primary responsibility for the prudential oversight and supervision of UniCredit and, in the case of Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland, the Central Bank of Ireland and/or the European Central Bank, to the extent applicable in any relevant situation, or any successor or replacement entity to either, or other authority having primary responsibility for the prudential oversight and supervision of UniCredit Ireland; and

Regulatory Capital Requirements means any applicable minimum capital or capital requirement specified for banks or financial groups by the relevant Competent Authority.

9. TAXATION

All payments of principal and interest (including any Arrear of Interest and Default Interest) in respect of the Notes, Receipts and Coupons by the Issuer or the Guarantor (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) will be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature, imposed or levied by or on behalf of any Tax Jurisdiction, unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In such event, the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) will pay such additional amounts as shall be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the holders of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts of principal and interest which would otherwise have been receivable in respect of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons, as the case may be, in the absence of such withholding or deduction, except that:

- (a) (in respect of payments by the Parent) no such additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any Note, Receipt or Coupon for or on account of *imposta sostitutiva* (at the then applicable rate of tax) pursuant to Italian Legislative Decree No. 239 of 1 April 1996 or, for the avoidance of doubt, Italian Legislative Decree No. 461 of 21 November 1997 (as amended by Italian Legislative Decree No. 201 of 16 June 1998) (as any of the same may be amended or supplemented) or any related implementing regulations; and
- (b) no such additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any Note, Receipt or Coupon presented for payment:
 - (i) by, or on behalf of, a holder who is liable for such taxes or duties in respect of such Note, Receipt or Coupon by reason of his having some connection with the Tax Jurisdiction other than the mere holding of such Note; or
 - (ii) by, or on behalf of, a holder who is entitled to avoid such withholding or deduction in respect of such Note, Receipt or Coupon by making a declaration or any other statement to the relevant tax authority, including, but not limited to, a declaration of residence or non-residence or other similar claim for exemption; or
 - (iii) more than 30 days after the Relevant Date except to the extent that the holder thereof would have been entitled to such additional amounts on presenting the same for payment on such thirtieth day (assuming such day to have been a Payment Day as defined in Condition 7.8); or
 - (iv) (in the case of Guaranteed Notes and Notes issued by UniCredit) in the Republic of Italy; or
 - (v) (in the case of Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland) in Ireland; or
 - (vi) (in the case of Notes issued by UniCredit International Luxembourg) in Luxembourg; or
 - (vii) (in respect of payments by UniCredit) in the event of payment to a non-Italian resident legal entity or a non-Italian resident individual, to the extent that interest or any other amount is paid to a non-Italian resident legal entity or a non-Italian resident individual which is resident in a country which does not allow for a satisfactory exchange of information with the Italian authorities; or

- (viii) (in respect of payments by UniCredit) in all circumstances in which the procedures set forth in Legislative Decree No. 239 of 1 April 1996, as amended, have not been met or complied with, except where such requirements and procedures have not been met or complied with due to the actions or omissions of UniCredit or its agents; or
- (ix) where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive; or
- (x) in respect of Notes that are not qualified as bonds or similar securities where such withholding or deduction is required pursuant to Law Decree No. 512 of 30 September 1983, as amended, supplemented and/or re-enacted from time to time; or
- (xi) by or on behalf of a holder who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note/Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union;
- (xii) where the holder who would have been able to lawfully avoid (but has not so avoided) such deduction or withholding by complying, or procuring that any third party complies, with any statutory requirements; or
- (xiii) where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment pursuant to (i) Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder or any official interpretations thereof or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto or (ii) Section 871(m) of the Code.

As used herein:

- (A) **Tax Jurisdiction** means (I) (in the case of payments by UniCredit) the Republic of Italy or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax, (II) (in the case of payments by UniCredit Ireland) the Republic of Ireland or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax, and (III) (in the case of payment by UniCredit International Luxembourg) Luxembourg or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax, or in any such case any other jurisdiction or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax to which the relevant Issuer or the Guarantor (in the case of Guaranteed Notes), as the case may be, becomes subject in respect of payments made by it of principal and interest on the Notes, Receipts and Coupons; and
- (B) the **Relevant Date** means the date on which such payment first becomes due, except that, if the full amount of the moneys payable has not been duly received by the Principal Paying Agent, the Trustee or the Registrar, as the case may be, on or prior to such due date, it means the date on which, the full amount of such moneys having been so received, notice to that effect is duly given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 16.

Any reference in these Conditions to principal or interest shall be deemed to include any additional amounts in respect of principal or interest (as the case may be) which may be payable under this Condition 9 or under any obligation undertaken in addition thereto or in substitution therefor pursuant to the Trust Deed.

10. PRESCRIPTION

The Notes (whether in bearer or registered form), Receipts and Coupons will become void unless presented for payment within a period of ten years (in the case of principal) and five years (in the case of interest) after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 9) therefor.

There shall not be included in any Coupon sheet issued on exchange of a Talon any Coupon the claim for payment in respect of which would be void pursuant to this Condition or Condition 7.3 or any Talon which would be void pursuant to Condition 7.3.

In relation only to the Notes issued by UniCredit International Luxembourg, the Luxembourg Act dated 3 September, 1996 on the involuntary dispossession of bearer securities, as amended (the **Involuntary Dispossession Act 1996**), requires that any amount that is payable under the Notes, Receipts and Coupons (if any) (but which has not yet been paid to the holders of the Notes), in the event that (i) an opposition has been filed in relation to the Notes and (ii) the Notes mature prior to becoming forfeited (as provided for in the Involuntary Dispossession Act 1996), is paid to the *Caisse des consignations* in Luxembourg until the opposition has been withdrawn or the forfeiture of the Notes occurs.

11. EVENTS OF DEFAULT

11.1 Events of Default relating to Senior Notes

This Condition 11.1 applies only to Notes specified in the applicable Final Terms as being Senior Notes.

The Trustee, at its discretion, may, and if so requested in writing by the holders of at least one quarter in principal amount of the Notes then outstanding, or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution (as defined in the Trust Deed) of the Noteholders, shall (subject in each case to the Trustee being indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction), (but, in the case of the happening of any of the events mentioned in paragraphs (b) to (e) and (g), (h), (i) and (k), only if the Trustee shall have certified in writing to the Issuer and the Guarantor (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) that such event is, in its opinion, materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders), give notice to the Issuer and, in the case of the Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor that each Note is, and each Note shall thereupon immediately become, due and repayable at its Early Redemption Amount together with accrued interest as provided in the Trust Deed if any of the following events (each an **Event of Default**) shall occur:

- (a) if default is made in the payment in the Specified Currency of any principal, premium (if any) or interest due in respect of the Notes or any of them and the default continues for a period of seven days in the case of principal or premium or 14 days in the case of interest; or
- (b) if the Issuer or, in the case of Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantor fails to perform or observe any obligation or provision binding on it under the Notes or the Trust Deed (other than any obligation for payment of any principal, premium (if any) or interest in respect of the Notes) and, except where, in the opinion of the Trustee, such default is not capable of remedy (in which case the Notes will become due and repayable subject to, and immediately upon, the Trustee certifying and giving notice as aforesaid), such default continues for 30 days (or such longer period as the Trustee may permit) after written notice thereof by the Trustee to the Issuer or the Guarantor, as the case may be, requiring the same to be remedied; or
- (c) one or more final judgment(s) or order(s), not being susceptible to appeal, for the payment of any amount of indebtedness (being an amount of indebtedness which is material in the context of the Issuer or (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor) is rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction against the Issuer or (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor and continue(s) unsatisfied and unsteady for a period of 30 days after the date(s) thereof or, if later, the date therein specified for judgment; or
- (d) the Issuer or (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor shall be adjudicated or found bankrupt or insolvent or shall stop or threaten to stop payment or shall be found unable to pay its debts, or any order shall be made by any competent court or administrative agency for, or any resolution shall be passed by the Issuer or (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor for, judicial composition proceedings with its creditors or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee or other similar official in insolvency proceedings in relation to the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor or all or substantially all of its assets and, in the case of UniCredit International Luxembourg, suspension of payments (*sursis de paiement*) measures, winding-up and liquidation (*liquidation*) proceedings; or

- (e) (in the case of Notes issued by UniCredit) the Issuer or (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor becomes subject to an order for *Liquidazione coatta amministrativa* (within the meaning ascribed to that expression by the Italian Banking Act and the other laws of the Republic of Italy); or
- (f) the Issuer or (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor shall be wound up, liquidated or dissolved (otherwise than for the purposes of an amalgamation, merger, reconstruction or reorganisation on terms previously approved in writing by the Trustee or an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders); or
- (g) the Issuer or (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor shall cease to carry on all of its business or threaten to cease to carry on all of its business (otherwise than for the purposes of an amalgamation, merger, reconstruction or reorganisation on terms previously approved in writing by the Trustee or an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders); or
- (h) if (i) proceedings are initiated against the Issuer or (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor under any applicable liquidation, insolvency, composition, examination, reorganisation or other similar laws, or an application is made for the appointment of an administrative or other receiver, manager, administrator or other similar official (in Luxembourg, including but not limited to, any *administrateur, juge-commissaire, liquidateur* or similar officer), or an administrative or other receiver, manager, administrator, examiner or other similar official (in Luxembourg, including but not limited to, any *administrateur, juge-commissaire, liquidateur* or similar officer) is appointed, in relation to the Issuer or (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor or, as the case may be, in relation to all or substantially all of the undertaking or assets of any of them, or an encumbrance, takes possession of all or substantially all of the undertakings or assets of either of them, or a distress, execution, attachment, sequestration or other process is levied, enforced upon, sued out or put in force against all or substantially all of the undertakings or assets of either of them and, in the case of UniCredit International Luxembourg, suspension of payments (*sursis de paiement*) measures, winding-up and liquidation (*liquidation*) proceedings, and (ii) in any case is not discharged within 30 days (or such longer period as the Trustee may approve); or
- (i) if either (i) any indebtedness for Borrowed Money in excess of €35,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency or currencies) of the Issuer or (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor shall become repayable prior to the due date for payment thereof by reason of default by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor or shall not be repaid at maturity as extended by any applicable grace period therefor and, in either case, steps shall have been taken to obtain repayment, or (ii) any guarantee given by the Issuer or (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor of any indebtedness for Borrowed Money in excess of €35,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency or currencies) shall not be honoured when due and called; or
- (j) (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantee of the Notes is not (or is claimed by the Guarantor not to be) in full force and effect; or
- (k) any event occurs which, under the laws of the jurisdiction of incorporation of the Issuer or (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor, has an analogous effect to any of the events referred to in paragraphs (d), (f), (g) and (h) above.

11.2 Events of Default relating to Subordinated Notes

This Condition 11.2 applies only to Notes specified in the applicable Final Terms as being Subordinated Notes.

The Trustee, at its discretion, may, and if so requested in writing by the holders of at least one quarter in principal amount of the Notes then outstanding or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders shall (subject in each case to the Trustee being indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction) give notice to UniCredit or UniCredit Ireland, as the case may be, that the Notes are, and shall accordingly forthwith become, immediately due and repayable at their Early Redemption Amount plus accrued interest as provided in the Trust Deed, in case of Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit

in the event that UniCredit shall become subject to Liquidazione Coatta Amministrativa as defined in Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993 of the Republic of Italy (as amended from time to time) and in case of UniCredit Ireland Subordinated Notes, in the event that:

- (a) UniCredit Ireland is (or is, or could be, deemed by law or a court to be) insolvent or bankrupt or unable to pay its debts as they fall due, stops, suspends or threatens to stop or suspend payment of all or a material part of (or of a particular type of) its debts, proposes or makes a general assignment or an arrangement or composition with or for the benefit of the relevant creditors in respect of any of such debts, or a moratorium is agreed or declared in respect of or affecting all or any part of (or of a particular type of) the debts of UniCredit Ireland; or
- (b) proceedings are started for the examination, winding-up, dissolution, administration or reorganisation (otherwise than while solvent) of UniCredit Ireland or for the appointment of a receiver, trustee, examiner or similar officer to UniCredit Ireland or any or all of its revenues and assets; or
- (c) an order is made or an effective resolution passed for the winding-up or dissolution of UniCredit Ireland.

12. ENFORCEMENT

- 12.1 Subject (in the case of Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit) to paragraph 12.2 below, the Trustee may at any time, at its discretion and without notice, take such proceedings against the Issuer and/or the Guarantor as it may think fit to enforce the obligations of the Issuer and/or the Guarantor under the Trust Deed or the Notes, but it shall not be bound to take any such proceedings unless (a) it shall have been so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders or so requested in writing by the holders of at least one-quarter in principal amount of the Notes then outstanding, and (b) it shall have been indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction.

No Noteholder, Receipholder or Couponholder shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer and/or the Guarantor unless the Trustee, having become bound so to proceed as aforesaid, fails so to do within a reasonable time and such failure is continuing.

- 12.2 This Condition 12.2 applies only to Notes specified in the applicable Final Terms as being Subordinated Notes issued by UniCredit.

Proceedings for the winding-up or liquidation of UniCredit may only be initiated in the Republic of Italy (and not elsewhere), by the Trustee on behalf of the Noteholders, in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Italy (except for the purposes of an Approved Reorganisation).

In these Conditions, **Approved Reorganisation** means a solvent and voluntary reorganisation involving, alone or with others, UniCredit and whether by way of consolidation, amalgamation, merger, transfer of all or part of any business or assets, or otherwise, provided that the principal resulting, surviving or transferee entity which is a banking company effectively assumes all the obligations of UniCredit under, or in respect of, the Notes and, in the case of Guaranteed Notes, the Guarantee.

13. REPLACEMENT OF NOTES, RECEIPTS, COUPONS AND TALONS

Should any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon be lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent or the Paying Agent in Luxembourg (in the case of Bearer Notes, Receipts or Coupons) or the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes) upon payment by the claimant of such costs and expenses as may be incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

14. AGENTS

The names of the initial Agents and their initial specified offices are set out below. If any additional Agents are appointed in connection with any Series, the names of such Agents will be specified in Part B of the applicable Final Terms.

The Issuer is entitled (with the prior written approval of the Trustee) to vary or terminate the appointment of any Agent and/or appoint additional or other Agents and/or approve any change in the specified office through which any Agent acts, provided that:

- (a) there will at all times be a Paying Agent (which may be the Principal Paying Agent), having a specified office in a Member State of the European Union other than the jurisdiction in which the Issuer or the Guarantor (as the case may be) is incorporated, and a Registrar;
- (b) so long as the Notes are listed on any stock exchange or admitted to trading by any other relevant authority, there will at all times be a Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes) with a specified office in such place as may be required by the rules and regulations of the relevant stock exchange, the competent authority or other relevant authority;
- (c) so long as any of the Registered Global Notes payable in a Specified Currency other than U.S. dollars are held through DTC or its nominee, there will at all times be an Exchange Agent; and
- (d) the Issuer undertakes that it will ensure that it maintains a Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union that is not obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to Directive 2003/48/EC or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive.

In addition, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent having a specified office in New York City in the circumstances described in Condition 7.6. Except as provided in the Agency Agreement, any variation, termination, appointment or change shall only take effect after not less than 30 nor more than 45 days' prior notice thereof shall have been given to the Trustee and Noteholders in accordance with Condition 16.

In acting under the Agency Agreement, the Agents act solely as agents of the Issuer and the Guarantor (in the case of the Guaranteed Notes) and, in certain circumstances specified in the Agency Agreement and the Trust Deed, of the Trustee, and do not assume any obligation to, or relationship of agency or trust with, any Noteholders, Receipholders or Couponholders. The Agency Agreement contains provisions permitting any entity into which any Agent is merged or converted or with which it is consolidated or to which it transfers all or substantially all of its assets to become the successor paying agent.

15. EXCHANGE OF TALONS

On and after the Interest Payment Date on which the final Coupon comprised in any Coupon sheet matures, the Talon (if any) forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Agent or any other Paying Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet including (if such further Coupon sheet does not include Coupons to (and including) the final date for the payment of interest due in respect of the Note to which it appertains) a further Talon, subject to the provisions of Condition 10.

16. NOTICES

All notices regarding the Bearer Notes will be deemed to be validly given if published (if and for so long as the Bearer Notes are admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market and listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange) either on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu) or in a daily newspaper of general circulation in Luxembourg. It is expected that any such publication in a newspaper will be made in the *Luxemburger Wort* or the *Tageblatt*. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published in a manner which complies with the rules of any other stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the Bearer Notes are for the time being listed or by which they have been admitted to trading. Any such notice will

be deemed to have been given on the date of the first publication or, where required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the date of the first publication in all required newspapers. If publication as provided above is not practicable, a notice will be given in such other manner, and will be deemed to have been given on such date, as the Trustee shall approve.

All notices regarding the Registered Notes will be deemed to be validly given if sent by first-class mail or (if posted to an address overseas) by airmail to the holders (or the first named of joint holders) at their respective addresses recorded in the Register and will be deemed to have been given on the fourth day after mailing and (if and for so long as the Registered Notes are admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market and listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange) if published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu) or in a daily newspaper of general circulation in Luxembourg. It is expected that any such publication in a newspaper will be made in the *Luxemburger Wort* or the *Tageblatt*. In addition, for so long as any Registered Notes are listed on any other stock exchange and the rules of that exchange so require, such notice will be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the place or places required by the rules of that stock exchange.

Until such time as any definitive Notes are issued, there may, so long as any Global Notes representing the Notes are held in their entirety on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC, be substituted for publication as provided above, the delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC for communication by them to the holders of the Notes, and (if and for so long as the Notes are admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market and listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange) publication on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu) or in a daily newspaper of general circulation in Luxembourg. It is expected that any such publication in a newspaper will be made in the *Luxemburger Wort* or the *Tageblatt*. In addition, for so long as any Notes are listed on any other stock exchange or are admitted to trading by another relevant authority and the rules of that stock exchange or relevant authority so require, such notice will be published as may be required by those rules. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given to the holders of the Notes on the second day after the day on which the said notice was given to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC.

Notices to be given by any Noteholder shall be in writing and given by lodging the same, together (in the case of any Note in definitive form) with the relative Note or Notes, with the Principal Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes) or the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes). Whilst any of the Notes are represented by a Global Note, such notice may be given by any holder of a Note to the Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC, as the case may be, in such manner as the Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

17. MEETINGS OF NOTEHOLDERS, MODIFICATION, WAIVER AND SUBSTITUTION

The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening meetings of the Noteholders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the sanctioning by Extraordinary Resolution of a modification of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons or any of the provisions of the Agency Agreement. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer, the Guarantor (in the case of the Guaranteed Notes) or Noteholders holding not less than 10 per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being remaining outstanding. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution is one or more persons holding or representing not less than 50 per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons being or representing Noteholders whatever the nominal amount of the Notes so held or represented, except that at any meeting the business of which includes the modification of certain provisions of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons, these Conditions or the Trust Deed (including modifying the date of maturity of the Notes or any date for payment of interest thereon, reducing or cancelling the amount of principal or the rate of interest payable in respect of the Notes or altering the currency of payment of the Notes, the Receipts or the Coupons), the quorum shall be one or more persons holding or representing not less than two-thirds in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned such meeting one or more persons holding or representing not less than one-third in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding. An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of the Noteholders shall be binding on all the Noteholders, whether or not they are present at the meeting, and on all Receiptholders and Couponholders.

The Trustee may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, to:

- (a) any modification of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons, these Conditions or the Trust Deed or any waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of, any of the provisions of the Notes or the Trust Deed, or determine, without any such consent as aforesaid, that any Event of Default or potential Event of Default shall not be treated as such, where, in any such case, it is not, in the opinion of the Trustee, materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders so to do; or
- (b) any modification of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons, these Conditions or the Trust Deed which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a manifest error or to comply with mandatory provisions of the law.

Any such modification, waiver, authorisation or determination shall be binding on the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders and any such modification shall, unless the Trustee agrees otherwise, be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 16 as soon as practicable thereafter.

Without prejudice to the aforementioned discretions, the Trustee may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, to the substitution at any time or times of any successor company (as defined in the Trust Deed) of the Issuer or any subsidiary or holding company of the Issuer or any successor company to such successor company, as the principal debtor under the Trust Deed and the Notes. Such agreement shall be subject to the relevant provisions of the Trust Deed, including (except where a successor company of the Issuer is the new principal debtor) the irrevocable and unconditional guarantee of the Notes by the Issuer and, in the case of Guaranteed Notes (except where the Guarantor is the new principal debtor), the irrevocable and unconditional guarantee of the Notes by the Guarantor. The Trustee may also agree without the consent of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders to the addition of another company as an issuer of Notes under the Programme and the Trust Deed and to the substitution (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) of any successor company of the Guarantor or any subsidiary or holding company of the Parent as the guarantor in respect of Guaranteed Notes. Any such addition shall be subject to the relevant provisions of the Trust Deed and to such amendment thereof and such other conditions as the Trustee may require. In the case of any proposed substitution or addition, the Trustee may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders, to a change of the law governing the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons and/or the Trust Deed provided that such change would not, in the opinion of the Trustee, be materially prejudicial to the interest of the Noteholders.

In connection with the exercise by it of any of its trusts, powers, authorities and discretions (including, without limitation, any modification, waiver, authorisation, substitution or change of law as aforesaid), the Trustee shall have regard to the general interests of the Noteholders as a class (but shall not have regard to any interests arising from circumstances particular to individual Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, whatever their number) and, in particular but without limitation, shall not have regard to the consequences of any such exercise for individual Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, (whatever their number) resulting from their being for any purpose domiciled or resident in, or otherwise connected with, or subject to the jurisdiction of, any particular territory or any political sub-division thereof, and the Trustee shall not be entitled to require, nor shall any Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder be entitled to claim, from the Issuer, the Guarantor, or the Trustee any indemnification or payment in respect of any tax consequences of any such exercise upon individual Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders except to the extent already provided for in Condition 9 and/or any undertaking or covenant given in addition to, or in substitution for, Condition 9 pursuant to the Trust Deed.

The provisions of articles 86 to 94-8 of the Companies Act 1915 relating to meetings of Noteholders will not apply in respect of the Notes issued by UniCredit International Luxembourg.

18. INDEMNIFICATION OF THE TRUSTEE

The Trust Deed contains provisions for the indemnification of the Trustee and for its relief from responsibility, including provisions relieving it from taking proceedings to enforce repayment unless

indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction and to be paid to its costs and expenses in priority to the claims of the Noteholders.

The Trust Deed also contains provisions pursuant to which the Trustee is entitled, *inter alia*, (a) to enter into business transactions with the Issuer and/or the Guarantor and/or any of the Issuer's other subsidiaries and to act as trustee for the holders of any other securities issued or guaranteed by, or relating to, the Issuer and/or the Guarantor and/or any of the Issuer's other subsidiaries, (b) to exercise and enforce its rights, comply with its obligations and perform its duties under or in relation to any such transactions or, as the case may be, any such trusteeship without regard to the interests of, or consequences for, the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, and (c) to retain and not be liable to account for any profit made or any other amount or benefit received thereby or in connection therewith.

19. FURTHER ISSUES

The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders to create and issue further notes having terms and conditions the same as the Notes or the same in all respects save for the amount and date of the first payment of interest thereon and the date from which interest starts to accrue and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single Series with the outstanding Notes.

The Issuer may from time to time, with the prior written consent of the Trustee, create and issue other series of Notes having the benefit of the Trust Deed. The Trust Deed contains provisions for and governs the convening of a single meeting of the Noteholders and the holders of bearer or registered notes of other Series in certain circumstances where the Trustee so decides.

20. GOVERNING LAW AND SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION

20.1 Governing law

The Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement, the Guarantee, the Notes (except for Condition 5), the Receipts and the Coupons and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law. Conditions 5.1 to 5.2 and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, Italian law.

Conditions 5.3 to 5.4 and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of Ireland.

20.2 Submission to jurisdiction

The Trustee, the Issuer and (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor each agrees, for the benefit of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders, that the courts of England are to have jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with the Notes, the Receipts and/or the Coupons (including a dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them) and that accordingly (subject, in the case of Subordinated Notes, to the provisions of Condition 12.2) any suit, action or proceedings (together referred to as **Proceedings**) arising out of or in connection with the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons (including any Proceedings relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them) may be brought in such courts.

The Issuer and (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor each hereby irrevocably waives any objection which it may have now or hereafter to the laying of the venue of any such Proceedings in any such court and any claim that any such Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum, and hereby further irrevocably agrees that a judgment in any such Proceedings brought in the English courts shall be conclusive and binding upon it and may be enforced in the courts of any other jurisdiction.

Nothing contained in this Condition shall limit any right to take Proceedings against the Issuer or (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor in any other court of competent jurisdiction, nor shall the

taking of Proceedings in one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of Proceedings in any other jurisdiction, whether concurrently or not.

20.3 Waiver of trial by jury

WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO CONDITION 20.2, EACH OF THE ISSUERS AND THE GUARANTOR WAIVES ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A JURY TRIAL OF ANY CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRUST DEED, THE NOTES, THE RECEIPTS AND THE COUPONS. THESE CONDITIONS MAY BE FILED AS A WRITTEN CONSENT TO A BENCH TRIAL.

20.4 Appointment of Process Agent

Each of the Issuers and (in the case of the Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor agrees that any documents required to be served on it in relation to any Proceedings (including any documents which start any Proceedings) may be served on it by being delivered to UniCredit Bank AG, London Branch at Moor House, 120 London Wall, London, EC2Y 5ET or, if different, its principal office for the time being in London. In the event of UniCredit Bank AG, London Branch ceasing to act or ceasing to be registered in England, each of the Issuers and (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor will appoint such other person as the Trustee may approve and as the Issuers and (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor may nominate in writing to the Trustee for the purpose of accepting service of process on its behalf in England in respect of any Proceedings. Nothing herein shall affect the right to serve Proceedings in any other manner permitted by law.

20.5 Non-exclusivity

The submission to the jurisdiction of the courts of England shall not (and shall not be construed so as to) limit the right of any Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder to take Proceedings in any other court of competent jurisdiction, nor shall the taking of Proceedings in any one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of Proceedings in any other jurisdiction (whether concurrently or not) if and to the extent permitted by law.

21. CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999

No person shall have any right to enforce any term or condition of this Note under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, but this does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available apart from that Act.

Use of Proceeds

The net proceeds from each issue of Notes will be applied by the Issuers for their general corporate purposes, which include making a profit. If in respect of any particular issue, there is a particular identified use of proceeds, other than making a profit and/or hedging certain risks, this will be stated in the applicable Final Terms or in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

Description of UniCredit and the UniCredit Group

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UniCredit S.p.A. (**UniCredit** established in Genoa, Italy by way of a private deed dated 28 April 1870 with a duration until 31 December 2100, is incorporated as a joint-stock company under Italian law, with registered office at Via A. Specchi 16, 00186, Rome, Italy and is registered with the Company Register of Rome under registration number, fiscal code and VAT number 00348170101. UniCredit is registered with the National Register of Banks and is the parent company of the UniCredit Group. UniCredit's head office and principal centre of business is at Piazza Gae Aulenti, 3 Tower A 20154 Milan, Italy, telephone number +39 028862 8715 (Investor Relations). The fully subscribed and paid-up share capital of UniCredit as of June 2015 amounted to €20,257,667,511.62.

The UniCredit Banking Group, registered with the Register of Banking Groups held by the Bank of Italy pursuant to Article 64 of the Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993 as amended (the Banking Act) under number 02008.1 (the **Group** or the **UniCredit Group** is a leading financial services group with a well established commercial network in 20 countries, including Italy, Germany, Austria, Poland and several other Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries. As at 31 December 2014, UniCredit Group is present in approximately 50 markets with about 147,000²⁷ full time equivalent employees (**FTEs**). The Group's portfolio of activities is highly diversified by segments and geographical areas, with a strong focus on commercial banking. Its wide range of banking, financial and related activities includes deposit-taking, lending, asset management, securities trading and brokerage, investment banking, international trade finance, corporate finance, leasing, factoring and the distribution of certain life insurance products through bank branches (*bancassurance*).

The Group is one of the leading banks in Italy, in terms of number of branches, and among the leading banks, in terms of total assets, in many of the CEE countries in which it operates.

HISTORY

Formation of the Group

UniCredit (formerly Unicredito Italiano S.p.A.) and the UniCredit Group of which UniCredit is the parent are the result of the October 1998 business combination between the Credito Italiano national commercial banking group (established in 1870 with the name of *Banca di Genova*) and UniCredito S.p.A. (at the time the holding company owning a controlling interest in *Banca CRT (Banca Cassa di Risparmio di Torino S.p.A.)*, *CRV (Cassa di Risparmio di Verona Vicenza Belluno e Ancona Banca S.p.A.)* and *Cassamarca (Cassa di Risparmio della Marca Trivigiana S.p.A.)*).

Since its formation, the Group has continued to expand in Italy and Eastern Europe through both organic growth and acquisitions, consolidating its role also in relevant sectors outside Europe, such as the asset management sector in the United States.

Such expansion has been characterised, in particular:

- by the business combination with HypoVereinsbank, realised through a public tender offer launched in summer 2005 by UniCredit to acquire the control over Bayerische Hypo- und Vereinsbank AG (**HVB**) – subsequently renamed UniCredit Bank AG – and its subsidiaries, such as Bank Austria Creditanstalt AG, subsequently renamed “UniCredit Bank Austria AG” (**BA** or **Bank Austria**). At the conclusion of the offer perfected during 2005, UniCredit acquired a shareholding for an amount equal to 93.93 per cent. of the registered share capital and voting rights of HVB. On 15 September 2008 the squeeze-out of HVB's minority shareholders, resolved upon by the bank's shareholders' meeting in June 2007, was registered with the Commercial Register of Munich. Therefore, the HVB shares held by the minority shareholders – equal to 4.55 per cent. of the share capital of the company – were transferred to UniCredit by operation of law and HVB became a UniCredit wholly-owned

²⁷ including YAPI KREDI GROUP.

subsidiary. In summer 2005 UniCredit also conducted an exchange offer for the acquisition of all shares of BA not held by HVB at the time. At the conclusion of the offer, the Group held 94.98 per cent. of the aggregate share capital of BA. In January 2007, UniCredit, which at the time held 96.35 per cent. of the aggregate share capital of BA, including a stake equal to 77.53 per cent. transferred to UniCredit by HVB, resolved to commence the procedures to effect the squeeze-out of the minority shareholders of BA. As at the date of this Prospectus, UniCredit's interest in BA is equal to 99.996 per cent.; and

- by the business combination with Capitalia S.p.A. (**Capitalia**), the holding company of the Capitalia banking group (the **Capitalia Group**), realised through a merger by way of incorporation of Capitalia into UniCredit effective as of 1 October 2007.

In 2008 the squeeze outs²⁸ of the ordinary BA and HVB shares held by minority shareholders were completed.

Proceedings as to the adequacy of the squeeze-out price and in relation to the challenge to the relevant shareholders' resolutions promoted by certain BA and HVB shareholders are still pending. For more details please refer to the audited consolidated financial statements of UniCredit (including auditors' report) as of and for the year ended 31 December 2014 incorporated by reference herein.

UniCredit S.p.A. ordinary shares are listed on the Milan Stock Exchanges organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A., on the Frankfurt Stock Exchanges, segment *General Standard* and on the Warsaw Stock Exchanges.

THE CURRENT ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

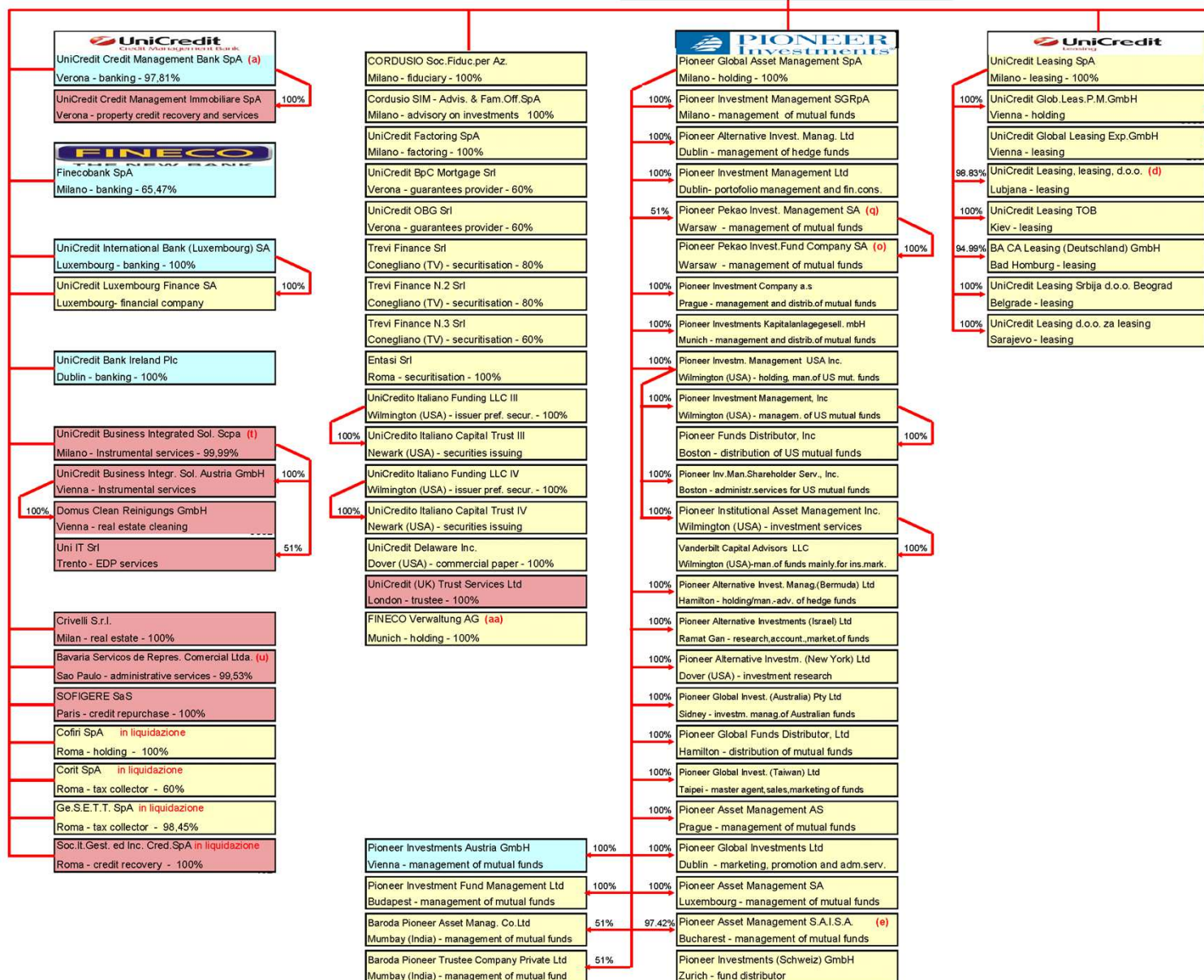
UniCredit is the parent company of the UniCredit Group and, in addition to banking activities, it carries out organic policy, governance and control functions in respect of its subsidiary banking, financial and instrumental companies.

UniCredit, as a bank which undertakes management and co-ordination activities for the UniCredit Group, pursuant to Article 61 of Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993, as amended (the **Italian Consolidated Banking Act**) issues, when exercising the management and co-ordination activities, instructions to the other members of the banking group in respect of the fulfilment of requirements laid down by the Bank of Italy in the interest of the banking group's stability.

