

# BARCLAYS BANK PLC

(incorporated with limited liability in England and Wales)

# £15,000,000,000 Debt Issuance Programme

Any notes ("Notes") issued pursuant to this base prospectus (the "Base Prospectus") under the Debt Issuance Programme (the "Programme") on or after the date of this Base Prospectus are issued subject to the provisions described herein. Under the Programme, Barclays Bank PLC (the "Issuer" or the "Bank"), subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, may from time to time issue Notes. The aggregate nominal amount of Notes outstanding under the Programme will not at any time exceed £15,000,000,000 (or the equivalent in other currencies), subject to increase as provided herein.

This Base Prospectus has been approved by the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA") under Part VI of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("FSMA") as a base prospectus issued in compliance with Directive 2003/71/EC, as amended (the "Prospectus Directive") and relevant implementing measures in the United Kingdom for the purpose of giving information with regard to the issue of Notes issued under the Programme described in this Base Prospectus during the period of 12 months from the date of approval of this Base Prospectus. This Base Prospectus comprises a base prospectus for the purpose of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive. Applications have been made for such Notes to be admitted during the period of 12 months from the date of approval of this Base Prospectus to listing on the Official List of the FCA (the "Official List") and to trading on the Regulated Market of the London Stock Exchange plc (the "London Stock Exchange"). The Regulated Market of the London Stock Exchange is a regulated market for the purposes of Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments (as amended, "MIFID II") (the "Market"). References in this Base Prospectus to Notes being "listed" (and all related references) shall, unless the context otherwise requires, mean that such Notes have been admitted to the Official List and admitted to trading on the Market.

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Securities Act"). Subject to certain exemptions, the Notes are not being offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons (as defined in Regulation S ("Regulation S")). See "Subscription and Sale" below.

The Notes are not deposit liabilities of the Issuer and are not covered by the United Kingdom Financial Services Compensation Scheme or insured by the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency of the United States, the United Kingdom or any other jurisdiction.

Investing in Notes issued under the Programme involves certain risks. The principal risk factors that may affect the ability of the Issuer to fulfil its obligations under the Notes are discussed under "Risk Factors" below.

Arranger BARCLAYS Dealers

BARCLAYS
BOFA MERRILL LYNCH
CITIGROUP
SANTANDER GLOBAL CORPORATE BANKING

BNP PARIBAS
DEUTSCHE BANK
MORGAN STANLEY
UBS INVESTMENT BANK

### **IMPORTANT NOTICES**

# Responsibility for this Base Prospectus

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Base Prospectus and the Final Terms (as defined below) for each tranche of Notes issued under the Programme and declares that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in this Base Prospectus (or the Final Terms as the case may be) is, to the best of its knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

None of the Dealers or any of their respective affiliates shall be responsible for any act or omission of the Issuer or any other person (other than the relevant Dealer or affiliate) in connection with the Programme and the issue and offering of Notes thereunder.

## Final Terms/Drawdown Prospectus

Each Tranche (as defined herein) of Notes will be issued on the terms set out herein under "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*" (the "**Conditions**") as completed by a document specific to such Tranche called final terms (the "**Final Terms**") or in a separate prospectus specific to such Tranche (the "**Drawdown Prospectus**") as described under "*Final Terms and Drawdown Prospectuses*" below.

### The Notes

Notes may only be issued under the Programme which have a denomination of at least €100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency).

Each Tranche of Notes in registered form ("**Registered Notes**") will be represented by either (i) individual note certificates in registered form ("**Individual Certificates**"); or (ii) one or more global notes in registered form ("**Global Registered Notes**").

Each Global Registered Note will either be: (a) in the case of a Global Registered Note which is not to be held under the new safekeeping structure ("NSS"), registered in the name of a common depositary (or its nominee) for Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("Euroclear") and/or Clearstream Banking, S.A. ("Clearstream, Luxembourg") and/or any other relevant clearing system and the relevant Global Registered Note will be deposited on or about the issue date with the common depositary; or (b) in the case of a Global Registered Note to be held under the NSS, registered in the name of a common safekeeper (or its nominee) for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system and the relevant Global Registered Note will be deposited on or about the issue date with the common safekeeper for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and will be exchangeable for Individual Certificates in accordance with its terms.

Each Tranche of Notes in bearer form ("Bearer Notes") will initially be in the form of either a temporary global note in bearer form (the "Temporary Global Note"), without interest coupons, or a permanent global note in bearer form (the "Permanent Global Note"), without interest coupons, in each case as specified in the relevant Final Terms. Each Temporary Global Note or, as the case may be, Permanent Global Note (each a "Global Note") which is not intended to be issued in new global note ("NGN") form, as specified in the relevant Final Terms, will be deposited on or around the issue date of the relevant Tranche of the Notes with a depositary or a common depositary for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant Final Terms, will be deposited on or around the issue date of the relevant Tranche of the Notes with a common safekeeper for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

## Other relevant information

This Base Prospectus must be read and construed together with any amendments or supplements hereto and with any information incorporated by reference herein and, in relation to any Tranche of Notes, must be read and construed together with the relevant Final Terms. In the case of a Tranche of Notes which is the subject of a Drawdown Prospectus, each reference in this Base Prospectus to information being specified or identified in the relevant Final Terms shall be read and construed as a reference to such information being specified or identified in the relevant Drawdown Prospectus unless the context requires otherwise.

The Issuer has confirmed to the Dealers named under "Subscription and Sale" below that this Base Prospectus contains all information with regard to it and its subsidiaries which is (in the context of the Programme or the issue, offering and sale of the Notes) material, that such information is true and accurate in all material respects and not misleading and does not omit to state any other fact required (in the context of the Programme or the issue, offering and sale of the Notes) to be stated therein or the omission of which would make any information contained herein misleading in any material respect and all reasonable enquiries have been made to ascertain such facts and to verify the accuracy of all such information.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, none of the Dealers, Barclays Bank PLC in its capacity as arranger (the "Arranger") or BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited (the "Trustee") accept any responsibility for the contents of this Base Prospectus or for any other statement, made or purported to be made by the Arranger, the Trustee or a Dealer or on its behalf in connection with the Issuer or the issue and offering of the Notes. The Arranger, the Trustee and each Dealer accordingly disclaims all and any liability whether arising in tort or contract or otherwise (save as referred to above) which it might otherwise have in respect of this Base Prospectus or any such statement. The statements made in this paragraph are without prejudice to the responsibilities of the Issuer under or in connection with the Notes.

## **Unauthorised Information**

No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with this Base Prospectus or such other information as is in the public domain and, if given or made, such information or representation should not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer, the Arranger, the Trustee or any Dealer.

Neither the Dealers nor any of their respective affiliates, the Arranger, nor the Trustee have authorised the whole or any part of this Base Prospectus and none of them makes any representation or warranty or accepts any responsibility as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this Base Prospectus. Neither the delivery of this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms nor the offering, sale or delivery of any Note shall, in any circumstances, create any implication that the information contained in this Base Prospectus is true subsequent to the date hereof or the date upon which this Base Prospectus has been most recently amended or supplemented or that there has been no adverse change, or any event reasonably likely to involve any adverse change, in the prospects or financial or trading position of the Issuer since the date thereof or, if later, the date upon which this Base Prospectus has been most recently amended or supplemented or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct at any time subsequent to the date on which it is supplied or, if different, 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 Issuer during the life of the Programme nor to advise any investor or potential investor in the Notes of any information coming to the attention of any of the Dealers or the Trustee. Investors should review, inter alia, the most recent published financial statements of the Issuer when evaluating the Notes.

## Restrictions on distribution

The distribution of this Base Prospectus and any Final Terms and the offering, sale and delivery of the Notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms comes are required by the Issuer and the Dealers to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions. For a description of certain restrictions on offers, sales and deliveries of Notes and on the distribution of this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms and other offering material relating to the Notes, see "Subscription and Sale".

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act or with any securities regulatory authority of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States, and Notes in bearer form are subject to U.S. tax law requirements. The Notes may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act. The Notes are being offered and sold outside the United States to non-U.S. persons in reliance on Regulation S. Subject to certain exceptions, Notes may not be offered, sold or, in the case of Bearer Notes, delivered within the United States or to U.S. persons.

## Product Governance under Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended)

MiFID II product governance / target market – The Final Terms in respect of any Notes will include a legend entitled "MiFID II Product Governance" which will outline the target market assessment in respect of the Notes and which channels for distribution of the Notes are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a "distributor") should take into consideration the target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to MiFID II is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.

A determination will be made in relation to each issue of Notes about whether, for the purpose of the MiFID Product Governance rules under EU Delegated Directive 2017/593 (the "MiFID Product Governance Rules"), any Dealer subscribing for any Notes is a manufacturer in respect of such Notes, but otherwise neither the Arranger nor the Dealers nor any of their respective affiliates will be a manufacturer for the purpose of the MiFID Product Governance Rules.

**IMPORTANT** – **EEA RETAIL INVESTORS** - The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area ("**EEA**"). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive 2002/92/EC, as amended, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II. Consequently no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014, as amended (the "**PRIIPs Regulation**") for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation.

## **Benchmark Regulation**

Interest and/or other amounts payable under the Notes may be calculated by reference to certain reference rates. Any such reference rate may constitute a benchmark for the purposes of Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 (the "Benchmark Regulation"). If any such reference rate does constitute such a benchmark, the Final Terms will indicate whether or not the benchmark is provided by an administrator included in the register of administrators and benchmarks established and maintained by the European Securities and Markets Authority ("ESMA") pursuant to Article 36 (Register of administrators and benchmarks) of the Benchmark Regulation. Transitional provisions in the Benchmark Regulation may have the result that the administrator of a particular benchmark is not required to appear in the register of administrators and benchmarks at the date of the Final Terms. The registration status of any administrator under the Benchmark Regulation is a matter of public record and, save where required by applicable law, the Issuer does not intend to update the Final Terms to reflect any change in the registration status of the administrator.

The Issuer is a "supervised entity" for the purposes of the Benchmark Regulation. As a result, from 1 January 2020, the Issuer may only use a benchmark or a combination of benchmarks in the European Union ("EU") if the benchmark is provided by an administrator located in the EU and included in the register referred to in Article 36 of the Benchmark Regulation or is a benchmark which is included in the register referred to in Article 36 Benchmark Regulation, subject to the transitional provisions and exemptions provided by the Benchmark Regulation.

Neither this Base Prospectus nor any Final Terms nor any of the documents incorporated by reference constitutes an offer or an invitation to subscribe for or purchase any Notes and are not intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation and should not be considered as a recommendation by the Issuer, the Trustee, the Arranger or any of the Dealers or any of them that any recipient of this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms should subscribe for or purchase any Notes. Each recipient of this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms shall be taken to have made its own investigation and appraisal of the condition (financial or otherwise) of the Issuer.

The Notes are complex financial instruments and such instruments may be purchased by investors as a way to reduce risk or enhance yield with an understood, measured, appropriate addition of risk to their overall

portfolios. 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:

- (i) have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the relevant Notes, the merits and risk of investing in the relevant Notes and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus or any applicable supplement;
- (ii) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the relevant Notes and the impact such investment will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (iii) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the relevant Notes or where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the currency in which such investor's financial activities are principally denominated;
- (iv) understand thoroughly the terms of the relevant Notes and be familiar with the behaviour of any relevant indices and financial markets; and
- (v) 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.

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

### **Certain definitions**

The term the "**Group**" means Barclays PLC together with its subsidiaries and the terms "**Barclays**" or the "**Bank Group**" means Barclays Bank PLC together with its subsidiaries.

In this Base Prospectus, references to (i) "£", "GBP" or "pounds sterling" are to the lawful currency for the time being of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland; (ii) "€", "EUR" or "euro" are to the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union, and as defined in Article 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No. 974/98 of 3 May 1998 on the introduction of the euro, as amended; (iii) "USD", "U.S.\$" or "U.S. Dollars" are to the lawful currency for the time being of the United States of America, its territories and possessions, any state of the United States of America and the District of Columbia; (iv) "¥", "JPY" or "Yen" are to the lawful currency for the time being of Japan; (v) "HKD", "Hong Kong dollars", "Hong Kong dollar" and "HK\$" are to the lawful currency for the time being of the Kingdom of Norway; (vii) "SEK" are to the lawful currency for the time being of the Kingdom of Sweden; (viii) "SGD" or "S\$" are to the lawful currency for the time being of the Republic of Singapore; and (ix) "ZAR" are to the lawful currency for the time being of South Africa.

Certain figures included in this Base Prospectus have been subject to rounding adjustments; accordingly, figures shown for the same category presented in different tables may vary slightly and figures shown as totals in certain tables may not be an arithmetic aggregation of the figures which precede them.

### **Ratings**

Tranches of Notes issued under the Programme will be rated or unrated. Where a Tranche of Notes is rated, such rating will not necessarily be the same as the rating(s) applicable to the Issuer or the rating(s) assigned to Notes already issued. Where a Tranche of Notes is rated, the applicable rating(s) will be specified in the relevant Final Terms. Whether or not each credit rating applied for in relation to a relevant Tranche of Notes will be (1) issued by a credit rating agency established in the EEA and registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended) (the "CRA Regulation"), or (2) issued by a credit rating agency which is not established in the EEA but will be endorsed by a credit rating agency which is not established in the EEA and registered under the CRA Regulation or (3) issued by a credit rating agency which is not established in the EEA but which is certified under the CRA Regulation, will be disclosed in the Final Terms.

A 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.

### **Stabilisation**

In connection with the issue of any Tranche of Notes, the Dealer or Dealers (if any) named as the Stabilising Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilising 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, stabilisation may not necessarily occur. Any stabilisation action 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, may cease 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 Stabilising Manager(s) (or person(s) acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

## SUPPLEMENTAL BASE PROSPECTUS

If at any time the Issuer shall be required to prepare a supplement to the Base Prospectus pursuant to Section 87 of the FSMA, or to give effect to the provisions of Article 16(1) of the Prospectus Directive, the Issuer will prepare and make available an appropriate amendment or supplement to this Base Prospectus or a further base prospectus which, in respect of any subsequent issue of Notes to be listed on the Official List and admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the London Stock Exchange, shall constitute a supplemental base prospectus as required by the FCA and Section 87 of the FSMA.

### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Base Prospectus and certain documents incorporated by reference herein contain certain forwardlooking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and Section 27A of the Securities Act, with respect to the Group. The Issuer cautions readers that no forward-looking statement is a guarantee of future performance and that actual results or other financial condition or performance measures could differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate only to historical or current facts. Forward-looking statements sometimes use words such as "may", "will", "seek", "continue", "aim", "anticipate", "target", "projected", "expect", "estimate", "intend", "plan", "goal", "believe", "achieve" or other words of similar meaning. Examples of forward-looking statements include, among others, statements or guidance regarding or relating to the Group's future financial position, income growth, assets, impairment charges, provisions, business strategy, structural reform, capital, leverage and other regulatory ratios, payment of dividends (including dividend pay-out ratios and expected payment strategies), projected levels of growth in the banking and financial markets, projected costs or savings, any commitments and targets and the impact of any regulatory deconsolidation resulting from the sell down of the Group's interest in Barclays Africa Group Limited, estimates of capital expenditures and plans and objectives for future operations, projected employee numbers, IFRS 9 impacts and other statements that are not historical fact.

By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to future events and circumstances. These may be affected by changes in legislation, the development of standards and interpretations under International Financial Reporting Standards including the implementation of IFRS 9, evolving practices with regard to the interpretation and application of accounting and regulatory standards, the outcome of current and future legal proceedings and regulatory investigations, future levels of conduct provisions, the policies and actions of governmental and regulatory authorities, geopolitical risks and the impact of competition. In addition, factors including (but not limited to) the following may have an effect: capital, leverage and other regulatory rules (including with regard to the future structure of the Group) applicable to past, current and future periods; the United Kingdom ("UK"), the United States ("U.S."), Africa, Eurozone and global macroeconomic and business conditions; the effects of continued volatility in credit markets; market related risks such as changes in interest rates and foreign exchange rates; effects of changes in valuation of credit market exposures; changes in valuation of issued securities; volatility in capital markets; changes in credit ratings of any entities within the Group or any securities issued by such entities; the potential for one or more countries exiting the Eurozone; the implications of the exercise by the UK of Article 50 of the Treaty of Lisbon and the disruption that may result in the UK and globally from

the withdrawal of the UK from the EU and the success of future acquisitions, disposals and other strategic transactions. A number of these influences and factors are beyond the Group's control. As a result, the Group's actual future results, dividend payments, and capital and leverage ratios may differ materially from the plans, goals, expectations and guidance set forth in the Group's forward-looking statements. Additional risks and factors which may impact the Group's future financial condition and performance are identified in the Group's filings with the SEC (including, without limitation, in the Joint Annual Report (as defined in the "Information Incorporated by Reference" section below)), which are available on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov.

Subject to the Issuer's obligations under the applicable laws and regulations of the UK and the U.S. in relation to disclosure and ongoing information, the Issuer does not undertake any obligation to update publicly or revise any forward looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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### OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME

The following overview is a general description of the Programme, must be read as an introduction to this Base Prospectus, and is qualified in its entirety by the remainder of this Base Prospectus and the information incorporated by reference herein (and, in relation to any Tranche of Notes, the relevant Final Terms). Words and expressions defined in "Forms of the Notes" or "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" below shall have the same meanings in this Overview of the Programme.

**Issuer**: Barclays Bank PLC (the "**Issuer**").

The Group is a transatlantic consumer and wholesale bank with global reach offering products and services across personal, corporate and investment banking, credit cards and wealth management, with a strong presence in the Group's two home markets of the UK and the US. The Group is focused on two core divisions – Barclays UK and Barclays International.

Both Barclays UK and Barclays International have historically operated within the legal entity Barclays Bank PLC. However, on 1 April 2018 the Barclays UK division formally separated into a new legal entity – Barclays Bank UK PLC (the "UK Ringfenced Bank"), which is the Group's UK ring-fenced bank. The UK Ring-fenced Bank offers everyday products and services to retail and consumer customers and small to medium sized enterprises based in the UK. Products and services designed for the Group's larger corporate, wholesale and international banking clients will continue to be offered by Barclays International from within the Issuer. The UK Ring-fenced Bank will operate alongside, but have the ability to take decisions independently from, the Issuer as part of the Group under Barclays PLC.

Investing in Notes issued under the Programme involves certain risks. The principal risk factors that may affect the ability of the Issuer to fulfil its obligations under the Notes are discussed under

"Risk Factors" below.

**Arranger**: Barclays Bank PLC.

**Risk Factors**:

Dealers: Barclays Bank PLC, Banco Santander, S.A., BNP Paribas,

Citigroup Global Markets Limited, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, Merrill Lynch International, Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc and UBS Limited and any other Dealer appointed from time to time by the Issuer generally in respect of the Programme or in relation to a particular Tranche of Notes.

Authority ("FCA") and to trading on the Regulated Market of the

Trustee: BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited

**Principal Paying Agent and Agent** The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch.

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**Registrar, Paying Agent and**The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Luxembourg Branch. **Transfer Agent** 

Admission to Listing and

Applications have been made for Notes to be admitted during the period of 12 months from the date of approval of this Base Prospectus to listing on the Official List of the Financial Conduct

London Stock Exchange.

**Clearing Systems**: Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other clearing system as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**Programme Amount:** 

Up to £15,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies) aggregate principal amount of Notes outstanding at any one time. The Issuer may increase the amount of the Programme in accordance with the terms of the Distribution Agreement.

**Issuance in Series:** 

Notes will be issued in series (each a "Series"). Each Series may comprise one or more tranches (each a "Tranche") issued on different issue dates. The Notes of each Series will all be subject to identical terms, except that the issue date and the amount of the first payment of interest may be different in respect of different Tranches. The Notes of each Tranche will all be subject to identical terms in all respects save that a Tranche may comprise Notes of different denominations.

**Final Terms**:

Each Tranche of Notes will be issued on the terms set out in the Conditions as completed by the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus.

**Forms of Notes:** 

Notes may be issued in bearer form ("Bearer Notes") or in registered form ("Registered Notes").

### **Bearer Notes**

In respect of each Tranche of Bearer Notes, the Issuer will deliver a temporary global Note (a "Temporary Global Note") or (if TEFRA is specified as non-applicable or if the TEFRA C Rules are specified as applicable) a permanent global note (a "Permanent Global Note" and, together with the Temporary Global Note, the "Bearer Global Note").

Each Temporary Global Note will be exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note or, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, for Notes in definitive bearer form ("**Definitive Bearer Notes**"). Each Permanent Global Note will be exchangeable for Definitive Bearer Notes in accordance with its terms. Definitive Bearer Notes will, if interest-bearing, have interest coupons ("**Coupons**") attached and, if appropriate, a talon ("**Talon**") for further Coupons.

Each global note which is intended to be issued in new global note ("NGN" or "New Global Note") form, as specified in the relevant Final Terms, will be deposited on or around the relevant issue date with a common safekeeper (or its nominee) for Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and each global Note which is not intended to be issued in NGN form (a "Classic Global Note" or "CGN"), as specified in the relevant Final Terms, will be deposited on or before the relevant issue date therefore with a common depositary (or its nominee) for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system.

## Registered Notes

Each Tranche of Registered Notes will be in the form of either individual note certificates in registered form ("Individual Certificates") or a global Note in registered form (a "Global Registered Note"), in each case as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

Each Global Registered Note will either be: (a) in the case of a Global Registered Note which is not to be held under the new

safekeeping structure ("NSS"), registered in the name of a common depositary (or its nominee) for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system and the relevant Global Registered Note will be deposited on or about the issue date with the common depositary; or (b) in the case of a Global Registered Note to be held under the NSS, registered in the name of a common safekeeper (or its nominee) for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system and the relevant Global Registered Note will be deposited on or about the issue date with the common safekeeper for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and will be exchangeable for Individual Certificates in accordance with its terms.

**Currencies**:

Notes may be denominated in euro, U.S. Dollars, pounds sterling, Yen, HKD, NOK, SEK, SGD, ZAR or in any other currency or currencies, subject to compliance with all applicable legal and/or regulatory and/or central bank requirements.

Status:

The Notes (and the Coupons relating thereto, if any) constitute direct, unconditional, unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer which will at all times rank *pari passu* among themselves and, in the event of the winding up or administration of the Issuer will rank *pari passu* with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer, save for such obligations as may be preferred by provisions of law.

**Issue Price**:

Notes may be issued at any price on a fully paid basis, as specified in the relevant Final Terms. The price and amount of Notes to be issued under the Programme will be determined by the Issuer and the relevant Dealers at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions.

**Specified Denominations:** 

The Notes may be issued in such denominations as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms, save that no Notes may be issued under the Programme which have a denomination of less than &100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency at the date of issue).

Interest:

Notes may be interest-bearing or non-interest bearing. Interest (if any) may accrue at a fixed rate, a resetting rate or a floating rate (or a fixed/floating or floating/fixed rate) based upon (i) EURIBOR, LIBOR, BBSW, CNH HIBOR, TIBOR, STIBOR, SGD SOR, HIBOR, CDOR, NIBOR or JIBAR or (ii) a reference bond rate. In respect of each Tranche of Notes, the date from which interest becomes payable and the due dates for interest, the maturity date, the repayment procedures and (in respect of Notes other than Floating Rate Notes) an indication of yield will be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

Maturities:

Any maturity, subject, in relation to specific currencies, to compliance with all applicable legal and/or regulatory and/or central bank requirements.

Any Notes issued on or after 1 January 2019, having a maturity of less than one year must (a) have a minimum redemption value of £100,000 (or the equivalent in other currencies at the date of issue) and be issued only to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or 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 or (b) be issued in other circumstances which do not constitute a contravention of section 19 of the FSMA by the Issuer. Such minimum maturities may be subject to increase or decrease from time to time as a result of changes in applicable legal or regulatory requirements.

**Redemption**:

Notes may be redeemable at par or at such other Redemption Amount as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**Optional Redemption:** 

There will be no optional right to redeem Notes of any Series, except (i) for taxation reasons, (ii) where the relevant Final Terms provide for early redemption at the option of the Issuer and/or (iii) where the relevant Final Terms provide for redemption at the option of the relevant Noteholders.

Tax Redemption:

Subject to certain conditions, the Notes may be redeemed at the Issuer's option in whole, but not in part, at their Early Redemption Amount (Tax), together with any accrued but unpaid interest to the date fixed for redemption if the Issuer determines that as a result of a change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of a Taxing Jurisdiction, including any treaty to which the relevant Taxing Jurisdiction is a party, or a change in an official application of those laws or regulations on or after the Issue Date of the first Tranche of Notes, including a decision of any court or tribunal which becomes effective on or after the Issue Date of the first Tranche of Notes (and, in the event of the substitution of any subsidiary of the Issuer in place of the Issuer as principal debtor under such Notes and in each case the Coupons (if any) appertaining thereto and the Trust Deed in so far as it relates to such Notes, which becomes effective on or after the date of that entity's assumption of the Issuer's obligations):

- (i) the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay certain additional amounts; or
- (ii) the Issuer would not be entitled to claim a deduction in respect of any payments in respect of the Notes in computing its taxation liabilities or the value of the deduction would be materially reduced; or
- (iii) the Issuer would not, as a result of the Notes being in issue, be able to have losses or deductions set against the profits or gains, or profits or gains offset by the losses or deductions, of companies with which the Issuer is or would otherwise be so grouped for applicable United Kingdom tax purposes (whether under the group relief system current as at the date of issue of the Notes or any similar system or systems having like effect as may from time to time exist),

(each such change in tax law or regulation or the official application thereof, a "Tax Event"); and

in the case of each of (i), (ii) and (iii), such consequences cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it

**Negative Pledge:** 

None.

**Cross Default:** 

None.

**Taxation**:

Except as otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms, all payments in respect of Notes will be made free and clear of withholding taxes of the United Kingdom unless the withholding is required by law. In that event, the Issuer will, subject to customary exceptions, pay such additional amounts as will result in the Noteholders receiving such amounts as they would have received in respect of such Notes had no such withholding been required.

**Governing Law:** 

English Law.

**Ratings**:

Tranches of Notes issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated. Where a Tranche of Notes is rated, the applicable rating(s), which will not necessarily be the same as the ratings applicable to the Issuer, will be specified in the relevant Final Terms. Whether or not each credit rating applied for in relation to a relevant Tranche of Notes will be (1) issued by a credit rating agency established in the EEA and registered under the CRA Regulation, (2) issued by a credit rating agency which is not established in the EEA but will be endorsed by a credit rating agency which is established in the EEA and registered under the CRA Regulation or (3) issued by a credit rating agency which is not established in the EEA but which is certified under the CRA Regulation, will be disclosed in the Final Terms.

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

**Selling Restrictions:** 

For a description of certain restrictions on offers, sales and deliveries of Notes and on the distribution of offering material in the United States of America, the EEA, the United Kingdom, France, Japan, Hong Kong, Norway, the Republic of Italy, the Republic of Singapore and Australia, see "Subscription and Sale" below.

### RISK FACTORS

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

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

## Risks relating to the Issuer and the Group

Prospective investors should consider the section entitled "Risk Factors" on pages 3-17 of the Registration Document (defined below), which is referred to in, and incorporated by reference into, this Base Prospectus as set out in, "Information Incorporated by Reference" on page 2 of this Base Prospectus.