The following diagram illustrates the main banking group companies as at 7 May 2015:

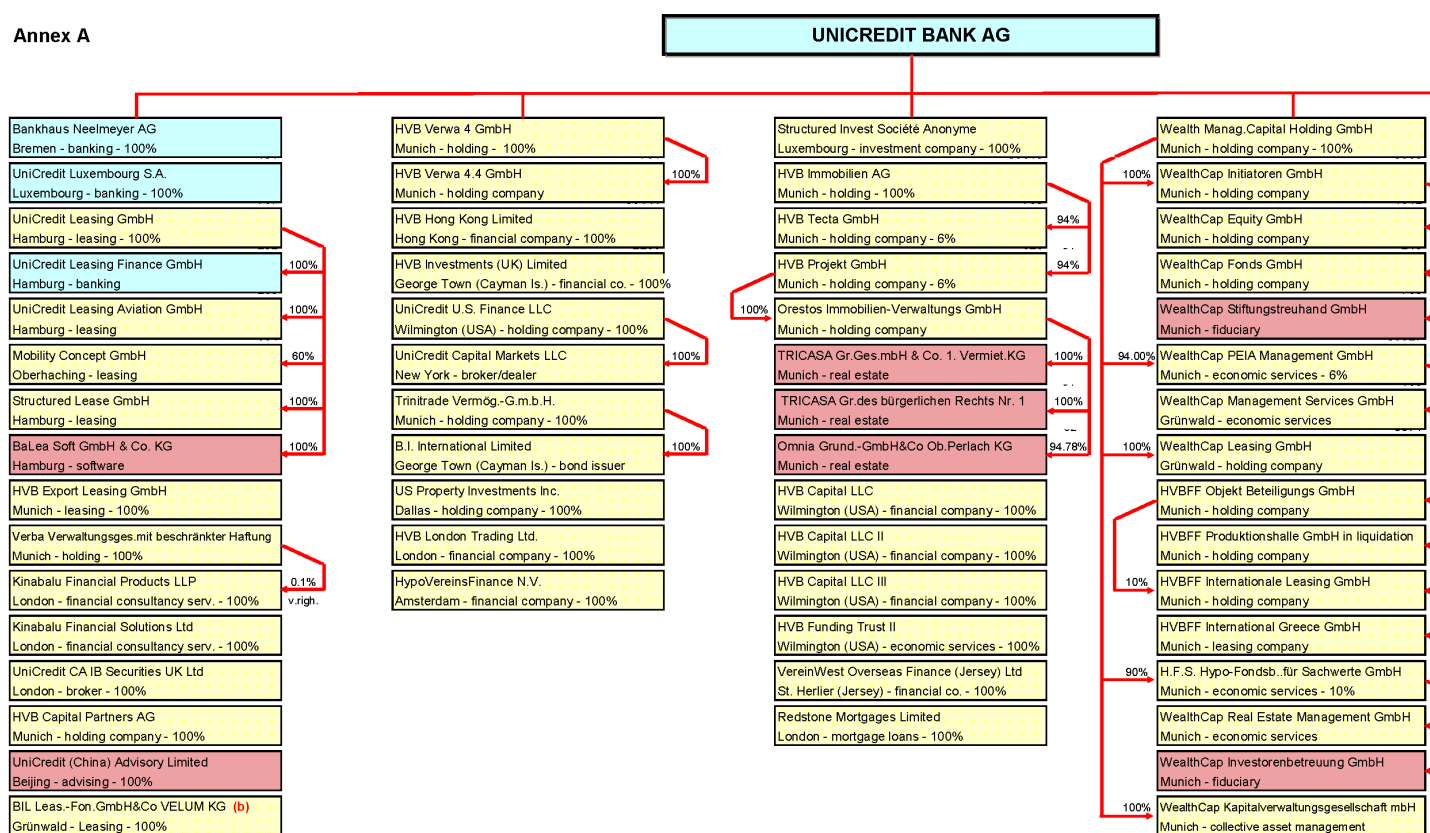
²⁸ The squeeze-out is the process whereby a pool of shareholders owning at a certain amount of a listed company's shares (in Germany 95 per cent. and in Austria 90 per cent.) exercises its right to "squeeze out" the remaining minority of shareholders from the company paying them an adequate compensation

Banking Group (cod. 2008.1)



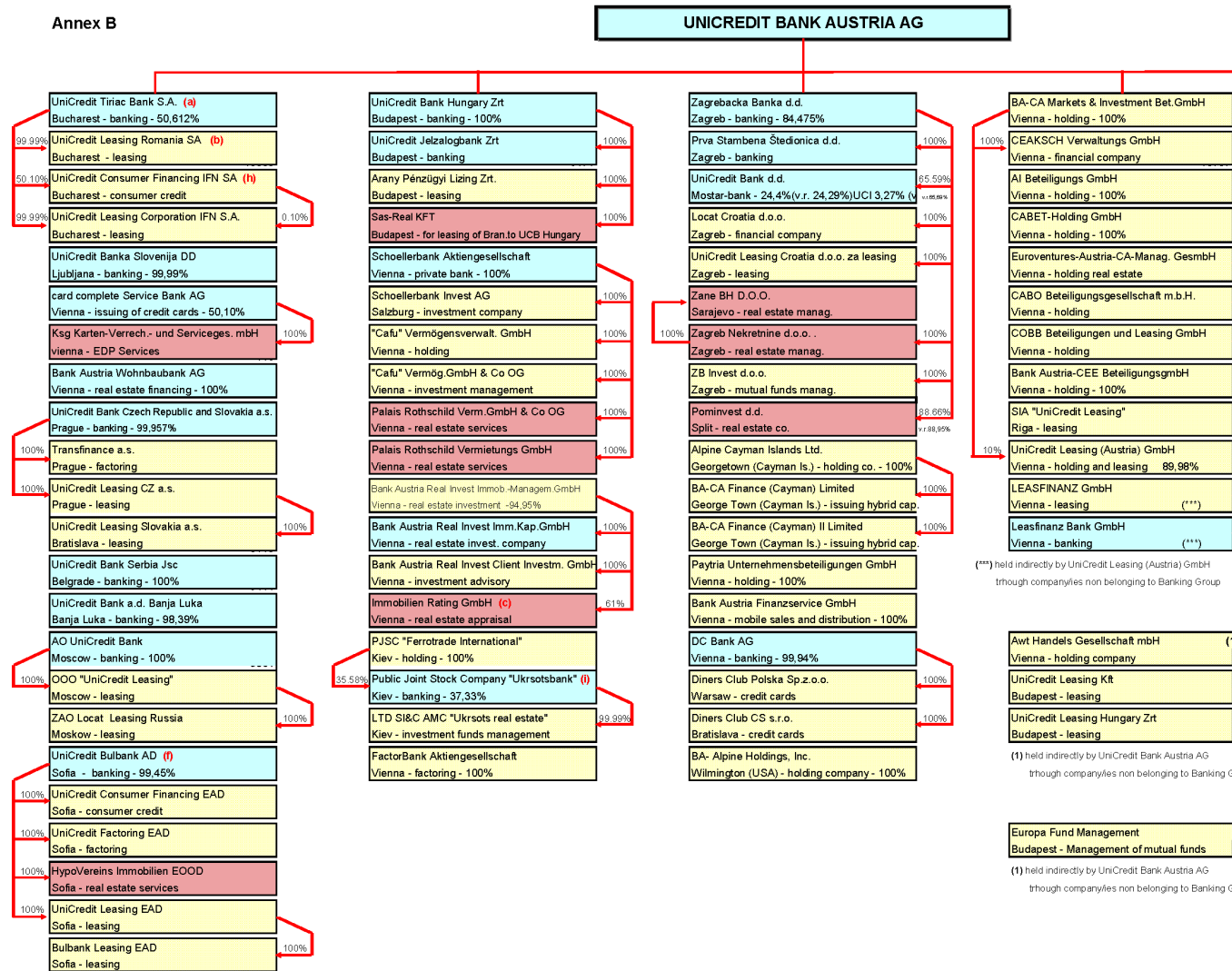
(a) # 175.000 shares owned by UniCredit Credit Management Bank SpA (d) 1,17% held by UniCredit Bank Slovenija DD (e) 2,575% held by UniCredit Tiriak Bank SA (I) 50% owned directly by UniCredit (o) in Polish: Pioneer Pekao TFI SA (q) 49% held by Bank Pekao SA (r) 35% held by Pioneer Global Asset Management SpA (I) Other companies belonging to UniCredit Group and third parties hold 10/20 shares of the company (z) Requested to Bank of Italy the inclusion in the Banking Group

Annex A



(b) Voting rights held by UCB AG (33,33%) and by BIL Leasing-Fonds Verwaltungs GmbH (33,33%) (c) 5,22% held by WealthCap Leasing GmbH
 (2) Requested to Bank of Italy the inclusion in the Banking Group

Annex B



(a) % considering shares held by other Companies controlled by BA (b) UniCredit Consumer Financing IFN SA holds 1 share of the company (c) 19% held by BA and 19% held by UniCredit Leasing (Austria) GmbH (f) 0,004% held by UniCredit SpA (h) 49,9% held by UniCredit SpA (i) 26,48% held by UniCredit SpA UniCredit (z) Requested to Bank of Italy the inclusion in the Banking Group

STRATEGY OF THE GROUP

As the parent company of the Group, pursuant to the provisions of Article 61 of the Banking Law and in compliance with local law and regulations, UniCredit undertakes management and co-ordination activities in respect of the Group to ensure the fulfilment of requirements laid down by the Bank of Italy in the interest of the Group's stability.

UniCredit engages in the following main strategic functions:

- managing the Group's business expansion by developing appropriate domestic and international business strategies and overseeing acquisitions, divestitures and restructuring initiatives;
- defining objectives and targets for each area of business and monitoring performance against these benchmarks;
- defining the policies and standards relating to the Group's operations, particularly in the areas of credit management, human resources management, risk management, accounting, planning, legal and compliance and auditing;
- managing relations with financial intermediaries, the general public and investors;
- managing selected operating activities directly or through specialised subsidiaries in order to achieve economies of scale, including asset and liability management, funding and treasury activities and the Group's foreign branches;
- directly managing business operations in Italy from 1 November 2010, following absorption of the Group's Italian banks²⁹ pursuant to the One for Clients Programme.

Furthermore, UniCredit intends to create value by pursuing the following principal strategic initiatives at the Group level:

- leveraging on its business model based on diversification both geographically and in terms of business;
- further increasing cost efficiency and simplification in Group structure and intra-group services;
- leveraging on global product lines throughout the Group's commercial networks;
- optimising the return on risk-weighted assets, while strengthening the Group's capital ratios, through a highly selective investment policy and a strong focus on risk-monitoring processes;
- strengthening profitability and cost control in Western Europe with a constant and strong commitment to support both families and companies;
- further strengthening the Group's results in Central and Eastern Europe while keeping risks under strict control;
- greater focus on customers' needs, increased proximity to local markets through higher responsibility of local Banks/Countries and faster decision processes with the implementation of GOLD project, defining a new organizational set-up aimed also at strengthening the steering, coordination and control role of UniCredit as holding company of the Group³⁰.

²⁹ *UniCredit Banca, UniCredit Banca di Roma, Banco di Sicilia, UniCredit Corporate Banking, UniCredit Private Banking, UniCredit Family Financing Bank, UniCredit Bancassurance Management & Administration.*

³⁰ On 18 December 2012 the Board of Directors approved the implementation, from January 2013, of the new organizational set-up.

BUSINESS AREAS³¹

Brief descriptions of the business segments through which the UniCredit Group operates are provided below.

Commercial Banking Italy

Commercial Banking Italy is composed of UniCredit S.p.A. commercial network related to Core clients (excluding Large Corporate and Multinational clients, supported by Corporate and Investment Banking division) Leasing (excluding Non-Core clients), Factoring product factories and local Corporate Center with supporting functions for the Italian business.

In relation to individual clients (Households and clients of specialized network Private Banking), Commercial Banking Italy's goal is to offer a full range of products and services to fulfil transactional, investments and credit needs, relying on about 3650 branches and multichannel services provided by new technologies.

In relation to corporate customers, Commercial Banking Italy operates trying to guarantee both the support to the economic and entrepreneurial system and the profitability and quality of its portfolio. The current Corporate Channel is organized on the territory with about 770 Managers divided into 127 Corporate centers.

The territorial organization promotes a Bank closer to customers and faster decision-making processes, while belonging to UniCredit Group allows to support companies in developing International attitudes.

Commercial Banking Germany

Commercial Banking Germany provides all German customers - except CIB clients (Large Corporate and Multinational clients) - with a complete range of banking products and services through a network of around 797 branches.

Commercial Banking Germany holds large market shares and a strategic market position in retail banking, in private banking and especially in business with local corporate customers (including factoring and leasing).

Different service models are applied in line with the needs of its various customer groups: retail customers, private banking customers, small business and corporate customers, commercial real estate customers, and Wealth Management customers. In detail the corporates segment employs a different "Mittelstand" bank model to its competitors in that it serves both business and personal needs across the whole bandwidth of German enterprises and firms operating in Germany. The private clients segment serves retail customers and private banking customers with banking and insurance solutions across all areas of demand. The specific, all-round advisory offering reflects the individual and differentiated needs of these customer groups in terms of relationship model and product offering.

The Segment also includes the local Corporate Center, which performs tasks as sub-holding towards other Subgroup legal entities.

Commercial Banking Austria

Commercial Banking Austria provides all Austrian customers – except CIB clients (Large Corporate and Multinational clients) – with a complete range of banking products and services. It is composed of: Retail, Corporate (excluding CIB clients), Private Banking (with its two well-known brands Bank Austria Private Banking and Schoellerbank AG), the product factories Factoring and Leasing and the local Corporate Center which also performs tasks in connection with UniCredit Bank Austria's sub-holding function.

Retail covers business with private individuals, ranging from mass-market to affluent customers. Corporates covers the entire range of business customers, SMEs and medium-sized and large companies which do not access capital markets (including Real Estate and Public Sector).

A broad coverage of the retail and corporate business lines is ensured through a network of about 250 branches.

³¹ The following description of Business Areas is in line with the Segment Reporting of the Consolidated Group Results as of 31 December 2014.

The goal of Commercial Banking Austria is to strengthen regional responsibility, to increase synergies, effectiveness and to improve time-to-market; therefore customer service teams can now adjust more quickly to local market changes.

Commercial Banking Austria holds significant market shares and a strategic market position in retail banking, private banking and especially in business with local corporate customers and is one of the leading providers of banking services in Austria.

In response to changing customer needs and behaviors, Commercial Banking Austria has launched Smart Banking Solutions, an integrated new service model, allowing clients to decide when, where and how they contact UniCredit Bank Austria. This approach combines classic branches, new formats of advisory service centres and modern self-service branches with internet solutions, Mobile Banking with innovative apps and video-telephony.

Poland

The segment Poland manages the UniCredit Group's operations within the Bank Pekao S.A. Group in Poland.

Bank Pekao S.A. Group includes financial institutions operating in banking, asset management, pension funds, brokerage services, leasing and factoring markets.

Bank Pekao S.A. operates for 85 years and is one of the largest financial institutions in Central and Eastern Europe. In particular, Bank Pekao is a universal commercial bank providing a full range of banking services to individual and institutional clients.

The Bank offers to its clients a broad distribution network with ATMs and one thousand branches conveniently located throughout Poland. In relation to individual customers, the Bank is focused on the strengthening the position on consumer goods financing market and mortgage loans market while maintaining a prudent credit risk policy. The advantages of the Bank's mortgage loans offer are first of all fast credit decision, attractive financing conditions and competent advisors supporting customers in loans granting process.

The Bank actively promotes innovative solutions and modernity and provides clients with state-of-the art and user-friendly solutions in the area of mobile banking, which are top rated for high quality of service and innovativeness by several Polish institutions.

In relation to corporate and institutional clients, Bank Pekao S.A. is the leader in servicing large and medium-sized companies and has one of the widest product offer for corporate clients on the market. The Bank offers a wide range of products of money markets and currency exchange, both within the scope of current operations and long-term hedging structures of client's exposures such as currency risk and interest rate risk. Bank Pekao S.A. is a leading organizer of investment project financing, mergers and acquisitions and debt securities issues. The Bank's product offer for corporate clients also includes financial services such as granting guarantees in national and international turnover and financial services provided through leasing and factoring subsidiaries.

In 2014 Bank's activities continuously focused on acquisition of new customers and strengthening of relationships with existing customers which results in a further growth in number of customers.

Corporate & Investment Banking (CIB)

The CIB division targets multinational and large corporate clients with highly sophisticated financial profile and needs for investment banking services, as well as institutional clients of UniCredit Group. CIB serves UniCredit Group's clients across 50 countries and supports such clients in their growth, internationalization projects and restructuring phases.

The organizational structure of CIB is based on a matrix that distinguishes (i) market coverage (carried out through the Group's country-specific commercial networks (Italy, Germany and Austria)) and (ii) product offering (divided into three Product Lines that consolidate the breadth of the Group's CIB know-how).

The dedicated country-specific commercial networks (CIB Network Italy, CIB Network Germany and CIB Network Austria) are responsible for the relationships with corporate clients, banks and financial institutions as well as the sale of a broad range of financial products and services, ranging from traditional lending and

merchant banking operations to more sophisticated services with high added value, such as project finance, acquisition finance and other investment banking services and operations in international financial markets.

The three Product Lines supplement and add value to the activities of the commercial networks and the marketing of the relevant products. The Product Lines are broken down as follows:

Financing and Advisory (F&A)

F&A is the centre for all business operations related to credit and advisory services for corporate and institutional clients. It is responsible for providing a wide variety of services ranging from plain vanilla and standardized products, extending to more sophisticated products such as Capital Markets (Equity and Debt Capital Markets), Corporate Finance and Advisory, Syndications, Leverage Buy-Out, Project and Commodity Finance, Real Estate Finance, Shipping Finance, Structured Trade and Export Finance and Principal Investments.

Markets

Markets is the centre specialized for all financial markets activities and serves as the Group's access point to the capital markets. This results in a highly complementary international platform with a strong presence in emerging European financial markets. As a centralized "product line", it is responsible for the coordination of financial markets-related activities, including the structuring of products such as FX, Rates, Equities and credit related activities.

Global Transaction Banking (GTB)

GTB is the centre for Cash Management and e-banking products, Supply Chain Finance and Trade Finance products and global securities services.

Asset Management

Asset Management business segment operates through Pioneer Investments, the company within the UniCredit Group specializing in the management of customer investments worldwide.

The business segment acts as a centralized product factory and, in addition, directs, supports and supervises the development of local business at regional level.

Leveraging on different investment partnerships with third-party financial institutions at international level, Asset Management offers a wide range of financial solutions, including mutual funds, asset administration services and portfolios for institutional investors.

Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)

The Group operates, through the CEE business segment, in 13 Central and Eastern Europe countries: Azerbaijan, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey and Ukraine; having, in addition, Leasing activities in the 3 Baltic countries. The CEE business segment operates through approximately 2,500 branches (including approx. 1,000 branches of the Turkish subsidiaries which are consolidated at equity) and offers a wide range of products and services to retail, corporate and institutional clients in these countries. UniCredit Bank Austria manages this segment and acts as sub-holding for the banking operations in the CEE countries.

The UniCredit Group is able to offer its retail customers in the CEE countries a broad portfolio of products and services similar to those offered to its Italian, German, Austrian and Polish customers.

With respect to corporate clients, the UniCredit Group is constantly engaged in standardizing the customer segments and range of products. The Group shares its business models on an international level in order to ensure access to its network in any country where the Group is present. This approach is vital due to the variety of global products offered, particularly cash management and trade finance solutions, to corporate customers operating in more than one CEE country.

Asset Gathering

Asset gathering is a business segment specialized in wealth management through the direct channel and the financial advisors network, mainly focused on the retail customer segment.

Asset gathering operates through Fineco Bank, UniCredit Group's direct multichannel bank, with one of the largest advisory networks in Italy and is the first broker in Italy for equity trades in terms of volume of orders. Fineco Bank offers an integrated business model combining direct banking and financial advice, offering a single free-of-charge account with a wide selection of global investment products, high quality advisory services, banking, trading and credit services that are available through applications for smartphone and tablet. With its fully integrated platform, Fineco Bank is a benchmark for modern investors.

Group Corporate Center

The Group Corporate Center includes:

Global Banking Services (GBS)

The mission of the GBS area is to optimize costs and internal processes guaranteeing operating excellence and supporting the sustainable growth of the Business Lines. GBS falls within the scope of the Chief Operating Officer (COO), whose main areas of responsibility are: ICT, Operations, Workout Germany, Real Estate, Global Sourcing, Security and Organization

Corporate Center

The Corporate Center's objective is to lead, control and support the management of the assets and related risks of the Group as a whole and of the single Group companies in their respective areas of competence.

Non-Core

Starting from the first quarter 2014 the Group decided to introduce a clear distinction between activities defined as "core" segment, meaning strategic business segments and in line with risk strategies, above described, and activities defined as "non-core" segment, including non-strategic assets and those with a poor fit to the Group's risk-adjusted return framework, with the aim of reducing the overall exposure of this last segment in the course of time and to improve the risk profile. Specifically, the "non-core" segment includes selected assets of Commercial Banking Italy (identified on a single client basis) to be managed with a risk mitigation approach, the activities of the workout company, UniCredit Credit Management Bank, and some special vehicles for securitization operations.

LEGAL AND ARBITRATION PROCEEDINGS

UniCredit S.p.A. and other UniCredit group companies are involved in numerous legal proceedings (which include commercial disputes, adversarial regulatory matters and investigations). From time to time, past and present directors, officers and employees may be involved in civil and/or criminal proceedings, the details of which the UniCredit group may not lawfully know about or communicate.

The Group is also required to deal appropriately with various legal and regulatory requirements in relation to issues such as conflicts of interest, ethical issues, anti-money laundering laws, US and international sanctions, client assets, competition law, privacy and information security rules and others. Actual or alleged failure to do so may lead, and in certain instances has led, to additional litigation and investigations and subjects the Group to damages claims, regulatory fines, other penalties and/or reputational damage. In addition, one or more Group companies is subject to investigations by the relevant supervisory authority in a number of countries in which it operates. These include investigations relating to aspects of systems and controls and instances of actual and potential regulatory infringement by the relevant Group companies and/or its clients. Given the nature of the Group's business and the reorganization of the Group over time there is a risk that claims or matters that initially involve one Group company may affect or involve other Group entities.

In many cases, there is substantial uncertainty regarding the outcome of the proceedings and the amount of any possible losses. These cases include criminal proceedings, administrative proceedings brought by the relevant supervisory or prosecution authority and claims in which the petitioner has not specifically quantified the

penalties requested (for example, in putative class actions in the United States). In such cases, given the impossibility of predicting possible outcomes and estimating losses (if any) in a reliable manner, no provisions have been made. However, where it is possible to reliably estimate the amount of possible losses and the loss is considered likely, provisions have been made in the financial statements based on the circumstances and consistent with international accounting standards (IAS).

To provide for possible liabilities that may result from pending legal proceedings (excluding labour law, tax cases and credit recovery actions), the UniCredit group has set aside a provision for risks and charges of € 685 million as at December 31, 2014. The estimate for reasonably possible liabilities and this provision are based upon currently available information but, given the numerous uncertainties inherent in legal proceedings, involve significant elements of judgment. In some cases it is not possible to form a reliable estimate, for example where proceedings have not yet been initiated or where there are sufficient legal and factual uncertainties to make any estimate purely speculative. Therefore, it is possible that this provision may not be sufficient to entirely meet the legal costs and the fines and penalties that may result from pending legal actions, and the actual costs of resolving pending matters may prove to be substantially higher.

Consequently it cannot be excluded that an unfavourable outcome of such legal proceedings or such investigations may have a negative impact on the results of the UniCredit group and/or its financial situation.

Set out below is a summary of information relating to matters involving the UniCredit group which are not considered groundless or in the ordinary course.

This section also describes pending proceedings against UniCredit S.p.A. and/or other companies of the UniCredit group and/or employees (even former employees) that UniCredit considers relevant and which, at present, are not characterised by a defined claim or for which the respective claim cannot be quantified.

In accordance with IAS 37 information which would seriously prejudice the relevant company's position in the dispute may be omitted.

Madoff

Background

UniCredit S.p.A. and various of its direct and indirect subsidiaries have been sued or investigated in the wake of a Ponzi scheme perpetrated by Bernard L. Madoff (**Madoff**) through his company Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC (**BLMIS**), and which was exposed in December 2008. Madoff or BLMIS and the UniCredit S.p.A. group of companies were principally connected as follows:

- The Alternative Investments division of Pioneer (**PAI**), an indirect subsidiary of UniCredit S.p.A., was investment manager and/or investment adviser for the Primeo funds (including the Primeo Fund Ltd (now in Official Liquidation) (**Primeo**)) and other non-U.S. funds-of-funds that had invested in other non-U.S. funds with accounts at BLMIS.
- Before PAI's involvement with Primeo, BA Worldwide Fund Management Ltd (**BAWFM**), an indirect subsidiary of UniCredit Bank Austria AG (**BA**), had been Primeo's investment adviser. BAWFM also performed for some time investment advisory functions for Thema International Fund plc (**Thema**), a non-U.S. fund that had an account at BLMIS.
- Some BA customers purchased shares in Primeo funds that were held in their accounts at BA.
- BA owned a 25 percent stake in Bank Medici AG (**Bank Medici**), a defendant in certain proceedings described below.
- BA acted in Austria as the "prospectus controller" under Austrian law in respect of Primeo and the Herald Fund SPC (**Herald**), a non-U.S. fund that had an account at BLMIS.
- UniCredit Bank AG (then Hypo- und Vereinsbank AG (**HVB**)) issued notes whose return was to be calculated by reference to the performance of a synthetic hypothetical investment in Primeo.

Proceedings in the United States

Purported Class Actions

UniCredit S.p.A., BA, PAI and Pioneer Global Asset Management S.p.A. (**PGAM**), a UniCredit S.p.A. subsidiary, were named among some 70 defendants in three putative class action lawsuits filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the **Southern District**) between January and March 2009 by purported representatives of investors in the Herald funds, the Primeo fund and the Thema funds, which were invested, either directly or indirectly, in BLMIS. Plaintiffs principally alleged that the defendants should have discovered Madoff's fraud. The Herald case asserted violations of the United States Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (**RICO**), demanding some \$2 billion in damages, which plaintiffs sought to treble under RICO. Plaintiffs in the three cases also sought damages in unspecified amounts (other than under RICO, as noted above) and other relief.

On November 29, 2011, the Southern District dismissed all three purported class actions on grounds, with respect to UniCredit S.p.A., PGAM, PAI and BA, that the United States was not a convenient forum for resolution of plaintiffs' claims. That decision was upheld on appeal. Various further appeals have followed. Currently a petition remains pending before the United States Supreme Court (the **Supreme Court**).

Claims by the SIPA Trustee

In December of 2008, a bankruptcy administrator (the **SIPA Trustee**) for the liquidation of BLMIS was appointed in accordance with the U.S. Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 (**SIPA**). In December 2010, the SIPA Trustee filed two cases (the **HSBC** and the **Kohn** case, respectively) in the United States Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of New York (the **Bankruptcy Court**) against several dozen defendants, including UniCredit S.p.A., PAI, BA, PGAM, BAWFM, Bank Austria Cayman Islands and certain currently or formerly affiliated persons, as well as Bank Medici. Both cases were later removed to the non-bankruptcy federal trial court, i.e., the Southern District.

Kohn Case

In the Kohn case, the SIPA Trustee made claims against more than 70 defendants, including UniCredit S.p.A., BA, PGAM, BAWFM, Bank Austria Cayman Islands, certain current or formerly affiliated persons, and Bank Medici. Three categories of claims were advanced: "claw-back" claims, common law claims and RICO violations. On November 26, 2014, the SIPA Trustee voluntarily dismissed without prejudice and effective immediately certain defendants (and all claims against them) from the Kohn case, including UniCredit S.p.A., BA, PGAM, BAWFM, Bank Austria Cayman Islands and the current or formerly affiliated persons. The case remains pending against certain other defendants not affiliated with UniCredit S.p.A. or its affiliated entities.

HSBC Case

In the HSBC case, the SIPA Trustee made claims against some 60 defendants, including UniCredit S.p.A., BA, BAWFM, PAI, certain current or formerly affiliated persons, and Bank Medici. In this case, the SIPA Trustee (i) made avoidance claims (commonly referred to as "claw-back" claims) against certain defendants on a joint and several basis, including the abovementioned, alleged to be in excess of \$2 billion and (ii) sought unspecified amounts (said to exceed several billion dollars) for common law claims, including aiding and abetting BLMIS's breach of fiduciary duty and BLMIS's fraud.

The common law claims were dismissed by the Southern District on July 28, 2011. That decision was upheld on appeal by the Second Circuit. A further request for review by the Supreme Court was also rejected and no further appeals are pending.

The avoidance claims remain pending in the Bankruptcy Court. They are currently subject to a motion that they be dismissed pursuant to a ruling that such avoidance claims cannot be made in respect of transfers outside the United States between foreign transferors and foreign transferees because the relevant provisions of United States law do not apply extra-territorially.

On December 17, 2014, the Bankruptcy Court approved settlements the SIPA Trustee entered into with the Primeo Funds and the Herald Fund. Counsel for the SIPA Trustee then advised counsel for UniCredit S.p.A. that the pending avoidance claims were satisfied as a result of these settlements and that neither UniCredit

S.p.A. nor PAI would be named as defendants in a forthcoming amendment to the HSBC complaint. Until such amendment is in fact filed, however, there can be no assurance that the pending avoidance claims against UniCredit S.p.A. and PAI will no longer be pressed.

The current or formerly affiliated persons named as defendants in the HSBC case, who had not been previously served, have now been served. The current or formerly affiliated persons may have similar defenses to the claims as UniCredit S.p.A. and its affiliated entities, and may have rights to indemnification from those parties.

Claims by SPV Optimal SUS Ltd. and by SPV OSUS Ltd.

UniCredit S.p.A. and certain of its affiliates – BA, BAWFM, PAI – have been named as defendants, together with approximately 40 other defendants, in a lawsuit filed in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, on December 12, 2014, by SPV OSUS Ltd. The complaint asserts common law based claims in connection with the Madoff Ponzi scheme, principally that defendants aided and abetted and/or knowingly participated in Madoff's scheme. The case is brought on behalf of investors in BLMIS and claims damages in an unspecified amount. The action filed by SPV OSUS Ltd. is in the initial stages

Proceedings Outside the United States

On July 22 2011, the Joint Official Liquidators of Primeo (the **Primeo Liquidators**) sued PAI in the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands, Financial Services Division. PAI and the Primeo Liquidators settled these claims.

Investors in the Primeo and Herald Madoff feeder funds have brought numerous civil proceedings, of which 212 with a claimed amount totaling €128 million plus interest remain. The claims in these proceedings are either that BA breached certain duties regarding its function as prospectus controller, or that BA improperly advised certain investors (directly or indirectly) to invest in those funds or a combination of these claims. The Austrian Supreme Court has issued 8 final decisions with respect to prospectus liability claims asserted in the legal proceedings. With respect to claims related to the Primeo feeder funds, all 6 final Austrian Supreme Court decisions have been in favour of BA. With respect to the Herald feeder funds, the Austrian Supreme Court has ruled twice with respect to prospectus liability, once in favour of BA and once in favour of the claimant. At this stage, it is not possible to forecast what effect these decisions may have on other cases.

In respect of the Austrian civil proceedings pending as against BA related to Madoff's fraud, BA has made provisions for an amount considered appropriate to the current risk.

BA has been named as a defendant in criminal proceedings in Austria which concern the Madoff case. These complaints allege, amongst other things, that BA breached provisions of the Austrian Investment Fund Act as prospectus controller of the Primeo fund and certain tax issues. These criminal proceedings are still at the pre-trial stage.

HVB issued several tranches of notes whose potential return was to be calculated by reference to the performance of a synthetic hypothetical investment in the Primeo fund. The nominal value of the notes issued by HVB is around €27 million. Three legal proceedings have been commenced in Germany in connection with the issuance of said Primeo-linked notes, which named HVB as a defendant. In the first case, the court of appeal has dismissed the lawsuit and the German Federal Court of Justice has not allowed a further appeal. The second case has been abandoned by the plaintiff. The last case has been decided in favour of HVB at first instance but is not final and binding as of today.

Subpoenas and Investigations

UniCredit S.p.A. and several of its subsidiaries received subpoenas, orders and requests to produce information and documents from the United States Securities Exchange Commission, the U.S. Department of Justice and the SIPA Trustee in the United States, the Austrian Financial Market Authority, the Irish Supervisory Authority for financial markets and BaFin in Germany related to their respective investigations into Madoff's fraud. These subpoenas, orders and requests have been satisfied.

Similar such subpoenas, orders and requests may be received in the future by UniCredit S.p.A. its affiliates, and some of their employees or former employees, in the foregoing countries or in countries where proceedings related to Madoff investments are, or may in the future be, pending.

Certain Potential Consequences

In addition to the foregoing proceedings and investigations stemming from the Madoff case against UniCredit S.p.A., its subsidiaries and some of their respective employees and former employees, additional Madoff-related proceedings and/or investigations may be filed in the future in said countries or in other countries. Such potential future proceedings and/or investigations could be filed against UniCredit S.p.A., its subsidiaries, their respective employees and former employees or entities with which UniCredit S.p.A. is affiliated. The pending or future proceedings and/or investigations may have negative consequences for the UniCredit S.p.A. group of companies.

UniCredit S.p.A. and its subsidiaries intend to defend themselves vigorously against the Madoff-related claims and charges.

Save as described above, for the time being it is not possible to estimate reliably the timing and results of the various proceedings, nor determine the level of responsibility, if any responsibility exists. Presently, and save as described above, in compliance with international accounting standards, no provisions have been made for specific risks associated with Madoff disputes.

Proceedings arising out of the purchase of UCB AG by UniCredit S.p.A. and the related group reorganization

Proceedings in Germany challenging the validity of UCB AG shareholder resolutions

By resolutions adopted at UCB AG's Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting of October 25, 2006 (the **2006 EGM**), various sale and purchase agreements were approved (the **2006 Resolutions**). Those agreements transferred (1) the shares held by UCB AG in BA and in HVB Bank Ukraine to UniCredit S.p.A. (2) the shares held by UCB AG in International Moscow Bank and AS UniCredit Bank Riga to BA and (3) the Vilnius and Tallin branches of UCB AG to AS UniCredit Bank Riga. In 2008, these resolutions were confirmed by a UCB AG Shareholders' Meeting (the **2008 Resolutions**).

The validity of the 2006 Resolutions, as well as of the 2008 Resolutions, was challenged by several of UCB AG's former minority shareholders in two sets of proceedings in the German courts against UCB AG (the **2006 Proceedings** and the **2008 Proceedings**) on the basis, inter alia, that the price paid for the various transactions was too low.

The 2008 Proceedings have now been settled. The 2006 Proceedings, which were stayed pending the resolution of the 2008 Proceedings, have revived. The 2006 Resolutions, like the 2008 Resolutions, are valid and binding unless and until found void by a court of final instance.

Squeeze-out of UCB AG minority shareholders (Appraisal Proceedings)

Approximately 300 former minority shareholders of UCB AG filed a request to have a review of the price paid to them when they were squeezed out (Appraisal Proceedings). The dispute mainly concerns the valuation of UCB AG.

The first hearing took place on April 15, 2010. The proceedings are still pending in Germany and are expected to last for a number of years.

Squeeze-out of Bank Austria's minority shareholders

Certain former minority shareholders in Bank Austria initiated proceedings before the Commercial Court of Vienna claiming that the squeeze-out price paid to them was inadequate, and asking the Court to review the adequacy of the amount paid (Appraisal Proceedings).

The Commercial Court of Vienna has referred the case to a panel, called the **Gremium**, to investigate the facts of the case in order to review the adequacy of the cash compensation. UniCredit, considering the nature of the valuation methods employed, continues to believe that the amount paid to the minority shareholders was adequate.

Should the parties fail to settle the matter, the Commercial Court will issue a decision (which is appealable), which could result in UniCredit S.p.A. having to pay additional cash compensation to the former shareholders.

Financial Sanctions matters

Recently, violations of U.S. sanctions and certain US dollar payments practices have resulted in certain financial institutions entering into settlements and paying substantial fines and penalties to various U.S. authorities, including the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (**OFAC**), the U.S. Department of Justice (**DOJ**), the District Attorney for New York County (**NYDA**), the U.S. Federal Reserve (**Fed**) and the New York Department of Financial Services (**DFS**), depending on the individual circumstances of each case. Certain companies in the UniCredit Group are cooperating with various U.S. authorities and are updating other relevant non U.S. authorities as appropriate. More specifically, in March 2011 UCB AG received a subpoena from the NYDA relating to historic transactions involving certain Iranian entities, designated by OFAC, and their affiliates. In June 2012, the DOJ opened an investigation of OFAC-related compliance by UCB AG and its subsidiaries more generally. In this context, UCB AG is conducting a voluntary investigation of its US dollar payments practices and its historic compliance with applicable US financial sanctions, in the course of which certain historic non-transparent practices have been identified. UniCredit Bank Austria AG has independently initiated a voluntary investigation of its historic compliance with applicable U.S. financial sanctions, as has UniCredit S.p.A., and each is cooperating with various US authorities. It is possible that investigations into historic compliance practices may be extended to one or more of the other companies within the UniCredit Group. The scope, duration and outcome of each review or investigation will depend on facts specific to the individual case. Although UniCredit cannot at this time determine the form, extent or the timing of any resolution with any relevant authorities, the investigation costs, remediation required and/or payment or other legal liability incurred could lead to cash outflows and could potentially have a material adverse effect on the net assets and net results of UniCredit S.p.A. (on a stand-alone and consolidated basis) and one or more individual Group entities in any particular period.

Proceedings related to claims for Withholding Tax Credits

On July 31, 2014, the Supervisory Board of UCB AG concluded its internal investigation into the so-called “cum-ex” transactions (the trading of equities around dividend dates and claims for withholding tax credits) at UCB AG. The findings of the Supervisory Board’s investigation indicate that the Bank sustained losses due to certain past acts/omissions of individuals and such Board has taken appropriate action. UniCredit S.p.A., UCB AG’s parent company, supports the decisions taken by the Supervisory Board. UCB AG has also taken action to defend its interests. In addition, UCB AG is cooperating with Prosecutors in Frankfurt, Cologne and Munich who are investigating possible tax evasion in connection with cum-ex transactions both for UCB AG’s own book as well as for a former customer of UCB AG. In May 2014, the Frankfurt Prosecutor notified UCB AG of the opening of proceedings against UCB AG under section 30 of the Administrative Offences Act (the **Ordnungswidrigkeitengesetz**). On December 16, 2014, the Munich Prosecutor also announced the initiation of proceedings against UCB AG under section 30 of the **Ordnungswidrigkeitengesetz**. In relation to these matters, UCB AG could be subject to tax and interest claims, as well as substantial penalties, administrative fines and profit or revenue claw backs. In none of these cases can the amount currently be reliably quantified. UCB AG is in communication with its relevant regulators regarding these matters. UCB AG is also in communication with competent domestic and foreign tax authorities.

Compound interest/usury

During 2014 a significant increase was recorded in claims for refunds/compensation on the subject of compound interest/usury in relation to UniCredit S.p.A.. These are mostly in the initial enquiry stage.

Certain legal developments in CEE arising out of disputes relating to foreign currency loans

In Central and Eastern Europe, in the last decade, a significant number of customers took out loans and mortgages denominated in a foreign currency (**FX**). In a number of instances customers – or consumer associations acting on their behalf – have sought to renegotiate the terms of such FX loans and mortgages, including having the loan principal and associated interest payments redenominated in the local currency at the time the loan was taken out, and floating rates retrospectively changed to fixed rates. This has resulted in litigation against subsidiaries of UniCredit in a number of countries including Croatia, Hungary and Serbia. Specifically in Croatia, a consumer association sued 8 of the largest banks in 2012 (including Zagrebačka banka) claiming that:

- for loans linked to Swiss francs, consumers had not been given adequate information prior to taking out the loan and had not therefore been able to make a fully informed decision about the risks of such loans; and
- a variable interest rate was unlawful, as it was set by reference to an unilateral decision of the relevant bank and without the factors affecting the setting of the rate being clearly defined.

On July 4, 2013 the first instance court in Zagreb upheld the complaint of the consumer association. The court required the banks, within 60 days, to offer the customers amended terms, converting the outstanding principal amount to Croatian kuna (HRK) at the CHF/HRK rate prevailing on the date the loan agreement was signed and substituting the variable interest rate for the fixed rate applicable at the date the loan in question was drawn down (the 60 Day Order). The decision was not binding as it was appealed by all 8 banks. On June 13, 2014, the Croatian appeal court varied the first instance decision and ruled that the foreign currency clause in loans was lawful. The appeal court upheld, however, the first instance judgment regarding the unfairness of contractual terms that allowed the banks to make unilateral changes to the floating rate of interest and ruled such terms null and void. The court annulled the 60 Day Order. The court stated that its decision does not give individual customers a direct entitlement to damages but individual consumers could seek a revision of their contract or compensation in individual actions before the courts. The court's decision has been challenged by the parties before the Croatian Supreme Court, including Zagrebačka banka. Zagrebačka banka has also filed a claim in the Constitutional Court. This claim is currently stayed. Following the Croatian appeal court's ruling, a number of individual customers have also filed claims against Zagrebačka banka in respect to the rate of interest that had been applied to their loans. Those claims have yet to be determined.

In Hungary, a Supreme Court decision on June 16, 2014 to ensure uniformity of judicial decisions regarding loans made to consumers in a foreign currency established the following principles:

- foreign currency exchange rate risk is to be borne by the consumer unless the consumer was misinformed about the risk;
- whether a unilateral change (e.g. to a rate) is unfair and therefore invalid must be assessed on a case by case basis; and
- applying a different exchange rate for repayments of the loan from that used when the loan was made is unfair and therefore unenforceable and the difference must be repaid to consumers.

In addition, on July 4, 2014 legislation was passed which amended the above decision and also extended it to apply not only to foreign currency based loans but also to domestic currency consumer loans and leasing contracts. Building on the above Supreme Court decision, the legislation establishes a rebuttable presumption that terms allowing unilateral changes to consumer contracts are unfair and therefore unenforceable. It is for the lender to rebut the presumption. In addition, for loans based on a foreign currency, the law requires the substitution of the FX rate applied by the lender with the midmarket rate of the Hungarian Central Bank (unless the lender used its own midmarket rate). UniCredit Bank Hungary Zrt brought proceedings to rebut the presumption of unfairness but was unsuccessful. Further legislation was approved in Hungary in 2014 in relation to consumer loans.

At this time, except for the Hungarian law referenced above, it is not possible to reliably assess the impact of the above developments in the CEE region, the timing of any final court decisions, how successful any litigation may ultimately be or what financial impact it or any associated legislative or regulatory initiatives, might ultimately have on the individual subsidiaries or the UniCredit Group.

In addition, following the Swiss Central Bank's decision to remove the Swiss franc / euro cap on 15 January 2015, a number of countries have taken, or are in the process of considering, measures to reduce the impact of the decision on Swiss franc borrowers. These countries include Slovenia, Poland, Russia and Croatia. It is not possible to assess what financial impact these or other associated initiatives might ultimately have on the individual subsidiaries or on the UniCredit Group as a whole.

Derivatives Litigation

In the years preceding the 2007 financial crisis, financial institutions, including the companies of the UC group, entered into numerous derivatives contracts both with institutional and non-institutional investors. In Germany and Italy such derivative contracts have been challenged most notably by non-institutional investors where those contracts are out of the money. This affected the financial sector generally and is not specific to UniCredit and its group companies. It is impossible to assess the full impact of such legal challenges on the Group.

Medienfonds/closed end funds

Various UCB AG customers bought shares in a fund known as VIP Medienfonds 4 GmbH & Co. KG (**Medienfonds**).

UCB AG did not sell shares in the fund, but granted loans to all private investors for a part of the amount invested in the fund; moreover, to collateralize the fund, UCB AG assumed specific payment obligations of certain film distributors with respect to the fund.

When certain expected tax benefits associated with this type of investment were revoked, many investors brought various kinds of legal proceedings against UCB AG and others. The investors argue that UCB AG did not disclose to them the risk of the tax treatment being revoked and assert UCB AG, together with other parties, including the promoter of the fund, is responsible for the alleged errors in the prospectus used to market the fund. Additionally some plaintiffs invoke rights under German consumer protection laws.

The courts of first and second instance passed various sentences, of which several were unfavourable for UCB AG.

On December 30, 2011 The District Higher Court of Munich decided the issue relating to prospectus liability through a specific procedure pursuant to the Capital Markets Test Case Act (*Kapitalanleger-Musterverfahrensgesetz*). The Court stated that the prospectus was incorrect concerning the description of tax risks, loss risk and the fund's forecast; the Court further held UCB AG liable along with the promoter of Medienfonds for such errors. UCB AG filed an appeal to the Federal Court. The Federal Court has now heard the appeal and remanded the matter back to the Higher Regional Court for consideration. A decision with respect to the question of UCB AG's liability for the prospectus in this proceeding will affect only the few remaining pending cases since with the vast majority of the investors a general settlement has already been closed.

In a fiscal proceeding that the fund brought concerning the tax declaration of the fund for the fiscal year 2004, no final decision has been issued as to whether the tax benefits were rightfully revoked in the first place.

In addition to the above matter, UCB AG is defending lawsuits concerning other closed-end funds. The economic background of these lawsuits is often but not always linked to a modified view of the tax authorities with regard to tax benefits originally envisaged. Plaintiffs claim from UCB AG repayment of their capital investment in exchange for the respective shares in the fund.

With regard to a mutual fund investing in heating plants, a test case proceeding has been filed against UCB AG pursuant to the *Kapitalanleger-Musterverfahrensgesetz*.

UCB AG has made provisions which are, at present, deemed appropriate.

New Mexico CDO-Related Litigation

Claims brought or threatened by or on behalf of the state of New Mexico or any of its agencies or funds

In August 2006, the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board (**ERB**) and the New Mexico State Investment Council (**SIC**), both US state funds, invested \$90 million in Vanderbilt Financial, LLC (**VF**), a vehicle sponsored by Vanderbilt Capital Advisors, LLC (**VCA**). The purpose of VF was to invest in the equity tranche of various collateralized debt obligations (**CDOs**) managed primarily by VCA. The equity investments in VF, including those made by the ERB and SIC, became worthless. VF was later liquidated.

Beginning in 2009, several lawsuits were threatened or filed on behalf of the state of New Mexico, including by private parties who claimed a right to sue in a representative capacity. The suits relate to losses suffered by the ERB and/or SIC on their VF investments, with additional claims threatened in relation to further losses suffered

by SIC on its earlier investments in other VCA-managed CDOs. The lawsuits allege fraud and kickback practices. Damages claimed in the filed lawsuits are computed based on multiples of the original investment, up to a total of \$365 million. In 2012, VCA reached an agreement in principle with the ERB, SIC and State of New Mexico to settle all claims brought or threatened by or on behalf of the state of New Mexico or any of its agencies or funds. The settlement is contingent on the court's approval, but that process is temporarily on hold pending the determination of a legal question in a lawsuit brought against a different set of defendants in other proceedings. A decision is expected in 2015. In the interim, one suit has been dismissed and the others are either stayed or held in abeyance.

Other litigation

In November 2011, Bruce Malott, the former chairman of the ERB, brought suit in New Mexico state court against persons allegedly involved with "pay to play" or kickback practices at the ERB, alleging damages to his reputation in earning capacity as a result of his association with the challenged practices. Among the defendants are VCA, VF, PIM US and two former officers of VCA. No damages amount is specified, but Malott seeks treble damages and punitive damages (as applicable) in addition to any actual damages he might prove. In June 2013, Malott's claims were dismissed without prejudice. Malott filed a further amended complaint in August 2013 which, in October 2013, the defendants once again moved to dismiss. The Court's ruling is awaited.

Divania S.r.l.

In the first half of 2007, Divania S.r.l. (now in bankruptcy) (**Divania**) filed a suit in the Court of Bari against UniCredit Banca d'Impresa S.p.A. (then UniCredit Corporate Banking S.p.A. and now UniCredit S.p.A.) alleging violations of law and regulation in relation to certain rate and currency derivative transactions created between January 2000 and May 2005 first by Credito Italiano S.p.A. and subsequently by UniCredit Banca d'Impresa S.p.A. (now UniCredit S.p.A.).

The petition requests that the contracts be declared non-existent, or failing that, null and void or to be cancelled or terminated and that UniCredit Banca d'Impresa S.p.A. (then UniCredit Corporate Banking S.p.A. and now UniCredit S.p.A.) pay the claimant a total of €276.6 million as well as legal fees and interest. It also seeks the nullification of a settlement the parties reached in 2005 under which Divania S.r.l. had agreed to waive any claims in respect of the transactions.

UniCredit S.p.A. rejects Divania S.r.l.'s demands. Without prejudice to its rejection of liability, it maintains that the amount claimed has been calculated by aggregating all the debits made (for an amount much larger than the actual amount), without taking into account the credits received that significantly reduce the claimant's demands.

In 2010 the report of the Court named expert witness submitted a report which broadly confirms UniCredit's position stating that there was a loss on derivatives amounting to about €6,400,000 (which would increase to about €10,884,000 should the out-of-court settlement, challenged by the claimant, be judged unlawful and thus null and void). The expert opinion states that interest should be added in an amount between €4,137,000 (contractual rate) and €868,000 (legal rate). At the hearing held on December 10, 2012 the Court reserved its decision, but on May 20 2013 it was decided to reopen the proceedings. On September 29 2014 the judges reserved their decision.

Another two lawsuits have also been filed by Divania, one for €68.9 million (which was subsequently increased up to € 80,5 million ex art 183 c.p.c.) and the second for €1.6 million; the first one was adjourned for the trial and the second one was adjourned for the conclusions.

UniCredit S.p.A. has made a provision for an amount consistent with the risk of the lawsuit.

Valauret S.A.

In 2004, Valauret S.A. and Hughes de Lasteyrie du Saillant filed a civil claim for losses resulting from the drop in the Rhodia S.A. share price between 2002 and 2003, allegedly caused by earlier fraudulent actions by members of the company's board of directors and others.

BA (as successor to Creditanstalt) was joined as the fourteenth defendant in 2007 on the basis that Creditanstalt was banker to one of the defendants. Valauret S.A. is seeking damages of €129.8 million in addition to legal costs and Hughes de Lasteyrie du Saillant damages of €4.39 million.

In 2006, before the action was extended to BA, the civil proceedings were stayed following the opening of criminal proceedings by the French State that are ongoing. In December 2008, the civil proceedings were also stayed against BA.

In BA's opinion, the claim is groundless and no provisions have been made.

Brontos – criminal proceeding

With regard to the transactions known as “Brontos” there is a criminal proceeding which concerns the conduct of, *inter alia*, present and former officers/employees of UniCredit.

On October 10, 2013, the Court of Cassation found that the Court of Rome had jurisdiction to try the case; all court documents were therefore transferred from the Public Prosecutor's office at the Court of Bologna to the Court of Rome.

The procedural stage of the preliminary hearing is in progress.

I Viaggi del Ventaglio Group (IVV)

In 2011 a lawsuit was filed with the Court of Milan against UniCredit S.p.A. by I Viaggi del Ventaglio de Mexico SA, SA Tonle and the bankruptcy trustee of I Viaggi del Ventaglio International SA (**IVVISA**) for approximately €68 million. In 2014 two further lawsuits were filed with the Court of Milan by the bankruptcy trustee of IVV Holding srl and by the bankruptcy trustee of I Viaggi del Ventaglio S.p.A. for €48 million and €170 million, respectively. The three lawsuits are related. The first and third relate to allegedly unlawful conduct in relation to loans. The second relates to disputed derivative transactions. UniCredit S.p.A.'s initial view is that the claims appear to be groundless and no provisions have been made.

Lawsuit brought by “Paolo Bolici”

In May 2014, the company wholly owned by Paolo Bolici sued UniCredit S.p.A. in the Court of Rome seeking the return of €12 million in allegedly unlawful interest (allegedly incurred *inter alia* because of usury) and €400 million for damages. The company then went bankrupt. UniCredit S.p.A.'s initial view is that no provisions are to be made.

MATERIAL EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO DECEMBER 31, 2014

For ease of comprehension material developments subsequent to December 31st, 2014 have been included directly in the text of this Prospectus and have been inserted in the following paragraphs: “Madoff”, “Certain legal developments in CEE arising out of disputes relating to foreign currency loans”.

Labour Related Litigation

UniCredit is involved in employment law disputes. In general, all employment law disputes are supported by provisions made to meet any disbursements incurred and in any case UniCredit does not believe that any liabilities related to the outcome of the pending proceedings could have a significant impact on its economic and/or financial standing.

Lawsuits filed against UniCredit by members of the former Cassa di Risparmio di Roma Fund

Lawsuits have been brought against UniCredit by members of the former Cassa di Risparmio di Roma Fund. These lawsuits hang on an appeal won in the first instance by UniCredit in which the main claim is a request that the funding levels of the former Cassa di Risparmio di Roma Fund be restored and that the individual social security accounts of each member be assessed and quantified. With reference to the main claim, the relief sought is estimated at Euro 384 million. No provisions were made as these actions are considered to be unfounded.

Proceedings Related to Tax Matters

Proceedings before Italian Tax Authorities

At the date of this Prospectus, the following tax proceedings are pending: (i) challenge of a tax credit in the amount of approximately €25.6 million for corporate income tax (then called IRPEG) resulting from the annual tax return for the year 1984 of Cassa Centrale di Risparmio V.E. per le Province Siciliane (now Banco di Sicilia); (ii) challenge of a tax credit in the amount of approximately €21.1 million for corporate income tax resulting from the annual tax return for the year 1984 of Banco di Sicilia; and (iii) challenge of a tax credit in the amount of approximately €24.3 million resulting from the annual tax return for the year 1985 of Banco di Sicilia.

The total value of the challenges, taking into account accrued and recorded interest, is approximately €177 million.

The proceedings sub (i) and (ii) are still pending at the Italian Supreme Court (*Corte di Cassazione*); the proceeding sub (iii) was heard in front of Italian Supreme Court and was decided in favour of Banco di Sicilia with decision filed on 11 March 2013. Consequently, the Financial Administration has reimbursed the principal amount of the credit, while the repayment of the interests is still outstanding.

On 12 June 2007, the Provincial Tax Commission of Palermo rejected the motions to dismiss by Banco di Sicilia. Banco di Sicilia filed appeals against the decision. Two of the appeal hearings were heard in front of the Regional Tax Commission and were decided in favour of Banco di Sicilia. The decisions were filed on 28 January 2010. The Financial Administration has filed appeals against these decisions to the Italian Supreme Court (*Corte di Cassazione*) and, at the date of this Prospectus, one judgment is still pending.

On 23 April 2010, a third appeal was heard in front of the same section of the Regional Tax Commission of Palermo. The appeal was resolved in favour of the Banco di Sicilia and the judgment was filed on 4 June 2010. As a result of a mistake in the filed version of the judgment, which stated a different value than that contained in the original version of the judgment, a special procedure to correct the mistake was required. An order for correction was published on 20 April 2011. The Financial Administration filed an appeal of the order with the Italian Supreme Court (*Corte di Cassazione*) on 6 July 2011. As at the date of this Prospectus, the judgment is pending and no provisions were made.

In addition, in January 2011, the Revenue Agency served UniCredit Leasing S.p.A. (**UniCredit Leasing**) with notices of assessment regarding IRAP and VAT taxes connected to certain real estate leasing operations carried out by UniCredit Leasing during the 2005 financial year.

The IRAP assessment equals €0.7 million plus interest and penalties of €0.9 million. The VAT assessment equals €31.8 million plus interest and penalties of €80.6 million.

UniCredit Leasing appealed the notice of assessment to the Provincial Tax Commission of Bologna. Further to this appeal, the Provincial Tax Commission of Bologna issued a decision favourable to UniCredit Leasing. The Tax Authorities appealed, on March 2013, the said decision to the competent Regional Tax Commission and the judgment is still pending.

In December 2011 the Revenue Agency served UniCredit Leasing with tax assessments concerning IRAP and VAT taxes for the fiscal year 2006, for a total amount of €43.9 million, related to other real estate leasing contracts. The tax assessment has been appealed to the competent Provincial Tax Commission. Further to this appeal, the Provincial Tax Commission of Bologna issued a decision favourable to UniCredit Leasing.

Tax Audits and Other Investigations Relating to Structured Finance Transactions

At the end of December 2010, the Regional Revenue Agency Departments of Liguria, Emilia Romagna, Latium and Sicily issued various notices of assessment for IRES and IRAP taxes (on corporate income and regional income, respectively) against UniCredit (both individually and as the incorporating company of Capitalia, UniCredit Banca, UniCredit Banca di Roma and Banco di Sicilia) in relation to structured finance transactions completed in the 2005 tax year. With respect to UniCredit Banca, the Regional Revenue Agency Department of Emilia Romagna issued notices of assessment against UniCredit for the 2004 tax year. The overall assessed amount of the above notices was €614.2 million, of which €136.3 million related to the 2004 tax year.

All the above banks carried out a transaction denominated in Turkish lira called “DB Vantage”, which consisted of a repo transaction with an underlying bond issued by a British company of the Deutsche Bank group. In addition, in 2004 and 2005, UniCredit Banca carried out a repo transaction on the securities of a New Zealand company belonging to the Deutsche Bank group. Although, in UniCredit’s view, these transactions generated higher profits for the banks compared to investments of a similar nature, UniCredit maintains that such transactions were carried out in the course of ordinary treasury operations and were not carried out for tax purposes.

All of the above notices of assessment alleged that the Group banks had carried out an abuse of law. UniCredit Banca challenged the notices of assessment for IRES and IRAP taxes for the 2004 tax year. In May 2011, the Revenue Agency reduced the penalties for IRES tax from €82.8 million to €41.4 million. The total assessment thereafter was equal to €94.9 million. In addition, the act through which sanctions were imposed was challenged. All tax proceedings before the Provincial Tax Court of Bologna were settled by an out-of-court conciliation procedure totalling €35 million (including tax, penalties and interest). On 18 April 2014 UniCredit paid in the aggregate €3.2 million: for IRES and the related sanctions the first installment (out of twelve) was paid.

With respect to the 2005 fiscal year, UniCredit paid €106.4 million (comprehensive of tax, interest and penalties) to settle the total assessment of €479 million.

Other pending tax cases

During 2014 UniCredit, on its own behalf and in its capacity as the incorporating company and/or holding company, as the case may be, of various companies of the Group, was served with some notices of assessment related to taxes, interests and sanctions for approximately €124 million.

The key assessments are those which relate to:

1. withholding tax allegedly not withheld on interest paid in relation to financial instruments of debt issued in order to strengthening the capital, for a total of around €40 million; in April 2015 the assessments were settled with the payment of €17.8 million for tax and accessory items;
2. substitute tax on medium and long term financings for the tax years 2010 and 2011 and registration tax for the tax year 2009, for a total amount of €22 million for tax and accessory items;
3. increased IRES and IRAP for the tax years 2008 and 2009, regarding Pioneer Investment Management SGRPA, for challenges in relation to transfer pricing for a total amount equal to €52.7 million;
4. increased IRES and IRAP for the tax year 2009 regarding UniCredit Bank Austria A.G, Italian branch, for challenges in relation to transfer pricing for a total amount equal to €4.2 million. The relevant assessments have been settled;
5. increased IRES and IRAP for the tax year 2009 regarding Finecobank Banca Fineco S.p.A. due to costs which were claimed by the Revenue Agency to be non-deductible, for a total amount equal to €2 million. A request for settlement has been recently filed;
6. increased IRES and IRAP for the tax year 2009 regarding Unicredit Banca di Roma S.p.A. and UniCredit Private Banking S.p.A. for challenges in relation to transfer pricing for a total amount, as to tax and accessory items, equal to €1.1 million; and
7. other disputes regarding Italian subsidiaries or incorporated entities, for a total amount of around €2.3 million.

In relation to the above mentioned assessments, the necessary measures have been taken, promptly challenging such assessments before the competent tax courts and/or filing appropriate requests for settlement.

Although UniCredit believes the risks due to the above mentioned assessments are minimal, it has nonetheless made the appropriate provisions to cover such potential liabilities.

At the end of February 2015 UniCredit received, in its capacity as incorporating company of UniCredit Banca di Roma S.p.A. and of Banco di Sicilia S.p.A., the latter being the transferee of the assets and liabilities of Sicilcassa S.p.A., six notices of liquidation (*avvisi di liquidazione*) for registration tax for the tax years 2012 and 2013, for a total amount of €23.3 million of which €8.4 million is attributable to UniCredit. The claims before the competent Provincial Tax Commission against said notices of liquidation were recently filed.

Proceedings related to actions by the Regulatory Authorities

The UniCredit Group is subject to a significant degree of regulation and supervision by the Bank of Italy, CONSOB, the European Banking Authority (**EBA**), the ECB within the Single Supervisory Mechanism (**SSM**) as well as local banking regulators and supervisors. As a consequence, the UniCredit Group is subject to normal supervisory activities by the relevant authorities. Some of these ordinary course supervisory activities have resulted in investigations and alleged irregularities, which are still pending as of the date of this Prospectus. In such circumstances, the UniCredit Group has endeavoured to demonstrate the correctness of its conduct. The UniCredit Group believes these investigations will not have material adverse effects on its business.

In particular, during recent years, some Group companies³², including UniCredit, have been subject to inspections by CONSOB concerning Cirio bonds, sovereign bonds issued by the Republic of Argentina and certain operations with derivative financial instruments. Following the completion of such inspections and reviews, CONSOB commenced certain administrative proceedings against managers of the banks involved.

Some of these proceedings regarding the alleged failure to comply with regulations and internal procedures concerning investment services are still pending. The UniCredit Group has acted to demonstrate the correctness of the actions by the companies and managers involved. In some of these cases, however, the proceedings have led to fines against managers, some of whom also hold offices at UniCredit, who are jointly and severally responsible together with the banks involved.

Furthermore, in 2008, CONSOB investigated a Group company for its role as placement manager and sponsor in connection with the offer and listing of shares in an Italian company. Notwithstanding the allegations by CONSOB, the Group defended its actions and disputed the facts. However, the proceeding, which resulted in the imposition of a pecuniary administrative penalty against an employee of the Group in July 2009, is still pending as at the date of this Prospectus.

On 26 March 2012, CONSOB initiated an investigation against UniCredit S.p.A. aimed at ascertaining, in relation to specific profiles, the effective adoption by the Bank of certain corrective measures subsequent to the order of call pursuant to article 7, para 1, letter b), of the Financial Services Act made by the same Supervisory Authority in a letter dated 23 April 2010. At the same time, the Supervisory Authority has also carried out specific checks related to the procedures for the assessment of the adequateness/appropriateness of the organisational and administrative arrangements to manage conflicts of interest, on transactions in place with retail clients, regarding the rights issue of new shares in the capital increase resolved on 15 December 2011 by the extraordinary shareholders' meeting, as well as other financial instruments identified during the investigation. Such investigation ended on 15 May 2013 and, further to the same, CONSOB – through an order of call pursuant to article 7, para 1, letter b), of the Financial Services Act made by letter dated 20 November 2013 has asked the Bank to define and adopt certain corrective measures aimed at allowing a more correct operating activity in the context of the provision of investment services. The Bank on 13 February 2014 has approved the “CONSOB action plan”, related to corrective measures, deemed appropriate by the Bank, at solving the findings highlighted by the Authority and illustrated in the response sent to CONSOB on 18 February 2014. The action plan, defined by the Bank, can be considered almost completed within the deadline communicated to the Supervisory Authority.

On 18 June 2013, CONSOB started an investigation on UniCredit S.p.A., under art. 187-octies, subparagraph 3, letter. e), of the Financial Services Act, relating to the overall project for the restructuring of its stake in the capital share of Gruppo Partecipazioni Industriali S.p.A., Camfin S.p.A. and Pirelli S.p.A., disclosed to the market on 5 June 2013, in order to acquire data, information and documents concerning procedures and operational practices for the management of sensitive information and the Insider List. The investigation ended on 8 August 2013. CONSOB has sent to the Bank a counterclaim, under art. 195 TUF, violation of art. 115-bis of the Decree, as of art. 152-ter of the Issuers' Regulations, to which the Bank has presented its rebuttal by the

³² Some of which have been incorporated into UniCredit as of 1 November 2010.

due date of 2 April 2014 and on 10 October 2014 UniCredit submitted additional counterclaims to the Regulator to contest the charge. On 16 January 2015 CONSOB notified UniCredit that the Sanctioning Proceeding was dismissed, lacking the requirements to issue Sanctions.

From 2011 up to the date of this Prospectus, the Bank of Italy, pursuant to its above-mentioned ordinary supervisory activities, carried out inspections in the following areas: governance, management and control of credit risk, focusing on the small and medium business segment; transparency, usury and anti-money laundering; validation process for internal models on credit risk and Counterparty Credit Risk (**CCR**), the latter jointly with the relevant German and Austrian supervisory Authorities; governance, management and control of liquidity risks and interest rate risk at consolidated level with an analogous initiative carried out in parallel the BaFin; adequacy of information systems and back office processes of the Group, and related follow up, in cooperation with the BaFin and Bundesbank; validation of the revision of the internal model for operational risk; governance and coordination in Finance area (CIB Markets) and assessment of market risk internal models (VaR, IRC and Stressed VAR) in cooperation with BaFin/Bundesbank and FMA/OeNB, validation of internal model for operational risk with the relevant national supervisors (AMA Model); adequacy of loan loss provisions for credit positions classified as “*sofferenze*”, “*incaglio*” and “*ristrutturati*”; administrative accounting groupwide processes, with focus on information flows finalised to produce consolidated financial statement; remuneration and compensation policies and practices; respect of the AML regulation (with particular focus on KYC obligations within enterprise segment). Furthermore, a general inspection has been carried out against the Group company Fineco Bank.

In light of the above investigations, the Group implemented corrective measures intended to overcome any negative findings. The action plans prepared by the Group to correct such negative findings have been substantially in compliance with applicable deadlines. The action plans are monitored by managers with certain corporate or control functions and periodically brought to the attention of the supervisory authority.

Furthermore, in 2014 UniCredit Group was subject to the Comprehensive Assessment by the ECB and the related National Competent Authorities as preparation for the Single Supervisory Mechanism. As shown by the final outcome, published on 26 October 2014, the capital levels were above the minimum level set both in the base scenario as well as in the stressed one.

In relation to the investigations carried out in the areas of i) governance, management and control of credit risk, focusing on the small and medium business segment ii) transparency and correctness with customers, Bank of Italy ascertained certain irregularities and, as a result, imposed pecuniary administrative penalties, pursuant to article 114 of the Banking Law, against some of the Group’s corporate representatives³³.

In December 2008, the AGCM sanctioned UniCredit Banca (now UniCredit) for approximately €1.5 million for having entered allegedly harmful competition agreements, dating back to 1996, relating to the management of the cash flows of INAIL, the Italian workers compensation authority. While the company appealed the sanctions, the proceedings are still pending as at the date of this Prospectus.

In July 2009, the AGCM initiated an investigation to ascertain if UniCredit, together with MasterCard™ and other banks³⁴, have entered into agreements that restrict competition in the credit card industry. In November 2010, the AGCM imposed pecuniary administrative penalties³⁵ against UniCredit and other banks for anti-competition violations relating to credit cards. UniCredit and the other banks appealed the penalties to the regional court of Lazio, which in July 2011 overturned the penalties. In November 2011, the AGCM appealed to the Italian Council of State against the above judgment of the regional court of Lazio; the appeal is still pending as at the date of this Prospectus.

³³ Regarding “governance, management and control of credit risk” three managers – at the time in charge to GRM – were sanctioned for a total amount equal to €91,000. Regarding “transparency and correctness with customers” four managers – at the time in charge to Legal & Compliance and Commercial Banking Italy – were sanctioned for a total amount equal to €116,000.

³⁴ Particularly, Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A., Banca Nazionale del Lavoro S.p.A., Banca Sella Holding S.p.A., Barclays Bank PLC, Deutsche Bank S.p.A., Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A. and Istituto Centrale delle Banche Popolari Italiane S.p.A.

³⁵ The total amount of sanctions was €6,030,00 of which €380,000 applied to UniCredit.

In December 2009, the AGCM commenced proceedings against UniCredit Banca di Roma (now UniCredit) alleging unfair trade practices with respect to mortgage forgiveness. The AGCM subsequently added UniCredit Family Financing Bank S.p.A. (now UniCredit) to the proceedings. In May 2010, pecuniary administrative penalties of €150,000 were imposed against only UniCredit Banca di Roma, which appealed to the regional court. The proceedings are still pending as at the date of this Prospectus.

In February 2010, the AGCM commenced proceedings against UniCredit Banca di Roma (now UniCredit) alleging unfair trade practices with respect to the closing of bank accounts. In July 2010, pecuniary administrative penalties of €50,000 were imposed. Thereafter, UniCredit Banca di Roma appealed to the regional court. The proceedings are still pending as at the date of this Prospectus.

In April 2010, the AGCM commenced proceedings against a Group company, Fineco Bank, alleging unfair trade practices with respect to internet advertising. In August 2010, pecuniary administrative penalties of €140,000 were imposed. Thereafter, Fineco Bank appealed to the regional court. The proceedings are still pending as at the date of this Prospectus.

In August 2011, the AGCM commenced proceedings against and requested related information from UniCredit and another Group company, Family Credit Network S.p.A., alleging unfair trade practices in connection with an advertisement offering funding. In September 2011, UniCredit and Family Credit Network S.p.A. presented some written memos and responded to the AGCM's information requests. In November 2011, pecuniary administrative penalties of €70,000 and €50,000 were imposed against UniCredit and Family Credit Network S.p.A., respectively. Thereafter UniCredit and Family Credit Network S.p.A. (then merged into UniCredit) appealed to the regional court. The proceedings are still pending as at the date of this Prospectus.

In December 2012, the AGCM commenced proceeding against UniCredit and requested related information from UniCredit alleging unfair trade practices in connection with the advertising of the deposit account named "*Conto Risparmio Sicuro*". In July 2013, pecuniary administrative penalties of €250,000 were imposed against UniCredit, which appealed to the regional court. The proceedings are still pending as at the date of this Prospectus.

Germany

In Germany, various regulators are exercising oversight of operations of UniCredit Bank AG (**UCB AG**). The German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (**BaFin**) and German Central Bank (**Bundesbank**) have conducted audits and/or reviews of UCB AG's risk management and internal control systems. They highlighted concerns (which were also the subject of additional internal and external UCB AG audits) about the extent to which such systems are fully compliant with applicable legal and regulatory requirements in Germany. At the beginning of 2010, UCB AG started a comprehensive programme to address those risks it deemed to be material. UCB AG continues to work in strict coordination with external auditors and respective Group functions to rectify the concerns raised and to ensure that Group-wide risk management policies are deployed in accordance with UniCredit policy. Such comprehensive programme promotes a stringent steering and monitoring of corrective measures. In the beginning of 2014, this programme has been performed by the Regulatory Affairs and Findings Management unit of UCB AG.

Also in 2014 BaFin conducted several audits, besides those ones performed jointly with Banca d'Italia (see above). The most important ones have been the audit regarding operational risk and the follow-up audits regarding Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (**ICAAP**), Loss given default (**LGD**) and IT-Management, in parallel with Banca d'Italia.

Since 4 November 2014, the responsibility for Banking Supervision has been transferred from BaFin to ECB. Starting from February 2015, two on-site inspections regarding UCB AG have been performed by ECB: an audit to validate the IRB model on rating bills receivable and letters of credit, and an audit regarding the Compliance function according to the Minimum Requirements for Risk Management (**MaRisk**). On site assessment of two credit ratings models are going to commence in April, involving also the Luxembourg subsidiary.

Regarding Securities Supervision, BaFin conducted in 2014, besides the annual audit on custodian business, custodian function and compliance with the Securities Trading Act, a special audit investigating UCB AG's compliance with Custody Act requirements.