## Risks Relating to the Notes

### Risks related to the structure of the 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 certain risks relating to the structure of the Notes:

### Certain Notes may be redeemed prior to maturity

Unless in the case of any particular Tranche of Notes the relevant Final Terms specify otherwise, in the event that due to a change in law the Issuer would be obliged to increase the amounts payable in respect of any Notes due to any 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 the United Kingdom or any political subdivision thereof or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax, the Issuer may redeem all outstanding Notes in accordance with the Conditions. Furthermore, the Issuer may be entitled to redeem the Notes if the tax treatment for the Issuer in respect of the Notes is negatively altered after their issue date.

If in the case of any particular Tranche of Notes, the relevant Final Terms specify that the Notes are redeemable at the Issuer's option in certain other circumstances or at any time, the Issuer may be expected to choose to redeem the Notes at times when prevailing interest rates may be relatively low. In such circumstances an investor may not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in a comparable security at an effective interest rate as high as that of the relevant Notes.

Furthermore, unless, in the case of any particular Tranche of Notes, the relevant Final Terms specify that the Notes are redeemable at the option of the Noteholders, Noteholders will have no right to request the redemption of the Notes and should not invest in the Notes in the expectation that the Issuer would exercise its option to redeem the Notes. Any decision by the Issuer as to whether it will exercise its option to redeem the Notes will be taken at the absolute discretion of the Issuer with regard to factors such as, but not limited to, the economic impact of exercising such option to redeem the Notes, any tax consequences, the regulatory capital requirements and the prevailing market conditions. Noteholders should be aware that they may be required to bear the financial risks of an investment in the Notes until maturity.

## Fixed/Floating Rate Notes

Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may bear interest at a rate that the Issuer may elect to convert from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or from a floating rate to a fixed rate. The Issuer's ability to convert the interest rate will affect the secondary market and the market value of such Notes since the Issuer may be expected to convert the rate when it is likely to produce a lower overall cost of borrowing. If the Issuer converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate, the spread on the Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may be less favourable than the 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 Issuer converts from a floating rate to a fixed rate, the fixed rate may be lower than then prevailing rates on its other Notes.

# The interest rate on Reset Notes will reset on each Reset Date, which can be expected to affect the interest payment on an investment in Reset Notes and could affect the market value of Reset Notes

Reset Notes will initially bear interest at the Initial Rate of Interest until (but excluding) the First Reset Date. On the First Reset Date and each Subsequent Reset Date (if any) thereafter, the interest rate will be reset to the sum of the applicable Reset Reference Rate and the First Margin or Subsequent Margin (as applicable) as determined by the Agent Bank on the relevant Reset Determination Date (each such interest rate, a "Subsequent Reset Rate"). The Subsequent Reset Rate for any Reset Period could be less than the Initial Rate of Interest or the Subsequent Reset Rate for prior Reset Periods and could affect the market value of an investment in the Reset Notes.

## Risks relating to Notes which are linked to "benchmarks"

The London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"), the Euro Interbank Offered Rate ("EURIBOR") and other interest rate or other types of rates and indices which are deemed to be "benchmarks" are the subject of ongoing national and international regulatory discussions and proposals for reform. Some of these reforms are already effective whilst others are still to be implemented. The Benchmark Regulation was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 29 June 2016 and has applied from 1 January 2018 (with the exception of provisions specified in Article 59 (mainly on critical benchmarks) that have applied since 30 June 2016). The Benchmark Regulation could have a material impact on any Notes linked to LIBOR, EURIBOR or another "benchmark" rate or index, in particular, if the methodology or other terms of the "benchmark" are changed in order to comply with the terms of the Benchmark Regulation, and such changes could (amongst other things) have the effect of reducing or increasing the rate or level, or affecting the volatility of the published rate or level, of the benchmark. In addition, the Benchmark Regulation stipulates that each administrator of a "benchmark" regulated thereunder must be licensed by the competent authority of the Member State where such administrator is located. There is a risk that administrators of certain "benchmarks" will fail to obtain a necessary licence, preventing them from continuing to provide such "benchmarks". Other administrators may cease to administer certain "benchmarks" because of the additional costs of compliance with the Benchmark Regulation and other applicable regulations, and the risks associated therewith. There is also a risk that certain benchmarks may continue to be administered but may in time become obsolete. As an example of such benchmark reforms, on 27 July 2017, the UK Financial Conduct Authority announced that it will no longer persuade or compel banks to submit rates for the calculation of the LIBOR benchmark after 2021 (the "FCA Announcement"). The FCA Announcement indicates that the continuation of LIBOR on the current basis (or at all) cannot and will not be guaranteed after 2021 and that planning a transition to alternative reference rates that are based firmly on transactions, such as reformed SONIA (the Sterling Over Night Index Average), must begin.

On 21 September 2017, the European Central Bank announced that it would be part of a new working group tasked with the identification and adoption of a "risk free overnight rate" which can serve as a basis for an alternative to current benchmarks used in a variety of financial instruments and contracts in the euro area.

Following the implementation of any such potential reforms, the manner of administration of benchmarks may change, with the result that they may perform differently than in the past, or the benchmark could be eliminated entirely, or there could be other consequences that cannot be predicted. The elimination of the LIBOR benchmark or any other benchmark, or changes in the manner of administration of any benchmark, could require or result in an adjustment to the interest calculation provisions of the Conditions (as further described in Condition 7(e) (*Benchmark Replacement*)), or result in adverse consequences to holders of any securities linked to such benchmark (including but not limited to Floating Rate Notes or Reset Notes whose interest rates are linked to LIBOR or any other such benchmark that is subject to reform). Furthermore, even prior to the implementation of any changes, uncertainty as to the nature of alternative reference rates and as to potential changes to such benchmark may adversely affect such benchmark during the term of the relevant Notes, the return on the relevant Notes and the trading market for securities based on the same benchmark.

The "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" set out below provide for certain fallback arrangements in the event that a published benchmark, such as LIBOR, (including any page on which such benchmark may be published (or any successor service)) becomes unavailable, including the possibility that the rate of interest

could be set by reference to a reference bond rate, a successor rate or an alternative reference rate and that such successor rate or alternative reference rate may be adjusted (if required) in order to reduce or eliminate, to the extent reasonably practicable in the circumstances, any economic prejudice or benefit (as applicable) to investors arising out of the replacement of the relevant benchmark. In certain circumstances the ultimate fallback of interest for a particular Interest Period or Reset Period (as applicable) may result in the rate of interest for the last preceding Interest Period or Reset Period (as applicable) being used. This may result in the effective application of a fixed rate for Floating Rate Notes or Reset Notes (as applicable) based on the rate which was last observed on the Relevant Screen Page. In addition, due to the uncertainty concerning the availability of successor rates and alternative reference rates and the involvement of an Independent Adviser, the relevant fallback provisions may not operate as intended at the relevant time.

Any such consequences could have a material adverse effect on the value of and return on any such Notes. Moreover, any of the above matters or any other significant change to the setting or existence of any relevant reference rate could affect the ability of the Issuer to meet its obligations under the Floating Rate Notes or Reset Notes or could have a material adverse effect on the value or liquidity of, and the amount payable under, the Floating Rate Notes or Reset Notes. Investors should consider these matters when making their investment decision with respect to the relevant Floating Rate Notes or Reset Notes.

## Notes where denominations involve integral multiples

In relation to any issue of Notes which have a denomination consisting of the minimum Specified Denomination plus a higher integral multiple of another smaller amount, it is possible that the Notes may be traded in amounts in excess of that minimum Specified Denomination that are not integral multiples of that minimum Specified Denomination. In such a case a Noteholder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds a principal amount of less than the minimum Specified Denomination 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 such that its holding amounts to a Specified Denomination.

## Certain Noteholders may be exposed to risks relating to Singapore taxation

Certain Notes may be intended to be qualifying debt securities ("**QDS**") for the purposes of the Income Tax Act, Chapter 134 of Singapore ("**ITA**"), subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions more particularly described in the section titled "*Other Tax Considerations – Singapore Taxation*".

However, no assurance is given that any such Notes would continue to be QDS or that the tax concessions and exemptions in connection therewith would apply throughout the tenure of such Notes should the relevant tax laws, administrative guidelines or circulars be amended or revoked at any time. It was announced in the Singapore Budget Statement 2018 that the Qualifying Debt Securities Scheme will be extended to debt securities issued during the period from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2023, subject to details to be announced by the MAS. It was also announced in the Singapore Budget Statement 2018 that the QDS Plus Scheme will be allowed to lapse after 31 December 2018 but debt securities with tenures of at least ten years which are issued on or before 31 December 2018 can continue to enjoy the tax concessions under the QDS Plus Scheme, if the conditions of such scheme are satisfied.

# Risks relating to the Notes generally

Set out below is a brief description of certain risks relating to the Notes generally.

# There is no restriction on the amount or type of further securities or indebtedness that the Issuer or its subsidiaries may issue, incur or guarantee

Subject to complying with applicable regulatory requirements in respect of the Group's leverage and capital ratios, there is no restriction on the amount or type of further securities or indebtedness that the Issuer or its subsidiaries may issue, incur or guarantee, as the case may be, that rank senior to, or *pari passu* with, the Notes. The issue or guaranteeing of any such further securities or indebtedness may reduce the amount recoverable by Holders on a liquidation or winding-up of the Issuer and may limit the Issuer's ability to meet its obligations under the Notes. In addition, the Notes do not contain any restriction on the Issuer issuing securities that may have preferential rights to the Notes or securities with similar or different provisions to those described herein.

### Changes in law may adversely affect the rights of Holders

Changes in law after the date hereof may affect the rights of Holders as well as the market value of the Notes. The Conditions are based on English law in effect as at the date of issue of the relevant Notes. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to English law or administrative practice after the date of issue of the relevant Notes. Such changes in law may include changes in statutory, tax and regulatory regimes during the life of the Notes, which may have an adverse effect on an investment in the Notes.

In addition, any change in law or regulation that triggers a Tax Event would entitle the Issuer, at its option (subject to certain conditions), to redeem the Notes, in whole but not in part, as provided under Conditions 10(b) (*Redemption and Purchase – Redemption for tax reasons*).

Such legislative and regulatory uncertainty could also affect an investor's ability to accurately value the Notes and, therefore, affect the trading price of the Notes given the extent and impact on the Notes that one or more regulatory or legislative changes, including those described above, could have on the Notes.

Furthermore, the financial services industry continues to be the focus of significant regulatory change and scrutiny which may adversely affect the Group's business, financial performance, capital and risk management strategies - see pages 80 to 81 of the Joint Annual Report for more detail. Such regulatory changes, and the resulting actions taken to address such regulatory changes, may have an adverse impact on the Group's, and therefore the Issuer's, performance and financial condition. It is not yet possible to predict the detail of such legislation or regulatory rulemaking or the ultimate consequences to the Group or the Holders, which could be material to the rights of Holders of the Notes and/or the ability of the Issuer to satisfy its obligations under such Notes. For example, on 23 November 2016, the European Commission presented a comprehensive package of reforms to further strengthen the resilience of EU banks. These proposals amend many of the existing provisions set forth in CRD IV and the BRRD and some of these are now being submitted for consideration by the European Parliament and Council. The majority of these proposals are in draft form and are still subject to the EU legislative process and national implementation. Until such time as the proposals are formally approved by the European Parliament and Council, there can be no assurance as to whether, or when, the proposed amendments will be adopted and whether they will be adopted in the manner as currently proposed and therefore it is uncertain how they will affect the Issuer, the Group or the holders of the Notes.

# In certain circumstances payments on or with respect to the Notes may be subject to U.S. withholding tax under FATCA

The Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act was signed into U.S. law on 18 March 2010 and includes Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act provisions generally known as "FATCA".

FATCA aims to prevent U.S. tax evasion by requiring foreign (non-U.S.) financial institutions to comply with FATCA and report to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service information on financial accounts held outside the United States by certain U.S. investors (both individuals and entities), U.S. owned non-U.S. investors and non-U.S. financial institutions.

Non-U.S. financial institutions that do not comply with the FATCA regime are subject to a U.S. tax withholding of 30 per cent. on U.S. source income (including interest and dividends). Beginning from 1 January 2019, the 30 per cent. withholding tax is extended to include the gross proceeds of sales of certain U.S. assets that can produce U.S. source income.

The United States has entered into Intergovernmental Agreements ("IGA") with other jurisdictions to ease the implementation of FATCA, and financial institutions in those Intergovernmental Agreement jurisdictions will be required to comply with FATCA under local law.

Under the UK / U.S. IGA, which was agreed on 12 September 2012, the Issuer is not required to subject non-U.S. source payments made on or with respect to the Notes to withholding under FATCA. An investor should be aware that if any payments in relation to a Note were subject to withholding or deduction under FATCA, the Issuer would not have an obligation to pay any additional amounts in relation to such withholding or deduction in accordance with Condition 13 (*Taxation*) of the Notes. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisers regarding the potential impact of FATCA.

# Investors to rely on the procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg for transfer, payment and communication with the Issuer

Notes issued under the Programme may be represented by one or more Global Notes or Global Registered Notes which may be deposited with a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (each of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, a "Clearing System"). If the Global Notes are NGN or if the Global Registered Notes are to be held under the NSS, they will be deposited with a common safekeeper for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. Except in the circumstances described in the relevant Global Note or Global Registered Note, investors will not be entitled to receive definitive Notes. The relevant Clearing System will maintain records of the beneficial interests in the Global Notes or, as the case may be, Global Registered Notes. While the Notes are represented by one or more Global Notes, or as the case may be, Global Registered Notes, investors will be able to trade their beneficial interests only through the relevant Clearing System.

While the Notes are represented by one or more Global Notes or, as the case may be, Global Registered Notes, the Issuer will discharge its payment obligations under the Notes by making payments to the common depositary or, for Global Notes that are NGN and Global Registered Notes to be held under the NSS, the common safekeeper for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg for distribution to their account holders. A holder of a beneficial interest in a Global Note or Global Registered Note must rely on the procedures of the relevant Clearing System to receive payments under the relevant Notes. The Issuer has no responsibility or liability for the records relating to, or payments made in respect of, beneficial interests in the Global Notes or Global Registered Note.