UCB AG has been contacted by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the UK Financial Conduct Authority (**FCA**) and BaFin as part of an industry-wide investigation in order to look into allegations mentioned in media reports of possible manipulation of the foreign exchange (**FX**) market, in particular of a leading FX benchmark published by Reuters. UCB AG has started an internal investigation into the matter which is led by UCB AG's Internal Audit function. So far, the investigation has not revealed any evidence of UCB AG involvement in the manipulation of the FX benchmark.

Poland

In the course of its business activity, Bank Pekao is subject to various inspections, controls and investigations or explanatory proceedings carried out by different regulatory authorities, including, in particular: (i) the Polish Financial Supervision Authority (**PFSA**), (ii) the anti-trust authority (**UOKiK**) within the scope of the protection of market competition and consumers' collective rights, (iii) the relevant authority for the supervision of personal data protection (**GIODO**), and (iv) the relevant authorities for preventing and combating money-laundering and the financing of terrorism.

The PFSA conducts on a regular basis periodical audits with respect to the entire activity and financial condition of the bank.

In 2012 the PFSA conducted an extensive inspection that covered, in particular: (i) credit risk management; (ii) liquidity risk management; (iii) market risk management; (iv) operational risk management; (v) capital adequacy; and (vi) management of the bank and its compliance with the laws that govern its business and with its constitutional documents. During the inspection certain irregularities were discovered and specific recommendations were issued; however, neither fines nor other penalties were imposed against Bank Pekao. The PFSA raised 44 recommendations which, as at the date of this Prospectus, have already been implemented according to the schedule agreed with the PFSA.

Between 2012 and 2014, the PFSA conducted other regulatory inspections focusing on specific issues: (i) the activity related to the custody of assets of certain open pension funds and employer pension funds; (ii) verification of the conditions specified by Bank of Italy and PFSA for using by Bank Pekao of AMA approach for operational risk; (iii) the activity of Bank Pekao's brokerage house; (iv) the activity related to the fulfilment of the obligation as a depositary; (v) the compliance with the regulations on preventing and combating money-laundering and the financing of terrorism.

As a result of these inspections, the PFSA issued certain recommendations which were followed by Bank Pekao.

From 24 June 2013 until 19 July 2013 the PFSA conducted the inspection regarding, (i) the quality of assets and credit risk management; (ii) the engagement in distribution of investment and insurance products (bancassurance); (iii) the internal control system, in particular audit and compliance areas; (iv) the co-operation with the holding company and costs of such co-operation borne by the Bank Pekao; (v) the functioning on interbank market; (vi) the rules and policies regarding variable parts of remuneration of persons holding key managerial positions; and (vii) the implementation of recommendations in credit risk area issued after comprehensive inspection of 2012. Post-inspection protocol raised no major issues to the Bank Pekao. In October 2013, Bank Pekao received 29 detailed post-inspection recommendations. The action plan regarding completion of the recommendations was prepared by Bank Pekao and shared with the PFSA. As of the date of this Prospectus, all recommendations have already been implemented according to the schedule.

Between 2 June and 18 July 2014, the PFSA conducted special proceedings regarding Asset Quality Review, being the part of the pan-European activity aimed at verification of the quality of assets in major European Banks. The overall outcome of the inspection was positive, showing Bank Pekao as the leading Bank in Poland in terms of Core Tier 1 ratio. As a result of the inspection, several minor irregularities were identified by the PSFA and as a consequence 8 recommendations were issued. As of the date of this Prospectus, 4 recommendations have already been implemented according to the schedule agreed with PSFA, and 4 remaining are scheduled for implementation within the end of Q3 2015.

The other regulatory proceedings were also initiated, including:

- anti-trust proceedings against operators of Visa™ and Europay™ systems and Polish banks issuing Visa™ and MasterCard™ payment cards in relation to joint determination of interchange fee influencing the competition on the acquiring services market in Poland. The UOKiK ruled that

such practices restricted the competition on the relevant market, ordered the banks for refrain from these practices and imposed sanctions. The sanctions imposed on Bank Pekao amounted to approximately PLN 16.6 million (approximately €3.7 million). Bank Pekao appealed the UOKiK's decision. On 12 November 2008, the Antimonopoly Court withdrew the UOKiK's sentence. The UOKiK then filed an appeal against the Antimonopoly Court's decision. On 22 April 2010, the Court of Appeal reversed the decision of the Antimonopoly Court and transferred the case to the Antimonopoly Court for re-examination. On 8 May 2012 the Antimonopoly Court suspended the proceedings until the final resolution of the matter constituted in MasterCard's appeal against the European Commission's decision of 19 December 2007. As a result of Bank Pekao's complaint, on 25 October 2012 the Court of Appeal repealed the decision on the suspension of the proceedings. By the verdict of 21 November 2013 the Antimonopoly Court reduced the sanction imposed on Bank Pekao from 16.6 mln PLN to 14 mln PLN (approximately €3.1 million). On 7 February 2014 Bank Pekao filed an appeal against the Antimonopoly Court's decision with regard to the sanction in amount of 14 mln PLN;

- an investigation by the UOKiK regarding the compliance with consumers' law of the transfer to the Credit Bureau (BIK) of information on expiration of consumers' obligations. By decision of 28 December 2012 the UOKiK fined Bank Pekao for 1,8 million Zloty (approximately €450,000). In January 2013, Bank Pekao appealed to the Antimonopoly Court. By the verdict of 24 February 2015, the Antimonopoly Court dismissed the appeal of Bank Pekao. Bank Pekao appealed such verdict of the Antimonopoly Court;
- an administrative proceeding initiated by decision of the PFSA of 31 October 2013 to impose an administrative sanction on Bank Pekao in relation to the suspected failure by Bank Pekao as a depositary of the open investment fund, to fulfil obligations stipulated in the Investment Funds Act. In November 2014 the PFSA imposed on Bank Pekao the fine in amount of 100 thousand PLN (approximately €24 thousand). The decision of the PFSA is final and legally valid;
- an administrative proceeding initiated by decision of the PFSA of 5 February 2014 to impose an administrative sanction on Centralny Dom Maklerski Pekao S.A. (**CDM Pekao**), subsidiary of Bank Pekao, in relation to the suspected breach of the Trading in Financial Instruments Act. In October 2014 the PFSA imposed on CDM Pekao the fine in amount of 150 thousand PLN (approximately €36 thousand). The decision of the PFSA is final and legally valid;
- an administrative proceeding initiated by decision of the PFSA of 18 December 2014 to impose an administrative sanction on Bank Pekao in connection with a suspected infringement of the Trading in Financial Instruments Act through a provision in favour of the clients of investment advisory services without a required permit. The proceeding is expected to be completed in April 2015.

Austria

As a licensed credit institution, UniCredit Bank Austria AG (**UCBA**) is subject to the Austrian banking act (*Bankwesengesetz* – **BWG**) and hence, to the detailed regulation of and supervision by the Austrian financial market authority (*Finanzmarktaufsicht* – **FMA**) and the *Oesterreichische Nationalbank* (**OeNB**). Since 4 November 2014, the responsibility for Banking Supervision has been transferred from FMA to ECB.

From December to 2012 to February 2013, OeNB/FMA conducted a follow-up audit concerning the credit portfolio of UCBA and certain of its subsidiaries. The primarily audit scope was to assess the status of measures implementation related to their on-site inspection and its result in 2010 on the same audit object. At that time, auditors had found several of the then applicable risk management and risk control mechanisms regarding credit risk in the CEE countries to be insufficient. As a result from their follow-up audit activities, OeNB and FMA recognised that progress has been made comparing with the audit results of 2010, basically in all the improvement areas. In addition, the success of the action plan at systematically reducing the deficiencies was monitored by the management board and the supervisory board of UCBA on a regular basis and by the FMA on the basis of quarterly reports prepared by UCBA. However, the regulator stated as well that UCBA does not fully meet their expectations yet. Therefore UCBA filed an action plan with further improvement-measures to be implemented. UCBA reports on regular basis to the FMA and the OeNB on the progress made regarding the implementation of the improvement-measures.

In April 2013 OeNB started an on-site-examination focused on IT-Risk and Outsourcing. The inspection of OeNB was finalised in September 2013. OeNB states that the outsourcing activities of UCBA in general meet the regulatory requirements. However OeNB highlights in its report several deficiencies – especially related to information-flows between service providers and UCBA, monitoring of service providers and involvement of UCBA in group wide projects. UCBA has filed a comprehensive action plan, submitted it to OeNB and progress of implementation of improving measures is monitored on a regular basis.

In September 2013 OeNB started an on-site examination on liquidity risk. The on-site-presence of OeNB was finalised in January 2014. At the beginning of June 2014, UCBA has been provided with the audit report of OeNB. OeNB stressed some deficiencies, mainly with respect to stress resilience of UCBA, the substantial cross border-risk *vis-à-vis* Turkey and concerning the funds transfer pricing process as well as the liquidity risk management process. A detailed action plan was defined and submitted to OeNB and since then continuous progress has been made in implementing corrective measures and status up-dates are provided on a regular basis to FMA/OeNB.

In April 2014 the Austrian Financial Market Authority conducted an on-site-examination on Anti-Money-Laundering-Risk. Among others, main findings are related to certain process deficiencies and inadequate staffing. Management of UCBA immediately defined a comprehensive action plan in order to remediate revealed deficiencies by continuously monitoring progress of implementation.

In late 2014, OeNB started an on-site examination concerning Participation Risk Management and on-site audit activities have been finalized in December and the report was delivered in March. UCBA replied in April.

In March 2015 ECB mandated OeNB to perform an on site assessment of the risks related to loans denominated in foreign currencies, that is on going at the date of this prospectus.

UK

UniCredit S.p.A. and UCB AG branches in the UK are subject to the supervision of local regulators, in particular to the supervision of UK Prudential Regulation Authority (**PRA**) and FCA.

The FCA (then Financial Supervisory Authority – FSA) audited the London branches of UniCredit and UCB AG at the end of 2010 in connection with their investment banking activities.

The FCA found irregularities in the reporting and control activities of UCB AG and imposed operating limits subject to UCB AG's successful remediation of those irregularities.

UCB AG adopted an action plan to remedy those irregularities. In 2013 the FCA instructed a follow up audit – by requiring an independent third party for an “expert opinion” – which made further recommendations for improvement in the reporting and control activities of UCB AG. London branches of UCB AG and UniCredit S.p.A. addressed all the detailed recommendations and completed the remediation plan, with the exception of one action.

Other countries

Group companies operating in the other countries where the Group is present are subject to regular oversight activities, including inspections, audits and investigations or other fact-finding proceedings, by local regulatory authorities. These authorities carry out their activities with varying frequencies and methods, depending, among other things, on the country and the financial condition of Group company. As a result, local supervisory authorities may require Group companies to adopt certain organisational measures and/or impose sanctions or fines.

Russian Federation

From May to August 2013, the OeNB conducted an on-site examination on Credit-Risk in ZAO UniCredit Bank and, at the same time, in cooperation with the Bank of Italy, the validation of the internal rating model for Multinational counterparties. The report was submitted in January 2014 and shows some deficiencies to be improved related to credit approval process and underwriting as well as rating models and processes. BA has - in cooperation with ZAO UniCredit Bank - submitted a comprehensive action plan to OeNB and its progress of implementation is monitored thoroughly.

Croatia

With respect to audit performed by OeNB/FMA in BA Group, from July to August 2012, OeNB conducted an on-site inspection in the Croatian subsidiary Zagrebacka Banka, d.d. on credit risk. With respect to their findings an action plan was established and its progress of implementation is monitored thoroughly.

Republic of Ireland

In August 2013, the Central Bank of Ireland started administrative proceedings against UniCredit Bank Ireland plc for breaches of the Large Exposure Rule pursuant to the laws governing capital adequacy according to CRD that was concluded in March 2014. The supervisory Authority reprimanded the bank and required to pay a monetary penalty of €315,000.

Turkey

Following the investigation launched in November 2011 against Yapı ve Kredi Bankası A.Ş.³⁶ (**YKB**) and other eleven Turkish banks, on 8 March 2013, the Turkish Competition Authority (**TCA**) announced its decision to impose administrative pecuniary fines on those banks for their alleged failure to comply with Turkish competition laws. The amount of the fine imposed on YKB resulting from the investigation is Turkish Lira (**TL**) 149,961,870. Notwithstanding YKB firmly believes that it has complied with applicable laws, the bank has benefitted from the early payment option pursuant to Turkish laws and paid TL 112,471,402 (75 per cent. of the administrative fine) to the relevant directorate of revenues in August 2013. In September 2013, YKB also filed an appeal against the decision of TCA for the annulment of the relevant decision and recovery of the paid amount. As to the date of this Prospectus, the case is pending before 2nd District of Ankara Administrative Court. The Court decided to reject the annulment of the relevant TCA decision. In course of the judgement process, YKB has now the right to appeal against the 2nd District of Ankara Administrative Court's decision in the Council of State. The aforementioned decision of rejection will be appealed within the limitation period following the reception of the notice.

Furthermore, as to the date of this Prospectus, there are currently routine examinations of Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency.

CEE

Furthermore, UniCredit, its subsidiaries and entities in which it has an investment are subject to scrutiny by competition authorities from time to time.

In this regard, as to the date of this Prospectus, there are Antitrust investigations and proceedings currently underway in Hungary (UniCredit Bank Hungary ZrT).

CORPORATE OBJECTS

The purpose of UniCredit, as set out in Clause 4 of its articles of association, is to engage in deposit-taking and lending in its various forms, in Italy and abroad, operating wherever in accordance with prevailing norms and practice, and to execute all permitted transactions and services of a banking and financial nature. In order to achieve its corporate purpose, UniCredit may engage in any activity that is instrumental or in any case related to its banking and financial activities, including the issue of bonds and the acquisition of shareholding in Italy and abroad.

PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 10 June 2015, UniCredit share capital, fully subscribed and paid-up, amounted to € 20,257,667,511.62 and comprised 5,969,658,488 shares without nominal value, of which 5,967,177,811 are ordinary shares and 2,480,677 are savings shares. UniCredit ordinary shares are listed on the Italian, German and Polish regulated markets. The shares traded on these markets have the same characteristics and confer the same rights on the

³⁶ Yapı ve Kredi Bankası A.Ş. is a bank incorporated under the laws of Turkey and controlled by Koç Financial Services A.Ş., a joint venture between UniCredit and Koç Group

holder. UniCredit savings shares (shares without voting rights and with preferential economic rights) are only listed on the Italian regulated market.

As at 13 May 2015, according to available information, the main shareholders holding, directly or indirectly, a relevant participation in the Issuer were:

Main Shareholders	Ordinary Shares	%*
Aabar Luxembourg S.a.r.l.	296,417,767	5.041%
BlackRock Inc.	273,722,470	4.655%
Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio Verona, Vicenza, Belluno e Ancona	202,808,472	3.449%
Central Bank of Libya	171,338,583	2.914%
Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Torino	147,517,322	2.509%
Carimonte Holding S.p.A.	118,180,000	2.010%

* On ordinary share capital at the date of 13 May 2015.

According to Clause 5 of UniCredit's Articles of Association, no one entitled to vote may vote, for any reason whatsoever, for a number of shares exceeding 5 per cent. of the share capital bearing voting rights.

For the purposes of computing said threshold, one must take into account the global stake held by the controlling party, (be it a private individual, legal entity or company), all subsidiaries – both direct and indirect – and affiliates, as well as those shares held through trustee companies and/or third parties and/or those shares whose voting rights are attributed for any purpose or reason to a party other than their owner; those shareholdings included in the portfolios of mutual funds managed by subsidiaries or affiliates, on the other hand, must not be taken into consideration.

No individual or entity controls the Issuer within the meaning provided for in Article 93 of the Financial Services Act, as amended

MATERIAL CONTRACTS

UniCredit has not entered into any contracts in the last two years outside the ordinary course of business that could materially prejudice its ability to meet its obligations under the OBG.

MANAGEMENT

Board of Directors

The board of directors (the **Board** or the **Board of Directors**) is responsible for the strategic supervision and management of UniCredit and the Group and it may delegate its powers to the Chief Executive Officer and other Board members.

The Board is elected by UniCredit shareholders at a general meeting for a three financial year term, unless a shorter term is established upon their appointment, and Directors may be re-elected. Under UniCredit by-laws, the Board is composed of between a minimum of nine and a maximum of twenty-four Directors.

The Board of Directors currently in office was appointed by the UniCredit Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting on 13 May 2015 for a term of three financial years and is composed of 17 members. The term in office of the current members of the Board will expire on the date of the Shareholders' Meeting called to approve the financial statements for the financial year ending 31 December 2017.

The Board can appoint one or more General Managers and/or one or more Deputy General Managers, establishing their roles and areas of competence. Should a Chief Executive Officer not have been appointed, the Board of Directors shall appoint a sole General Manager, and can appoint one or more Deputy General Managers, establishing their roles and areas of competence. The Board has appointed Mr. Federico Ghizzoni as Chief Executive Officer.

The following table sets forth the current members of UniCredit Board of Directors.

Name	Position
Giuseppe Vita ¹	Chairman
Vincenzo Calandra Buonauro ¹	Deputy Vice Chairman
Luca Cordero di Montezemolo ²	Vice Chairman
Fabrizio Palenzona ¹	Vice Chairman
Federico Ghizzoni ¹⁻³	Chief Executive Officer
Mohamed Badawy Al-Husseiny ²	Director
Manfred Bischoff ¹	Director
Cesare Bioni ²	Director
Henryka Bochniarz ²	Director
Alessandro Caltagirone ²	Director
Helga Jung ¹⁻³	Director
Lucrezia Reichlin ²	Director
Clara-C. Streit ²	Director
Paola Vezzani ²	Director
Alexander Wolfgring ²	Director
Anthony Wyand ²	Director
Elena Zambon ²	Director

Notes:

- (1) Director that does not meet the independence requirements pursuant to Clause 20 of the Articles of Association and Section 3 of the Corporate Governance Code.
- (2) Director that meets the independence requirements pursuant to Clause 20 of the Articles of Association, Section 3 of the Corporate Governance Code and Section 148 of the Financial Services Act and Section 3 of the Corporate Governance Code.
- (3) Director that does not meet the independence requirements pursuant to Section 148 of the Financial Services Act.

The business address for each of the foregoing Directors is UniCredit S.p.A.'s head office.

Other principal activities performed by the members of the Board which are significant with respect to UniCredit are listed below:

Giuseppe Vita

- Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Axel Springer SE - Germany
- Member of the Board of Directors of ABI - Italian Banking Association - Italy
- Member of the General Council of Aspen Institute Italia
- Member of the Trilateral Commission - Italian Group
- Member of the Board of Directors of ISPI – Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale – Italy
- Member of the Executive Committee of ISPI – Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale - Italy
- Honorary Chairman of Deutsche Bank S.p.A. - Italy

Vincenzo Calandra Buonauro

- Member of the Board of Directors of ABI - Italian Banking Association
- Freelance lawyer

Luca Cordero di Montezemolo

- Chairman of Alitalia - Società Aerea Italiana S.p.A.
- Chairman of Alitalia - Compagnia Aerea Italiana S.p.A.
- Chairman of Telethon
- Chairman of Charme Management S.r.l.
- Chairman of the Promoting Committee for the Rome Candidacy at the 2024 Olympic Games
- Chairman MDP Holding Uno Srl
- Chairman MDP Holding Due Srl
- Chairman MDP Holding Tre Srl
- Chairman MDP Holding Quattro Srl
- Director of Poltrona Frau S.p.A.
- Director of Nuovo Trasporto Viaggiatori S.p.A.
- Director of Kering
- Director of Tod's S.p.A.
- Director of Montezemolo & Partners SGR
- Director of Coesia S.p.A.

Fabrizio Palenzona

- Chairman of Assaeroporti S.p.A. - Associazione Italiana Gestori Aeroporti
- Chairman of ADR S.p.A
- Chairman of FAISERVICE SCARL
- Chairman of AISCAT (Italian Association of Toll Motorways and Tunnels Operators)
- Member of the Board of Directors of ABI - Italian Banking Association
- Member of the Executive Committee of Giunta degli Industriali di Roma
- Member of the Board of Directors of Università degli Studi del Piemonte Orientale “Amedeo Avogadro”

Federico Ghizzoni

- Member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of ABI – Italian Banking Association
- Member of the EFR European Financial Services Roundtable
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Stockholders’ Agreement of Mediobanca S.p.A.
- Chairman of Associazione Filarmonica della Scala
- Member of IIEB Institute International d’Etudes Bancaires – Brussels
- Member of IMC International Monetary Conference (Washington)
- Member of the Council for the United States and Italy
- Member of the Strategic Board of Sodalitas
- Member of the Board of Directors of Institute of International Finance
- Chairman of the Supervisory Board of UniCredit Bank AG
- Member of the Bocconi University Board

Mohamed Badawy Al-Husseiny

- Chief Executive Officer and Board Member of Aabar Investments PJS
- Board Member of Powertek Energy Sdn Bhd
- Board Member of EDRA Global Energy Berhad (Formerly known as 1MDB Energy Group Berhad)
- Board Member of Equity Group Foundation International (EGFI)
- Board Member (Former Chairman) of Falcon Private Bank (Switzerland)

Manfred Bischoff

- Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Daimler AG

- Member of the Board of Directors of Airbus Group N.V.
- Member of the Supervisory Board of SMS Holding GmbH

Cesare Bioni

- Director at the Foundation Demo Center - Sipe;
- Alternative Auditor of Modena Formazione per la Pubblica Amministrazione e per l'Impresa S.r.l.

Henryka Bochniarz

- President, Polish Confederation Lewiatan
- Deputy Chair, Tripartite Committee for Social and Economic Affairs
- Member of the Enterprise and Industry Advisory Group
- Member of the Supervisory Board of FCA Poland SA
- Member of the Supervisory Board, Orange Polska SA
- Member of the International Advisory Board, Kozminski University
- Co-founder of the Congress of Women and the Congress of Women Association
- Chairperson of the joint Polish-Japanese Economic Committee
- Member of the Board of Trustees, Polish National Museum
- Vice President, The Stanislaw Ignacy Witkiewicz Art Foundation

Alessandro Caltagirone

- Board Member and Executive Committee Member of Vianini Lavori S.p.A.
- Chief Executive of Vianini Ingegneria S.p.A.
- Chairman of the Board of Vianini Industria S.p.A.
- Board Member of Il Messaggero S.p.A.
- Board Member of Cementir Holding S.p.A.
- Board Member of Caltagirone S.p.A.
- Board Member of Caltagirone Editore S.p.A.
- Board Member of Il Gazzettino S.p.A.
- Board Member of Cimentas A.S.
- Board Member of Fincal S.A.
- Board Member of Globocem A.S.

- Board Member of Cementir Espana A.S.
- Board Member of Aalborg Portland Espana
- Chairman of the Board of Yapitek Teknolojisi San. Ve Tic. A.S.
- Investment Committee Member of Fabrica Immobiliare SGR S.p.A.
- Chief Executive of Finanziaria Italia 2005 S.p.A.
- Chairman of the Board of Ical S.p.A.
- Chief Executive of Immobiliare Ara Coeli S.r.l.
- Chief Executive of Alca 1969 S.r.l.
- Chief Executive of Corso 2009 S.r.l.

Helga Jung

- Non-Executive Chairwoman of the Supervisory Board of Allianz Asset Management AG
- Non-Executive Member of the Supervisory Board of Allianz Global Corporate & Speciality SE
- Non-Executive Member of the Board of Directors of Allianz Seguros, Spain
- Non-Executive Member of the Board of Directors of Companhia de Seguros Allianz Portugal S.A.
- Member of the Management Board of Allianz SE

Lucrezia Reichlin

- Member of the Scientific Board of over ten international institutions, including universities and banks; various editorial activities on international journals; "Fellow" at the Centre for European Policy Research, London, "Fellow" of the European Economic Association, "Fellow" of the British Academy.
- Chairperson and Co Founder and Director of Now Casting Economics Ltd.
- Member of the Board of Directors of Messaggerie Italiane S.p.A.
- Member of the Board of Directors of AGEAS SA/NV
- Member of Commission Economique de la Nation (Advisory Board to the French finance and economics ministers)

Clara-Cristina Frances Traute Streit

- Non executive Member of the Board of Directors of Vontobel Holding AG, Vontobel Bank AG, Zurich
- Non executive Member of the Supervisory Board of Deutsche Annington SE, Dusseldorf
- Non executive Member of the Supervisory Board of Delta Lloyd NV, Amsterdam
- Non executive Member of the Board of Directors of Jeronimo Martins SGPS S.A., Lisbon

Paola Vezzani

- Full Professor of Financial Intermediaries and Markets – University of Modena e Reggio Emilia Director of the Department of Communication and Economics and member of the Academic Senate of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia as representative of the Directors of the Departments of Macro Area of Economics, Law and Social Sciences

Alexander Wolfgring

- Member of the Board of Directors (Executive Director), Privatstiftung zur Verwaltung von Anteilsrechten, Vienna
- Member of the Board of Directors AVZ GmbH, Vienna
- Member of the Board of Directors AVZ Holding GmbH, Vienna
- Member of the Board of Directors AVZ Finanz-Holding GmbH, Vienna
- Member of the Supervisory Board, Österreichisches Verkehrsbüro AG, Vienna
- Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Verkehrsbüro Touristik GmbH
- Member of the Board of Directors AVB Holding GmbH, Vienna
- Member of the Board of Directors API Besitz, GmbH, Vienna

Anthony Wyand

- Member of the Board of Directors of AVIVA France
- Member of the Board of Directors of Société Foncière Lyonnaise S.A.
- Deputy Chairman of Société Générale

Elena Zambon

Zambon Group

- Vice President of GEFIM S.p.A.
- Member of the Board of Directors of ENAZ S.r.l.
- Member of the Board of Directors of IAVA S.r.l.
- Member of the Board of Directors of ITAZ S.r.l.
- Member of the Board of Directors of TANO S.r.l.
- Member of the Board of Directors of CLEOPS S.r.l.
- Member of the Board of Directors of Zambon Company S.p.A.
- President of Zambon S.p.A.
- Vice President of Zach Systems S.p.A.
- Member of the Board of Directors of Zeta Cube S.r.l.

- Member of the Board of Directors of Zambon Italia S.r.l.
- President of Zambon Immobiliare S.p.A.

Secofind Group

- President of Secofind SIM S.p.A.
- Vice President of ZETA4 S.r.l.

Offices extra Zambon Group

- Member of the Board of Directors of ANGAMA S.r.l.
- Member of the Board of Directors of Fondo Strategico Italiano
- Member of the Board of Directors of Italcementi S.p.A.
- President of Aidaf
- Member of the Board of Directors of Istituto Italiano di Tecnologia (IIT)
- Member of the Board of Directors of Fondazione Invernizzi
- President of Fondazione Zoè (Zambon Open Education)
- Vice President of Aspen Institute Italia

Senior Management

The following table sets out the name and title of each of the senior managers of the Issuer and of the Group:

Name	Title	Other principal activities performed by the Senior Managers which are significant with respect to UniCredit
Federico Ghizzoni	Chief Executive Officer and General Manager	Please see Management – Board of Directors
Roberto Nicastro	General Manager	<p>ABI (Italian Banking Association) – Deputy Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, Member of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the Technical Committee on Communications;</p> <p>Assonime (Association of the Italian Joint Stock Companies) – Member of the Board of Directors;</p> <p>Fondazione Arche’ Onlus – Member of the Board of Directors.</p>
Paolo Fiorentino	Deputy General Manager and Chief Operating Officer – responsible for organisational, operational and service functions (so-called “GBS” functions)	<p>Officinae Verdi S.p.A. – Chairman of the Board of Directors;</p> <p>Pirelli & C. S.p.A. – Member of the Board of Directors</p>

Gianni Franco Papa	Deputy General Manager – Head of CIB Division	None
Carlo Appetiti	Group Compliance Officer	None
Paolo Cornetta	Group Head of Human Resources	UniCredit & Universities Knight of Labor Ugo Foscolo Foundation – Chairman of the Board of Directors; UniCredit Foundation (<i>Unidea</i>) – Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors; ES Shared Service Center S.p.A. – Member of the Board of Directors; ABI (<i>Italian Banking Association</i>) – Member of the Committee on Labour and Industrial Relations (Casl).
Alessandro Maria Decio	Group Chief Risk Officer	Mediobanca Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. – Member of the Board of Directors;
Marina Natale	Chief Financial Officer and Manager in charge of preparing the Issuer's financial reports	None.
Ranieri de Marchis	Head of Internal Audit	Fondo Interbancario di Tutela dei Depositi – Member of the Board of Directors; Nuova Sorgenia Holding S.p.A. – Member of the Board of Directors;

The business address for each of the foregoing members of UniCredit's senior management is UniCredit S.p.A., head office.

Board of Statutory Auditors

The UniCredit Board of Statutory Auditors (the **Board of Statutory Auditors**) supervises compliance with laws, regulations and the Issuer's Articles of Association, the adequacy and functionality of the organisational and accounting structure of UniCredit as well as the overall functionality of the internal control system, with particular focus on risk management. The Board of Statutory Auditors supervises the financial disclosure process, the external auditing of the individual and consolidated financial statements and monitors the independence of the external audit firm. The Board of Statutory Auditors shall also report any irregularities or violations of the legislation to the Bank of Italy and, where required, to other supervisory authorities, and shall report to the Shareholders' Meetings called to approve the Issuer's financial statements on the supervisory activity performed and on any omissions and censurable detected facts.

The Board of Statutory Auditors currently in office was appointed by the UniCredit Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting on 11 May 2013 for a term of three financial years and its members may be re-elected. Pursuant to the provisions of the UniCredit Articles of Association, the Board of Statutory Auditors consists of five permanent statutory auditors, including a Chairman. Furthermore, the above-mentioned Shareholders' Meeting appointed four alternative statutory auditors.

The term in office of the current members of the Board of Statutory Auditors will expire on the date of the Shareholders' Meeting called to approve the financial statements for the financial year ending 31 December 2015.

All of the members of the Board of Statutory Auditors are enrolled with the Register of Chartered Accounting Auditors of the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance. The business address for each of the members of the Board of Statutory Auditors is UniCredit S.p.A.'s head office.

Taking into account the changes occurred in the controlling body composition after the above Shareholders' Meeting of 11 May 2013, the name, position and year of appointment of the current permanent and alternative members of the Board of Statutory Auditors of UniCredit are set out in the following table:

Name	Position	Year of appointment
Maurizio Lauri	Chairman	2013
Giovanni Battista Alberti	Permanent Auditor	2013
Angelo Rocco Bonisconi ⁽¹⁾	Permanent Auditor	2015
Enrico Laghi	Permanent Auditor	2013
Maria Enrica Spinardi	Permanent Auditor	2013
Federica Bonato	Alternative Auditor	2013
Paolo Domenico Sfameni	Alternative Auditor	2013
Beatrice Lombardini	Alternative Auditor	2013
Pierpaolo Singer ⁽²⁾	Alternative Auditor	2014

(1) Appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting on 13 May 2015 in place of Mr. Cesare Bisoni, who resigned effective 15 April 2015. From his resignation date up to the Shareholders' Meeting the office was held, according to Article 2401 of the Italian Civil Code, by Ms. Federica Bonato.

(2) Appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting on 13 May 2014 in place of Mr. Marco Lacchini, who resigned as of 7 June 2013.

Other principal activities performed by the Statutory Auditors of UniCredit which are significant for UniCredit are listed below:

Maurizio Lauri

- Permanent Auditor of ANAS S.p.A.
- Permanent Auditor of Tirreno Power S.p.A.
- Sole Auditor of Helio-Capital S.p.A.
- Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors of GDF Suez Rinnovabili S.p.A.
- Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors of GDF Suez Produzione S.p.A.
- Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors of LORI S.p.A.
- Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors of Rino Immobiliare S.r.l.
- Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors of Rino Pratesi S.p.A.
- Chairman of the Board of Directors of RSM Tax & Advisory Italy S.r.l.
- Member of the Board of Directors of RSM Italy Srl

- Liquidator of Help Rental Service S.r.l.
- Limited Partner of AGF di Susanna Barbaliscia & C.
- Alternative Auditor of ENI S.p.A.

Angelo Rocco Bonisconi

- Attorney of Nuova CPS Servizi S.r.l.
- Liquidator of C & B S.r.l. In Liquidazione
- Alternative Auditor of Dunlop Hiflex Holding S.r.l.
- Alternative Auditor of Alfagomma Real Estate S.p.A.
- Alternative Auditor of ISTV S.p.A.
- Technical Member of AIFI (Italian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association)

Giovanni Battista Alberti

- Permanent Auditor of Immobiliare Mazzini S.r.l.
- Liquidator of Cooperativa Ortofrutticola S. Massimo

Enrico Laghi

- Chairman of Board of Directors of Beni Stabili S.p.A.
- Director of B4 Holding S.r.l.
- Principal of Studio Laghi S.r.l.
- Chairman of the Board of Directors of MidCo Srl.
- Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors of Prelios S.p.A.
- Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors of Huffington Post Italia S.r.l.
- Director of Saipem S.p.A.

Maria Enrica Spinardi:

- Liquidator of Webasto Product Italy S.r.l. in liquidation
- Permanent Auditor of Comset S.p.A.
- Permanent Auditor of Atla s.r.l.
- Permanent Auditor of Ansaldo STS S.p.A.
- Alternative Auditor of Equiter S.p.A.
- Alternative Auditor of Sace S.p.A.
- Alternative Auditor of Codé Crai Ovest società corporativa

- Alternative Auditor of Cuki S.p.A.

Conflicts of Interest

As at the date of this Prospectus, and to the best of UniCredit's knowledge, no member of UniCredit managing and controlling bodies has any private interest conflicting with the obligations arising from the office or position held within UniCredit, except for those that may concern operations put before the relevant bodies of UniCredit, in accordance with the applicable procedures and in strict compliance with existing laws and regulations. Members of the UniCredit managing and controlling bodies must indeed comply with the following provisions aimed at regulating instances where there exists a specific interest concerning the implementation of an operation:

- Article 136 of the Italian Consolidated Banking Act, which requires a particular authorisation procedure (a unanimous decision by the supervisory body and the favourable vote of all members of the controlling body) should a bank enter into obligations of any kind or enter, directly or indirectly, into purchase or sale agreements with its company officers;
- Article 2391 of the Italian Civil Code, which obliges directors to notify fellow directors and the Board of Statutory Auditors of any interest that they may have, on their own behalf or on behalf of a third party, in a specific company transaction, with the concerned member of the Board of Directors having to abstain from carrying out the transaction if he/she is also the CEO; and
- Article 2391-*bis* of the Italian Civil Code, CONSOB Regulation No. 17221 dated 12 March 2010 (and subsequent updates) concerning transactions with related parties, as well as the new provisions issued by the Bank of Italy for the prudential supervision of banks concerning risk activities and conflicts of interest of banks and banking groups with associated persons (Circular No. 263/2006 of the Bank of Italy and subsequent updates). In accordance with the aforementioned provisions, the most significant transactions with related parties or with associated persons fall within the exclusive responsibility of the UniCredit Board of Directors, with the exception of the transactions falling under the responsibility of the UniCredit Shareholders' Meeting.

For information on related-party transactions, please see Part H of the Notes to the consolidated financial statements of UniCredit S.p.A. as at 31 December 2014, incorporated by reference herein.

External Auditors

UniCredit's annual financial statements must be audited by external auditors appointed by its shareholders, under reasoned proposal by UniCredit's Board of Statutory Auditors. The shareholders' resolution and the Board of Statutory Auditors' reasoned proposal are communicated to CONSOB. The external auditors examine UniCredit's annual financial statements and issue an opinion regarding whether its annual financial statements comply with the IAS/IFRS issued by the International Accounting Standards Board as endorsed by the European Union governing their preparation; which is to say whether they are clearly stated and give a true and fair view of the financial position and results of the Group. Their opinion is made available to UniCredit's shareholders prior to the annual general shareholders' meeting.