Holders of beneficial interests in the Global Notes or Global Registered Notes will not have a direct right to vote in respect of the relevant Notes. Instead, such holders will be permitted to act only to the extent that they are enabled by the relevant Clearing System to appoint appropriate proxies.

## Modification, waivers and substitution

The Conditions contain provisions for calling meetings of Noteholders to consider matters affecting 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 also provide that the Trustee may, without the consent of the Noteholders, agree to (i) any modification of, or waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of, any of the Conditions which, in each case, in the opinion of the Trustee is not materially prejudicial to the interest of the Noteholders or, in the case of a modification, in the opinion of the Trustee is of a formal, minor or technical nature or to correct a manifest error; or (ii) determine without the consent of the Noteholders that any Event of Default or Potential Event of Default (as defined in the Trust Deed) shall not be treated as such; or (iii) the substitution of any Subsidiary of the Issuer as principal debtor under any Notes in place of the Issuer, in the circumstances described in Condition 18 (Meetings of Noteholders; Modification and Waiver; Substitution) of the Conditions.

In addition, pursuant to Condition 7(e) (*Benchmark Replacement*), certain changes may be made to the interest calculation provisions of the Floating Rate Notes or Reset Notes in the circumstances and as otherwise set out in such Condition, without the requirement for consent of the Trustee or the Noteholders.

## Risks relating 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:

## There may not be any active trading market for the Notes

The Notes issued under the Programme will be a new issue of Notes which may not be widely distributed and for which there is currently no active trading market (unless in the case of any particular Tranche, such Tranche is to be consolidated with and form a single series with a Tranche of Notes which is already issued). If the Notes are traded after their initial issuance, they may trade at a discount to their initial offering price, depending upon prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities, general economic conditions and the financial condition of the Issuer. Although application has been made for Notes issued under the Programme to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange, if so specified in the relevant Final

Terms, there can be no assurance that such application will be accepted, that the Notes will be so admitted, or that an active trading market will develop. Even if an active trading market does develop, it may not be liquid and may not continue for the term of the Notes. In addition, liquidity may be limited if large allocations of a particular Tranche of Notes are made to a limited number of investors.

## The trading market for debt securities may be volatile and may be adversely impacted by many events

The market for debt securities issued by the Issuer is influenced by economic, political and market conditions and, to varying degrees, market conditions, interest rates, currency exchange rates and inflation rates. If the secondary market for the Notes is limited, there may be few buyers and this may reduce the relevant market price of the Notes. There can be no assurance that events in the United Kingdom or elsewhere will not cause market volatility or that such volatility will not adversely affect the price of Notes or that economic and market conditions will not have any other adverse effect on the Notes.

## Exchange rate risks and exchange controls

The Issuer will pay principal and interest on the Notes 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 (1) the Investor's Currency- equivalent yield on the Notes, (2) the Investor's Currency equivalent value of the principal payable on the Notes, and (3) 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. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal.

### Interest rate risks

Investment in Fixed Rate Notes involves the risk that the subsequent changes in market interest rates may adversely affect the value of Fixed Rate Notes.

## INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following information has been filed with the FCA and shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and to form part of, this Base Prospectus:

- (a) the Issuer's registration document dated 16 March 2018 (the "**Registration Document**");
- (b) the supplement to the Registration Document dated 1 May 2018 (the "**Registration Document Supplement**");
- the sections set out below from the joint Annual Report of Barclays PLC and the Issuer, as filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on Form 20-F on 22 February 2018 in respect of the years ended 31 December 2016 and 31 December 2017 (the "Joint Annual Report");
- (d) the Annual Reports of the Issuer containing the audited consolidated financial statements of the Issuer in respect of the years ended 31 December 2016 and 31 December 2017, respectively;
- the joint announcement of Barclays PLC and the Issuer, as filed with the SEC on Form 6-K on 29 March 2018 in respect of the settlement of civil litigation with the United States Department of Justice in relation to Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities;
- (f) the announcement of Barclays PLC, as filed with the SEC on Form 6-K on 20 April 2018 in respect of the conclusion of the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority's investigation into Jes Staley and Barclays; and
- (g) the announcement of the Issuer, as filed with the SEC on Form 6-K on 26 April 2018 in respect of recent developments during the first quarter of 2018.

The above documents may be inspected as described in paragraph 6 of "*General Information*" herein free of charge at the registered office of the Issuer and at <a href="https://www.home.barclays/barclays-investor-relations.html">https://www.home.barclays/barclays-investor-relations.html</a>.

Any information incorporated by reference in the documents specified above does not form part of this Base Prospectus. Any information contained in any of the documents specified above which is not incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus is either not relevant for prospective investors for the purposes of Article 5(1) of the Prospectus Directive or is covered elsewhere in this Base Prospectus.

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The Issuer has applied International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and as adopted by the EU in the financial statements incorporated by reference above. A summary of the significant accounting policies for the Issuer is included in the Joint Annual Report.

The Issuer is a subsidiary of Barclays PLC and a member of the Group and produced joint disclosure with the Group, as set out in the Joint Annual Report. As a result, certain information in the Joint Annual Report is relevant to the Issuer and is, therefore, set out or incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus.

Investors should be aware that Barclays PLC is not an issuer or guarantor of Notes issued under the Programme and it does not provide credit support in respect of any Notes issued under the Programme.

## FINAL TERMS AND DRAWDOWN PROSPECTUSES

In this section the expression "necessary information" means, in relation to any Tranche of Notes, the information necessary to enable investors to make an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profits and losses and prospects of the Issuer and of the rights attaching to the Notes. In relation to the different types of Notes which may be issued under the Programme, the Issuer has included in this Base Prospectus all of the necessary information except for information relating to the Notes which is not known at the date of this Base Prospectus and which can only be determined at the time of an individual issue of a Tranche of Notes.

Any information relating to the Notes which is not included in this Base Prospectus and which is required in order to complete the necessary information in relation to a Tranche of Notes will be contained either in the relevant Final Terms or in a Drawdown Prospectus.

For a Tranche of Notes which is the subject of Final Terms, those Final Terms will, for the purposes of that Tranche only, complete this Base Prospectus and must be read in conjunction with this Base Prospectus. The terms and conditions applicable to any particular Tranche of Notes which is the subject of Final Terms are the Conditions described in the relevant Final Terms as supplemented to the extent described in the relevant Final Terms.

The terms and conditions applicable to any particular Tranche of Notes which is the subject of a Drawdown Prospectus will be the Conditions as supplemented, amended and/or replaced to the extent described in the relevant Drawdown Prospectus. In the case of a Tranche of Notes which is the subject of a Drawdown Prospectus, each reference in this Base Prospectus to information being specified or identified in the relevant Final Terms shall be read and construed as a reference to such information being specified or identified in the relevant Drawdown Prospectus unless the context requires otherwise.

Each Drawdown Prospectus will be constituted either (1) by a single document containing the necessary information relating to the Issuer and the relevant Notes or (2) by a registration document containing the necessary information relating to the Issuer and a securities note (the "Securities Note") containing the necessary information relating to the relevant Notes.

### FORMS OF THE NOTES

### **Bearer Notes**

Each Tranche of Notes in bearer form ("Bearer Notes") will initially be in the form of either a temporary global note in bearer form (the "Temporary Global Note"), without interest coupons, or a permanent global note in bearer form (the "Permanent Global Note"), without interest coupons, in each case as specified in the relevant Final Terms. Each Temporary Global Note or, as the case may be, Permanent Global Note (each a "Global Note") which is not intended to be issued in NGN form, as specified in the relevant Final Terms, will be deposited on or around the issue date of the relevant Tranche of the Notes with a depositary or a common depositary for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant Final Terms, will be deposited on or around the issue date of the relevant Tranche of the Notes with a common safekeeper for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

On 13 June 2006, the European Central Bank (the "ECB") announced that notes in NGN form are in compliance with the "Standards for the use of EU securities settlement systems in ESCB credit operations" of the central banking system for the euro (the "Eurosystem"), provided that certain other criteria are fulfilled. At the same time the ECB also announced that arrangements for notes in NGN form will be offered by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg from 30 June 2006 and that debt securities in global bearer form issued through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg after 31 December 2006 will only be eligible as collateral for Eurosystem operations if the NGN form is used.

In the case of each Tranche of Bearer Notes, the relevant Final Terms will also specify whether United States Treasury Regulation §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(C) (or a successor provision) (the "**TEFRA C Rules**") or United States Treasury Regulation §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D) (or a successor provision) (the "**TEFRA D Rules**") are applicable in relation to the Notes or that neither the TEFRA C Rules nor the TEFRA D Rules are applicable.

## Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Permanent Global Note

If the relevant Final Terms specifies the form of Notes as being "Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note", then the Notes will initially be in the form of a Temporary Global Note which will be exchangeable, in whole or in part, for interests in a Permanent Global Note, without interest coupons, not earlier than 40 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of the Notes upon certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership. No payments will be made under the Temporary Global Note unless exchange for interests in the Permanent Global Note is improperly withheld or refused. In addition, interest payments in respect of the Notes cannot be collected without such certification of non-U.S. beneficial ownership.

Whenever any interest in the Temporary Global Note is to be exchanged for an interest in a Permanent Global Note, the Issuer shall procure (in the case of first exchange) the delivery (free of charge to the bearer) of a Permanent Global Note, duly authenticated and, in the case of a NGN, effectuated, to the bearer of the Temporary Global Note or (in the case of any subsequent exchange) an increase in the principal amount of the Permanent Global Note in accordance with its terms against:

- (i) presentation and (in the case of final exchange) presentation and surrender of the Temporary Global Note to or to the order of the Principal Paying Agent; and
- (ii) receipt by the Principal Paying Agent of a certificate or certificates of non-U.S. beneficial ownership,

within 7 days of the bearer requesting such exchange.

# Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes

If the relevant Final Terms specifies the form of Notes as being "Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes" and also specifies that the TEFRA C Rules are applicable or that neither the TEFRA C Rules nor the TEFRA D Rules are applicable, then the Notes will initially be in the form of a Temporary Global Note which will be exchangeable, in whole but not in part, for Bearer Notes in definitive form ("**Definitive Notes**") not earlier than 40 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of the Notes.

If the relevant Final Terms specifies the form of Notes as being "Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes" and also specifies that the TEFRA D Rules are applicable, then the Notes will initially be in the form of a Temporary Global Note which will be exchangeable, in whole or in part, for Definitive Notes not earlier than 40 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of the Notes upon certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership. Interest payments in respect of the Notes cannot be collected without such certification of non-U.S. beneficial ownership.

In relation to any Notes issued with a denomination of EUR100,000 (or equivalent) and integral multiples of EUR1,000 (or equivalent), the Temporary Global Note representing such Notes shall only be exchangeable for Definitive Notes in the limited circumstances described above.

Whenever the Temporary Global Note is to be exchanged for Definitive Notes, the Issuer shall procure the prompt delivery (free of charge to the bearer) of such Definitive Notes, duly authenticated and with Coupons and Talons attached (if so specified in the relevant Final Terms), in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Temporary Global Note to (or to the order of) the bearer of the Temporary Global Note against the surrender of the Temporary Global Note to or to the order of the Principal Paying Agent.

## Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes

If the relevant Final Terms specifies the form of Notes as being "Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes", then the Notes will initially be in the form of a Permanent Global Note which will be exchangeable in whole, but not in part, for Definitive Notes:

- (i) on the expiry of such period of notice as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms; or
- (ii) at any time, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms; or
- (iii) if the relevant Final Terms specifies "in the limited circumstances described in the Permanent Global Note", then if either of the following events occurs:
  - (a) Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system is closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of legal holidays) or announces an intention permanently to cease business;
  - (b) any of the circumstances described in Condition 14 (*Events of Default*) occurs;
- (iv) if the Trustee is satisfied that, on the occasion of the next payment due in respect of the Notes of the relevant Series, the Issuer or any of the Paying Agents would be required to make any deduction or withholding from any payment in respect of such Notes which would not be required were such Notes in definitive form.

In relation to any Notes issued with a denomination of EUR100,000 (or equivalent) and integral multiples of EUR1,000 (or equivalent), the Permanent Global Note representing such Notes shall only be exchangeable for Definitive Notes in the limited circumstances described above.

Whenever the Permanent Global Note is to be exchanged for Definitive Notes, the Issuer shall procure the prompt delivery (free of charge to the bearer) of such Definitive Notes, duly authenticated and with Coupons and Talons attached (if so specified in the relevant Final Terms), in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Permanent Global Note to (or to the order of) the bearer of the Permanent Global Note against the surrender of the Permanent Global Note to or to the order of the Principal Paying Agent within 30 days of the bearer requesting such exchange.

## Terms and Conditions applicable to the Bearer Notes

The terms and conditions applicable to any Definitive Note will be endorsed on that Note and will consist of the terms and conditions set out under "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*" below and the provisions of the relevant Final Terms which supplement, amend and/or replace those terms and conditions.

The terms and conditions applicable to any Note in global form will differ from those terms and conditions which would apply to the Note were it in definitive form to the extent described under "— Summary of Provisions Relating to the Notes while in Global Form" below.

### Legend concerning United States persons

In the case of any Tranche of Bearer Notes having a maturity of more than 365 days, the Notes in global form, the Notes in definitive form and any Coupons and Talons appertaining thereto will bear a legend to the following effect:

"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."

## **Registered Notes**

Each Tranche of Registered Notes will be in the form of either individual note certificates in registered form ("Individual Certificates") or a global Note in registered form (a "Global Registered Note"), in each case as specified in the relevant Final Terms. A certificate ("Certificate") will be issued to each Holder of Registered Notes in respect of its registered holding.