Since 2007, following a modification of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998 (the **Financial Services Act**), listed companies may not appoint the same auditors for more than nine years. At the annual general shareholders' meeting of UniCredit held on 4 May 2004, KPMG S.p.A. (**KPMG**) was appointed to act as UniCredit's external auditor for a period of three years and during the general shareholders' meeting of UniCredit held on 10 May 2007 KPMG's engagement was extended for a further six years, to complete the nine-year period allowed by the Financial Services Act. KPMG has audited and issued unqualified audit opinions on the consolidated financial statements of the Issuer for the years ended 31 December 2011 and 31 December 2012. KPMG has also reviewed and issued unqualified review reports on the unaudited consolidated Financial Statements of the Issuer as of and for the six-month periods ended 30 June 2012.

KPMG is registered on the roll of chartered accountants held by the Ministry of Justice and in the register of Auditing Firms held by CONSOB.

At the ordinary and extraordinary shareholders' meeting of UniCredit held on 11 May 2012, Deloitte & Touche S.p.A. (**Deloitte**) has been appointed to act as UniCredit's external auditor for the 2013-2021 nine-year period, pursuant to Article 13, paragraph 1, of Legislative Decree no. 39/2010 and to CONSOB Communication 97001574 dated 20 February 1997.

Deloitte is a company incorporated under the laws of Italy, enrolled with the Companies' Register of Milan under number 03049560166 and registered with the Register of Statutory Auditors (*Registro dei Revisori Legali*) maintained by Minister of Economy and Finance effective from 7 June 2004 with registration number no: 132587, having its registered office at via Tortona 25, 20144 Milan, Italy.

Description of UniCredit Ireland

HISTORY

UniCredit Ireland was incorporated in Ireland on 7 November 1995 under the Irish Companies Act 1963 (as amended). UniCredit Ireland changed its name from Credito Italiano (Ireland) Limited to Credito Italiano Bank (Ireland) Limited on 19 December 1997 and received a banking licence from the Central Bank of Ireland on 24 December 1997 pursuant to section 9 of the Irish Central Bank Act 1971 (as amended). Registration as a public limited company was completed on 2 April 1998. UniCredit Ireland changed its name to UniCredito Italiano Bank (Ireland) p.l.c. on 1 November 1999 and to UniCredit Bank Ireland p.l.c. on 12 December 2007.

UniCredit Ireland is registered with the Registrar of Companies in Dublin under registration number 240551 and has its registered office at La Touche House, International Financial Services Centre, Dublin 1, Ireland, telephone number +353 1 670 2000.

UniCredit Ireland is an autonomous operating unit within the wider Group and as a fully owned subsidiary is subject to the coordination and support of the parent entity. This support extends to UniCredit Ireland's financial dependence as evidenced by UniCredit's injection of €2.2 billion in share capital and capital contributions to facilitate its ongoing trading activities.

UniCredit Ireland is engaged in the business of banking and provision of financial services. Its main business areas include credit and structured finance (including investing in loans, bonds, securitisation and other forms of asset financing), treasury activities (money market, repurchase agreements or "repos", Euro Over Night Index Average (EONIA) and other interest rate swaps, foreign exchange and futures) and the issue of certificates of deposit and structured notes.

CORPORATE OBJECTS

The purpose of UniCredit Ireland, as set out in Article 3 of the Articles of Association, is to carry on the business of banking.

RECENT EVENTS

There are no recent events particular to UniCredit Ireland which are to a material extent relevant to an evaluation of UniCredit Ireland's solvency.

PRINCIPAL MARKETS

In market terms, UniCredit Ireland focuses on the business of credit and structured finance, treasury activities and the issue of certificates of deposit and structured notes primarily in Europe and North America.

RECENT INVESTMENTS

UniCredit Ireland did not make significant investments since the date of the last published financial statements.

MATERIAL CONTRACTS

UniCredit Ireland has not entered into any contracts which could materially prejudice its ability to meet its obligations under the Notes.

DIRECTORS

The following table sets forth the name, position and date of appointment of the current members of the Board of Directors of UniCredit Ireland:

Name	Position	Year First Appointed
Ronan Molony	Chairman	2008
Mirko Bianchi	Deputy Chairman	2010
Andrea Laruccia	Managing Director	2014
Donal Courtney	Director	2010
Aldo Soprano	Director	2012
Margaret J Gilroy	Director	2013
Massimiliano Sinagra	Director	2014

The business address for each of the foregoing directors is UniCredit Bank Ireland p.l.c., La Touche House, International Financial Services Centre, Dublin 1, Ireland.

The principal activities performed by the Directors outside UniCredit Ireland are set out briefly below:

Ronan Molony – Chairman of UniCredit Bank Ireland p.l.c.

- Lawyer, partner in McCann FitzGerald
- Member of the Board of Directors of J&E Davy and J&E Davy Holdings
- Member of the Board of Directors of Harbourmaster Property Developments Limited

Mirko Bianchi – Deputy Chairman of UniCredit Bank Ireland p.l.c.

- Member of the Board of Directors of Prime Collateralised Securities (PCS) UK Limited
- Member of the Board of Directors of UniCredit AG
- Member of the Board of Directors of Fondo Interbancario di Tutela dei Depositi

Andrea Laruccia – Managing Director of UniCredit Bank Ireland p.l.c.

Donal Courtney – Director of UniCredit Bank Ireland p.l.c.

- Member of the Board of Directors of Caperange Investments
- Member of the Board of Directors of Longreach Holdings Ireland Limited
- Member of the Board of Directors of Pinecourt Consulting Limited
- Member of the Board of Directors of Dell DFS Limited
- Member of the Board of Directors of Folios Ltd
- Member of the Board of Directors of Boardwalk Finance Ltd
- Member of the Board of Directors of Sanne Capital Markets Ireland Limited

Massimiliano Sinagra – Director of UniCredit Bank Ireland p.l.c.

Aldo Soprano – Director of UniCredit Bank Ireland p.l.c.

Margaret J Gilroy – Director of UniCredit Bank Ireland p.l.c.

- Member of the Board of Directors of Castle Mortgages Limited
- Member of the Board of Directors of Emerald Mortgages No. 4 p.l.c.
- Member of the Board of Directors of Emerald Mortgages No. 5 Limited
- Member of the Board of Directors of JGFC Limited
- Member of the Board of Directors of Talos Capital Limited

CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS

UniCredit Ireland is not aware of any potential conflicts of interests between the duties to UniCredit Ireland of the foregoing directors and their private interests or other duties.

EXTERNAL AUDITORS

At the annual general shareholders' meeting of UniCredit Ireland held on 6 March 2013, Deloitte & Touche were appointed to act as UniCredit Ireland's external auditor for a period of three years. UniCredit Ireland's external auditors are registered auditors with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

CAPITAL

The authorised share capital of UniCredit Ireland is €1,343,118,650. There has been no change in the authorised share capital of UniCredit Ireland since 31 December 2014.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Consistent with previous years UniCredit Ireland paid a dividend of €74 million, representing over 90% of its distributable profits for the financial year ending 31 December 2014, to its shareholders on 9 June 2015.

Description of UniCredit International Luxembourg

HISTORY

UniCredit International Luxembourg was incorporated in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg as a public limited liability company (*société anonyme*) on 30 September 2004 under the name UniCredit International (Luxembourg) S.A. By a resolution passed at an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders held on 29 October 2004, its articles of incorporation were amended and restated and its name was changed to UniCredit International Bank (Luxembourg) S.A. with effect from 1 November 2004. UniCredit International Luxembourg is incorporated for an unlimited duration.

UniCredit International Luxembourg is a credit institution and is supervised by the CSSF.

UniCredit International Luxembourg is registered with the Luxembourg trade and companies register under the number B 103.341 and has its registered office at 8-10 rue Jean Monnet, L-2180 Luxembourg, telephone number +352 22 08 42-1 (Switchboard).

UniCredit International Luxembourg is a wholly owned subsidiary of UniCredit subject to the coordination and support of the parent entity and owns a 100 per cent. interest in a subsidiary named UniCredit Luxembourg Finance S.A., whose principal object is the issue of securities in the US market under a USD 10 billion medium term note programme guaranteed by UniCredit S.p.A..

RECENT EVENTS

In the context of the reorganisation of UniCredit Group's banking activities in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, UniCredit International Luxembourg sold, with effect from 1 August 2009, all its Private Banking activities to UniCredit Luxembourg S.A. (formerly H.V.B. Luxembourg S.A.). There was no change in the legal structure of UniCredit International Luxembourg.

BUSINESS

UniCredit International Luxembourg is engaged in the business of banking and the provision of financial services.

Following the transfer of all Private Banking activities to UniCredit Luxembourg S.A. (1 August 2009), its main business areas include:

- treasury activities (money market, repurchase agreements or “repos”, interest rate swaps, foreign exchange)
- issue of certificates of deposit and structured notes;
- selective investments for its own account;
- acting as the reference structure in Luxembourg for the strategic funding activities of the UniCredit Group;
- treasury services for institutional and corporate counterparties; and
- management of the remaining credit portfolio.

RECENT INVESTMENTS

UniCredit International Luxembourg has not made any significant investments since the date of its last published financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2014.

CONSTITUTION

UniCredit International Luxembourg was incorporated pursuant to a notarial deed of Maître Frank Baden, a notary resident in Luxembourg, on 30 September 2004. The articles of incorporation of UniCredit International Luxembourg are published in the *Luxembourg Mémorial, Recueil des Sociétés et Associations* No. 1040 of 18 October 2004 on page 49877.

The articles of incorporation of UniCredit International Luxembourg were amended and restated following a notarial deed dated 29 October 2004 and are published, as amended, in the *Luxembourg Mémorial C, Recueil des Sociétés et Associations* No. 1183 of 20 November 2004 on page 56741. The articles of incorporation of UniCredit International Luxembourg were further amended by a decision taken during an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders held on 28 January 2010. Such decision was published in the *Luxembourg Mémorial C, Recueil des Sociétés et Associations* No. 582 of 18 March 2010 on page 27928.

CORPORATE OBJECTS

Pursuant to article 3 of UniCredit International Luxembourg's articles of incorporation, UniCredit International Luxembourg's corporate objects are the undertaking for its own account, as well as for the account of third parties, or on joint account with third parties, either within or outside the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, of any banking or financial operations, including (but not limited to) the receipt of sight or term deposits in any currencies whatsoever, the granting of and taking of participations in credits of any nature and in any currency or currencies whatsoever and in any manner whatsoever, the trading of foreign currencies, the safekeeping and managing of securities, the administration and collection of coupons including the powers to make endorsement, the discount, rediscount, selling and settlement transactions, as well as any other transaction relating to bonds, notes, bills of exchange and other obligations of any kind and the power to issue and confirm letters of credit and documentary credits of any kind and the subscription, purchase, holding and disposal of shares, stock, bonds, notes and securities of any kind of and in any other company by any mean whatsoever, in the organisation and management for its own account, as well as for the account of any natural person or any Luxembourg or foreign company, either within or outside the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, of any financial or commercial investment, the performance of any operation whatsoever relating to the activity of assets manager in the widest sense of the legislation on the financial sector and of the activities of financial adviser, broker and commissioner, the provision of fiduciary and domiciliation services.

UniCredit International Luxembourg can perform all other operations, whether industrial or commercial or on real estate, which directly or indirectly relate to its corporate object in order to facilitate the accomplishment of its purpose.

MATERIAL CONTRACTS

UniCredit International Luxembourg has not entered into any contracts which could materially prejudice its ability to meet its obligations under the Notes.

DIRECTORS

UniCredit International Luxembourg is managed by a board of directors composed of at least three members who may, but need not also, be shareholders, who are appointed for a period not exceeding six years by the general meeting of shareholders which may at any time remove them. The directors are eligible for re-appointment.

UniCredit International Luxembourg complies with the laws and regulations of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg regarding corporate governance.

The number of directors, their term and their remuneration are fixed by the general meeting of the shareholders. UniCredit International Luxembourg is bound vis-à-vis third parties by the sole signature of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, a Managing Director or by the joint signature of two other directors.

As at the date of this Base Prospectus, the following table sets out the name, position and business address of the current members of the board of directors of UniCredit International Luxembourg:

Name	Title	Address
Patrick Gérard Santer	Chairman	8–10, rue Jean Monnet, L-2180 Luxembourg
Waleed El-Amir	Vice-Chairman	3, Piazza Gae Aulenti, I-20154 Milan
Stefano Ceccacci	Director	3, Piazza Gae Aulenti, I-20154 Milan
Kathrin Kerls	Director	8–10, rue Jean Monnet, L-2180 Luxembourg
Federico Granito	Director	3, Piazza Gae Aulenti, I-20154 Milan

The principal activities performed by the Directors outside UniCredit International Luxembourg are set out briefly below:

Patrick Gérard Santer – Chairman of the Board of Directors

- Lawyer, member of the “*Conseil d’Etat*” of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg

Waleed El-Amir – Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors

- Head of Strategic Funding and Portfolio -UniCredit S.p.A. Milan

Stefano Ceccacci

- Head of Tax Affairs – UniCredit S.p.A. Milan

Kathrin Kerls

- C.E.O. of UniCredit Luxembourg S.A.

Federico Granito

- Head of Fair Value in Planning, Finance & Administration Department – UniCredit S.p.A. Milan

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

UniCredit International Luxembourg is not aware of any potential conflicts of interests between the duties to UniCredit International Luxembourg of the Directors and their private interests or other duties.

EXTERNAL AUDITORS

On 6 March 2013 the Board of Directors appointed as independent auditors (*réviseur d’entreprises agréé*) of UniCredit International Luxembourg for a period ending on the date of the annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the year 2022 Deloitte Audit S.à r.l., 560, Rue de Neudorf, L-2220 Luxembourg. Deloitte Audit S.à r.l. is an approved audit firm in Luxembourg, registered with the Luxembourg trade and companies register under the number B 67.895.

Book Entry Clearance Systems

The information set out below is subject to any change in or reinterpretation of the rules, regulations and procedures of DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (together, the **Clearing Systems**) currently in effect. The information in this section concerning the Clearing Systems has been obtained from sources that the Issuers and the Guarantor believe to be reliable, but none of the Issuers, the Guarantor, the Trustee nor any Dealer takes any responsibility for the accuracy thereof. Investors wishing to use the facilities of any of the Clearing Systems are advised to confirm the continued applicability of the rules, regulations and procedures of the relevant Clearing System. None of the Issuers, the Guarantor, the Trustee nor any other party to the Agency Agreement will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial ownership interests in the Notes held through the facilities of any Clearing System or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records or payments relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEMS

DTC

DTC has advised the Issuers and the Guarantor that it is a limited purpose trust company organised under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organisation” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, a member of the Federal Reserve System and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for securities that its participants (**Participants**) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post trade settlement among Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities through electronic computerised book-entry changes between Participants’ accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organisations (**Direct Participants**). DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (**DTCC**). DTC, in turn, is owned by a number of Direct Participants and Members of the National Securities Clearing Corporation, Government Securities Clearing Corporation, MBS Clearing Corporation and Emerging Markets Clearing Corporation (NSCC, GSCC, MBSCC and EMCC, also subsidiaries of DTCC), as well as by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange, Inc. and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Access to the DTC System is also available to others such as securities brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly (**Indirect Participants**). DTC has Standard & Poor’s highest rating: AAA. The DTC Rules applicable to its Direct or Indirect Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com (For the avoidance of doubt the content of the website www.dtcc.com does not form part of this Base Prospectus).

Under the rules, regulations and procedures creating and affecting DTC and its operations (the **Rules**), DTC makes book-entry transfers of Registered Notes among Direct Participants on whose behalf it acts with respect to Notes accepted into DTC’s book-entry settlement system (**DTC Notes**) as described below and receives and transmits distributions of principal and interest on DTC Notes. The Rules are on file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. Direct and Indirect Participants with which beneficial owners of DTC Notes (**Owners**) have accounts with respect to the DTC Notes are required to make book-entry transfers and receive and transmit such payments on behalf of their respective Owners. Accordingly, although Owners who hold DTC Notes through Direct Participants or Indirect Participants will not possess Registered Notes, the Rules, by virtue of the requirements described above, provide a mechanism by which Direct Participants can receive payments and transfer their interest with respect to the DTC Notes.

Purchases of DTC Notes under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the DTC Notes on DTC’s records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each DTC Note (**Beneficial Owner**) is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participant’s records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase, but Beneficial Owners are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct Participant or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the DTC Notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive

certificates representing their ownership interests in DTC Notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the DTC Notes is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all DTC Notes deposited by Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co. or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorised representative of DTC. The deposit of DTC Notes with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other nominee effect no change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the DTC Notes; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such DTC Notes are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping an account of their holdings of DTC Notes on behalf of their customers.

Delivery of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the DTC Notes of a Series are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such Series to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. nor such other nominee will consent or vote with respect to DTC Notes. Under its usual procedures, DTC will mail an Omnibus Proxy to the relevant Issuer as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the DTC Notes are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal and interest payments on the DTC Notes will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorised representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts on the due date for payment in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records unless DTC has reason to believe that it will not receive payment on the due date. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name", and will be the responsibility of such Direct or Indirect Participant and not of DTC or its nominee or the relevant Issuer or the Guarantor, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorised representative of DTC is the responsibility of the relevant Issuer or the Guarantor, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners is the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

Under certain circumstances, including if there is an Event of Default under the Notes, DTC will exchange the DTC Notes for definitive Registered Notes, which it will distribute to its Participants in accordance with their proportionate entitlements and which, if representing interests in a Rule 144A Global Note, will be legended as set forth under "*Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions*". Since DTC may only act on behalf of Direct Participants, who in turn act on behalf of Indirect Participants, any Owner desiring to pledge DTC Notes to persons or entities that do not participate in DTC, or otherwise take actions with respect to such DTC Notes, will be required to withdraw its Registered Notes from DTC as described below. None of the Issuers nor the Guarantor accept any responsibility or liability for any such payments to be made by DTC or by Direct or Indirect Participants.

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg each hold securities for their customers and facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions by electronic book-entry transfer between their respective account holders. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg provide various services including safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg also deal with domestic securities markets in several countries through established depository and custodial relationships. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have established an electronic bridge between their two systems across which their respective participants may settle trades with each other.

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg customers are world-wide financial institutions, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations. Indirect access to

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg is available to other institutions that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with an account holder of either system.

BOOK-ENTRY OWNERSHIP OF AND PAYMENTS IN RESPECT OF DTC NOTES

The relevant Issuer will apply to DTC in order to have each Tranche of Notes represented by a Registered Global Note accepted in its book-entry settlement system. Upon the issue of any such Registered Global Note, DTC or its custodian will credit, on its internal book-entry system, the respective nominal amounts of the individual beneficial interests represented by such Registered Global Note to the accounts of DTC Participants. Such accounts initially will be designated by or on behalf of the relevant Dealer. Ownership of beneficial interests in such a Registered Global Note will be held through Direct Participants or Indirect Participants of DTC, including, in the case of any Regulation S Global Note, the respective depositories of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. Ownership of beneficial interests in a Registered Global Note accepted by DTC will be shown on, and the transfer of such ownership will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC or its nominee (with respect to the interests of Direct Participants) and the records of Direct Participants (with respect to interests of Indirect Participants).

Payments in U.S. dollars of principal and interest in respect of a Registered Global Note accepted by DTC registered in the name of DTC's nominee will be made to the order of such nominee as the registered holder of such Note. In the case of any payment in a currency other than U.S. dollars, payment will be made by the relevant Issuer to the Exchange Agent on behalf of DTC's nominee and the Exchange Agent will (in accordance with instructions received by it) remit all or a portion of such payment for credit directly to the beneficial holders of interests in the Registered Global Notes in the currency in which such payment was made and/or cause all or a portion of such payment to be converted into U.S. dollars and credited to the applicable Participants' account.

The Issuers expect DTC to credit the accounts of Direct Participants on the applicable payment date in accordance with their respective holdings as shown in the records of DTC unless DTC has reason to believe that it will not receive payment on such payment date. The Issuers also expect that payments by Participants to beneficial owners of Notes will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers, and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not the responsibility of DTC, the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar or the relevant Issuer. Payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on Notes to DTC is the responsibility of the relevant Issuer.

TRANSFERS OF NOTES REPRESENTED BY REGISTERED GLOBAL NOTES

Transfers of any interests in Notes represented by a Registered Global Note within DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be effected in accordance with the customary rules and operating procedures of the relevant clearing system. The laws in some States within the United States require that certain persons take physical delivery of securities in definitive form. Consequently, the ability to transfer Notes represented by a Registered Global Note to such persons may depend upon the ability to exchange such Notes for Notes in definitive form (see "*Form of the Notes*"). Similarly, because DTC can only act on behalf of Direct Participants in the DTC system who in turn act on behalf of Indirect Participants, the ability of a person having an interest in Notes represented by a Registered Global Note accepted by DTC to pledge such Notes to persons or entities that do not participate in the DTC system or to otherwise take action in respect of such Notes may depend upon the ability to exchange such Notes for Notes in definitive form. The ability of any holder of Notes represented by a Registered Global Note accepted by DTC to resell, pledge or otherwise transfer such Notes may be impaired if the proposed transferee of such Notes is not eligible to hold such Notes through a Direct or Indirect Participant in the DTC system.

Subject to compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Registered Notes described under "*Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions*", cross-market transfers between DTC, on the one hand, and directly or indirectly through Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear accountholders, on the other, will be effected by the relevant clearing system in accordance with its rules and through action taken by the Registrar, the Principal Paying Agent and any custodian (**Custodian**) with whom the relevant Registered Global Notes have been deposited.

On or after the Issue Date for any Series, transfers of Notes of such Series between accountholders in Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear and transfers of Notes of such Series between participants in DTC will

generally have a settlement date three business days after the trade date (T+3). The customary arrangements for delivery versus payment will apply to such transfers.

Cross-market transfers between accountholders in Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear and DTC Participants will need to have an agreed settlement date between the parties to such transfer. Because there is no direct link between DTC, on the one hand, and Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear, on the other, transfers of interests in the relevant Registered Global Notes will be effected through the Registrar, the Principal Paying Agent and the Custodian receiving instructions (and, where appropriate, certification) from the transferor and arranging for delivery of the interests being transferred to the credit of the designated account for the transferee. In the case of cross-market transfers, settlement between Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg accountholders and DTC participants cannot be made on a delivery versus payment basis. The securities will be delivered on a delivery free of payment basis and arrangements for payment must be made separately.

DTC, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear have each published rules and operating procedures designed to facilitate transfers of beneficial interests in Registered Global Notes among participants and accountholders of DTC, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear. However, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures, and such procedures may be discontinued or changed at any time. None of the Issuers, the Guarantor, the Trustee, the Agents or any Dealer will be responsible for any performance by DTC, Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear or their respective Direct or Indirect Participants or accountholders of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations and none of them will have any liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial interests in the Notes represented by Registered Global Notes or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial interests.

Taxation

The statements herein regarding taxation are based on the laws in force as at the date of this Base Prospectus and are subject to any changes in law occurring after such date, which changes could be made on a retroactive basis. The following summary does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all the tax considerations which may be relevant to a decision to subscribe for, purchase, own or dispose of the Notes and does not purport to deal with the tax consequences applicable to all categories of investors, some of which (such as dealers in securities or commodities) may be subject to special rules.

Prospective purchasers of the Notes are advised to consult their own tax advisers concerning the overall tax consequences of their ownership of the Notes.

TAXATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY

Tax treatment of Notes issued by an Italian resident issuer

Legislative Decree No. 239 of 1 April 1996, as subsequently amended, (**Decree 239**) provides for the applicable regime with respect to the tax treatment of interest, premium and other income (including the difference between the redemption amount and the issue price) from Notes falling within the category of bonds (*obbligazioni*) or debentures similar to bonds (*titoli similari alle obbligazioni*), issued, *inter alia*, by Italian banks.

The tax regime set forth by Decree 239 also applies to interest, premium and other income from regulatory capital financial instruments complying with EU and Italian regulatory principles, issued by, *inter alia*, Italian banks, other than shares and assimilated instruments.

Italian resident Noteholders

Where an Italian resident Noteholder is (a) an individual not engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Notes are connected (unless he has opted for the application of the *risparmio gestito* regime – see under “Capital gains tax” below); (b) a non-commercial partnership; (c) a non-commercial private or public institution; or (d) an investor exempt from Italian corporate income taxation, interest, premium and other income relating to the Notes, accrued during the relevant holding period, are subject to a withholding tax, referred to as “*imposta sostitutiva*”, levied at the rate of 26 per cent. In the event that the Noteholders described under (a) and (c) above are engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Notes are connected, the *imposta sostitutiva* applies as a provisional tax.

Where an Italian resident Noteholder is a company or similar commercial entity, or a permanent establishment in Italy of a foreign company to which the Notes are effectively connected, and the Notes are deposited with an authorised intermediary, interest, premium and other income from the Notes will not be subject to *imposta sostitutiva*, but must be included in the relevant Noteholder’s income tax return and are therefore subject to general Italian corporate taxation (and, in certain circumstances, depending on the “status” of the Noteholder, also to the regional tax on productive activities (**IRAP**)).

Under the current regime provided by Law Decree No. 351 of 25 September 2001 converted into law with amendments by Law No. 410 of 23 November 2001 (**Decree 351**), and Article 9, par. 1, Legislative Decree No. 44 of 4 March 2014, payments of interest, premiums or other proceeds in respect of the Notes made to Italian resident real estate investment funds established pursuant to Article 37 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998 (the **Financial Services Act**) or pursuant to Article 14-bis of Law No. 86 of 25 January 1994, and by Italian real estate investment companies with fixed capital (**Real Estate SICAFs**) are subject neither to *imposta sostitutiva* nor to any other income tax in the hands of a real estate investment fund or the Real Estate SICAF, but subsequent distributions made in favour of unitholders or shareholders will be subject, in certain circumstances, to a withholding tax of 26 per cent.

If the investor is resident in Italy and is an open-ended or closed-ended investment fund, a SICAF (an investment company with fixed capital other than a Real Estate SICAF) or a SICAV (an investment company with variable capital) established in Italy and either (i) the fund, the SICAF or the SICAV or (ii) their manager is

subject to the supervision of a regulatory authority (the **Fund**), and the relevant Notes are held by an authorised intermediary, interest, premium and other income accrued during the holding period on such Notes will not be subject to *imposta sostitutiva*, but subsequent distributions made in favour of unitholders or shareholders will be subject, in certain circumstances, to a withholding tax of 26 per cent. (the **Collective Investment Fund Withholding Tax**). Where an Italian resident Noteholder is a pension fund (subject to the regime provided for by Article 17 of the Legislative Decree No. 252 of 5 December 2005) and the Notes are deposited with an authorised intermediary, interest, premium and other income relating to the Notes and accrued during the holding period will not be subject to *imposta sostitutiva*, to be subject to a 20 per cent. substitute tax, with certain adjustments for the fiscal year 2014 as provided by Law No. 190 of 23 December 2014 (the **Italian Finance Act 2015**).

Pursuant to Decree 239, *imposta sostitutiva* is applied by banks, SIMs, fiduciary companies, SGRs, stockbrokers and other entities identified by a decree of the Ministry of Finance (each an **Intermediary**).

An Intermediary must (a) be resident in Italy or be a permanent establishment in Italy of a non-Italian resident financial intermediary and (b) intervene, in any way, in the collection of interest or in the transfer of the Notes. For the purpose of the application of the *imposta sostitutiva*, a transfer of Notes includes any assignment or other act, either with or without consideration, which results in a change of the ownership of the relevant Notes or in a change of the Intermediary with which the Notes are deposited.

Where the Notes are not deposited with an Intermediary, the *imposta sostitutiva* is applied and withheld by any entity paying interest to a Noteholder.

Non-Italian resident Noteholders

Where the Noteholder is a non-Italian resident without a permanent establishment in Italy to which the Notes are connected, an exemption from the *imposta sostitutiva* applies provided that the non-Italian resident beneficial owner is either (a) resident, for tax purposes, in a country which allows for a satisfactory exchange of information with Italy; or (b) an international body or entity set up in accordance with international agreements which have entered into force in Italy; or (c) a Central Bank or an entity which manages, *inter alia*, the official reserves of a foreign State; or (d) an institutional investor which is resident in a country which allows for a satisfactory exchange of information with Italy, even if it does not possess the status of taxpayer in its own country of residence.

The *imposta sostitutiva* will be applicable at the rate of 26 per cent. (or at the reduced rate provided for by the applicable double tax treaty, if any) to interest, premium and other income paid to Noteholders who are resident, for tax purposes, in countries which do not allow for a satisfactory exchange of information with Italy.

The countries which allow for a satisfactory exchange of information are listed in the Ministerial Decree dated 4 September 1996, as amended from time to time.

Please note that according to Article 168-bis of the Presidential Decree No. 917 of 22 December 1986 a Decree still to be issued will introduce a new “white list” replacing the current “black list” system, so as to identify those countries which allow for a satisfactory exchange of information.

In order to ensure gross payment, non-Italian resident Noteholders must be the beneficial owners of the payments of interest, premium or other income and (a) deposit, directly or indirectly, the Notes with a resident bank or SIM or a permanent establishment in Italy of a non-Italian resident bank or SIM or with a non-Italian resident entity or company participating in a centralised securities management system which is in contact, via computer, with the Ministry of Economy and Finance and (b) file with the relevant depository, prior to or concurrently with the deposit of the Notes, a statement of the relevant Noteholder, which remains valid until withdrawn or revoked, in which the Noteholder declares to be eligible to benefit from the applicable exemption from *imposta sostitutiva*. Such statement, which is not requested for international bodies or entities set up in accordance with international agreements which have entered into force in Italy nor in case of foreign Central Banks or entities which manage, *inter alia*, the official reserves of a foreign State, must comply with the requirements set forth by Ministerial Decree of 12 December 2001, as subsequently amended.

Tax treatment of Notes issued by a non-Italian resident issuer

Decree 239 also provides for the applicable regime with respect to the tax treatment of interest, premium and other income (including the difference between the redemption amount and the issue price) from notes falling within the category of bonds (*obbligazioni*) or debentures similar to bonds (*titoli similari alle obbligazioni*) issued, *inter alia*, by a non-Italian resident issuer.

Italian resident Noteholders

Where the Italian resident Noteholder is (a) an individual not engaged in an entrepreneurial activity, to which the relevant Notes are connected (unless he has opted for the application of the "*risparmio gestito*" regime – see *Capital Gains Tax*, below), (b) a non-commercial partnership, (c) a non-commercial private or public institution, or (d) an investor exempt from Italian corporate income taxation, interest, premium and other income relating to Notes, accrued during the relevant holding period, are subject to a withholding tax, referred to as "*imposta sostitutiva*", levied at the rate of 26 per cent. In the event that Noteholders described under (a) and (c) above are engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the relevant Notes are connected, the *imposta sostitutiva* applies as a provisional tax.

Where an Italian resident Noteholder is a company or similar commercial entity or a permanent establishment in Italy of a foreign company to which the Notes are effectively connected and the Notes are deposited with an Intermediary, interest, premium and other income from the Notes will not be subject to *imposta sostitutiva*, but must be included in the relevant Noteholder's annual income tax return and are therefore subject to general Italian corporate taxation (and, in certain circumstances, depending on the "status" of the Noteholder, also to IRAP).

Under the current regime provided by Decree 351 and Article 9, par. 1, Legislative Decree No. 44 of 4 March 2014, as clarified by the Italian Revenues Agency (*Agenzia delle Entrate*) through Circular No. 47/E of 8 August 2003 and Circular No. 11/E of 28 March 2011,, payments of interest, premiums or other proceeds in respect of the Notes made to Italian resident real estate investment funds established pursuant to Article 37 of the Financial Services Act or pursuant to Article 14-bis of Law No. 86 of 25 January 1994 and Real Estate SICAFs, are subject neither to *imposta sostitutiva* nor to any other income tax in the hands of a real estate investment fund or the Real Estate SICAF, but subsequent distributions made in favour of unitholders or shareholders will be subject, in certain circumstances, to a withholding tax of 26 per cent.

If the investor is resident in Italy and is a Fund, and the relevant Notes are held by an authorised intermediary, interest, premium and other income accrued during the holding period on the Notes will not be subject to *imposta sostitutiva*, but must be included in the management result of the Fund. The Fund will not be subject to taxation on such result, but the Collective Investment Fund Withholding Tax will apply, in certain circumstances, to subsequent distributions made in favour of unitholders or shareholders.

Where an Italian resident Noteholder is a pension fund (subject to the regime provided for by Article 17 of the Legislative Decree No. 252 of 5 December 2005) and the Notes are deposited with an authorised intermediary, interest, premium and other income relating to the Notes and accrued during the holding period will not be subject to *imposta sostitutiva*, but must be included in the result of the relevant portfolio accrued at the end of the tax period, to be subject to a 20 per cent. substitute tax (with certain adjustments for the fiscal year 2014 as provided by the Italian Finance Act 2015).

Pursuant to Decree 239, *imposta sostitutiva* is applied by an Intermediary.

An Intermediary must (a) be resident in Italy or be a permanent establishment in Italy of a non-Italian resident financial intermediary and (b) intervene, in any way, in the collection of interest or in the transfer of the Notes.

For the purpose of the application of the *imposta sostitutiva*, a transfer of Notes includes any assignment or other act, either with or without consideration, which results in a change of the ownership of the relevant Notes or in a change of the Intermediary with which the Notes are deposited.

Where the Notes are not deposited with an Intermediary, the *imposta sostitutiva* is applied and withheld by any entity paying interest to a Noteholder.

Non-Italian resident Noteholders

No Italian *imposta sostitutiva* is applied on payments to a non-Italian resident Noteholder of interest or premium relating to Notes issued by a non-Italian resident issuer, provided that, if such Notes are held in Italy, the non-Italian resident Noteholder declares itself to be a non-Italian resident according to Italian tax regulations.

Payments made by an Italian resident guarantor

With respect to payments on the Notes made to Italian resident Noteholders by an Italian resident guarantor, in accordance with one interpretation of Italian tax law, any payment of liabilities equal to interest and other proceeds from the Notes may be subject to a provisional withholding tax at a rate of 26 per cent. pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 600 of 29 September 1973. In case of payments to non-Italian resident Noteholders, the final withholding tax may be applied at 26 per cent.

Double taxation treaties entered into by Italy may apply allowing for a lower (or, in certain cases, nil) rate of withholding tax.

In accordance with another interpretation, any such payment made by the Italian resident guarantor will be treated, in certain circumstances, as a payment by the relevant issuer and will thus be subject to the tax regime described in the previous paragraphs of this section.

Atypical securities

Interest payments relating to Notes that are not deemed to fall within the category of bonds (*obbligazioni*) or debentures similar to bonds (*titoli similari alle obbligazioni*) may be subject to a withholding tax, levied at the rate of 26 per cent. For this purpose, debentures similar to bonds are securities that incorporate an unconditional obligation to pay, at maturity, an amount not lower than their nominal value.

In the case of Notes issued by an Italian resident issuer, where the Noteholder is (a) an Italian individual engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Notes are connected; (b) an Italian company or a similar Italian commercial entity; (c) a permanent establishment in Italy of a foreign entity; (d) an Italian commercial partnership; or (e) an Italian commercial private or public institution, such withholding tax is a provisional withholding tax. In all other cases, including when the Noteholder is a non-Italian resident, the withholding tax is a final withholding tax. For non-Italian resident Noteholders, the withholding tax rate may be reduced by any applicable tax treaty.

If the Notes are issued by a non-Italian resident issuer, the withholding tax mentioned above does not apply to interest payments made to a non-Italian resident Noteholder and to an Italian resident Noteholder which is (a) a company or similar commercial entity (including the Italian permanent establishment of foreign entities); (b) a commercial partnership; or (c) a commercial private or public institution.

Capital gains tax

Any gain obtained from the sale or redemption of the Notes would be treated as part of the taxable income (and, in certain circumstances, depending on the “status” of the Noteholder, also as part of the net value of the production for IRAP purposes) if realised by an Italian company or a similar commercial entity (including the Italian permanent establishment of foreign entities to which the Notes are connected) or Italian resident individuals engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Notes are connected.

Where an Italian resident Noteholder is an (i) an individual holding the Notes not in connection with an entrepreneurial activity, (ii) a non-commercial partnership, (iii) a non-commercial private or public institution, any capital gain realised by such Noteholder from the sale or redemption of the Notes would be subject to an *imposta sostitutiva*, levied at the current rate of 26 per cent. Noteholders may set off losses with gains.

In respect of the application of *imposta sostitutiva*, taxpayers may choose one of the three regimes described below.

Under the tax declaration regime (*regime della dichiarazione*), which is the default regime for Italian resident individuals not engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Notes are connected, the *imposta sostitutiva* on capital gains will be chargeable, on a cumulative basis, on all capital gains, net of any incurred capital loss, realised by the Italian resident individual Noteholder holding the Notes not in connection with an

entrepreneurial activity pursuant to all sales or redemptions of the Notes carried out during any given tax year. Italian resident individuals holding the Notes not in connection with an entrepreneurial activity must indicate the overall capital gains realised in any tax year, net of any relevant incurred capital loss, in the annual tax return and pay *imposta sostitutiva* on such gains together with any balance income tax due for such year. Capital losses in excess of capital gains may be carried forward against capital gains realised in any of the four succeeding tax years. Pursuant to Law Decree No. 66 of 24 April 2014, as converted into law with amendments by Law No. 89 of 23 June 2014 (**Decree 66**), capital losses may be carried forward to be offset against capital gains of the same nature realised after 30 June 2014 for an overall amount of: (i) 48.08 per cent. of the relevant capital losses realised before 1 January 2012; (ii) 76.92 per cent. of the capital losses realised from 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2014.

As an alternative to the tax declaration regime, Italian resident individual Noteholders holding the Notes not in connection with an entrepreneurial activity may elect to pay the *imposta sostitutiva* separately on capital gains realised on each sale or redemption of the Notes (the “*risparmio amministrato*” regime). Such separate taxation of capital gains is allowed subject to (a) the Notes being deposited with Italian banks, SIMs or certain authorised financial intermediaries (including permanent establishments in Italy of foreign intermediaries) and (b) an express election for the *risparmio amministrato* regime being timely made in writing by the relevant Noteholder. The depository is responsible for accounting for *imposta sostitutiva* in respect of capital gains realised on each sale or redemption of the Notes (as well as in respect of capital gains realised upon the revocation of its mandate), net of any incurred capital loss, and is required to pay the relevant amount to the Italian tax authorities on behalf of the taxpayer, deducting a corresponding amount from the proceeds to be credited to the Noteholder or using funds provided by the Noteholder for this purpose. Under the *risparmio amministrato* regime, where a sale or redemption of the Notes results in a capital loss, such loss may be deducted from capital gains subsequently realised, within the same securities management, in the same tax year or in the following tax years up to the fourth. Under the *risparmio amministrato* regime, the Noteholder is not required to declare the capital gains in the annual tax return. Pursuant to Decree 66, capital losses may be carried forward to be offset against capital gains of the same nature realised after 30 June 2014 for an overall amount of: (i) 48.08 per cent. of the relevant capital losses realised before 1 January 2012; (ii) 76.92 per cent. of the capital losses realised from 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2014.

Any capital gains realised by Italian resident individuals holding the Notes not in connection with an entrepreneurial activity who have entrusted the management of their financial assets, including the Notes, to an authorised intermediary and have opted for the so-called “*risparmio gestito*” regime will be included in the computation of the annual increase in value of the managed assets accrued, even if not realised, at year end, subject to a substitute tax at a rate of 26 per cent., to be paid by the managing authorised intermediary. Under the *risparmio gestito* regime, any depreciation of the managed assets accrued at year end may be carried forward against increase in value of the managed assets accrued in any of the four succeeding tax years. Under the *risparmio gestito* regime, the Noteholder is not required to declare the capital gains realised in the annual tax return. Pursuant to Decree 66, decreases in value of the management assets may be carried forward to be offset against any subsequent increase in value accrued as of 1 July 2014 for an overall amount of: (i) 48.08 per cent. of the relevant decreases in value registered before 1 January 2012; (ii) 76.92 per cent. of the decreases in value registered from 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2014.

Any capital gains realised by a Noteholder who is an Italian real estate fund to which the provisions of Decree 351 as subsequently amended apply will be subject neither to *imposta sostitutiva* nor to any other income tax at the level of the real estate investment fund.

Any capital gains realised by a Noteholder which is a Fund will not be subject to *imposta sostitutiva*. Such result will not be taxed with the Fund, but subsequent distributions in favour of unitholders of shareholders may be subject to the Collective Investment Fund Withholding Tax.

Any capital gains realised by a Noteholder who is an Italian pension fund (subject to the regime provided for by article 17 of the Legislative Decree No. 252 of 5 December 2005) will be included in the result of the relevant portfolio accrued at the end of the tax period, to be subject to the 20 per cent. substitute tax (with certain adjustments for the fiscal year 2014 as provided by the Italian Finance Act 2015).

Capital gains realised by non-Italian resident Noteholders, not having a permanent establishment in Italy to which the Notes are connected, from the sale or redemption of Notes issued by an Italian resident issuer and traded on regulated markets are neither subject to the *imposta sostitutiva* nor to any other Italian income tax.

Capital gains realised by non-Italian resident Noteholders from the sale or redemption of Notes issued by an Italian resident issuer not traded on regulated markets are not subject to the *imposta sostitutiva*, provided that the effective beneficiary: (a) is resident in a country which allows for a satisfactory exchange of information with Italy; or (b) is an international entity or body set up in accordance with international agreements which have entered into force in Italy; or (c) is a Central Bank or an entity which manages, *inter alia*, the official reserves of a foreign State; or (d) is an institutional investor which is resident in a country which allows for a satisfactory exchange of information with Italy, even if it does not possess the status of taxpayer in its own country of residence.

The countries which allow for a satisfactory exchange of information are listed in the Ministerial Decree dated 4 September 1996, as amended from time to time.

Please note that, according to the Article 168-bis of the Presidential Decree No. 917 of 22 December 1986, a Decree still to be issued should introduce a new 'white list' replacing the current "black list" system, so as to identify those countries which (i) allow for a satisfactory exchange of information; and (ii) do not have a more favourable tax regime.

If none of the conditions above is met, capital gains realised by non-Italian resident Noteholders from the sale or redemption of Notes issued by an Italian resident issuer not traded on regulated markets are subject to the *imposta sostitutiva* at the current rate of 26 per cent.

In any event, non-Italian resident individuals or entities without a permanent establishment in Italy to which the Notes issued by an Italian resident issuer are connected that may benefit from a double taxation treaty with Italy providing that capital gains realised upon the sale or redemption of Notes are to be taxed only in the country of tax residence of the recipient, will not be subject to *imposta sostitutiva* in Italy on any capital gains realised upon the sale or redemption of Notes issued by an Italian resident issuer.

Capital gains realised by non-Italian resident Noteholders from the sale or redemption of Notes issued by a non-Italian resident issuer are not subject to Italian taxation, provided that the Notes are held outside Italy.

Inheritance and gift taxes

Pursuant to Law Decree No. 262 of 3 October 2006, converted into Law No. 286 of 24 November 2006, as subsequently amended, the transfers of any valuable asset (including shares, notes or other securities) as a result of death or donation are taxed as follows:

- (i) transfers in favour of spouses and direct descendants or direct ancestors are subject to an inheritance and gift tax applied at a rate of 4 per cent. on the value of the inheritance or the gift exceeding, for each beneficiary, €1,000,000;
- (ii) transfers in favour of relatives to the fourth degree or relatives-in-law to the third degree are subject to an inheritance and gift tax at a rate of 6 per cent. on the entire value of the inheritance or the gift. Transfers in favour of brothers/sisters are subject to the 6 per cent. inheritance and gift tax on the value of the inheritance or the gift exceeding, for each beneficiary, €100,000; and
- (iii) any other transfer is, in principle, subject to an inheritance and gift tax applied at a rate of 8 per cent. on the entire value of the inheritance or the gift.

If the transfer is made in favour of persons with severe disabilities, the tax is levied at the rate mentioned above in (i), (ii) and (iii) on the value exceeding, for each beneficiary, €1,500,000.

Transfer tax

Following the repeal of the Italian transfer tax, contracts relating to the transfer of securities are subject to the following registration tax: (i) public deeds and notarised deeds are subject to fixed registration tax at a rate of €200.00; (ii) private deeds are subject to registration tax only in the case of voluntary registration.

Stamp duty

Pursuant to Article 19(1) of Decree No. 201 of 6 December 2011 (**Decree 201**), a proportional stamp duty applies on an annual basis to the periodic reporting communications sent by financial intermediaries to their clients for the Notes deposited in Italy. The stamp duty applies at a rate of 0.20 per cent.; and cannot exceed 14,000 for taxpayers other than individuals; this stamp duty is determined on the basis of the market value or – if no market value figure is available – the nominal value or redemption amount of the Notes held. Based on the wording of the law and the implementing decree issued by the Italian Ministry of Economy on 24 May 2012, the stamp duty applies to any investor who is a client (as defined in the regulations issued by the Bank of Italy) of an entity that exercises in any form a banking, financial or insurance activity within the Italian territory.

Wealth Tax on securities deposited abroad

Pursuant to Article 19(18) of Decree 201, Italian resident individuals holding the Notes outside the Italian territory are required to pay an additional tax at a rate of 0.20 per cent.

This tax is calculated on the market value of the Notes at the end of the relevant year or – if no market value figure is available – the nominal value or the redemption value of such financial assets held outside the Italian territory. Taxpayers are entitled to an Italian tax credit equivalent to the amount of wealth taxes paid in the State where the financial assets are held (up to an amount equal to the Italian wealth tax due).

EU Savings Directive

Under Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income (the **Savings Directive**), Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of other Member States details of certain payments of interest or similar income paid or secured by a person established in a Member State to or for the benefit of an individual resident in another Member State or certain limited types of entities established in another Member State.

For a transitional period, Austria is required (unless during that period it elects otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments. The end of the transitional period is dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries. A number of non-EU countries and territories including Switzerland have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland).

On 24 March 2014, the Council of the European Union adopted a Council Directive (the **Amending Directive**) amending and broadening the scope of the requirements described above. The Amending Directive requires Member States to apply these new requirements from 1 January 2017 and if they were to take effect the changes would expand the range of payments covered by the Savings Directive, in particular to include additional types of income payable on securities. They would also expand the circumstances in which payments that indirectly benefit an individual resident in a Member State must be reported or subject to withholding. This approach would apply to payments made to, or secured for, persons, entities or legal arrangements (including trusts) where certain conditions are satisfied, and may in some cases apply where the person, entity or arrangement is established or effectively managed outside of the European Union.

However, the European Commission has proposed the repeal of the Savings Directive from 1 January 2017 in the case of Austria and from 1 January 2016 in the case of all other Member States (subject to on-going requirements to fulfil administrative obligations such as the reporting and exchange of information relating to, and accounting for withholding taxes on, payments made before those dates). This is to prevent overlap between the Savings Directive and a new automatic exchange of information regime to be implemented under Council Directive 2011/16/EU on Administrative Cooperation in the field of Taxation (as amended by Council Directive 2014/107/EU). The proposal also provides that if it proceeds, Member States will not be required to apply the new requirements of the Amending Directive.

TAXATION IN IRELAND

*The following is a summary (for Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland, unless otherwise stated) of the current Irish taxation law and practice with regard to the holders of such Notes. It is based on Irish taxation law and the practices of the Revenue Commissioners of Ireland (the **Revenue Commissioners**) as in force at the date of this Base Prospectus, and which may be subject to change. It does not purport to be, and is not, a complete description of all of the tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to subscribe for, buy, hold, sell,*

redeem, exchange or dispose of the Notes and does not constitute tax or legal advice. Prospective investors should consult with their own professional advisers on the overall tax implications of such ownership.

Irish withholding tax on interest

In general, withholding tax at the standard rate of income tax (currently 20 per cent.) must be deducted from payments of yearly interest within the charge of Irish tax. This may include payments of interest or premium made by a company that is resident in Ireland for the purposes of Irish tax (**Irish Resident**) such as UniCredit Ireland.

However, there is no requirement to withhold any amount for or on account of Irish income tax from interest arising on Notes where that interest is paid in Ireland by a bank carrying on a *bona fide* banking business in Ireland, such as UniCredit Ireland, in the ordinary course of such business.

Irish withholding tax on discounts

Irish withholding tax does not apply to discounts realised.

Irish Deposit Interest Retention Tax (DIRT)

Irish licensed banks such as UniCredit Ireland are obliged to withhold DIRT (currently 41 per cent.) from interest on relevant deposits, which may include the Notes. DIRT applies at a rate of 41 per cent. provided that interest on the relevant deposit is payable annually or at more frequent intervals. There are certain exemptions from the obligation to withhold DIRT:

- (a) a Note that is listed on a stock exchange is not a relevant deposit for this purpose and DIRT does not apply;
- (b) in relation to unlisted Notes, pursuant to the provisions of section 246A of the Taxes Consolidation Act of Ireland 1997 (TCA 1997), UniCredit Ireland will not be required to deduct DIRT from interest paid in respect of Notes where the Notes mature within two years provided the Notes continue to be held in Euroclear, Clearstream International SA, or Depository Trust Company (or any other clearing system recognised for this purpose by the Irish Revenue Commissioners) and which have a minimum denomination of €500,000 or U.S.\$500,000 or, in the case of Notes which are denominated in a currency other than euros or US dollars, the equivalent in that other currency of €500,000 (such amount to be determined by reference to the relevant rate of exchange at the date of the first publication of this programme);
- (c) in addition, the Irish Revenue Commissioners operate a published practice in respect of deposits in the form of medium term notes whereby DIRT should not apply to interest on unlisted Notes with a maturity of more than two years provided certain conditions are fulfilled as follows:
 - (i) UniCredit Ireland as Issuer will not sell any Notes to Irish residents and will not offer any Notes in Ireland;
 - (ii) each of the Managers, as a matter of contract, undertakes to UniCredit Ireland that:
 - (A) it has only issued or passed on, and will only issue or pass on, any document received by it in connection with the issue of Notes to persons who are persons to whom the document may otherwise lawfully be issued or passed on;
 - (B) it has not offered, sold or delivered and will not offer, sell or deliver any Notes in Ireland or to any person, including any body corporate, resident in Ireland or whose usual place of abode is in Ireland (an Irish Person);
 - (C) it has not issued or distributed, and will not issue or distribute or cause to be issued or distributed, in Ireland or to any Irish Person, this Base Prospectus or any other document offering the Notes for subscription or sale; and

- (D) its action in any jurisdiction will comply with the then applicable laws and regulations of the jurisdiction;
 - (iii) the Notes are cleared through Euroclear, Clearstream International SA, or Depository Trust Company (or any other clearing system recognised for this purpose by the Irish Revenue Commissioners); and
 - (iv) the minimum denomination in which the Notes issue is made will be in denomination of £300,000 sterling or its equivalent (such amount to be determined by reference to the relevant rate of exchange at the date of issuance); and
- (d) where a person is the beneficial owner of Notes, is beneficially entitled to the interest thereon, is not an Irish Resident and has provided a declaration of non-Irish residence to UniCredit Ireland in the prescribed form, DIRT will not apply.

Encashment Tax

Notes issued by UniCredit and UniCredit International Luxembourg may be within the charge to Irish encashment tax where interest is paid by an agent in Ireland. Encashment tax may also arise in respect of Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland that constitute quoted Eurobonds, where interest payments are collected or realised by an agent in Ireland on behalf of a Noteholder. A Note will be a quoted Eurobond if it is quoted on a recognised stock exchange and carries a right to interest. Encashment tax will arise at the standard rate of income tax (currently 20 per cent.) unless the person beneficially owning the Note and entitled to the interest thereon is not resident in Ireland, has provided a declaration in the prescribed form and the income is interest not deemed, under the provisions of Irish tax legislation, to be the income of another person that is an Irish resident. Where interest payments are made by or through a paying agent outside Ireland, no encashment tax arises. In the case of Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland that are not quoted Eurobonds, no encashment tax arises.

Irish Income tax

In general, persons who are resident and domiciled in Ireland are liable to Irish taxation on their worldwide income whereas persons who are not resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland are only liable to Irish taxation on their Irish source income. All persons are under a statutory obligation to account for Irish tax on a self-assessment basis and there is no requirement for the Irish Revenue Commissioners to issue or raise an assessment. Interest on Notes may be regarded as Irish source income. Accordingly, pursuant to general Irish tax rules, such income would be technically liable to Irish income tax (and the Universal Social Charge (**USC**) and Pay-Related Social Insurance (**PRSI**) where the income is received by an individual) unless an exemption is available.

Exemptions from Irish income tax under Section 198 TCA 1997 include:

- (a) where the interest is paid by a company in the ordinary course of its trade or business and the recipient of the interest is a company resident in an EU Member State (other than Ireland) or in a territory with which Ireland has a double taxation agreement where that EU Member State or territory, as the case may be, imposes a tax that generally applies to interest receivable from sources outside that EU Member State or territory, as the case may be, or where the interest paid would be exempted from the charge to income tax under a double taxation agreement that is in effect or, if not yet in effect, that has been signed between Ireland and that EU Member State or territory, as the case may be;
- (b) where the interest is paid on a quoted Eurobond and the recipient is:
 - (i) a person resident for the purposes of tax in an EU Member State (other than Ireland) or a territory with which Ireland has a double taxation agreement, and is not resident in Ireland for the purposes of tax;
 - (ii) a company under the control, directly or indirectly, of persons who, by virtue of the law of an EU Member State (other than Ireland) or a territory with which Ireland has a double taxation agreement, are resident in that EU Member State or territory and that person or persons are not themselves under the control, whether directly or indirectly, of a person who is not so resident; or

- (iii) a company, the principal class of shares of which is substantially and regularly traded on one or more recognised stock exchanges in Ireland or an EU Member State or territory with which Ireland has a double taxation agreement, or a stock exchange approved by the Minister for Finance of Ireland;
- (c) where the interest is interest to which section 246A TCA 1997 applies (see (b) under Irish Deposit Interest Retention Tax above) and the recipient is:
 - (i) a person resident for the purposes of tax in an EU Member State (other than Ireland) or a territory with which Ireland has a double taxation agreement, and is not resident in Ireland for the purposes of tax;
 - (ii) a company under the control, directly or indirectly, of persons who, by virtue of the law of an EU Member State other than Ireland or a territory with which Ireland has a double taxation agreement, are resident in that EU Member State or territory and that person or persons are not themselves under the control, whether directly or indirectly, of a person who is not so resident, or
 - (iii) a company, the principal class of shares of which is substantially and regularly traded on one or more recognised stock exchanges in Ireland or an EU Member State or territory with which Ireland has a double taxation agreement, or a stock exchange approved by the Minister for Finance of Ireland; or
- (d) where discounts arise to a person in respect of securities issued by a company in the ordinary course of trade or business where that person is resident in an EU Member State or in a territory with which Ireland has a double taxation agreement.

For this purpose, residence is determined under the terms of the relevant double taxation agreement, or in the case of a person resident in an EU Member State, the law of that Member State. Separately, Ireland's double taxation agreements may exempt interest from Irish tax when received by a resident of the other territory provided that certain procedural formalities are completed.

Where a liability to Irish income tax arises it has, in the past, been the practice of the Irish Revenue Commissioners (as a consequence of the absence of a collection mechanism rather than adopted policy) not to seek to collect this liability from non-Irish resident persons unless the recipient of the interest has a connection with Ireland. Examples of such a connection would include where the recipient has sought a claim for repayment of Irish tax deducted at source or where they are chargeable in the name of a person (including a trustee) or in the name of an agent or branch in Ireland having the management or control of their interest in the Notes. Corporate noteholders who carry on a trade in Ireland through a branch or agency may be liable to Irish corporation tax where the Note is held in connection with the trade.

Capital Gains Tax

A holder of the Notes who is neither resident nor ordinarily resident in Ireland and who does not carry on a trade in Ireland through a branch or agency in respect of which the Notes are used or held will not be liable to capital gains tax on the disposal of the Notes (including redemptions for cash or by way of exchange for shares).

Stamp Duty

No stamp duty will be payable on the issue of the Notes. No stamp duty will be payable on the transfer of the Notes by delivery. In the event of a written transfer of Notes no stamp duty is chargeable provided that the Notes:

- (a) do not carry a right of conversion into stocks or marketable securities (other than loan capital) of a company having a register in Ireland or into loan capital having such right;
- (b) do not carry rights of the same kind as shares in the capital of a company, including rights such as voting rights, a share in the profits or a share in the surplus upon liquidation;

- (c) are issued for a price which is not less than 90 per cent. of their nominal value (thus bonds issued at a discount may not qualify for this exemption); and
- (d) do not carry a right to a sum in respect of repayment or interest which is related to certain movements in an index or indices (based wholly or partly and directly or indirectly on stocks or marketable securities) specified in any instrument or other document relating to the Notes.

Capital Acquisitions Tax

A gift or inheritance of the Notes will be within the charge to Capital Acquisitions Tax if at the relevant date:

- (a) the donor (generally the person making the gift or inheritance of the Notes) is resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland; or
- (b) the beneficiary is resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland; or
- (c) the Notes are regarded as Irish property.

A foreign domiciled person will generally be regarded as resident or ordinarily resident only if that person was resident in Ireland for the five consecutive tax years immediately preceding the year in which the gift or inheritance was taken and that person is either resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland on the relevant date.

The Notes (for so long as they remain in bearer form) will not be regarded as situated in Ireland unless they are physically located in Ireland or, if registered, there is a register of such Notes in Ireland.

TAXATION IN LUXEMBOURG

The following information is of a general nature and is based on the laws presently in force in Luxembourg, though it is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, legal or tax advice. The information contained within this section is limited to Luxembourg withholding tax issues and prospective investors in the Notes should therefore consult their own professional advisers as to the effects of state, local or foreign laws, including Luxembourg tax law, to which they may be subject.

Please be aware that the residence concept used under the respective headings below applies for Luxembourg income tax assessment purposes only. Any reference in the present section to a withholding tax or a tax of a similar nature, or to any other concepts, refers to Luxembourg tax law and/or concepts only.

Withholding Tax

(a) Non-resident holders of Notes

Under Luxembourg general tax laws currently in force, there is no withholding tax on payments of principal, premium or interest made to non resident holders of Notes, nor on accrued but unpaid interest in respect of the Notes, nor is any Luxembourg withholding tax payable upon redemption or repurchase of the Notes held by non-resident holders of Notes.

(b) Resident holders of Notes

Under Luxembourg general tax laws currently in force and subject to the law of 23 December 2005 (the **Relibi Law**), as amended, there is no withholding tax on payments of principal, premium or interest made to Luxembourg resident holders of Notes, nor on accrued but unpaid interest in respect of Notes, nor is any Luxembourg withholding tax payable upon redemption or repurchase of Notes held by Luxembourg resident holders of Notes.

Under the Relibi Law payments of interest or similar income made or ascribed by a paying agent established in Luxembourg to an individual beneficial owner who is a resident of Luxembourg or to a residual entity (within the meaning of the laws of 21 June 2005 implementing the Council Directive 2003/48/EC of 3 June 2003 on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments and ratifying the treaties entered into by Luxembourg and certain dependent and associated territories of

EU Member States (the **Territories**), as amended) established in a EU Member State (other than Luxembourg) or one of the Territories and securing such payments for the benefit of such individual beneficial owner will be subject to a withholding tax of 10 per cent. Such withholding tax will be in full discharge of income tax if the beneficial owner is an individual acting in the course of the management of his/her private wealth. Responsibility for the withholding of the tax will be assumed by the Luxembourg paying agent. Payments of interest under the Notes coming within the scope of the Relibi Law would be subject to a withholding tax of 10 per cent.

TAXATION IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

The following is a general discussion of certain German tax consequences of the acquisition, holding and disposal of Notes. It does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all German tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to purchase Notes, and, in particular, does not consider any specific facts or circumstances that may apply to a particular purchaser. This summary is based on the tax laws of Germany currently in force and as applied on the date of this Base Prospectus, which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive or retrospective effect.

As each Series or Tranche of Notes may be subject to a different tax treatment due to the specific terms of such Series or Tranche of Notes as set out in the respective Final Terms, the following section only provides some general information on the possible tax treatment. Tax consequences that may arise if an investor combines certain series of Notes so that he or she derives a certain return are not discussed herein.

Prospective purchasers of Notes are advised to consult their own tax advisors as to the tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposal of Notes, including the effect of any state, local or church taxes, under the tax laws of Germany and any country of which they are resident or whose tax laws apply to them for other reasons.

German Tax Residents

The section “*German Tax Residents*” refers to persons who are tax residents of Germany (i.e. persons whose residence, habitual abode, statutory seat, or place of effective management and control is located in Germany).

Withholding tax on ongoing payments and capital gains

Ongoing income received by persons holding the Notes as private assets will be subject to German withholding tax if the Notes are kept or administrated in a custodial account with a German branch of a German or non-German bank or financial services institution, a German securities trading company or a German securities trading bank and such institution credits or pays out the income (each, a **Disbursing Agent**, *auszahlende Stelle*) and such Disbursing Agent credits or pays out the income. The tax rate is 25 per cent. (plus solidarity surcharge at a rate of 5.5 per cent. thereon, the total withholding being 26.375 per cent.). For Noteholders who are subject to church tax an electronic information system for church withholding tax purposes applies in relation to investment income, with the effect that church tax will be collected by the Disbursing Agent by way of withholding unless the Noteholder has filed a blocking notice (*Sperrvermerk*) with the German Federal Central Tax Office (*Bundeszentralamt für Steuern*) in which case the Noteholder will be assessed to church tax.

The same treatment applies to capital gains (i.e. the difference between the proceeds from the disposal, redemption, repayment or assignment after deduction of expenses directly related to the disposal, redemption, repayment or assignment and the cost of acquisition) derived by a private Noteholder provided the Notes have been kept or administrated in a custodial account with the same Disbursing Agent since the time of their acquisition. If similar Notes kept or administrated in the same custodial account were acquired at different points in time, the Notes first acquired will be deemed to have been sold first for the purposes of determining the capital gains. Where Notes are acquired and/or sold or redeemed in a currency other than Euro the sales/redemption price and the acquisition costs have to be converted into Euro on the basis of the foreign exchange rates prevailing on the sale or redemption date and the acquisition date respectively with the result that any currency gains or losses are part of the capital gains. If Coupons or interest claims are disposed of separately (i.e. without the Notes), the proceeds from the disposition are subject to withholding tax. The same applies to proceeds from the payment of Coupons or interest claims if the Notes have been disposed of separately.

To the extent the Notes have not been kept or administrated in a custodial account with the same Disbursing Agent since the time of their acquisition, upon the disposal, redemption, repayment or assignment withholding tax applies at a rate of 26.375 per cent. (including solidarity surcharge, plus church tax, if applicable) on 30 per

cent. of the disposal proceeds (plus interest accrued on the Notes (**Accrued Interest**, *Stückzinsen*), if any), unless the current Disbursing Agent has been notified of the actual acquisition costs of the Notes by the previous Disbursing Agent or by a statement of a bank or financial services institution within the European Economic Area or certain other countries in accordance with art. 17 para. 2 of the Savings Directive (e.g. Switzerland or Andorra).

Pursuant to a tax decree issued by the German Federal Ministry of Finance dated 9 October 2012 a bad debt-loss (*Forderungsausfall*) and a waiver of a receivable (*Forderungsverzicht*), to the extent the waiver does not qualify as a hidden capital contribution, shall not be treated like a disposal. Accordingly, losses suffered upon such bad debt-loss or waiver shall not be tax-deductible. The same rules should be applicable according to the said tax decree, if the Notes expire worthless so that losses may not be tax-deductible at all. A disposal of the Notes will only be recognised according to the view of the tax authorities, if the received proceeds exceed the respective transaction costs. Where the Notes provide for instalment payments, such instalment payments shall always qualify as taxable savings income, unless the terms and conditions of the Notes provide explicit information regarding redemption or partial redemption during the term of the Notes and the contractual parties comply with these terms and conditions. It is further stated in the tax decree that, if, in the case of Notes providing for instalment payments, there is no final payment at maturity, the expiry of such Notes shall not be deemed as a sale, with the consequence that any remaining acquisition costs could not be deducted for tax purposes. Similarly, any remaining acquisition costs of Notes providing for instalment payments shall not be tax-deductible if the Notes do not provide for a final payment or are terminated early without a redemption payment because the respective underlying has left the defined corridor or has broken certain barriers (e.g. in knock-out structures). Although the tax decree only refers to instruments with instalment payments, it cannot be excluded that the German tax authorities apply the above principles also to other kinds of full-risk securities.

In computing any German tax to be withheld, the Disbursing Agent generally deducts from the basis of the withholding tax negative investment income realised by a private Noteholder via the Disbursing Agent (e.g. losses from the sale of other securities with the exception of shares). The Disbursing Agent also deducts Accrued Interest on the Notes or other securities paid separately upon the acquisition of the respective security by a private Noteholder via the Disbursing Agent. In addition, subject to certain requirements and restrictions the Disbursing Agent credits foreign withholding taxes levied on investment income in a given year regarding securities held by a private Noteholder in the custodial account with the Disbursing Agent.

Private Noteholders may be entitled to an annual allowance (*Sparer-Pauschbetrag*) of €801 (€1,602 for married couples and for partners in accordance with the registered partnership law (*Gesetz über die Eingetragene Lebenspartnerschaft*) filing jointly) for all investment income received in a given year. Upon the private Noteholder filing an exemption certificate (*Freistellungsauftrag*) with the Disbursing Agent, the Disbursing Agent will take the allowance into account when computing the amount of tax to be withheld. The deduction of the actual income related expenses, if any, is excluded. No withholding tax will be deducted if the Noteholder has submitted to the Disbursing Agent a certificate of non-assessment (*Nichtveranlagungsbescheinigung*) issued by the competent local tax office.

German withholding tax will not apply to gains from the disposal, redemption, repayment or assignment of Notes held by a corporation while ongoing payments, such as interest payments, are subject to withholding tax (irrespective of any deductions of foreign tax and capital losses incurred). The same may apply where the Notes form part of a trade or business, subject to further requirements being met.

Taxation of current income and capital gains

The personal income tax liability of a private Noteholder deriving income from capital investments under the Notes is, in principle, settled by the tax withheld. To the extent withholding tax has not been levied, such as in the case of Notes kept in custody abroad, or if no Disbursing Agent is involved in the payment process, the private Noteholder must report his or her income and capital gains derived from the Notes on his or her tax return and then will also be taxed at a rate of 25 per cent. (plus solidarity surcharge and church tax thereon, where applicable). If the withholding tax on a disposal, redemption, repayment or assignment has been calculated from 30 per cent. of the disposal proceeds (rather than from the actual gain), a private Noteholder may and in case the actual gain is higher than 30 per cent. of the disposal proceeds must also apply for an assessment on the basis of his or her actual acquisition costs. Further, a private Noteholder may request that all investment income of a given year is taxed at his or her lower individual tax rate based upon an assessment to tax with any amounts over withheld being refunded. In each case, the deduction of expenses (other than transaction costs) on an itemised basis is not permitted.

Losses incurred with respect to the Notes can only be off-set against investment income of the private Noteholder realised in the same or the following years.

Where Notes form part of a trade or business the withholding tax, if any, will not settle the personal or corporate income tax liability. Where Notes form part of a trade or business, interest (accrued) must be taken into account as income. Where Notes qualify as zero bonds and form part of a trade or business, each year the part of the difference between the issue or purchase price and the redemption amount attributable to such year must be taken into account. The respective Noteholder will have to report income and related (business) expenses on the tax return and the balance will be taxed at the Noteholder's applicable tax rate. Withholding tax levied, if any, will be credited against the personal or corporate income tax of the Noteholder. Where Notes form part of a German trade or business the current income and gains from the disposal, redemption, repayment or assignment of the Notes may also be subject to German trade tax. Generally the deductibility of capital losses from Notes which qualify for tax purposes as contracts for difference is limited. These losses may only be applied against profits from other contracts for difference derived in the same or, subject to certain restrictions, the previous year. Otherwise these losses can be carried forward indefinitely and applied against profits from contracts for difference in subsequent years. These limitations generally do not apply to contracts for difference hedging risks from the Noteholder's ordinary business. Further special rules apply to credit institutions, financial services institutions and finance companies within the meaning of the German Banking Act.

Non-German Tax Residents

Interest and capital gains are not subject to German taxation, unless (a) the Notes form part of the business property of a permanent establishment, including a permanent representative, or a fixed base maintained in Germany by the Noteholder or (b) the income otherwise constitutes German-source income. In cases (a) and (b) a tax regime similar to that explained above under "*German Tax Residents*" applies.

Non-German tax residents are, in general, exempt from German withholding tax on interest and capital gains. However, where the income is subject to German taxation as set forth in the preceding paragraph and the Notes are kept or administrated in a custodial account with a Disbursing Agent, withholding tax may be levied under certain circumstances. Where Notes are not kept in a custodial account with a Disbursing Agent and interest or proceeds from the disposal, assignment or redemption of a Note or an interest coupon are paid by a Disbursing Agent to a non-resident upon delivery of the Notes or interest coupons, withholding tax generally will also apply. The withholding tax may be refunded based on an assessment to tax or under an applicable tax treaty.

Inheritance and Gift Tax

No inheritance or gift taxes with respect to any Notes will arise under the laws of Germany, if, in the case of inheritance tax, neither the deceased nor the beneficiary, or, in the case of gift tax, neither the donor nor the donee, is a resident of Germany and such Note is not attributable to a German trade or business for which a permanent establishment is maintained, or a permanent representative has been appointed, in Germany. Exceptions from this rule apply to certain German expatriates.

Other Taxes

No stamp, issue or registration taxes or such duties will be payable in Germany in connection with the issuance, delivery or execution of the Notes. Currently, net assets tax is not levied in Germany.

The European Commission and certain EU Member States (including Germany) are currently intending to introduce a financial transactions tax (as defined below) (presumably on secondary market transactions involving at least one financial intermediary). It is currently uncertain when the proposed financial transaction tax will be enacted by the participating EU Member States and when the financial transaction tax will enter into force with regard to dealings with the Notes.

Savings Directive

By legislative regulations dated 26 January 2004 the German Federal Government enacted provisions implementing the information exchange on the basis of the Savings Directive into German law. These provisions apply from 1 July 2005.

TAXATION IN AUSTRIA

This section on taxation contains a brief summary of the Issuers' understanding with regard to certain important principles which are of significance in connection with the purchase, holding or sale of the Notes in the Republic of Austria. This summary does not purport to exhaustively describe all possible tax aspects and does not deal with specific situations which may be of relevance for certain potential investors. The following comments are rather of a general nature and included herein solely for information purposes. They are not intended to be, nor should they be construed to be, legal or tax advice. This summary is based on the currently applicable tax legislation, case law and regulations of the tax authorities, as well as their respective interpretation, all of which may be amended from time to time. Such amendments may possibly also be effected with retroactive effect and may negatively impact on the tax consequences described. It is recommended that potential investors in the Notes consult with their legal and tax advisors as to the tax consequences of the purchase, holding or sale of the Notes. Tax risks resulting from the Notes (in particular from a potential qualification as a foreign investment fund within the meaning of sec. 188 of the Austrian Investment Funds Act 2011 (Investmentfondsgesetz 2011)) shall in any case be borne by the investor. For the purposes of the following it is assumed that the Notes are legally and factually offered to an indefinite number of persons.

General remarks

Individuals having a domicile (*Wohnsitz*) and/or their habitual abode (*gewöhnlicher Aufenthalt*), both as defined in sec. 26 of the Austrian Federal Fiscal Procedures Act (*Bundesabgabenordnung*), in Austria are subject to income tax (*Einkommensteuer*) in Austria on their worldwide income (unlimited income tax liability; *unbeschränkte Einkommensteuerpflicht*). Individuals having neither a domicile nor their habitual abode in Austria are subject to income tax only on income from certain Austrian sources (limited income tax liability; *beschränkte Einkommensteuerpflicht*).