In a press release dated 22 October 2008, "Evolution of the custody arrangement for international debt securities and their eligibility in Eurosystem credit operations", the ECB announced that it has assessed the new holding structure and custody arrangements for registered notes which the ICSDs had designed in cooperation with market participants and that notes to be held under the NSS would be in compliance with the "Standards for the use of EU securities settlement systems in ESCB credit operations" of the Eurosystem, subject to the conclusion of the necessary legal and contractual arrangements. The press release also stated that the new arrangements for Notes to be held in NSS form will be offered by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg from 30 June 2010 and that registered debt securities in global registered form issued through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg after 30 September 2010 will only be eligible as collateral in Eurosystem operations if the NSS is used.

Each Note represented by a Global Registered Note will either be held under the NSS, be registered in the name of a common safekeeper (or its nominee) for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system and the relevant Global Registered Note will be deposited on or about the issue date with the common safekeeper for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

If the relevant Final Terms specifies the form of Notes as being "Individual Certificates", then the Notes will at all times be represented by Individual Certificates issued to each Noteholder in respect of their respective holdings.

## Global Registered Note exchangeable for Individual Certificates

If the relevant Final Terms specifies the form of Notes as being "Global Registered Note exchangeable for Individual Certificates", then the Notes will initially be represented by one or more Global Registered Notes each of which will be exchangeable in whole, but not in part, for Individual Certificates:

- (i) on the expiry of such period of notice as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms; or
- (ii) at any time, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms; or
- (iii) if the relevant Final Terms specifies "in the limited circumstances described in the Global Registered Note", then:
  - (a) if Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system is closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of legal holidays) or announces an intention permanently to cease business;
  - (b) in any case, if any of the circumstances described in Condition 14 (*Events of Default*) occurs; or
  - (c) if the Trustee is satisfied that, on the occasion of the next payment due in respect of the Notes of the relevant Series, the Issuer or any of the Paying Agents would be required to make any deduction or withholding from any payment in respect of such Notes which would not be required were such Notes in definitive form.

Whenever a Global Registered Note is to be exchanged for Individual Certificates, the Issuer shall procure that Individual Certificates will be issued in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Registered Note within five business days of the delivery, by or on behalf of the registered holder of the Global Registered Note to the relevant Registrar of such information as is required to complete and deliver such Individual Certificates (including, without limitation, the names and addresses of the persons in whose names the Individual Certificates are to be registered and the principal amount of each such person's holding) against the surrender of the Global Registered Note at the specified office of the relevant Registrar.

Such exchange will be effected in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement and the regulations concerning the transfer and registration of Notes scheduled to the Agency Agreement and, in particular, shall be effected without charge to any holder, but against such indemnity as the relevant Registrar may require in respect of any tax or other duty of whatsoever nature which may be levied or imposed in connection with such exchange.

## Terms and Conditions applicable to the Registered Notes

The terms and conditions applicable to any Individual Certificate will be endorsed on that Individual Certificate and will consist of the terms and conditions set out under "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*" below and the provisions of the relevant Final Terms which supplement, amend and/or replace those terms and conditions.

The terms and conditions applicable to any Global Registered Note will differ from those terms and conditions which would apply to the Note were it in definitive form to the extent described under "— Summary of Provisions Relating to the Notes while in Global Form" below.

## Summary of Provisions relating to the Notes while in Global Form

## Clearing System Accountholders

In relation to any Tranche of Notes represented by a Global Note, references in the Conditions to "Noteholder" or "Holder" are references to the bearer of the relevant Global Note which, for so long as the Global Note is held by a depositary or a common depositary, in the case of a CGN, or a common safekeeper, in the case of an NGN for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system, will be that depositary or common depositary or, as the case may be, common safekeeper.

In relation to any Tranche of Notes represented by one or more Global Registered Note, references in the Conditions to "Noteholder" or "Holder" are references to the person in whose name the relevant Global Registered Note is for the time being registered in the Register which, for so long as the Global Registered Note is held by or on behalf of a depositary or a common depositary or a common safekeeper for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system, will be that depositary or common depositary or common depositary or common depositary or common safekeeper, as the case may be.

Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system as being entitled to an interest in a Global Note or a Global Registered Note (each an "Accountholder") must look solely to Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or such other relevant clearing system (as the case may be) for such Accountholder's share of each payment made by the Issuer to the holder of such Global Note or Global Registered Note and in relation to all other rights arising under such Global Note or Global Registered Note. The extent to which, and the manner in which, Accountholders may exercise any rights arising under a Global Note or Global Registered Note will be determined by the respective rules and procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and any other relevant clearing system from time to time. For so long as the relevant Notes are represented by a Global Note or Global Registered Note, Accountholders shall have no claim directly against the Issuer in respect of payments due under the Notes and such obligations of the Issuer will be discharged by payment to the holder of such Global Note or Global Registered Note.

# Transfers of Interests in Global Notes and Global Registered Notes

Transfers of interests in Global Notes and Global Registered Notes within Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system will be in accordance with their respective rules and operating procedures. None of the Issuer, the Trustee, the Registrar, the Dealers or the Agents will have

any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records of any of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system or any of their respective participants relating to payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in a Global Note or Global Registered Note or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any of the records of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system or the records of their respective participants relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

Transfers of Registered Notes will be effected by the relevant clearing systems in accordance with their respective rules and through action taken by the Registrar and the Principal Paying Agent.

For a further description of restrictions on the transfer of Notes, see "Subscription and Sale".

While a Global Registered Note is lodged with Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any relevant clearing system, Individual Certificates for the relevant Series of Notes will not be eligible for clearing and settlement through such clearing systems.

## Conditions applicable to Global Notes and Global Registered Notes

Each Global Note and Global Registered Note will contain provisions which modify the Conditions as they apply to the Global Note or Global Registered Note. The following is a summary of certain of those provisions:

Payments: All payments in respect of the Global Note or Global Registered Note which, according to the Conditions, require presentation and/or surrender of a Note, Certificate or Coupon will be made against presentation and (in the case of payment of principal in full with all interest accrued thereon) surrender of the Global Note or Global Registered Note to or to the order of any Paying Agent and will be effective to satisfy and discharge the corresponding liabilities of the Issuer in respect of the Notes. On each occasion on which a payment of principal or interest is made in respect of the Global Note, the Issuer shall procure that in respect of a CGN the payment is noted in a schedule thereto and in respect of an NGN the payment is entered *pro rata* in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Payment Business Day: in the case of a Global Note or a Global Registered Note, shall be if the currency of payment is euro, any day which is a TARGET Settlement Day and a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre specified in the Final Terms; or, if the currency of payment is not euro, any day which is a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in the Principal Financial Centre of the currency of payment and in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre.

Payment Record Date: Each payment in respect of a Global Registered Note will be made to the person, being the person shown as the Holder in the Register at the close of business (in the relevant clearing system) on the Clearing System Business Day before the due date for such payment (the "Record Date") where "Clearing System Business Day" means a day on which each clearing system for which the Global Registered Note is being held is open for business.

Exercise of put option: In order to exercise the option contained in Condition 10(e) (Redemption at the option of Noteholders) the bearer of a Permanent Global Note or the holder of a Global Registered Note must, within the period specified in the Conditions for the deposit of the relevant Note and put notice, give written notice of such exercise to the Principal Paying Agent specifying the principal amount of Notes in respect of which such option is being exercised. Any such notice will be irrevocable and may not be withdrawn.

Partial exercise of call option: In connection with an exercise of the option contained in Condition 10(c) (Redemption at the option of the Issuer) in relation to some only of the Notes, the Permanent Global Note or Global Registered Note may be redeemed in part in the principal amount specified by the Issuer in accordance with the Conditions and the Notes to be redeemed will not be selected as provided in the Conditions but in accordance with the rules and procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (to be reflected in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as either a pool factor or a reduction in principal amount, at their discretion).

*Notices*: Notwithstanding Condition 20 (*Notices*), while all the Notes are represented by a Global Note or a Global Registered Note and the Global Note, or the Global Registered Note is deposited with a depositary or a common depositary for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system or a common safekeeper, notices to Noteholders may be given by delivery of the relevant notice to

Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system and, in any case, such notices shall be deemed to have been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 20 (*Notices*) on the date of delivery to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system.

### Eurosystem Eligibility

If the Global Notes or Global Registered Note are stated in the applicable Final Terms to be issued in NGN form or to be held under the NSS (as the case may be), on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche, the Global Notes or Global Registered Note will be delivered to a common safekeeper and the applicable Final Terms will set out whether or not the Notes are intended to be held as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra day credit operations by the Eurosystem ("Eurosystem eligible collateral").

Depositing the Global Notes or the Global Registered Note intended to be held as Eurosystem eligible collateral with a common safekeeper does not necessarily mean that the Notes will be recognised as Eurosystem eligible collateral either upon issue, or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that the Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.

In the case of Notes issued in NGN form or to be held under the NSS (as the case may be) which are not intended to be held as Eurosystem eligible collateral as of their issue date, should the Eurosystem eligibility criteria be amended in the future so that such Notes are capable of meeting the eligibility criteria, such Notes may then be deposited with Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as common safekeeper.

In a press release dated 14 December 2017, "Changes to collateral eligibility criteria for unsecured bank bonds", the ECB announced changes to the collateral eligibility criteria applicable to unsecured bank bonds. As a result of these changes, Notes issued under the Programme may be ineligible as collateral from the first quarter of 2019.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

The following is the text of the terms and conditions that, subject to completion in accordance with Part A of the relevant Final Terms, shall be applicable to Notes in definitive form (if any) issued in exchange for the Global Note(s) representing each Series. Either (i) the full text of these terms and conditions together with the relevant provisions of Part A of the Final Terms, or (ii) these terms and conditions as so completed shall be endorsed on such Bearer Notes or on the Certificates relating to such Registered Notes. All capitalised terms that are not defined in the terms and conditions will have the meanings given to them in Part A of the relevant Final Terms. Those definitions will be endorsed on Notes in definitive form or Certificates (as the case may be). The terms and conditions applicable to any Note in global form will differ from those terms and conditions which would apply to the Note were it in definitive form to the extent described under "Forms of the Notes — Summary of Provisions Relating to the Notes while in Global Form" above. The wording appearing in italics below is included for disclosure purposes only and does not form part of the terms and conditions of the Notes.

### 1. Introduction

This Note is one of a series (each a "Series") issued pursuant to the Debt Issuance Programme (the "Programme") established by Barclays Bank PLC (the "Issuer") on 3 May 2018. This Note is constituted by a Trust Deed dated on or about 3 May 2018 (as further amended, restated, modified and/or supplemented from time to time, the "Trust Deed") between, inter alios, the Issuer and BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited (the "Trustee" which expression shall wherever the context so admits include its successors) and has the benefit of an Agency Agreement dated on or about 3 May 2018 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Agency Agreement") made between, inter alios, the Issuer, the Registrar (the "Registrar" which expression shall wherever the context so admits include any successor or other person appointed as such in respect of any Notes), the Paying Agent (the "Paying Agent" which expression shall wherever the context so admits include any successor or other person appointed as such in respect of any Notes), the Transfer Agent (the "Transfer Agent" which expression shall wherever the context so admits include any successor or other person appointed as such in respect of any Notes), the Principal Paying Agent (the "Principal Paying Agent" which expression shall wherever the context so admits include its successors as such, and, together with the Paying Agent and any successor and the other transfer and paying agent(s) appointed in respect of any Notes, the "Paying Agents"), the Agent Bank (the "Agent Bank" which expression shall wherever the context so admits include any successor or other person appointed as such in respect of any Notes) each named therein and the Trustee. The initial Paying Agents and the initial Agent Bank are named below. The Trustee shall exercise the duties, powers, trusts, authorities and discretions vested in it by the Trust Deed separately in relation to each Series of Notes in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed. Copies of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement are available for inspection free of charge during normal business hours at the office for the time being of the Principal Paying Agent (being at 3 May 2018, One Canada Square, London E14 5AL, United Kingdom).

Holders of Notes and, in relation to any Series of Bearer Notes, any coupons ("**Coupons**") or talons for further Coupons ("**Talons**") appertaining thereto are entitled to the benefit of, are bound by, and will be deemed to have notice of, all the provisions of the Trust Deed and are deemed to have notice of those provisions applicable to them of the Agency Agreement.

The term "Notes" means debt instruments, by whatever name called, issued under the Programme. The Notes may be issued in bearer form ("Bearer Notes"), or in registered form ("Registered Notes"). All subsequent references in these Conditions to "Notes" are to the Notes which are the subject of the relevant Final Terms. Notes issued under the Programme are issued in Series and each Series may comprise one or more tranches (each a "Tranche") of Notes. Each Tranche is the subject of the applicable final terms (the "Final Terms") which supplements these terms and conditions (the "Conditions"). The terms and conditions applicable to any particular Tranche of Notes are these Conditions as completed by the relevant Final Terms. In the event of any inconsistency between these Conditions and the relevant Final Terms, the relevant Final Terms shall prevail. Certain provisions of these Conditions are summaries of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement and are subject to their detailed provisions.