Corporations having their place of management (*Ort der Geschäftsleitung*) and/or their legal seat (*Sitz*), both as defined in sec. 27 of the Austrian Federal Fiscal Procedures Act, in Austria are subject to corporate income tax (*Körperschaftsteuer*) in Austria on their worldwide income (unlimited corporate income tax liability; *unbeschränkte Körperschaftsteuerpflicht*). Corporations having neither their place of management nor their legal seat in Austria are subject to corporate income tax only on income from certain Austrian sources (limited corporate income tax liability; *beschränkte Körperschaftsteuerpflicht*).

Both in case of unlimited and limited (corporate) income tax liability Austria's right to tax may be restricted by double taxation treaties.

Income taxation of the Notes

Pursuant to sec. 27(1) of the Austrian Income Tax Act (*Einkommensteuergesetz*), the term investment income (*Einkünfte aus Kapitalvermögen*) comprises:

- (a) income from the letting of capital (*Einkünfte aus der Überlassung von Kapital*) pursuant to sec. 27(2) of the Austrian Income Tax Act, including dividends and interest;
- (b) income from realised increases in value (*Einkünfte aus realisierten Wertsteigerungen*) pursuant to sec. 27(3) of the Austrian Income Tax Act, including gains from the alienation, redemption and other realisation of assets that lead to income from the letting of capital, zero coupon bonds and broken-period interest; and
- (c) income from derivatives (*Einkünfte aus Derivaten*) pursuant to sec. 27(4) of the Austrian Income Tax Act, including cash settlements, option premiums received and income from the sale or other realisation of forward contracts like options, futures and swaps and other derivatives such as index certificates.

Also the withdrawal of the Notes from a bank deposit (*Depotentnahme*) and circumstances leading to a loss of Austria's taxation right regarding the Notes *vis-à-vis* other countries, e.g. a relocation from Austria (*Wegzug*), are in general deemed to constitute a sale (*cf.* sec. 27(6)(1) of the Austrian Income Tax Act).

Individuals subject to unlimited income tax liability in Austria holding the Notes as non-business assets are subject to income tax on all resulting investment income pursuant to sec. 27(1) of the Austrian Income Tax Act. In case of investment income with an Austrian nexus (*inländische Einkünfte aus Kapitalvermögen*), basically meaning income paid by an Austrian paying agent (*auszahlende Stelle*) or an Austrian custodian agent (*depotführende Stelle*), the income is subject to withholding tax (*Kapitalertragsteuer*) of 25 per cent.; no additional income tax is levied over and above the amount of tax withheld (final taxation pursuant to sec. 97(1) of the Austrian Income Tax Act). In case of investment income without an Austrian nexus, the income must be included in the investor's income tax return and is subject to income tax at a flat rate of 25 per cent. In both cases upon application the option exists to tax all income subject to income tax at the flat rate of 25 per cent. at the lower progressive income tax rate (option to regular taxation pursuant to sec. 27a(5) of the Austrian Income Tax Act). Sec. 27(8) of the Austrian Income Tax Act, *inter alia*, provides for the following restrictions on the offsetting of losses: negative income from realised increases in value and from derivatives may be neither offset against interest and other claims *vis-à-vis* credit institutions nor against income from private law foundations and comparable legal estates (*privatrechtliche Stiftungen und damit vergleichbare Vermögensmassen*); income subject to income tax at the flat rate of 25 per cent. may not be offset against income subject to the progressive income tax rate (this equally applies in case of an exercise of the option to regular taxation); negative investment income not already offset against positive investment income may not be offset against other types of income.

Individuals subject to unlimited income tax liability in Austria holding the Notes as business assets are subject to income tax on all resulting investment income pursuant to sec. 27(1) of the Austrian Income Tax Act. In case of investment income with an Austrian nexus the income is subject to withholding tax of 25 per cent. While withholding tax has the effect of final taxation for income from the letting of capital, income from realised increases in value and income from derivatives must be included in the investor's income tax return (nevertheless income tax at the flat rate of 25 per cent.). In case of investment income without an Austrian nexus, the income must always be included in the investor's income tax return (generally income tax at the flat rate of 25 per cent.). In both cases upon application the option exists to tax all income subject to income tax at the flat rate of 25 per cent. at the lower progressive income tax rate (option to regular taxation pursuant to sec. 27a(5) of the Austrian Income Tax Act). Pursuant to sec. 6(2)(c) of the Austrian Income Tax Act, depreciations to the lower fair market value and losses from the alienation, redemption and other realisation of financial assets and derivatives in the sense of sec. 27(3) and (4) of the Austrian Income Tax Act, which are subject to income tax at the flat rate of 25 per cent., are primarily to be offset against income from realised increases in value of such financial assets and derivatives and with appreciations in value of such assets; only half of the remaining negative difference may be offset against other types of income (and carried forward).

Pursuant to sec. 7(2) of the Austrian Corporate Income Tax Act (*Körperschaftsteuergesetz*), corporations subject to unlimited corporate income tax liability in Austria are subject to corporate income tax on income in the sense of sec. 27(1) of the Austrian Income Tax Act from the Notes at a rate of 25 per cent. In the case of income in the sense of sec. 27(1) of the Austrian Income Tax Act with an Austrian nexus, the income is subject to withholding tax of 25 per cent., which can be credited against the corporate income tax liability. However, under the conditions set forth in sec. 94(5) of the Austrian Income Tax Act withholding tax is not levied in the first place. Losses from the alienation of the Notes can be offset against other income (and carried forward).

Pursuant to sec. 13(3)(1) in connection with sec. 22(2) of the Austrian Corporate Income Tax Act, private foundations (*Privatstiftungen*) pursuant to the Austrian Private Foundations Act (*Privatstiftungsgesetz*) fulfilling the prerequisites contained in sec. 13(3) and (6) of the Austrian Corporate Income Tax Act and holding the Notes as non-business assets are subject to interim taxation at a rate of 25 per cent. on interest income, income from realised increases in value and income from derivatives (*inter alia*, if the latter are in the form of securities). Interim tax does not fall due insofar as distributions subject to withholding tax are made to beneficiaries in the same tax period. In case of investment income with an Austrian nexus income is in general subject to withholding tax of 25 per cent., which can be credited against the tax falling due. Under the conditions set forth in sec. 94(12) of the Austrian Income Tax Act withholding tax is not levied.

Individuals and corporations subject to limited (corporate) income tax liability in Austria are taxable on investment income from the Notes if they have a permanent establishment (*Betriebsstätte*) in Austria and the Notes are attributable to such permanent establishment (*cf.* sec. 98(1)(3) of the Austrian Income Tax Act, sec. 21(1)(1) of the Austrian Corporate Income Tax Act). Individuals subject to limited income tax liability in Austria are also taxable on interest in the sense of the Austrian EU Withholding Tax Act (*EU-*

Quellensteuergesetz, see below) from the Notes if withholding tax is levied on such interest (this does not apply, *inter alia*, if the Issuers have neither their places of management nor their legal seats in Austria and are not acting through Austrian branches, which condition the Issuers understand to be fulfilled in the case at hand; *cf.* sec. 98(1)(5)(b) of the Austrian Income Tax Act).

Pursuant to sec. 93(6) of the Austrian Income Tax Act, the Austrian custodian agent is obliged to automatically offset negative investment income against positive investment income, taking into account all of a taxpayer's bank deposits with the custodian agent. If negative and at the same time or later positive income is earned, then the negative income is to be offset against the positive income. If positive and later negative income is earned, then withholding tax on the positive income is to be credited, with such tax credit being limited to 25 per cent. of the negative income. In certain cases the offsetting is not permissible. The custodian agent has to issue a written confirmation on each offsetting of losses.

Pursuant to sec. 188 of the Austrian Investment Funds Act 2011 as amended in the course of the implementation of Directive 2011/61/EU, the term "foreign investment fund" comprises (i) undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities the state of origin of which is not Austria; (ii) alternative investment funds pursuant to the Austrian Act on Alternative Investment Fund Managers (*Alternative Investmentfonds Manager-Gesetz*) the state of origin of which is not Austria; and (iii) secondarily, undertakings subject to a foreign jurisdiction, irrespective of the legal form they are organized in, the assets of which are invested according to the principle of risk-spreading on the basis either of a statute, of the undertaking's articles or of customary exercise, if one of the following conditions is fulfilled: (a) the undertaking is factually, directly or indirectly, not subject to a corporate income tax in its state of residence that is comparable to Austrian corporate income tax; (b) the profits of the undertaking are in its state of residence subject to corporate income tax that is comparable to Austrian corporate income tax, at a rate of less than 15 per cent.; or (c) the undertaking is subject to a comprehensive personal or material tax exemption in its state of residence. Certain collective investment vehicles investing in real estate are exempted. To date no guidance has been issued by the tax authorities on the interpretation of this new provision. In case of a qualification as a foreign investment fund the tax consequences would substantially differ from those described above.

EU withholding tax

Sec. 1 of the Austrian EU Withholding Tax Act – implementing Council Directive 2003/48/EC of 3 June 2003 on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments – provides that interest payments paid or credited by an Austrian paying agent (*Zahlstelle*) to a beneficial owner who is an individual resident in another EU Member State (or in certain dependent or associated territories, which currently include Anguilla, Aruba, the British Virgin Islands, Curaçao, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Jersey, Montserrat, Sint Maarten and the Turks and Caicos Islands) are subject to EU withholding tax (*EU-Quellensteuer*) of 35 per cent. Sec. 10 of the Austrian EU Withholding Tax Act provides for an exemption from EU withholding tax if the beneficial owner presents to the paying agent a certificate drawn up in his/her name by the competent authority of his/her EU Member State of residence for tax purposes, indicating the name, address and tax or other identification number or, failing such, the date and place of birth of the beneficial owner, the name and address of the paying agent, and the account number of the beneficial owner or, where there is none, the identification of the security; such certificate shall be valid for a period not exceeding three years. Pursuant to Council Directive 2014/107/EU of 9 December 2014 amending Directive 2011/16/EU as regards mandatory automatic exchange of information in the field of taxation, interest, dividends and similar types of income as well as account balances and sales proceeds from financial assets shall in general be automatically exchanged as of 1 January 2016 with respect to taxable periods as from that date. Although Austria only will have to apply these provisions from 1 January 2017 with respect to taxable periods as from that date, it announced that it will not make full use of the derogation and will already exchange information on new accounts opened during the period 1 October 2016 to 30 December 2016 by 30 September 2017. While it was expected that changes to the EU Withholding Tax Act – implementing Council Directive 2014/48/EU of 24 March 2014 amending Directive 2003/48/EC on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments – would enter into effect by 1 January 2017, on 18 March 2015 the European Commission published a proposal for a Council Directive repealing Council Directive 2003/48/EC. Pursuant thereto, Council Directive 2003/48/EC shall in general be repealed with effect from 1 January 2016. However, pursuant to detailed grandfathering provisions, Austria shall in general continue to apply it until 31 December 2016.

Regarding the issue of whether also index certificates are subject to EU withholding tax, the Austrian tax authorities distinguish between index certificates with and without a capital guarantee, a capital guarantee being the promise of repayment of a minimum amount of the capital invested or the promise of the payment of interest. The exact tax treatment of index certificates furthermore depends on their underlying.

Tax treaties Austria/Switzerland and Austria/Liechtenstein

The Treaty between the Republic of Austria and the Swiss Confederation on Cooperation in the Areas of Taxation and Capital Markets and the Treaty between the Republic of Austria and the Principality of Liechtenstein on Cooperation in the Area of Taxation provide that a Swiss, respectively Liechtenstein, paying agent has to withhold a tax amounting to 25 per cent. on, *inter alia*, interest income, dividends and capital gains from assets booked with an account or deposit of such Swiss, respectively Liechtenstein, paying agent if the relevant holder of such assets (*i.e.* in general individuals on their own behalf and as beneficial owners of assets held by a domiciliary company (*Sitzgesellschaft*)) is tax resident in Austria. The same applies to such income from assets managed by a Liechtenstein paying agent if the relevant holder of the assets (*i.e.* in general individuals as beneficial owners of a transparent structure) is tax resident in Austria. For Austrian income tax purposes this withholding tax has the effect of final taxation regarding the underlying income if the Austrian Income Tax Act provides for the effect of final taxation for such income. The treaties, however, do not apply to interest covered by the agreements between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation, respectively the Principality of Liechtenstein, regarding Council Directive 2003/48/EC on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments. The taxpayer can opt for voluntary disclosure instead of the withholding tax by expressly authorising the Swiss, respectively Liechtenstein, paying agent to disclose to the competent Austrian authority the income, which subsequently has to be included in the income tax return.

Austrian inheritance and gift tax

Austria does not levy inheritance or gift tax.

Certain gratuitous transfers of assets to private law foundations and comparable legal estates are subject to foundation transfer tax (*Stiftungseingangssteuer*) pursuant to the Austrian Foundation Transfer Tax Act (*Stiftungseingangssteuergesetz*) if the transferor and/or the transferee at the time of transfer have a domicile, their habitual abode, their legal seat or their place of management in Austria. Certain exemptions apply in cases of transfers *mortis causa* of financial assets within the meaning of sec. 27(3) and (4) of the Austrian Income Tax Act (except for participations in corporations) if income from such financial assets is subject to income tax at the flat rate of 25 per cent. The tax basis is the fair market value of the assets transferred minus any debts, calculated at the time of transfer. The tax rate generally is 2.5 per cent., with a higher rate of 25 per cent. applying in special cases. Special provisions apply to transfers of assets to entities falling within the scope of the tax treaty between Austria and Liechtenstein.

In addition, there is a special notification obligation for gifts of money, receivables, shares in corporations, participations in partnerships, businesses, movable tangible assets and intangibles if the donor and/or the donee have a domicile, their habitual abode, their legal seat or their place of management in Austria. Not all gifts are covered by the notification obligation: In case of gifts to certain related parties, a threshold of EUR 50,000 per year applies; in all other cases, a notification is obligatory if the value of gifts made exceeds an amount of EUR 15,000 during a period of five years. Furthermore, gratuitous transfers to foundations falling under the Austrian Foundation Transfer Tax Act described above are also exempt from the notification obligation. Intentional violation of the notification obligation may trigger fines of up to 10 per cent. of the fair market value of the assets transferred.

Further, gratuitous transfers of the Notes may trigger income tax at the level of the transferor pursuant to sec. 27(6)(1) of the Austrian Income Tax Act (see above).

The European proposed financial transactions tax (FTT)

On 14 February 2013, the European Commission published a proposal (the **Commission's Proposal**) for a Directive for a common FTT in Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia and Slovakia (the **participating Member States**).

The Commission's Proposal has very broad scope and could, if introduced, apply to certain dealings in the Notes (including secondary market transactions) in certain circumstances. Primary market transactions referred to in Article 5(c) of Regulation (EC) No 1287/2006 are exempt.

Under the Commission's Proposal the FTT could apply in certain circumstances to persons both within and outside of the participating Member States. Generally, it would apply to certain dealings in the Notes where at least one party is a financial institution, and at least one party is established in a participating Member State. A financial institution may be, or be deemed to be, "established" in a participating Member State in a broad range of circumstances, including (a) by transacting with a person established in a participating Member State or (b) where the financial instrument which is subject to the dealings is issued in a participating Member State.

The FTT proposal remains subject to negotiation between the participating Member States. It may therefore be altered prior to any implementation. Additional EU Member States may decide to participate. Prospective holders of the Notes are advised to seek their own professional advice in relation to the FTT.

FOREIGN ACCOUNT TAX COMPLIANCE ACT

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (**FATCA**) impose a new reporting regime and potentially a 30 per cent. withholding tax with respect to certain payments to (i) any non-U.S. financial institution (a "foreign financial institution", or **FFI** (as defined by FATCA)) that does not become a **Participating FFI** by entering into an agreement with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (**IRS**) to provide the IRS with certain information in respect of its account holders and investors or is not otherwise exempt from or in deemed compliance with FATCA and (ii) any investor (unless otherwise exempt from FATCA) that does not provide information sufficient to determine whether the investor is a U.S. person or should otherwise be treated as holding a "United States account" of the Issuer (a **Recalcitrant Holder**). The Issuers are classified as FFIs.

The new withholding regime is in effect for payments from sources within the United States and will apply to **foreign passthru payments** (a term not yet defined) no earlier than 1 January 2017. This withholding would potentially apply to payments in respect of (i) any Notes characterised as debt (or which are not otherwise characterised as equity and have a fixed term) for U.S. federal tax purposes that are issued after the **grandfathering date**, which is the date that is six months after the date on which final U.S. Treasury regulations defining the term foreign passthru payment are filed with the Federal Register, or which are materially modified after the grandfathering date and (ii) any Notes characterised as equity or which do not have a fixed term for U.S. federal tax purposes, whenever issued. If Notes are issued on or before the grandfathering date, and additional Notes of the same series are issued after that date, the additional Notes may not be treated as grandfathered, which may have negative consequences for the existing Notes, including a negative impact on market price.

The United States and a number of other jurisdictions have entered into intergovernmental agreements to facilitate the implementation of FATCA (each, an **IGA**). Pursuant to FATCA and the "Model 1" and "Model 2" IGAs released by the United States, an FFI in an IGA signatory country could be treated as a **Reporting FI** not subject to withholding under FATCA on any payments it receives. Further, an FFI in an IGA jurisdiction generally would not be required to withhold under FATCA or an IGA (or any law implementing an IGA) (any such withholding being **FATCA Withholding**) from payments it makes. Under each Model IGA, a Reporting FI would still be required to report certain information in respect of its account holders and investors to its home government or to the IRS. The United States and the United Kingdom, the United States and Ireland and the United States and Italy have entered into agreements (the **Relevant IGAs**) based largely on the Model 1 IGA.

The Issuers expect to be treated as Reporting FIs pursuant to the Relevant IGAs and do not anticipate being obliged to deduct any FATCA Withholding on payments they make. There can be no assurance, however, that the relevant Issuer will be treated as a Reporting FI, or that it would in the future not be required to deduct FATCA Withholding from payments it makes. Accordingly, the relevant Issuer and financial institutions through which payments on the Notes are made may be required to withhold FATCA Withholding if (i) any FFI through or to which payment on such Notes is made is not a Participating FFI, a Reporting FI, or otherwise exempt from or in deemed compliance with FATCA or (ii) an investor is a Recalcitrant Holder.

Whilst the Notes are in global form and held within the ICSDs, it is expected that FATCA will not affect the amount of any payments made under, or in respect of, the Notes by the Issuer, the Guarantor, any paying agent and the common depositary or the common safekeeper, given that each of the entities in the payment chain between the Issuer and the participants in the clearing systems is a major financial institution whose business is

dependent on compliance with FATCA and that any alternative approach introduced under an IGA will be unlikely to affect the Notes. The documentation expressly contemplates the possibility that the Notes may go into definitive form and therefore that they may be taken out of the clearing systems. If this were to happen, then a non-FATCA compliant holder could be subject to FATCA Withholding. However, definitive notes will only be printed in remote circumstances.

FATCA is particularly complex and its application is uncertain at this time. The above description is based in part on regulations, official guidance and the Relevant IGAs, all of which are subject to change or may be implemented in a materially different form.

U.S. HIRING INCENTIVES TO RESTORE EMPLOYMENT ACT

The U.S. Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act introduced Section 871(m) of the Code, which treats a “dividend equivalent” payment as a dividend from sources within the United States. Under Section 871(m), such payments generally would be subject to a 30 per cent. U.S. withholding tax that may be reduced by an applicable tax treaty, eligible for credit against other U.S. tax liabilities or refunded, provided that the beneficial owner timely claims a credit or refund from the IRS. A “dividend equivalent” payment is (i) a substitute dividend payment made pursuant to a securities lending or a sale-repurchase transaction that (directly or indirectly) is contingent upon, or determined by reference to, the payment of a dividend from sources within the United States, (ii) a payment made pursuant to a “specified notional principal contract” that (directly or indirectly) is contingent upon, or determined by reference to, the payment of a dividend from sources within the United States, and (iii) any other payment determined by the IRS to be substantially similar to a payment described in (i) and (ii). Proposed U.S. Treasury regulations expand the scope of withholding under Section 871(m) beginning 1 January 2016.

While significant aspects of the application of Section 871(m) to the Notes are uncertain, if the Issuers or any withholding agent determines that withholding is required, neither the Issuers nor any withholding agent will be required to pay any additional amounts with respect to amounts so withheld. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisers regarding the potential application of Section 871(m) to the Notes.

TAXATION IN SINGAPORE

The statements below are general in nature and are based on certain aspects of current tax laws in Singapore and administrative guidelines issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) in force as at the date of this Base Prospectus and are subject to any changes in such laws or administrative guidelines, or the interpretation of those laws or guidelines, occurring after such date, which changes could be made on a retroactive basis. Neither these statements nor any other statements in this Base Prospectus are intended or are to be regarded as advice on the tax position of any holder of the Notes or of any person acquiring, selling or otherwise dealing with the Notes or on any tax implications arising from the acquisition, sale or other dealings in respect of the Notes. The statements made herein do not purport to be a comprehensive or exhaustive description of all the tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to subscribe for, purchase, own or dispose of the Notes (particularly structured Notes) and do not purport to deal with the tax consequences applicable to all categories of investors, some of which (such as financial institutions in Singapore holding the Financial Sector Incentive – Standard Tier tax status) may be subject to special rules. Prospective Noteholders are advised to consult their own professional tax advisers as to the Singapore or other tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership or disposal of the Notes, including the effect of any foreign, state or local tax laws to which they are subject.

It is emphasised that neither any Issuer nor the Guarantor nor any Dealer nor any other persons involved in the Programme accept responsibility for any tax effects or liabilities resulting from the subscription, purchase, holding or disposal of the Notes.

The descriptions below are not intended to apply to any Notes issued by, or issued for the purposes of funding, the Singapore Branch of any Issuer.

Interest and Other Payments

If more than half of any tranche of Notes issued under the Programme on or after 1 January 2014 and on or before 31 December 2018 are Financial Sector Incentive (Bond Market) Companies or Financial Sector Incentive (Capital Market) Companies or Financial Sector Incentive (Standard Tier) Companies for the purposes

of the Income Tax Act, Chapter 134 of Singapore (**ITA**), that tranche of Notes (**Relevant Notes**) would be "qualifying debt securities" for the purposes of the ITA and, subject to certain conditions having been fulfilled (including the furnishing of a return on debt securities for the Relevant Notes), interest, discount income (not including discount income arising from secondary trading), prepayment fee, redemption premium and break cost (collectively, **Specified Income**) from the Relevant Notes derived by any company or body of persons (as defined in the ITA) in Singapore is subject to tax at a concessionary rate of 10 per cent.

However, notwithstanding the foregoing:

- (a) if during the primary launch of any tranche of Relevant Notes, the Relevant Notes of such tranche are issued to fewer than 4 persons and 50 per cent. or more of the issue of such Relevant Notes is beneficially held or funded, directly or indirectly, by related parties of the relevant Issuer, such Relevant Notes would not qualify as "qualifying debt securities"; and
- (b) even though Relevant Notes are "qualifying debt securities", if, at any time during the tenure of such Relevant Notes, 50 per cent. or more of the issue of such Relevant Notes is beneficially held or funded, directly or indirectly, by related parties of the relevant Issuer, Specified Income from such Relevant Notes derived by:
 - (i) any related party of the relevant Issuer; or
 - (ii) any other person where the funds used by such person to acquire such Relevant Notes are obtained, directly or indirectly, from any related party of the relevant Issuer,

shall not be eligible for the concessionary rate of tax of 10 per cent. as described above.

The terms "break cost", "prepayment fee" and "redemption premium" are defined in the ITA as follows:

break cost means any fee payable by the issuer of the securities on the early redemption of the securities, the amount of which is determined by any loss or liability incurred by the holder of the securities in connection with such redemption;

prepayment fee means any fee payable by the issuer of the securities on the early redemption of the securities, the amount of which is determined by the terms of the issuance of the securities; and

redemption premium means any premium payable by the issuer of the securities on the redemption of the securities upon their maturity.

References to "break cost", "prepayment fee" and "redemption premium" in this Singapore taxation section have the same meaning as defined in the ITA.

The term related party, in relation to a person, means any other person who, directly or indirectly, controls that person, or is controlled, directly or indirectly, by that person, or where he and that other person, directly or indirectly, are under the control of a common person.

Capital Gains

Any gains considered to be in the nature of capital made from the sale of the Notes will not be taxable in Singapore. However, any gains derived by any person from the sale of the Notes which are gains from any trade, business, profession or vocation carried on by that person, if accruing in or derived from Singapore, may be taxable as such gains are considered revenue in nature.

Holders of the Notes who are adopting Singapore Financial Reporting Standard 39 (**FRS 39**) may, for Singapore income tax purposes, be required to recognise gains or losses (not being gains or losses in the nature of capital) on the Notes, irrespective of disposal, in accordance with FRS 39. Please see the section below on "Adoption of FRS 39 Treatment for Singapore Income Tax Purposes".

Adoption of FRS 39 Treatment for Singapore Income Tax Purposes

The Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore has issued a circular entitled "Income Tax Implications arising from the adoption of FRS 39 — Financial Instruments: Recognition & Measurement" (the **FRS 39 Circular**). The ITA has since been amended to give effect to the FRS 39 Circular.

Subject to certain "opt out" provisions, taxpayers who are required to comply with FRS 39 for financial reporting purposes are generally required to adopt FRS 39 for Singapore income tax purposes as well.

Holders of the Notes who may be subject to the tax treatment under the FRS 39 Circular should consult their own accounting and tax advisers regarding the Singapore income tax consequences of their acquisition, holding or disposal of the Notes.

Estate Duty

Singapore estate duty has been abolished with respect to all deaths occurring on or after 15 February 2008.

HONG KONG TAXATION

The following is a general description of certain tax considerations relating to the Notes and is based on law and relevant interpretations thereof in effect as at the date of this Base Prospectus, all of which are subject to change, and does not constitute legal or taxation advice. It does not purport to be a complete analysis of all tax considerations relating to the Notes. Prospective holders of Notes who are in any doubt as to their tax position or who may be subject to tax in a jurisdiction are advised to consult their own professional advisers.

Withholding tax

No withholding tax in Hong Kong is payable on payments of principal or interest with respect to the Notes or in respect of any capital gains arising from the sale of the Notes.

Profits tax

Hong Kong profits tax is chargeable on every person carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong in respect of profits arising in or derived from Hong Kong from such trade, profession or business (excluding profits arising from the sale of capital assets).

Under the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Chapter 112 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the **Inland Revenue Ordinance**) as it is currently applied by the Inland Revenue Department, interest on the Notes may be deemed to be profits arising in or derived from Hong Kong from a trade, profession or business carried on in Hong Kong in the following circumstances:

- (a) interest on the Notes is received by or accrues to a financial institution (as defined in the Inland Revenue Ordinance) and arises through or from the carrying on by the financial institution of its business in Hong Kong; or
- (b) interest on the Notes is derived from Hong Kong and is received by or accrues to a company (other than a financial institution) carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong; or
- (c) interest on the Notes is derived from Hong Kong and is received by or accrues to a person (other than a company) carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong and is in respect of the funds of the trade, profession or business.

Pursuant to the Exemption from Profits Tax (Interest Income) Order, interest income accruing on or after 22 June 1998 to a person other than a financial institution on deposits (denominated in any currency) placed with, *inter alia*, a financial institution in Hong Kong is exempt from the payment of Hong Kong profits tax. This exemption does not apply, however, to deposits that are used to guarantee money borrowed in certain circumstances.

Sums derived from the sale, disposal or redemption of the Notes will be subject to Hong Kong profits tax where received by or accrued to a person, other than a financial institution, who carries on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong and the sum has a Hong Kong source. The source of such sums will generally be determined by having regard to the manner in which the Notes are acquired and disposed.

Sums received by or accrued to a financial institution by way of gains or profits arising through or from the carrying on by the financial institution of its business in Hong Kong from the sale, disposal and redemption of the Notes will be subject to profits tax.

Stamp duty

No Hong Kong stamp duty will be chargeable upon the issue or transfer of a Note.

Estate duty

No Hong Kong estate duty is payable in respect of the Notes.

Subscription and Sale and Transfer and Selling Restrictions

"Each Issuer has represented, warranted and undertaken and each Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to warrant and undertake that it will comply with all applicable laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or possesses or distributes the Base Prospectus and will obtain any consent, approval or permission required by it for the purchase, offer, sale or delivery by it of Notes under the laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction to which it is subject or in which it makes such purchases, offers, sales or deliveries and neither the Issuer nor any other Dealer shall have any responsibility therefor."

The Dealers have, in the Thirteenth Amended and Restated Programme Agreement dated 15 June 2015 (such programme agreement as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the **Programme Agreement**), agreed with the Issuers and (in the case of Guaranteed Notes) the Guarantor a basis upon which they or any of them may from time to time agree to purchase Notes. Any such agreement will extend to those matters stated under "*Form of the Notes*" and "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*". In the Programme Agreement, the Parent has agreed to reimburse the Dealers for certain of their expenses in connection with the establishment and any future update of the Programme and the issue of Notes under the Programme and to indemnify the Dealers against certain liabilities incurred by them in connection therewith.

TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS

As a result of the following restrictions, purchasers of Notes in the United States are advised to consult legal counsel prior to making any purchase, offer, sale, resale or other transfer of such Notes.

Each purchaser of Registered Notes (other than a person purchasing an interest in a Registered Global Note with a view to holding it in the form of an interest in the same Global Note) or person wishing to transfer an interest from one Registered Global Note to another or from global to definitive form or *vice versa*, will have been deemed to acknowledge, represent and agree as follows (terms used in this paragraph that are defined in Rule 144A or in Regulation S are used herein as defined therein):

- (a) that either: (i) it is a QIB, purchasing (or holding) the Notes for its own account or for the account of one or more QIBs and it is aware that any sale to it is being made in reliance on Rule 144A or (ii) it is an Institutional Accredited Investor which has delivered an IAI Investment Letter or (iii) it is outside the United States and is not a U.S. person;
- (b) that the Notes are being offered and sold in a transaction not involving a public offering in the United States within the meaning of the Securities Act, and that the Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act or any other applicable U.S. State securities laws and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except as set forth below;
- (c) that, unless it holds an interest in a Regulation S Global Note and either is a person located outside the United States or is not a U.S. person, if in the future it decides to resell, pledge or otherwise transfer the Notes or any beneficial interests in the Notes, it will do so, prior to the date which is two years after the later of the last Issue Date for the Series and the last date on which the relevant Issuer or an affiliate of the relevant Issuer was the owner of such Notes, only: (i) to the relevant Issuer or any affiliate thereof; inside the United States to a person whom the seller reasonably believes is a QIB purchasing for its own account or for the account of a QIB in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A; outside the United States in compliance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act; pursuant to the exemption from registration provided by Rule 144 under the Securities Act (if available); or (v) pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, in each case in accordance with all applicable U.S. State securities laws;
- (d) it will, and will require each subsequent holder to, notify any purchaser of the Notes from it of the resale restrictions referred to in paragraph (c) above, if then applicable;
- (e) that Notes initially offered in the United States to QIBs will be represented by one or more Rule 144A Global Notes, that Notes offered to Institutional Accredited Investors will be in the form of Definitive

IAI Registered Notes and that Notes offered outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S will be represented by one or more Regulation S Global Notes;

- (f) that the Notes, other than the Regulation S Global Notes, will bear a legend to the following effect unless otherwise agreed to by the relevant Issuer:

“THIS SECURITY HAS NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE “SECURITIES ACT”), OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE U.S. STATE SECURITIES LAWS AND, ACCORDINGLY, MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, U.S. PERSONS EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE. BY ITS ACQUISITION HEREOF, THE HOLDER (A) REPRESENTS THAT (1) IT IS A “QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER” (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) PURCHASING THE SECURITIES FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF ONE OR MORE QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS OR (2) IT IS AN INSTITUTIONAL “ACCREDITED INVESTOR” (AS DEFINED IN RULE 501(A)(1), (2), (3) OR (7) UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) (AN “INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITED INVESTOR”); (B) AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT RESELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER THE SECURITIES EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGENCY AGREEMENT AND, PRIOR TO THE DATE WHICH IS TWO YEARS AFTER THE LATER OF THE LAST ISSUE DATE FOR THE SERIES AND THE LAST DATE ON WHICH THE RELEVANT ISSUER OR AN AFFILIATE OF THE RELEVANT ISSUER WAS THE OWNER OF SUCH SECURITIES OTHER THAN (1) TO THE RELEVANT ISSUER OR ANY AFFILIATE THEREOF, (2) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO A PERSON WHOM THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A, (3) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 903 OR RULE 904 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (4) PURSUANT TO THE EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION PROVIDED BY RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (IF AVAILABLE) OR (5) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, IN EACH CASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES AND ANY OTHER JURISDICTION AND (C) IT AGREES THAT IT WILL DELIVER TO EACH PERSON TO WHOM THIS SECURITY IS TRANSFERRED A NOTICE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE EFFECT OF THIS LEGEND. NO REPRESENTATION CAN BE MADE AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF THE EXEMPTION PROVIDED BY RULE 144A FOR RESALES OF THE SECURITY.

THIS SECURITY AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE AGENCY AGREEMENT REFERRED TO HEREIN) MAY BE AMENDED OR SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME, WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF, BUT UPON NOTICE TO, THE HOLDERS OF SUCH SECURITIES SENT TO THEIR REGISTERED ADDRESSES, TO MODIFY THE RESTRICTIONS ON AND PROCEDURES FOR RESALES AND OTHER TRANSFERS OF THIS SECURITY TO REFLECT ANY CHANGE IN APPLICABLE LAW OR REGULATION (OR THE INTERPRETATION THEREOF) OR IN PRACTICES RELATING TO RESALES OR OTHER TRANSFERS OF RESTRICTED SECURITIES GENERALLY. THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY SHALL BE DEEMED, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE OR PURCHASE HEREOF, TO HAVE AGREED TO ANY SUCH AMENDMENT OR SUPPLEMENT (EACH OF WHICH SHALL BE CONCLUSIVE AND BINDING ON THE HOLDER HEREOF AND ALL FUTURE HOLDERS OF THIS SECURITY AND ANY SECURITIES ISSUED IN EXCHANGE OR SUBSTITUTION THEREFOR, WHETHER OR NOT ANY NOTATION THEREOF IS MADE HEREON).”;

- (g) if it is outside the United States and is not a U.S. person, that if it should resell or otherwise transfer the Notes prior to the expiration of the distribution compliance period (defined as 40 days after the later of the commencement of the offering and the closing date with respect to the original issuance of the Notes), it will do so only (a) (i) outside the United States in compliance with Rule 903 or 904 under the Securities Act or (ii) to a QIB in compliance with Rule 144A and (b) in accordance with all applicable U.S. State securities laws; and it acknowledges that the Regulation S Global Notes will bear a legend to the following effect unless otherwise agreed to by the relevant Issuer:

“THIS SECURITY HAS NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE **SECURITIES ACT**), OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE U.S. STATE SECURITIES LAWS AND, ACCORDINGLY, MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, U.S. PERSONS EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGENCY AGREEMENT AND PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT. THIS LEGEND SHALL CEASE TO APPLY UPON THE EXPIRY OF THE PERIOD OF 40 DAYS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF ALL THE NOTES OF THE TRANCHE OF WHICH THIS NOTE FORMS PART.”; and

- (h) that the relevant Issuer and others will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing acknowledgements, representations and agreements and agrees that if any of such acknowledgements, representations or agreements made by it are no longer accurate, it shall promptly notify the relevant Issuer; and if it is acquiring any Notes as a fiduciary or agent for one or more accounts it represents that it has sole investment discretion with respect to each such account and that it has full power to make the foregoing acknowledgements, representations and agreements on behalf of each such account.

Institutional Accredited Investors who purchase Registered Notes in definitive form offered and sold in the United States in reliance upon the exemption from registration provided by Regulation D of the Securities Act are required to execute and deliver to the Registrar an IAI Investment Letter. Upon execution and delivery of an IAI Investment Letter by an Institutional Accredited Investor, Notes will be issued in definitive registered form, see “*Form of the Notes*”.