## 2. **Interpretation**

(a) **Definitions**: In these Conditions the following expressions have the following meanings:

"Accrual Yield" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Additional Business Centre(s)" means the city or cities specified as such in the relevant Final Terms;

"Additional Financial Centre(s)" means the city or cities specified as such in the relevant Final Terms;

"BBSW" means the Australian Bank Bill Swap Rate;

## "Business Day" means:

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

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

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

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

"Calculation Amount" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"CDOR" means the Canadian inter-bank offered rate:

"CNH HIBOR" means the CNH Hong Kong interbank offered rate;

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

"Couponholders" means the holders of the Coupons (whether or not attached to the relevant Notes);

"DA Selected Bond" means the selected government security or securities agreed between the Issuer and an investment bank or financial institution determined to be appropriate by the Issuer (which, for the avoidance of doubt, could be the Determination Agent, if applicable) 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 Specified Currency and of a comparable maturity to the remaining term of the Notes;

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

- (a) if "Actual/Actual (ICMA)" is so specified, means:
  - (i) where the Calculation Period is equal to or shorter than the Regular Period during which it falls, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by the product of (1) the actual number of days in such Regular Period and (2) the number of Regular Periods in any year; and
  - (ii) where the Calculation Period is longer than one Regular Period, the sum of:
    - (A) the actual number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the Regular Period in which it begins divided by the product of (1) the actual number of days in such Regular Period and (2) the number of Regular Periods in any year; and
    - (B) the actual number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the next Regular Period divided by the product of (a) the actual number of days in such Regular Period and (2) the number of Regular Periods in any year;
- (b) if "Actual/Actual (ISDA)" is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of the Calculation Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (c) if "Actual/365 (Fixed)" is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365;
- (d) if "Actual/360" is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360;

(e) if "30/360" is so specified, means the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis is as follows

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

where:

" $\mathbf{Y}_1$ " is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

 $"M_1"$  is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

 ${}^{\text{"}}\mathbf{M}_{2}{}^{\text{"}}$  is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"**D**<sub>1</sub>" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D1 will be 30; and

" $\mathbf{D_2}$ " is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31 and  $D_1$  is greater than 29, in which case  $D_2$  will be 30; and

(f) if "30E/360" or "Eurobond Basis" is so specified, means the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis is as follows:

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

where:

 $"Y_1"$  is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

" $\mathbf{Y}_2$ " is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

 $"M_1"$  is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"D<sub>1</sub>" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

" $\mathbf{D_2}$ " is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case  $\mathbf{D_2}$  will be 30; and

(g) if "30E/360 (ISDA)" is so specified, means the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis is as follows:

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

where:

" $\mathbf{Y}_1$ " is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

" $Y_2$ " is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

" $M_1$ " is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

" $\mathbf{D_1}$ " is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case  $D_1$  will be 30; and

" $\mathbf{D}_2$ " is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Maturity Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case  $D_2$  will be 30,

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

"**Determination Agent**" means an investment bank or financial institution of international standing selected by the Issuer;

"Early Redemption Amount (Tax)" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Early Termination Amount" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in these Conditions or the relevant Final Terms;

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

"Extraordinary Resolution" has the meaning given in the Trust Deed;

"Final Redemption Amount" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"First Interest Payment Date" means the date specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"**First Margin**" means the margin applicable to the Mid-Swap Rate or the Reset Reference Bond (as applicable) specified as such in the relevant Final Terms;

"First Reset Date" means the date specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"First Reset Period" means the period from (and including) the First Reset Date until (but excluding) the first Subsequent Reset Date or, if a Subsequent Reset Date is not specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Maturity Date;

"First Reset Rate of Interest" means, in respect of the First Reset Period and subject to Condition 6(c) (Reset Note Provisions - Rate of Interest), the rate of interest determined

by the Agent Bank on the relevant Reset Determination Date as the sum of the relevant Reset Reference Rate and the First Margin applicable in respect of such Reset Reference Rate:

"Fixed Coupon Amount" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"**Fixed Rate Note**" means a Note on which interest is calculated at a fixed rate payable in arrear on a fixed date or dates in each year and on redemption or on such other dates as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant dealer(s) (as indicated in the relevant Final Terms);

"Floating Rate Note" means a Note on which interest is calculated at a floating rate payable at intervals of one, two, three, six or 12 months or at such other intervals as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant dealer(s) (as indicated in the relevant Final Terms);

"Gross Redemption Yield" means, with respect to a security, the gross redemption yield on such security, expressed as a percentage and calculated by the Issuer or the Agent Bank on the basis set out by the United Kingdom Debt Management Office in the paper "Formulae for Calculating Gilt Prices from Yields", page 5, Section One: Price/Yield Formulae "Conventional Gilts; Double-dated and Undated Gilts with Assumed (or Actual) Redemption on a Quasi-Coupon Date" (published on 8 June 1998 and updated on 15 January 2002 and 16 March 2005, and as further amended, updated, supplemented or replaced from time to time) or, if such formula does not reflect generally accepted market practice at the time of redemption, a gross redemption yield calculated in accordance with generally accepted market practice at such time as determined by the Issuer following consultation with an investment bank or financial institution determined to be appropriate by the Issuer (which, for the avoidance of doubt, could be the Determination Agent, if applicable);

"HIBOR" means the Hong Kong inter-bank offered rate;

"Holder", in the case of Bearer Notes, has the meaning given in Condition 3(b) (Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer - Title to Bearer Notes) and, in the case of Registered Notes, has the meaning given in Condition 3(d) (Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer - Title to Registered Notes);

"**Hong Kong**" means the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China;

"Initial Rate of Interest" has the meaning specified in the relevant Final Terms;

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

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

"**Interest Determination Date**" shall mean the date specified as such in the relevant Final Terms, or if none is so specified:

- (a) if the Reference Rate is LIBOR, the second London business day prior to the start of each Interest Period;
- (b) if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR, the second day on which TARGET2 is open prior to the start of each Interest Period;
- (c) if the Reference Rate is BBSW, the first day of each Interest Period;
- (d) if the Reference Rate is CNH HIBOR, the second day on which Hong Kong is open prior to the start of each Interest Period;

- (e) if the Reference Rate is TIBOR, the second day on which commercial banks are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in Tokyo prior to the start of each Interest Period;
- (f) if the Reference Rate is STIBOR, the second day on which commercial banks are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in Stockholm prior to the start of each Interest Period;
- (g) if the Reference Rate is SGD SOR, the second day on which Singapore is open prior to the start of each Interest Period;
- (h) if the Reference Rate is HIBOR, the first day of each Interest Period;
- (i) if the Reference Rate is CDOR, the first day of each Interest Period;
- (j) if the Reference Rate is NIBOR, the second day on which commercial banks are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in Oslo prior to the start of each Interest Period; and
- (k) if the Reference Rate is JIBAR, the first Johannesburg business day of the relevant Interest Period.

"Interest Payment Date" means the First Interest Payment Date and any date or dates specified as such in the relevant Final Terms (each such date a "Specified Interest Payment Date") and, if a Business Day Convention is specified in the relevant Final Terms:

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

"Interest Period" means each period beginning on (and including) the Interest Commencement Date or any Interest Payment Date and ending on (but excluding) the next Interest Payment Date;

"ISDA Definitions" means the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.);

"Issue Date" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"JIBAR" means the Johannesburg interbank agreed rate;

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

"Make Whole Redemption Price" has the meaning given in Condition 10(c) (Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of the Issuer);

"Margin" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Maturity Date" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Maximum Redemption Amount" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Mid-Swap Maturity" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

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

"Mid-Market Swap Rate Quotation" means a quotation (expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the relevant Mid-Market Swap Rate;

"Mid-Swap Floating Leg Benchmark Rate" means EURIBOR if the Specified Currency is euro or LIBOR for the Specified Currency if the Specified Currency is not euro or the Reference Rate as specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Mid-Swap Rate" means, in relation to a Reset Determination Date and subject to Condition 6(d) (Reset Note Provisions - Fallbacks), either:

- (a) if Single Mid-Swap Rate is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the rate for swaps in the Specified Currency:
  - (i) with a term equal to the relevant Reset Period; and
  - (ii) commencing on the relevant Reset Date, which appears on the Relevant Screen Page; or
- (b) if Mean Mid-Swap Rate is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the arithmetic mean (expressed as a percentage rate per annum and rounded, if necessary, to the nearest 0.001 per cent. (0.0005 per cent. being rounded upwards)) of the bid and offered swap rate quotations for swaps in the Specified Currency:
  - (i) with a term equal to the relevant Reset Period; and
  - (ii) commencing on the relevant Reset Date, which appear on the Relevant Screen Page,

in either case, as at approximately the Reset Determination Time, all as determined by the Agent Bank;

"Minimum Redemption Amount" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"NIBOR" means the Oslo inter-bank offered rate;

"Non-Sterling Make Whole Redemption Amount" has the meaning given in Condition 10(c) (*Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of the Issuer*);

"Noteholder", in the case of Bearer Notes, has the meaning given in Condition 3(b) (Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer - Title to Bearer Notes) and, in the case of

Registered Notes, has the meaning given in Condition 3(d) (Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer - Title to Registered Notes);

"Optional Redemption Amount (Call)" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Optional Redemption Amount (Put)" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Optional Redemption Date (Call)" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Optional Redemption Date (Put)" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

# "Payment Business Day" means:

- (a) if the currency of payment is euro, any day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) which is:
  - (i) a day on which (a) banks in the relevant place of presentation are open for presentation and payment of bearer debt securities and for dealings in foreign currencies or (b) commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign currencies) in the city where the Principal Paying Agent has its Specified Office; and
  - (ii) in the case of payment by transfer to an account, a TARGET Settlement Day and a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre; or
- (b) if the currency of payment is not euro, any day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) which is:
  - (i) a day on which (a) banks in the relevant place of presentation are open for presentation and payment of bearer debt securities and for dealings in foreign currencies or (b) commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign currencies) in the city where the Principal Paying Agent has its Specified Office; and
  - (ii) in the case of payment by transfer to an account, a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in the Principal Financial Centre of the currency of payment and in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre:

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

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

- (a) in relation to euro, it means the principal financial centre of such Member State of the European Union as is selected (in the case of a payment) by the payee or (in the case of a calculation) by the Agent Bank; and
- (b) in relation to New Zealand dollars, it means either Wellington or Auckland as is selected (in the case of a payment) by the payee or (in the case of a calculation) by the Agent Bank;

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

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

"Quotation Time" shall be as set out in the relevant Final Terms;

"Rate of Interest" means (i) in the case of Notes other than Reset Notes, the rate or rates (expressed as a percentage per annum) of interest payable in respect of the Notes specified in the relevant Final Terms or calculated or determined in accordance with the provisions of these Conditions; and (ii) in the case of Reset Notes, the Initial Rate of Interest, the First Reset Rate of Interest or the Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest, as applicable;

"Redemption Amount" means, as appropriate, the Final Redemption Amount, the Early Redemption Amount (Tax), the Optional Redemption Amount (Call), the Optional Redemption Amount (Put), the Sterling Make-Whole Redemption Amount, the Non-Sterling Make-Whole Redemption Amount or such other amount in the nature of a redemption amount as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Redemption Margin" shall be as set out in the relevant Final Terms;

"Reference Banks" (i) in the case of Notes other than Reset Notes, has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms or, if none, four major banks selected by the Agent Bank in the market that is most closely connected with the Reference Rate; and (ii) in the case of Reset Notes, has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms or, if none, four major banks in the swap, money, securities or other market most closely connected with the relevant Mid-Swap Rate (in the case of the calculation of the Mid-Swap Rate) as selected by the Issuer on the advice of an investment bank of international repute;

"Reference Bond" shall be as set out in the relevant Final Terms or, if not so specified or to the extent that such Reference Bond specified in the Final Terms is no longer outstanding on the relevant Reference Date, the DA Selected Bond;

"Reference Bond Price" means, with respect to any Reference Date (in the case of a redemption pursuant to Condition 10(c) (*Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of the Issuer*)) and with respect to any Reset Determination Date (in the case of the calculation of interest in respect of a Reset Period), (i) the arithmetic average of the Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations for such date of redemption or Reset Determination Date (as applicable), after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations, or (ii) if fewer than five such Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations are received, the arithmetic average of all such quotations, or (iii) if only one Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotation is received or if no Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations are received, the First Reset Rate of Interest shall be the Initial Rate of Interest and any Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest shall be determined to be the Rate of Interest as at the last preceding Reset Date;

"Reference Bond Rate" means, with respect to any Reference Date or Reset Period (as applicable), the rate per annum equal to the yield to maturity or interpolated yield to maturity (on the relevant day count basis) of the Reference Bond (in the case of a redemption pursuant to Condition 10(c) (Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of the Issuer)) or the Reset Reference Bond (in the case of the calculation of interest in respect of a Reset Period), assuming a price for the Reference Bond or Reset Reference Bond (as applicable) (expressed as a percentage of its principal amount) equal to the Reference Bond Price for such Reference Date or Reset Determination Date (as applicable);

"**Reference Date**" means the date which is two business days prior to the despatch of the notice of redemption under Condition 10(c) (*Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of the Issuer*) or such other date as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Reference Government Bond Dealer" means each of five banks selected by the Issuer (following, where practicable, consultation with the Determination Agent, if applicable),

or their affiliates, which are (i) primary government securities dealers, and their respective successors, or (ii) market makers in pricing corporate bond issues;

"Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations" means, with respect to each Reference Government Bond Dealer and any Reference Date or Reset Determination Date (as applicable), the arithmetic average, as determined by the Issuer or the Determination Agent (as applicable), of the bid and offered prices for the Reference Bond (expressed in each case as a percentage of its principal amount):

- (a) which appears on the Relevant Make Whole Screen Page as at the Quotation Time on the Reference Date (in the case of a redemption pursuant to Condition 10(c) (Redemption and Purchase Redemption at the option of the Issuer)); or
- (b) to the extent that, in the case of (a) above, either such bid and offered prices do not appear on that page, fewer than two such Reference Government Bond Dealer bid and offered prices appear on that page, or if the Relevant Make Whole Screen Page is unavailable, then as quoted in writing to the Issuer or the Determination Agent (as applicable) by such Reference Government Bond Dealer; or
- (c) as at the Reset Determination Time and quoted in writing to the Agent Bank by such Reference Government Bond Dealer (in the case of the calculation of interest in respect of a Reset Period);

"Reference Price" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Reference Rate" shall mean (i) LIBOR, (ii) EURIBOR, (iii) BBSW, (iv) CNH HIBOR, (v) TIBOR, (vi) STIBOR, (vii) SGD SOR, (viii) HIBOR, (ix) CDOR, (x) NIBOR and (xi) JIBAR, in each case for the relevant currency and for the relevant period, as specified in the relevant Final Terms;