The IAI Investment Letter will state, among other things, the following:

- (i) that the Institutional Accredited Investor has received a copy of the Base Prospectus and such other information as it deems necessary in order to make its investment decision;
- (ii) that the Institutional Accredited Investor understands that any subsequent transfer of the Notes is subject to certain restrictions and conditions set forth in the Base Prospectus and the Notes (including those set out above) and that it agrees to be bound by, and not to resell, pledge or otherwise transfer the Notes except in compliance with, such restrictions and conditions and the Securities Act;
- (iii) that, in the normal course of its business, the Institutional Accredited Investor invests in or purchases securities similar to the Notes;
- (iv) that the Institutional Accredited Investor is an “institutional accredited investor” within the meaning of Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) of Regulation D under the Securities Act and has such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of its investment in the Notes, and it and any accounts for which it is acting are each able to bear the economic risk of its or any such accounts’ investment for an indefinite period of time;
- (v) that the Institutional Accredited Investor is acquiring the Notes purchased by it for its own account or for one or more accounts (each of which is an Institutional Accredited Investor) as to each of which it exercises sole investment discretion and not with a view to any distribution of the Notes, subject, nevertheless, to the understanding that the disposition of its property shall at all times be and remain within its control; and
- (vi) that, in the event that the Institutional Accredited Investor purchases Notes, it will acquire Notes having a minimum purchase price of at least U.S.\$500,000 (or the approximate equivalent in another Specified Currency).

No sale of Legended Notes in the United States to any one purchaser will be for less than U.S.\$100,000 (or its foreign currency equivalent) principal amount or, in the case of sales to Institutional Accredited Investors, U.S.\$500,000 (or its foreign currency equivalent) principal amount and no Legended Note will be issued in connection with such a sale in a smaller principal amount. If the purchaser is a non-bank fiduciary acting on behalf of others, each person for whom it is acting must purchase at least U.S.\$100,000 (or its foreign currency equivalent) or, in the case of sales to Institutional Accredited Investors, U.S.\$500,000 (or its foreign currency equivalent) principal amount of Registered Notes.

SELLING RESTRICTIONS

United States

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered, sold, or delivered directly or indirectly within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except in certain transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Terms used in this paragraph have the same meaning given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

The Notes in bearer form are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to a United States person, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. Treasury regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder. The applicable Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes) will identify whether TEFRA C rules or TEFRA D rules apply or whether TEFRA is not applicable.

In connection with any Notes which are offered or sold outside the United States in reliance on an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided under Regulation S (**Regulation S Notes**), each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it will not offer, sell or deliver such Regulation S Notes (a) as part of their distribution at any time or (b) otherwise until 40 days after the completion of the distribution, as determined and certified by the relevant Dealer or, in the case of an issue of Notes on a syndicated basis, the relevant lead manager, of all Notes of the Tranche of which such Regulation S Notes are a part, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. Each Dealer has further agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree, that it will send to each dealer to which it sells any Regulation S Notes during the distribution compliance period a confirmation or other notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of the Regulation S Notes within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

Until 40 days after the commencement of the offering of any Series of Notes, an offer or sale of such Notes within the United States by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act if such offer or sale is made otherwise than in accordance with an available exemption from registration under the Securities Act.

Dealers may arrange for the resale of Notes to QIBs pursuant to Rule 144A and each such purchaser of Notes is hereby notified that the Dealers may be relying on the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A. The minimum aggregate principal amount of Notes which may be purchased by a QIB pursuant to Rule 144A is U.S.\$100,000 (or the approximate equivalent thereof in any other currency). To the extent that the relevant Issuer is not subject to or does not comply with the reporting requirements of Sections 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or the information furnishing requirements of Rule 12g3-2(b) thereunder, the relevant Issuer has agreed to furnish to holders of Notes and to prospective purchasers designated by such holders, upon request, such information as may be required by Rule 144A(d)(4).

Each issuance of Exempt Notes which are also Index Linked Notes or Dual Currency Notes shall be subject to such additional U.S. selling restrictions as the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer may agree as a term of the issuance and purchase of such Notes, which additional selling restrictions shall be set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

Public Offer Selling Restriction under the Prospectus Directive

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a **Relevant Member State**), each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the **Relevant Implementation Date**) it has not made and will not make an offer of Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Base Prospectus as completed by the final terms in relation thereto to the public in that Relevant Member State except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of such Notes to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) if the final terms in relation to the Notes specify that an offer of those Notes may be made other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State (a **Non-exempt Offer**) following the date of publication of a prospectus in relation to such Notes which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State, provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by the final terms contemplating such Non-exempt Offer in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified in such prospectus or final terms, as applicable and each Issuer has consented in writing to its use for the purpose of that Non-exempt Offer;
- (b) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (c) at any time to fewer than 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the relevant Issuer for any such offer; or
- (d) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

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

For the purposes of this provision:

- the expression an **offer of Notes to the public** in relation to any Notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State;
- the expression **Prospectus Directive** means Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended including by Directive 2010/73/EU, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State) and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State; and

United Kingdom

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that:

- (a) in relation to any Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland and/or UniCredit International Luxembourg which have a maturity of less than one year, (i) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business and (ii) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Notes other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or as agent) for the purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of the Notes would otherwise constitute a contravention of Section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the **FSMA**) by the Issuer;
- (b) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA (i) (where the Issuer is UniCredit) would not apply to the Issuer if it was not an authorised person, or (ii) (where the Issuer is UniCredit Ireland or UniCredit International Luxembourg) does not apply to the Issuer and would not apply to the Guarantor if it was not an authorised person; and
- (c) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

Republic of Italy

As long as the relevant offering of the Notes has not been registered pursuant to Italian securities legislation, no Notes may be offered, sold or delivered, nor may copies of the Base Prospectus or of any other document relating to the Notes be distributed in the Republic of Italy, except:

- (a) to qualified investors (*investitori qualificati*), as referred to in Article 100 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as amended (the **Financial Services Act**) and Article 34-ter, first paragraph, letter b) of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as amended from time to time (**Regulation No. 11971**); or
- (b) in other circumstances which are exempted from the rules on public offerings pursuant to Article 100 of the Financial Services Act and Regulation No. 11971.

In any event, any offer, sale or delivery of the Notes or distribution of copies of the Base Prospectus or any other document relating to the Notes in the Republic of Italy under paragraphs (a) or (b) above must be:

- (i) made by an investment firm, bank or financial intermediary permitted to conduct such activities in the Republic of Italy in accordance with the Financial Services Act, CONSOB Regulation No. 16190 of 29 October 2007 (as amended from time to time) and Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993 as amended (the **Italian Banking Act**); and
- (ii) in compliance with Article 129 of the Italian Banking Act, as amended, and the implementing guidelines of the Bank of Italy, as amended from time to time, pursuant to which the Bank of Italy may request information on the issue or the offer of securities in the Republic of Italy; and
- (iii) in compliance with any other applicable laws and regulations or requirements imposed by CONSOB or other Italian authority.

Investors should also note that in connection with the subsequent distribution of Notes (with a minimum denomination lower than €100,000 or its equivalent in another currency) in the Republic of Italy, in accordance with Article 100-bis of the Financial Services Act, where no exemption from the rules on public offerings applies under paragraphs (a) or (b) above, the subsequent distribution of the Notes on the secondary market in Italy must be made in compliance with the public offer and the prospectus requirement rules provided under the Financial Services Act and Regulation No. 11971. Failure to comply with such rules may result in the sale of such Notes being declared null and void and in the intermediaries transferring the Notes being liable for any damages suffered by investors.

Ireland

Each Dealer has agreed, represented and warranted (and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to further agree, represent and warrant) that:

- (a) it has not offered, sold, or placed and will not offer, sell or place or do anything in Ireland in respect of the Notes otherwise than in conformity with the provisions of the Prospectus (Directive 2003/71/EC) Regulations 2005 (as amended) and any rules issued under Section 1,363 of the Irish Companies Act 2014 by the Central Bank of Ireland;
- (b) it has complied with and will comply with all applicable provision of the Irish Companies Act 2014;
- (c) in respect of Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland which are not listed on a stock exchange and which do not mature within two years its action in any jurisdiction will comply with the then applicable laws and regulations of that jurisdiction, it will not knowingly offer to sell such Notes to an Irish resident, or to persons whose usual place of abode is Ireland, and that it will not knowingly distribute or cause to be distributed in Ireland any offering material in connection with such Notes. In addition, such Notes must be cleared through Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, or Depository Trust Company (or any other clearing system recognised for this purpose by the Revenue Commissioners) and have a minimum denomination of £ 300,000 (GBP) or its equivalent at the date of issuance;

- (d) in respect of Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland which are not listed on a stock exchange and which mature within two years, such Notes must have a minimum denomination of €500,000 or US\$500,000 or, in the case of Notes which are denominated in a currency other than euros or US dollars, the equivalent in that other currency of €500,000 (such amount to be determined by reference to the relevant rate of exchange at the date of first publication of this Programme). In addition, such Notes must be cleared through Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or Depository Trust Company (or any other clearing system recognised for this purpose by the Revenue Commissioners);
- (e) it has only issued or passed on, and will only issue or pass on, any document received by it in connection with the issue of Notes to persons who are persons to whom the document may otherwise lawfully be issued or passed on;
- (f) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of S.I. No. 60 of 2007, European Communities (Markets in Financial Instruments) Regulations 2007 (**MiFID Regulations**), including, without limitation, Parts 6, 7, and 12 thereof and the provisions of the Investor Compensation Act 1998 with respect to anything done by it in relation to the Notes or operating in, or otherwise involving, Ireland and is acting under and within the terms of an authorisation to do so for the purposes of Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 and it has complied with any applicable codes of conduct or practice made pursuant to implementing measures in respect of the foregoing Directive in any relevant jurisdiction; and
- (g) it has not offered, sold or placed and will not offer, sell or place the Notes, otherwise than in conformity with the provisions of the Central Bank Acts 1942 – 2013 (as amended) and any codes of conduct rules made under Section 117(1) thereof;
- (h) it has not offered, sold or placed and will not offer, sell or place or otherwise act in Ireland in respect of the Notes, otherwise than in conformity with the provisions of the Irish Market Abuse (Directive 2003/6/EC) Regulations 2005 (as amended) and any rules issued under Section 1,370 of the Irish Companies Act 2014 by the Central Bank.

France

Each of the Dealers and each of the Issuers has represented and agreed that:

(a) Offer to the public in France:

it has only made and will only make an offer of Notes to the public (*appel public à l'épargne*) in France in the period beginning (i) when a prospectus in relation to those Notes has been approved by the *Autorité des Marchés financiers* (**AMF**), on the date of such approval or, (ii) when a prospectus has been approved by the competent authority of another Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the EU Prospectus Directive 2003/71/EC, on the date of notification of such approval to the AMF, and ending at the latest on the date which is 12 months after the date of approval of the base prospectus all in accordance with Articles L.412-1 and L.621-8 of the French *Code monétaire et financier* and the *Règlement général* of the AMF; or

(b) Private Placement in France:

it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, Notes to the public in France, and it has not distributed or caused to be distributed and will not distribute or cause to be distributed to the public in France, the Base Prospectus, the relevant Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Notes) or any other offering material relating to the Notes and such offers, sales and distributions have been and will be made in France only to qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*), other than individuals, all as defined in, and in accordance with, Articles L.411-1, L.411-2 and D.411-1, L.533-16 and L.533-20 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*.

Japan

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (Act No. 25 of 1948, as amended; the **FIEA**) and accordingly each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it will not offer or

sell any Notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (as defined under Item 5, Paragraph 1, Article 6 of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (Act No. 228 of 1949, as amended)), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEA and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

The Federal Republic of Germany

The Notes may only be offered in Germany in compliance with the Securities Prospectus Act (*Wertpapierprospektgesetz*) and any other applicable German laws.

Austria

In addition to the cases described in the Public Offer Selling Restrictions under the Prospectus Directive in which the Notes may be offered to the public in an EEA Member State (including Austria), the Notes may be offered to the public in Austria only:

- (i) if the following conditions have been satisfied:
 - (a) the Base Prospectus, including any supplements but excluding any Final Terms, which has been approved by the Austrian Financial Market Authority (*Finanzmarktaufsichtsbehörde* the **FMA**) or, where appropriate, approved by the competent authority of another Member State and notified to the FMA, all in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, has been published at least one Austrian bank working day prior to the commencement of the relevant offer of the Notes to the public; and
 - (b) the applicable Final Terms for the Notes have been published and filed with the FMA on or prior to the date of commencement of the relevant offer of the Notes to the public; and
 - (c) a notification with the *Oesterreichische Kontrollbank Aktiengesellschaft*, all as prescribed by the Austrian Capital Market Act, as amended (*Kapitalmarktgesetz*, *Federal Law Gazette No 625/1991*, the **KMG**), has been filed at least one Austrian bank working day prior to the commencement of the relevant offer of the Notes to the public; or
- (ii) otherwise in compliance with the KMG.

For the purposes of this Austrian selling restriction, the expression **an offer of the Notes to the public** means any communication to the public in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Notes.

Singapore

This Base Prospectus has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore under the Securities and Futures Act, Cap. 289 of Singapore (the **SFA**) and accordingly, the Notes may not be offered or sold, nor may the Notes be the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, nor may this Base Prospectus or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase of the Notes be circulated or distributed, whether directly or indirectly, to any person in Singapore other than (a) to an institutional investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA) pursuant to Section 274 of the SFA, (b) to a relevant person (as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA) pursuant to Section 275(1) of the SFA, or any person pursuant to an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (c) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the Notes are acquired by persons who are relevant persons specified in Section 276 of the SFA, namely:

- (i) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or

- (ii) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

the shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within 6 months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the Notes pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:

- (i) to an institutional investor (under Section 274 of the SFA) or to a relevant person as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, or any person pursuant to an offer that is made on terms that such shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or such rights or interest in that trust are acquired at a consideration of not less than S\$200,000 (or its equivalent in a foreign currency) for each transaction, whether such amount is to be paid for in cash or by exchange of securities or other assets and further for corporations, in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275(1A) of the SFA;
- (ii) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
- (iii) where the transfer is by operation of law; or
- (iv) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA or Regulation 32 of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments)(Shares and Debentures) Regulations 2005.

Certain Restrictions applicable to Notes issued in Singapore dollars:

Notes issued in Singapore dollars by a person carrying on a deposit-taking business with a maturity period of less than 12 months and a denomination of less than S\$200,000 would be treated as deposits for the purposes of the Banking Act, Chapter 19 of Singapore (the Singapore Banking Act), unless the Notes are issued to certain persons, including either:

- (a) an individual whose total net assets exceeds S\$2 million (or equivalent in foreign currency) at the time of subscription or whose income in the 12 months preceding the time of subscription exceeds S\$300,000 (or equivalent in foreign currency); or
- (b) a company whose net assets (as determined by the last audited-balance sheet of the company) exceeds S\$10m (or equivalent in foreign currency) at the time of subscription.

In addition, even where Notes issued in Singapore dollars with a denomination of less than S\$200,000 are not treated as deposits for the purposes of the Singapore Banking Act, certain additional information is required to be furnished by an issuer which is carrying on a deposit-taking business. In such case, please refer to the relevant Final Terms for such further information.

Hong Kong

Each Dealer has represented and agreed that: (i) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell in Hong Kong, by means of any document, any Notes (except for Notes which are a "structured product" as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong (**SFO**)) other than (a) to "**professional investors**" as defined in the SFO and any rules made under that Ordinance; or (b) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a "**prospectus**" as defined in the Companies (Winding Up and Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of that Ordinance; and (ii) it has not issued or had in its possession for the purposes of issue, and will not issue or have in its possession for the purposes of issue, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, any advertisement, invitation or document relating to the Notes, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to Notes which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to "**professional investors**" as defined in the SFO and any rules made under that Ordinance.

People's Republic of China

Each Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that the Notes are not being offered or sold and may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, by it or any of its affiliates in the People's Republic of China (**PRC**) (for such purposes, not including the Hong Kong and Macau Special Administrative Regions or Taiwan) as part of the initial distribution of the Notes, except as permitted by the securities laws of the PRC.

Australia

No prospectus or other disclosure document (as defined in the Corporations Act 2001 of Australia (Corporations Act)) in relation to the Programme or any Notes has been or will be lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (**ASIC**). Each Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that it:

- (a) has not (directly or indirectly) offered, and will not offer for issue or sale and has not invited, and will not invite, applications for issue, or offers to purchase, the Notes in, to or from Australia (including an offer or invitation which is received by a person in Australia); and
- (b) has not distributed or published, and will not distribute or publish, any base prospectus, advertisement or other offering material relating to the Notes in Australia,

unless,

- (1) the aggregate consideration payable by each offeree or invitee is at least AUD 500,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies, disregarding moneys lent by the offeror or its associates) or the offer or invitation otherwise does not require disclosure to investors in accordance with Part 6D.2 of the Corporations Act,
- (2) such action complies with all applicable laws, regulations and directives, and
- (3) such action does not require any document to be lodged with ASIC.

General

Each Dealer has agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree that it will (to the best of its knowledge and belief) comply with all applicable laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or possesses or distributes this Base Prospectus and will obtain any consent, approval or permission required by it for the purchase, offer, sale or delivery by it of Notes under the laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction to which it is subject or in which it makes such purchases, offers, sales or deliveries and neither the Issuers, the Guarantor, the Trustee nor any of the other Dealers shall have any responsibility therefor.

None of the Issuers, the Guarantor, the Trustee and the Dealers represents that Notes may at any time lawfully be sold in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any jurisdiction, or pursuant to any exemption available thereunder, or assumes any responsibility for facilitating such sale.

General Information

AUTHORISATION

The establishment of the Programme and, in the case of the Guarantor, the giving of the Guarantee, have been duly authorised by the resolutions of the Board of Directors of UniCredit dated 2 May 2000 and of the Board of Directors of UniCredit Ireland dated 9 November 2000. The entry into the Programme was duly authorised by the resolutions of the Board of Directors of UniCredit International Luxembourg dated 19 May 2011. The update of the Programme, including the giving of the Guarantee, was duly authorised by the resolutions of the Board of Directors of UniCredit dated 11 February 2015, the Programmes Committee of the Directors of UniCredit Ireland dated 11 June 2015 and the Board of Directors of UniCredit International Luxembourg dated 7 May 2015.

APPROVAL, LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING

Application has been made to the CSSF to approve this document as three base prospectuses. Application has also been made to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange for Notes issued under the Programme to be listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and to be admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market. The Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market is a regulated market for the purposes of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive 2004/39/EC.

However, Notes may be issued pursuant to the Programme which will not be listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange or which will be listed on such stock exchange as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) may agree.

SELLING CONCESSION OR OTHER CONCESSIONS

A selling concession or other concession may be charged as set out in the Final Terms.

DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

For so long as the Notes issued under the Programme will be listed in Luxembourg, copies of the following documents will, when published, be available from the registered office of the relevant Issuer and from the specified office of the Paying Agent for the time being in London:

- (a) the memorandum and articles of association (with an English translation where applicable) of each of the Issuers;
- (b) the audited consolidated financial statements of UniCredit as at and for the financial year ended 31 December 2014 (with an English translation thereof) (the **December 2014 Financial Statements**);
- (c) the audited consolidated financial statements of UniCredit as at and for the financial year ended 31 December 2013 (with an English translation thereof);
- (d) the unaudited consolidated interim report as at 31 March 2015 – Press Release of UniCredit;
- (e) the unaudited consolidated interim financial information as at and for the three months ended 31 March 2014 of UniCredit;
- (f) the unaudited consolidated interim financial information of UniCredit as at and for the six months ended 30 June 2014 (the **June 2014 Financial Statements**);
- (g) the audited non-consolidated financial statements of UniCredit Ireland as at and for the financial year ended 31 December 2014 and audited non-consolidated financial statements of UniCredit Ireland as at and for the financial year ended 31 December 2013;

- (h) the audited consolidated financial statements of UniCredit International Luxembourg as at and for the financial years ended 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2013 (with an English translation thereof); and
- (i) the latest unaudited consolidated interim accounts of UniCredit (with an English translation thereof).

UniCredit currently prepares audited consolidated and non-consolidated financial statements on an annual basis and unaudited consolidated financial statements on a quarterly and semi-annual basis.

UniCredit Ireland currently prepares audited non-consolidated financial statements on an annual basis and unaudited non-consolidated financial statements on a semi-annual basis.

UniCredit International Luxembourg currently prepares audited consolidated financial statements on an annual basis and does not prepare audited/unaudited consolidated financial statements on a quarterly or semi-annual basis;

- (j) the Programme Agreement, the Agency Agreement, the Trust Deed (containing the terms of the Guarantee applicable to the Notes issued by UniCredit Ireland and UniCredit International Luxembourg), the Deed Poll and the forms of the Global Notes, the Notes in definitive form, the Receipts, the Coupons and the Talons;
- (k) a copy of this Base Prospectus;
- (l) any future prospectuses, information memoranda, supplements and Final Terms (save that a Final Terms relating to a Note which is neither admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area nor offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive will only be available for inspection by a holder of such Note and such holder must produce evidence satisfactory to the relevant Issuer and the Paying Agent as to its holding of Notes and identity) to this Base Prospectus and any other documents incorporated herein or therein by reference.

In addition, copies of this Base Prospectus, each Final Terms relating to Notes which are admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market and each document incorporated by reference are available on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's website (www.bourse.lu).

CLEARING SYSTEMS

The Notes in bearer form have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (which are the entities in charge of keeping the records). The appropriate Common Code and ISIN for each Tranche of Bearer Notes allocated by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. In addition, the relevant Issuer may make an application for any Notes in registered form to be accepted for trading in book-entry form by DTC. The CUSIP and/or CINS numbers for each Tranche of Registered Notes, together with the relevant ISIN and common code, will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. If the Notes are to clear through an additional or alternative clearing system the appropriate information will be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

The address of Euroclear is 1 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, B-1210 Brussels, Belgium and the address of Clearstream, Luxembourg is 42 Avenue J.F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg. The address of DTC is 55 Water Street, New York, NY 10041, USA.

CONDITIONS FOR DETERMINING PRICE

The price and amount of Notes to be issued under the Programme will be determined by the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions.

YIELD

In relation to any Tranche of Fixed Rate Notes, an indication of the yield in respect of such Notes will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. The yield is calculated at the Issue Date of the Notes on the basis of the

relevant Issue Price. The yield indicated will be calculated as the yield to maturity as at the Issue Date of the Notes and will not be an indication of future yield.

SIGNIFICANT OR MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGE

There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of UniCredit and the Group since 31 March 2015 and there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of UniCredit and the Group since 31 December 2014.

There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of UniCredit Ireland since 31 December 2014 and there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of UniCredit Ireland since 31 December 2014. Consistent with previous years UniCredit Ireland paid a dividend of 74 million, representing over 90% of its distributable profits for the financial year ending 31 December 2014, to its shareholders on 9 June 2015.

There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of UniCredit International Luxembourg since 31 December 2014 and there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of UniCredit International Luxembourg since 31 December 2014.

TREND INFORMATION

There are no known trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on the UniCredit's prospects for its current financial year.

There are no known trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on the UniCredit Ireland's prospects for its current financial year.

There are no known trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on the UniCredit International Luxembourg's prospects for its current financial year.

LITIGATION

Except as disclosed in this Base Prospectus from page 202 to page 220, in the December 2014 Financial Statements and in the June 2014 Financial Statements, none of the Issuers or the Guarantor nor any other member of the Group is or has been involved in any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the relevant Issuer or the Guarantor is aware) in the 12 months preceding the date of this document which, according to the information available at present, may have or have had in such period a significant effect on the financial position or profitability of the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor or the Group.

EXTERNAL AUDITORS

UniCredit's annual financial statements must be audited by external auditors appointed by its shareholders, under reasoned proposal by UniCredit's Board of Statutory Auditors. The shareholders' resolution and the Board of Statutory Auditors' reasoned proposal are communicated to CONSOB. The external auditors examine UniCredit's annual financial statements and issue an opinion regarding whether its annual financial statements comply with the IAS/IFRS issued by the International Accounting Standards Board as endorsed by the European Union governing their preparation; which is to say whether they are clearly stated and give a true and fair view of the financial position and results of the Group. Their opinion is made available to UniCredit's shareholders prior to the annual general shareholders' meeting.

At the ordinary and extraordinary shareholders' meeting of UniCredit held on 11 May 2012, Deloitte & Touche S.p.A. (**Deloitte**) has been appointed to act as UniCredit's external auditor for the 2013-2021 nine-year period, pursuant to Article 13, paragraph 1, of Legislative Decree no. 39/2010 and to CONSOB Communication 97001574 dated 20 February 1997.

Deloitte is a company incorporated under the laws of Italy, enrolled with the Companies' Register of Milan under number 03049560166 and registered with the Register of Statutory Auditors (*Registro dei Revisori Legali*) maintained by Minister of Economy and Finance effective from 7 June 2004 with registration number no: 132587, having its registered office at via Tortona 25, 20144 Milan, Italy.

Deloitte has audited and issued unqualified audit opinions on the consolidated financial statements of the UniCredit for the year ended 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2014.

The external auditors of UniCredit Ireland who have audited the annual financial statement for the financial year ended 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2014, and issued their opinions on the financial statements without qualification, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Ireland are Deloitte & Touche, Deloitte and Touche House, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, which are registered auditors with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

The independent auditors (*réviseur d'entreprises agréé*) of UniCredit International Luxembourg who have audited the annual financial statements as at and for the financial years ended 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2013 without qualification, in accordance with International Standards on Auditing as adopted for Luxembourg by the CSSF together with Luxembourg legislation and the Practice Guidelines (*recommandations professionnelles*) issued by the CSSF and the Institut des réviseurs d'entreprises, are Deloitte Audit S.à r.l., 560, Rue de Neudorf, L-2220 Luxembourg.

The statutory auditors have no material interest in UniCredit International Luxembourg.

Deloitte Audit S.à r.l. is a member of the *Institut des Réviseurs d'Entreprises*.

The reports of the auditors of the Issuers are included or incorporated in the form and context in which they are included or incorporated, with the consent of the relevant auditors who have authorised the contents of that part of this Base Prospectus.

DEALERS' INTERESTS

Certain of the Dealers and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform services for, the Issuer and their affiliates in the ordinary course of business and may have positions, deal or make markets in the Notes issued under the Programme, related derivatives and reference obligations, including (but not limited to) entering into hedging strategies on behalf of the Issuer and its affiliates, investor clients, or as principal in order to manage their exposure, their general market risk, or other trading activities. In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the Dealers and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of the Issuer or Issuer's affiliates. Certain of the Dealers or their affiliates that have a lending relationship with the Issuer routinely hedge their credit exposure to the Issuer consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such Dealers and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in securities, including potentially the Notes issued under the Programme. Any such positions could adversely affect future trading prices of Notes issued under the Programme. The Dealers and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

Annex 1 - Further Information Related to Index Linked Notes and Inflation Linked Interest Notes

FURTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO INDEX LINKED NOTES AND INFLATION LINKED INTEREST NOTES

The Issuers can issue Notes which are linked to an index (the **Index Linked Notes**) pursuant to the Programme, where the underlying index is either (i) the Italy CPI (the **Italy CPI Linked Notes**), or (ii) the HICP or the Non revised index of Consumer Prices excluding tobacco, measuring the rate of inflation in the European Monetary Union excluding tobacco published by Eurostat (HICP) (the **HICP Linked Notes**). The following information provides a clear and comprehensive explanation to prospective investors about how the value of Index Linked Notes is affected by the value of the underlying index.

Italy CPI or ITL – Inflation for Blue Collar Workers and Employees - Excluding Tobacco Consumer Price Index Unrevised means, subject to the Terms and Conditions, the "*Indice dei prezzi al consumo per famiglie di operai e impiegati (FOI), senza tabacchi*" as calculated on a monthly basis by the ISTAT - *Istituto Nazionale di Statistica* (the Italian National Institute of Statistics) (the **ISTAT**) which appears on Bloomberg Page ITCPIUNR (or such other page as may replace that page on that service, or such other service as may be nominated as the information vendor, for the purpose of displaying the level of such index), provided that for the purposes of the calculation of the Rate of Interest and the Final Redemption Amount, the first publication or announcement of a level of the Index (excluding estimates) by the ISTAT for a given month shall be final and conclusive and later revisions of the level for such month will not be used in any calculations.

Measuring inflation consists of monthly compilation of price changes of a pre-determined group of goods and services (known as **basket**). In Italy, the Consumer price index for blue- and white-collar worker households (FOI), generally used for monetary revaluations, is calculated by the ISTAT. For the Italy CPI, in 2015, the calculation of price change concerns a basket of 1,441 items (from pasta to passenger air transport, from bread to personal computers, or from petrol to coffee at a bar, etc.) representing the universe of products purchased by households.

These products go to make up the so-called basket, which is divided into 12 expenditure divisions, each with its own weight: Food and non-alcoholic beverages; Alcoholic beverages, tobacco; Clothing and footwear; Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels; Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance; Health; Transport; Communication; Recreation and culture; Education; Restaurants and hotels; Miscellaneous goods and services. Within each division, each type of goods or services contributes to the compilation of the index with a weight equal to its importance on the total household consumption expenditure. For example, bread weighs 1.0 per cent. in the basket while pasta weighs only 0.5 per cent., hotel room weighs 2.1 per cent. and holiday farms 0.1 per cent..

The products in the basket and the weight attributed to them are defined according to household consumption expenditure, in order to represent the structure of population's consumption. Each year a sample is specified, made up of the products whose price dynamic is representative of that of a wider range: for example, to calculate the variation in prices of the "Small electrical appliances" consumption segment, we follow the prices of plugs, electric batteries, energy saving light bulbs and adapter plugs. The identification of major household expenditure aggregates and the estimation of their weights are carried out using as main source National Accounts data on household final consumptions. These major expenditure aggregates, up to the selection of single products and the estimation of their weights, are detailed using several sources available both inside (Household Budget Survey which involves approximately 28,000 Italian households every year; Foreign Trade, Industrial Production and Tourism Flow Surveys) and outside ISTAT (figures from ACNielsen, SIAE, etc.) in order to ensure an accurate coverage.

The basket is updated each year to represent the actual household purchasing behaviour and to take into account any changes in this behaviour and in the range of products offered on the market. Each year either the goods and services in the basket or their weights are updated. For example, some new items in the 2015 basket reflect the change in household consumption behaviour (such as gluten-free biscuit and gluten-free pasta, non-alcoholic beer, car sharing and bike sharing, beverages dispensed by automatic vending machine, ginseng coffee at the café and fiscal counsel for dwelling taxes computation). Other updating of the basket can be done in order to

improve the coverage of some household expenditure aggregates (such as the addition of pizza - bakery product, bed, hire of wheelchair for disabled people and spare parts for shavers).

Reference base year for Italy CPI

The FOI indices are expressed with 2010=100 as a reference base year.

More information on Italy CPI, including past and current levels, can be found at: <http://www.istat.it>.

HICP means the EUROSTAT Eurozone HICP (excluding Tobacco) Unrevised Series NSA Index which mirrors the weighted average of the harmonized indices of consumer prices in the Euro-Zone, excluding tobacco (non-revised series) published by the Index Sponsor on Bloomberg under "CPTFEMU". The first publication or announcement of a level of the HICP for the relevant period or time of valuation of the HICP shall be final and conclusive and later revisions to the level for the relevant period or time of valuation will not be used in any calculations. The composition and calculation of the HICP by the Index Sponsor might change to reflect the addition of any new Member States of the European Union to the Euro-Zone without any effect to the references to the HICP in these Terms and Conditions. More detailed information on the HICP (including the historical Index values) are available on the following website: <http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu> and on Bloomberg page: CPTFEMU Index <GO>.Eurostat Eurozone Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices excluding Tobacco Unrevised Series Non Seasonal Adjusted

The Eurozone Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices excluding Tobacco (HICP), as calculated and published by EUROSTAT and the national statistical institutes in accordance with harmonised statistical methods (the **HICP**) is an economic indicator constructed to measure the changes over time in the prices of consumer goods and services acquired by households in the Eurozone. Following the Maastricht Treaty, the HICPs have been used as convergence criteria and the main measure for monitoring price stability by the European Central Bank in the Euro area, as well as for use on international comparison.

HICP is the aggregate of the Member States' individual harmonised index of consumer prices excluding tobacco (**Individual HICP**). Each country first publishes its Individual HICP in conjunction with its consumer price index. Thereafter, Eurostat aggregates the Individual HICPs and publishes an HICP for the Eurozone, as well as a breakdown by item and by country. In any specific year, each country's weight in the HICP for the Eurozone equals the share that such country's final household consumption constitutes within that of the Eurozone as a whole for the year that is prior to that specified year. These weights are re-estimated every year in the January publication of the HICP.

HICP is said to be harmonised because the methodology and nomenclatures for the index of prices are the same for all of the countries in the Eurozone and the European Union. This makes it possible to compare inflation among different Member States of the European Union. Emphasis is placed on the quality and comparability of the various countries' indices.

HICP is calculated as an annual chain-index, which makes it possible to change the weights every year. This also makes it possible to integrate new entrants, as in the case of Greece in January 2001. If a new entrant is integrated in a specific year, it is included in the Eurozone HICP starting from January of that year. The new Member State's weight is included in the annual revaluation of the HICP.

HICP is published every month on Eurostat's internet site, according to a pre-determined official timetable. Publication generally occurs around the 14th – 16th day of the following month. If a revision is made, it is published with the HICP of the following month.

Base Year Change

In Europe, the national statistics institutes change the base year of their price indices every 5 to 10 years. This procedure is necessary to ensure that the index follows changes in the consumption pattern through a new consumer spending nomenclature. The resetting of the base generally accompanies changes in the definition of household consumption that occur when the national accounting system is modified. Since 2006, the index

reference period has been set to 2005 = 100. In order to obtain a common price reference period, too, the weights for each year are "price updated" to December of the previous year.

More information on the HICP, including past and current levels, can be found at: <http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/hicp/introduction>.

HICP Linked Notes

A HICP Linked Note is a type of Note where the interest payable and the nominal amount of the Note are both adjusted in line with the HICP. This means that both the interest amounts paid periodically and the principal required to be paid on redemption of the HICP Linked Note are adjusted to take account of changes in the HICP since the specified reference date for calculating the HICP (i.e. the index fixing date, as described below).

To calculate the HICP adjustment, two HICP 'fixing' figures are required – one that relates to the start of the Note's life (the **Base HICP**) and one that relates to the relevant payment date. The real rate of interest offered on HICP Linked Notes (i.e. the rate before taking inflation into account) is fixed when the HICP Linked Notes are issued.

Interest on HICP Linked Notes

The interest amount due on each interest payment date of a HICP Linked Note will be adjusted to take into account the change in inflation between the Base HICP figure and the HICP figure relating to the relevant interest payment date, and is calculated using the following simple formula:

Specified Denomination x Real Rate of Interest x Day Count Fraction x (HICP relating to the relevant interest payment date/ Base HICP)

Redemption of HICP Linked Notes

Assuming that the relevant Issuer is able to pay its debts in full and the HICP Linked Notes are not otherwise redeemed or purchased and cancelled in accordance with the Conditions, HICP Linked Notes will be repaid on their maturity date at their nominal amount, plus/less an additional amount reflecting any increase/decrease in the HICP between the Base HICP figure and the HICP figure relevant to the payment date. The redemption amount is calculated at a specified time prior to the maturity date, unless a maximum or minimum redemption amount is otherwise specified. Where the HICP figure relevant to the payment date is lower than the Base HICP, investors will receive less than the nominal amount of the HICP Linked Notes on the maturity date if no minimum redemption amount is specified, or if the minimum redemption amount is specified at an amount lower than the nominal amount.

The redemption amount due will be calculated as follows, unless a maximum or minimum redemption amount is specified:

Nominal Amount x [HICP figure relating to the maturity date / Base HICP]

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