#### "Regular Period" means:

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

"Relevant Date" means, in relation to any payment, whichever is the later of (a) the date on which the payment in question first becomes due and (b) if the full amount payable has not been received in the Principal Financial Centre of the currency of payment by the Principal Paying Agent or the Trustee on or prior to such due date, the date on which (the full amount having been so received) notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders;

"Relevant Financial Centre" shall mean (i) London, in the case of a determination of LIBOR, (ii) Brussels, in the case of a determination of EURIBOR, (iii) Sydney, in the case of a determination of BBSW, (iv) Hong Kong, in the case of a determination of CNH HIBOR, (v) Tokyo, in the case of a determination of TIBOR, (vi) Stockholm, in the case

of a determination of STIBOR, (vii) Singapore, in the case of a determination of SGD SOR, (viii) Hong Kong, in the case of a determination of HIBOR, (ix) Toronto, in the case of a determination of CDOR, (x) Oslo, in the case of a determination of NIBOR and (xi) Johannesburg, in the case of a determination of JIBAR, as specified in the relevant Final Terms:

"Relevant Make Whole Screen Page" means the page, section or other part of a particular information service (or any successor or replacement page, section or other part of a particular information service, including, without limitation, Bloomberg) specified as the Relevant Make Whole Screen Page in the relevant Final Terms, or such other page, section or other part as may replace it on that information service or such other information service, in each case, as may be nominated by the Person providing or sponsoring the information appearing there for the purpose of displaying comparable relevant bid and offered prices for the Reference Bond;

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

"Relevant Time" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Reset Date" means the First Reset Date and each Subsequent Reset Date (as applicable), in each case as adjusted (if so specified in the relevant Final Terms) in accordance with Condition 5 (*Fixed Rate Note Provisions*) as if the relevant Reset Date was an Interest Payment Date;

"Reset Determination Date" means, unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms, the second Business Day prior to each relevant Reset Date;

"Reset Determination Time" means in relation to a Reset Determination Date, 11.00 a.m. in the Principal Financial Centre of the Specified Currency on such Reset Determination Date or such other time as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Reset Note" means a Note which bears interest at a rate of interest which is recalculated at specified intervals;

"Reset Period" means the First Reset Period or a Subsequent Reset Period, as the case may be;

"Reset Reference Bond" means for any Reset Period a government security or securities issued by the government of the state responsible for issuing the Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is euro, shall be Germany) agreed between the Issuer and the Agent Bank as having the nearest actual or interpolated maturity comparable with the relevant Reset Period and that (in the opinion of the Issuer, after consultation with the Agent Bank) would be utilised, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issuances of corporate debt securities denominated in the Specified Currency and of a comparable maturity to the relevant Reset Period;

"Reset Reference Rate" means either (i) the Mid-Swap Rate, or (ii) the Reference Bond Rate, as specified in the applicable Final Terms;

"SGD SOR" means Singapore Dollar Swap Offer Rate;

"Specified Currency" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Specified Denomination(s)" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Specified Office" has the meaning given in the Agency Agreement;

"Specified Period" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Sterling Make Whole Redemption Amount" has the meaning given in Condition 10(c) (Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of the Issuer).

"STIBOR" means the Stockholm inter-bank offered rate;

"Subsequent Margin" means the margin applicable to the Mid-Swap Rate or the Reset Reference Bond (as applicable) specified as such in the relevant Final Terms;

"Subsequent Reset Date" means the date or dates specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Subsequent Reset Period" means the period from (and including) the first Subsequent Reset Date to (but excluding) the next Subsequent Reset Date, and each successive period from (and including) a Subsequent Reset Date to (but excluding) the next succeeding Subsequent Reset Date;

"Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest" means, in respect of any Subsequent Reset Period and subject to Condition 6(d) (*Reset Note Provisions - Fallbacks*), the rate of interest determined by the Agent Bank on the relevant Reset Determination Date as the sum of the relevant Reset Reference Rate and the Subsequent Margin applicable in respect of such Reset Reference Rate;

"Subsidiary" means, in relation to any other company, a company which is for the time being a subsidiary (within the meaning of Section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006 of the United Kingdom) of such other company;

"Talon" means a talon for further Coupons;

"TARGET2" means the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer payment system which utilises a single shared platform and which was launched on 19 November 2007;

"TARGET Settlement Day" means any day on which TARGET2 is open for the settlement of payments in euro;

"**Taxing Jurisdiction**" has the meaning given to it in Condition 13(a) (*Taxation – Gross up*):

"TIBOR" means the Tokyo inter-bank offered rate;

"Winding-up Event" means with respect to the Notes if (i) a court of competent jurisdiction in England (or such other jurisdiction in which the Issuer may be organised) makes an order for its winding-up which is not successfully appealed within 30 days of the making of such order, (ii) the Issuer's shareholders adopt an effective resolution for its winding-up (other than, in the case of either (i) or (ii) above, under or in connection with a scheme of reconstruction, merger or amalgamation not involving a bankruptcy or insolvency) or (iii) following the appointment of an administrator of the Issuer, the administrator gives notice that it intends to declare and distribute a dividend; and

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

- (b) *Interpretation*: In these Conditions:
  - (i) if the Notes are Zero Coupon Notes, references to Coupons and Couponholders are not applicable;
  - (ii) if Talons are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being attached to the Notes at the time of issue, references to Coupons shall be deemed to include references to Talons;
  - (iii) if Talons are not specified in the relevant Final Terms as being attached to the Notes at the time of issue, references to Talons are not applicable;

- (iv) any reference to principal shall be deemed to include the Redemption Amount, any additional amounts in respect of principal which may be payable under Condition 13 (*Taxation*), any premium payable in respect of a Note and any other amount in the nature of principal payable pursuant to these Conditions;
- (v) any reference to interest shall be deemed to include any additional amounts in respect of interest which may be payable under Condition 13 (*Taxation*) and any other amount in the nature of interest payable pursuant to these Conditions;
- (vi) references to Notes being "outstanding" shall be construed in accordance with the Trust Deed;
- (vii) if an expression is stated in Condition 2(a) (*Interpretation Definitions*) to have the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms, but the relevant Final Terms gives no such meaning or specifies that such expression is "Not Applicable" then such expression is not applicable to the Notes; and
- (viii) any reference to the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement shall be construed as a reference to the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement, as the case may be, as amended and/or supplemented up to (and including) the Issue Date of the Notes.

# 3. Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer

- (a) **Bearer Notes**: Bearer Notes are in the Specified Denomination(s) with Coupons and, if specified in the relevant Final Terms, Talons attached at the time of issue. In the case of a Series of Bearer Notes with more than one Specified Denomination, Bearer Notes of one Specified Denomination will not be exchangeable for Bearer Notes of another Specified Denomination.
- (b) *Title to Bearer Notes*: Title to Bearer Notes and the Coupons will pass by delivery. In the case of Bearer Notes, "**Holder**" means the holder of such Bearer Note and "**Noteholder**" and "**Couponholder**" shall be construed accordingly.
- (c) **Registered Notes**: Registered Notes are in the Specified Denomination(s), which may include a minimum denomination specified in the relevant Final Terms and higher integral multiples of a smaller amount specified in the relevant Final Terms.
- (d) *Title to Registered Notes*: The Registrar will maintain the register in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement. A certificate (each, a "Certificate") will be issued to each Holder of Registered Notes in respect of its registered holding. Each Certificate will be numbered serially with an identifying number which will be recorded in the Register. In the case of Registered Notes, "Holder" means the person in whose name such Registered Note is for the time being registered in the Register (or, in the case of a joint holding, the first named thereof) and "Noteholder" shall be construed accordingly.
- (e) *Ownership*: The Holder of any Note or Coupon shall (except as otherwise required by law) be treated as its absolute owner for all purposes (whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership, trust or any other interest therein, any writing thereon or, in the case of Registered Notes, on the Certificate relating thereto (other than the endorsed form of transfer) or any notice of any previous loss or theft thereof) and no Person shall be liable for so treating such Holder.
- (f) Transfers of Registered Notes: Subject to Conditions 3(i) (Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer Closed periods) and 3(j) (Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer Regulations concerning transfers and registration) below, a Registered Note may be transferred upon surrender of the relevant Certificate, with the endorsed form of transfer duly completed, at the Specified Office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent, together with such evidence as the Registrar or (as the case may be) such Transfer Agent may reasonably require to prove the title of the transferor and the authority of the individuals who have executed the form of transfer; provided, however, that a Registered Note may not be transferred unless the principal amount of Registered Notes transferred and (where not all of the Registered Notes held by a Holder are being transferred) the principal amount of the balance of

Registered Notes not transferred are Specified Denominations. Where not all the Registered Notes represented by the surrendered Certificate are the subject of the transfer, a new Certificate in respect of the balance of the Registered Notes will be issued to the transferor.

- Registration and delivery of Certificates: Within five business days of the surrender of a Certificate in accordance with Condition 3(f) (Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer Transfers of Registered Notes) above, the Registrar will register the transfer in question and deliver a new Certificate of a like principal amount to the Registered Notes transferred to each relevant Holder at its Specified Office or (as the case may be) the Specified Office of any Transfer Agent or (at the request and risk of any such relevant Holder) by uninsured first class mail (airmail if overseas) to the address specified for the purpose by such relevant Holder. In this Condition 3(g) (Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer Registration and delivery of Certificates), "business day" means a day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign currencies) in the city where the Registrar or (as the case may be) the relevant Transfer Agent has its Specified Office.
- (h) **No charge**: The transfer of a Registered Note will be effected without charge by or on behalf of the Issuer or the Registrar or any Transfer Agent but against such indemnity as the Registrar or (as the case may be) such Transfer Agent may require in respect of any tax or other duty of whatsoever nature which may be levied or imposed in connection with such transfer.
- (i) *Closed periods*: Noteholders may not require transfers to be registered during the period of 15 days ending on the due date for any payment of principal or interest in respect of the Registered Notes or once notice of redemption of the Notes has been given in accordance with Condition 10 (*Redemption and Purchase*).
- (j) **Regulations concerning transfers and registration**: All transfers of Registered Notes and entries on the Register are subject to the detailed regulations concerning the transfer of Registered Notes scheduled to the Agency Agreement. The regulations may be changed by the Issuer with the prior written approval of the Registrar. A copy of the current regulations will be mailed (free of charge) by the Registrar to any Noteholder who requests in writing a copy of such regulations.
- (k) *No exchange*: Registered Notes may not be exchanged for Bearer Notes and Bearer Notes may not be exchanged for Registered Notes.

#### 4. Status

The Notes (and the Coupons relating thereto, if any) constitute direct, unconditional, unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer which will at all times rank *pari passu* among themselves and, in the event of the winding up or administration of the Issuer will rank *pari passu* with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer, save for such obligations as may be preferred by provisions of law.

#### 5. Fixed Rate Note Provisions

- (a) *Application*: This Condition 5 (*Fixed Rate Note Provisions*) is applicable to the Notes only if the Fixed Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable.
- (b) Accrual of interest: The Notes bear interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the Rate of Interest payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date, subject as provided in Condition 11 (Payments Bearer Notes) and Condition 12 (Payments Registered Notes). Each Note will cease to bear interest from (and including) the due date for final redemption unless, upon due presentation, payment of the Redemption Amount is improperly withheld or refused, in which case it will continue to bear interest in accordance with this Condition 5 (Fixed Rate Note Provisions) (as well after as before judgment) until (and including) whichever is the earlier of (i) the day on

which all sums due in respect of such Note up to that day are received by or on behalf of the relevant Noteholder and (ii) the day on which notice is given to the holder of such Note that sufficient funds for payment of such sums have been received by the Principal Paying Agent or the Trustee.

- (c) *Fixed Coupon Amount*: The amount of interest payable in respect of each Note for any Interest Period shall be the relevant Fixed Coupon Amount and, if the Notes are in more than one Specified Denomination, shall be the relevant Fixed Coupon Amount in respect of the relevant Specified Denomination.
- (d) Calculation of interest amount: The amount of interest payable in respect of each Note for any period for which a Fixed Coupon Amount is not specified shall be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest to the Calculation Amount, multiplying the product by the relevant Day Count Fraction, rounding the resulting figure to the nearest sub-unit of the Specified Currency (half a sub-unit being rounded upwards) and multiplying such rounded figure by a fraction equal to the Specified Denomination of such Note divided by the Calculation Amount. For this purpose a "sub-unit" means, in the case of any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, in the case of euro, means one cent.

In the case of Hong Kong dollar-denominated Notes, if Interest Payment Date adjustment is specified as applying in the relevant Final Terms:

- (i) each Fixed Coupon Amount shall be calculated by multiplying the product of the Rate of Interest and the Calculation Amount by the Day Count Fraction and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest HK\$ 0.01, HK\$ 0.005 being rounded upwards; and
- (ii) where (x) there is not numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which an Interest Payment Date should occur or (y) any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then such Interest Payment Date shall be adjusted in accordance with the Modified Following Business Day Convention.

#### 6. **Reset Note Provisions**

- (a) *Application*: This Condition 6 (*Reset Note Provisions*) is applicable to the Notes only if the Reset Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable.
- (b) *Accrual of interest*: The Notes bear interest:
  - (i) from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date specified in the relevant Final Terms until (but excluding) the First Reset Date at the rate per annum equal to the Initial Rate of Interest:
  - (ii) from (and including) the First Reset Date until (but excluding) the first Subsequent Reset Date or, if a Subsequent Reset Date is not specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Maturity Date at the rate per annum equal to the First Reset Rate of Interest; and
  - (iii) for each Subsequent Reset Period thereafter (if any), at the rate per annum equal to the relevant Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest,

payable, in each case, in arrear on each Interest Payment Date, subject to adjustment as provided in Condition 5 (*Fixed Rate Note Provisions*) in the case of Hong Kong dollar denominated Notes and subject further as provided in Condition 11 (*Payments - Bearer Notes*) and Condition 12 (*Payments - Registered Notes*). Each Note will cease to bear interest from (and including) the due date for final redemption unless, upon due presentation, payment of the Redemption Amount is improperly withheld or refused, in which case it will continue to bear interest in accordance with this Condition 6 (*Reset Note Provisions*) (as well after as before judgment) until whichever is the earlier of (i) the day on which all sums due in respect of such Note up to that day are received by or on behalf

of the relevant Noteholder and (ii) the day on which notice is given to the holder of such Note that sufficient funds for payment of such sums have been received by the Principal Paying Agent or the Trustee.

(c) Rate of Interest: The Rate of Interest applicable for each Reset Period shall be determined by the Agent Bank at or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined on each Reset Determination Date. The Interest Amount payable on the Notes shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions for calculating amounts of interest in Condition 5 (Fixed Rate Note Provisions) and, for such purposes, references in Condition 5 (Fixed Rate Note Provisions) to "Fixed Rate Notes" shall be deemed to be to "Reset Notes" and Condition 5 (Fixed Rate Note Provisions) shall be construed accordingly.

# (d) Fallbacks:

If on any Reset Determination Date the Relevant Screen Page is not available or the Mid-Swap Rate does not appear on the Relevant Screen Page (other than in the circumstances provided for in Condition 7(e) (*Benchmark Replacement*)) and the Issuer has specified in the applicable Final Terms that the Reference Bond Rate is applicable as the fallback to the Mid-Swap Rate, the Reset Reference Rate shall be the Reference Bond Rate calculated by the Agent Bank in accordance with these Conditions. Alternatively, if on any Reset Determination Date the Relevant Screen Page is not available or the Mid-Swap Rate does not appear on the Relevant Screen Page and (i) the Reference Bond Rate has not been specified as the fallback to the Mid-Swap Rate, or (ii) if the Reference Bond Rate has been specified as the fallback to the Mid-Swap Rate, only one or no Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotation is received for the purpose of calculating the Reference Bond Price applicable to the Reset Reference Bond, the Agent Bank shall request each of the Reference Banks to provide the Agent Bank with its Mid-Market Swap Rate Quotation as at approximately the Reset Determination Time.

If two or more of the Reference Banks provide the Agent Bank with Mid-Market Swap Rate Quotations, the First Reset Rate of Interest or the Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest (as applicable) for the relevant Reset Period shall be the sum of the arithmetic mean (rounded, if necessary, to the nearest 0.001 per cent. (0.0005 per cent. being rounded upwards)) of the relevant Mid-Market Swap Rate Quotations and the First Margin or Subsequent Margin (as applicable), all as determined by the Agent Bank.

If only one of the Reference Banks provides the Agent Bank with a Mid-Market Swap Rate Quotation, the First Reset Rate of Interest or the Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest (as applicable) for the Reset Period shall be the sum of such Mid-Market Swap Rate Quotation and the First Margin or Subsequent Margin (as applicable), all as determined by the Agent Bank. If on any Reset Determination Date none of the Reference Banks provides the Agent Bank with a Mid-Market Swap Rate Quotation as provided in the foregoing provisions of this paragraph (d), the First Reset Rate of Interest or the Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest (as applicable) shall be determined to be the Rate of Interest as at the last preceding Reset Date or, in the case of the first Reset Determination Date, the First Reset Rate of Interest shall be the Initial Rate of Interest.

- (e) **Publication**: The Agent Bank will cause each Rate of Interest determined by it to be notified to the Issuer, the Paying Agents, the Trustee and the competent authority and/or stock exchange by which the Notes have then been admitted to listing and/or trading as soon as possible after such determination but in any event not later than the relevant Reset Date. Notice thereof shall also be given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 20 (Notices) as soon as possible after the determination or calculation thereof.
- (f) **Notifications etc**: All notifications, opinions, communications, determinations, certificates, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of this Condition 6 (*Reset Note Provisions*) by the Agent Bank will (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding on the Issuer, the Trustee, the Paying Agents, the Noteholders and the Couponholders. No Noteholder or Couponholder shall be entitled to proceed against the Agent Bank, the Trustee, the Paying Agents or any of them

in connection with the exercise or non- exercise by them of their powers, duties and discretions hereunder, including without limitation in respect of any notification, opinion, communication, determination, certificate, calculation, quotation or decision given, expressed or made for the purposes of this Condition 6 (*Reset Note Provisions*).

(g) **Determination or calculation by the Trustee**: If the Agent Bank does not at any time for any reason determine the Rate of Interest or calculate the Interest Amount or any other item required to be determined or calculated by it under the relevant Final Terms, the Trustee, or an agent on its behalf, shall do so and such determination or calculation shall be deemed to have been made by the Agent Bank. In doing so, the Trustee or its agent shall apply the foregoing provisions of this Condition 6 (*Reset Note Provisions*) and, where applicable, the relevant Final Terms, with any necessary consequential amendments, to the extent that, in its opinion, it can do so, and in all other respects it shall do so in such manner as it shall deem fair and reasonable in all the circumstances (subject always to Condition 6 (*Reset Note Provisions*)).

# 7. Floating Rate Note Provisions and Benchmark Replacement

- (a) Application: This Condition 7 (Floating Rate Note Provisions and Benchmark Replacement) is applicable to the Notes only if the Floating Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable.
- (b) Accrual of interest: The Notes bear interest from (and including), the Interest Commencement Date at the Rate of Interest payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date, subject as provided in Condition 11 (Payments Bearer Notes) and Condition 12 (Payments Registered Notes). Each Note will cease to bear interest from (and including) the due date for final redemption unless, upon due presentation, payment of the Redemption Amount is improperly withheld or refused, in which case it will continue to bear interest in accordance with this Condition 7(b) (Floating Rate Note Provisions Accrual of interest) (as well after as before judgment) until (and including) whichever is the earlier of (i) the day on which all sums due in respect of such Note up to that day are received by or on behalf of the relevant Noteholder and (ii) the day on which notice is given to the holder of such Note that sufficient funds for payment of such sums have been received by the Principal Paying Agent or the Trustee.
- (c) **Screen Rate Determination**: If Screen Rate Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined, the Rate of Interest applicable to the Notes for each Interest Period will (subject to Condition 7(e) (Benchmark Replacement)) be determined by the Agent Bank on the following basis:
  - (i) if the Reference Rate is a composite quotation or customarily supplied by one entity, the Agent Bank will determine the Reference Rate which appears on the Relevant Screen Page as of the Relevant Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date
  - (ii) if 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 Bank by straight-line linear interpolation by reference to two rates which appear on the Relevant Screen Page as of the Relevant Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date, where:
    - (A) one rate shall be determined as if the relevant Interest Period were the period of time for which rates are available next shorter than the length of the relevant Interest Period; and
    - (B) the other rate shall be determined as if the relevant Interest Period were the period of time for which rates are available next longer than the length of the relevant Interest Period,

**provided, however, that** if no rate is available for a period of time next shorter or, as the case may be, next longer than the length of the relevant Interest Period,

then the Agent Bank shall determine such rate at such time and by reference to such sources as it determines appropriate; and

- (iii) in any other case, the Agent Bank will determine the arithmetic mean of the Reference Rates which appear on the Relevant Screen Page as of the Relevant Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date;
- (iv) if, in the case of (i) above, such rate does not appear on that page or, in the case of (iii) above, fewer than two such rates appear on that page or if, in either case, the Relevant Screen Page is unavailable, the Agent Bank will:
  - (A) request the principal Relevant Financial Centre office of each of the Reference Banks to provide to the Agent Bank a quotation of the Reference Rate at approximately the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date to prime banks in the Relevant Financial Centre interbank market in an amount that is representative for a single transaction in that market at that time; and
  - (B) determine the arithmetic mean of such quotations; and
- (v) if fewer than two such quotations are provided as requested, the Agent Bank will determine the arithmetic mean of the rates quoted by major banks in the Principal Financial Centre of the Specified Currency, selected by the Agent Bank, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (local time in the Principal Financial Centre of the Specified Currency) on the first day of the relevant Interest Period for loans in the Specified Currency to leading European banks for a period equal to the relevant Interest Period and in an amount that is representative for a single transaction in that market at that time,

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

- (d) ISDA Determination: If ISDA Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined, the Rate of Interest applicable to the Notes for each Interest Period will be the sum of the Margin and the relevant ISDA Rate where "ISDA Rate" in relation to any Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Agent Bank under an interest rate swap transaction if the Agent Bank were acting as Agent Bank for that interest rate swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the ISDA Definitions and under which:
  - (i) the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the relevant Final Terms;
  - (ii) the Designated Maturity is a period specified in the relevant Final Terms;
  - (iii) the relevant Reset Date is either (A) if the relevant Floating Rate Option is based on LIBOR for a currency, the first day of that Interest Period or (B) in any other case, as specified in the relevant Final Terms; and
  - (iv) if 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 Bank by straight-line linear interpolation by reference to two rates based on the relevant Floating Rate Option, where:
    - (A) one rate 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

(B) the other rate 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 than the length of the relevant Interest Period or, as the case may be, next longer than the length of the relevant Interest Period, then the Agent Bank shall determine such rate at such time and by reference to such sources as it determines appropriate.

The expressions "Floating Rate", "Agent Bank", "Floating Rate Option", "Designated Maturity" and "Reset Date" in this Condition 7(d) (Floating Rate Note Provisions - ISDA Determination) have the respective meanings given to them in the ISDA Definitions.

- (e) **Benchmark Replacement:** In addition, notwithstanding the provisions above in this Condition 7 (*Floating Rate Note Provisions and Benchmark Replacement*) or Condition 6 (*Reset Note Provisions*), if the Issuer determines that the relevant Reference Rate or Mid-Swap Floating Leg Benchmark Rate (as applicable) specified in the relevant Final Terms has ceased to be published on the Relevant Screen Page as a result of such benchmark ceasing to be calculated or administered when any Rate of Interest (or the relevant component part thereof) remains to be determined by such Reference Rate or Mid-Swap Floating Leg Benchmark Rate, then the following provisions shall apply:
  - the Issuer shall use reasonable endeavours to appoint, as soon as reasonably practicable, an Independent Adviser to determine (acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner), no later than 5 Business Days prior to the relevant Interest Determination Date or Reset Determination Date (as applicable) relating to the next succeeding Interest Period or Reset Period (as applicable) (the "IA Determination Cut-off Date"), a Successor Rate (as defined below) or, alternatively, if there is no Successor Rate, an Alternative Reference Rate (as defined below) for purposes of determining the Rate of Interest (or the relevant component part thereof) applicable to the Notes;
  - (ii) if the Issuer is unable to appoint an Independent Adviser, or the Independent Adviser appointed by it fails to determine a Successor Rate or an Alternative Reference Rate prior to the IA Determination Cut-off Date, the Issuer (acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner) may determine a Successor Rate or, if there is no Successor Rate, an Alternative Reference Rate;
  - (iii) if a Successor Rate or, failing which, an Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable) is determined in accordance with the preceding provisions, such Successor Rate or, failing which, an Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable) shall be the Reference Rate or Mid-Swap Floating Leg Benchmark Rate (as applicable) for each of the future Interest Periods or Reset Periods (as applicable) (subject to the subsequent operation of, and to adjustment as provided in, this Condition 7(a) (Benchmark Replacement)); provided, however, that if sub-paragraph (ii) applies and the Issuer is unable to or does not determine a Successor Rate or an Alternative Reference Rate prior to the relevant Interest Determination Date or Reset Determination Date (as applicable), the Rate of Interest applicable to the next succeeding Interest Period or Reset Period (as applicable) shall be equal to the Rate of Interest last determined in relation to the Notes in respect of the preceding Interest Period or Reset Period (as applicable) (or alternatively, if there has not been a first Interest Payment Date or Reset Date (as applicable), the rate of interest shall be the Initial Interest Rate) (subject, where applicable, to substituting the Margin that applied to such preceding Interest Period or Reset Period (as applicable) for the Margin that is to be applied to the relevant Interest Period or Reset Period (as applicable)); for the avoidance of doubt, the proviso in this sub-paragraph (iii) shall apply to the relevant Interest Period or Reset Period (as applicable) only and any subsequent Interest Periods or Reset Periods (as applicable) are subject to the subsequent operation of, and to adjustment as provided in, this Condition 7(e) (Benchmark Replacement));

- (iv) if the Independent Adviser or the Issuer determines a Successor Rate or, failing which, an Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable) in accordance with the above provisions, the Independent Adviser or the Issuer (as applicable), may also specify changes to these Conditions, including but not limited to the Day Count Fraction, Relevant Screen Page, Business Day Convention, Business Days, Interest Determination Date, Reset Determination Date, Reset Determination Time and/or the definition of Reference Rate or Mid-Swap Floating Leg Benchmark Rate applicable to the Notes, and the method for determining the fallback rate in relation to the Notes, in order to follow market practice in relation to the Successor Rate or the Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable). If the Independent Adviser (in consultation with the Issuer) or the Issuer (as applicable), determines that an Adjustment Spread is required to be applied to the Successor Rate or the Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable) and determines the quantum of, or a formula or methodology for determining, such Adjustment Spread, then such Adjustment Spread shall be applied to the Successor Rate or the Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable). If the Independent Adviser or the Issuer (as applicable) is unable to determine the quantum of, or a formula or methodology for determining, such Adjustment Spread, then such Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable) will apply without an Adjustment Spread. For the avoidance of doubt, the Trustee and Principal Paying Agent shall, at the direction and expense of the Issuer, effect such consequential amendments to the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement and these Conditions as may be required in order to give effect to this Condition 7(e) (Benchmark Replacement). Noteholder consent shall not be required in connection with effecting the Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable) or such other changes, including for the execution of any documents or other steps by the Trustee or Principal Paying Agent (if required); and
- (v) the Issuer shall promptly, following the determination of any Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable), give notice thereof to the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent and the Noteholders, which shall specify the effective date(s) for such Successor Rate or Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable) and any consequential changes made to these Conditions.

For the purposes of this Condition 7(e) (Benchmark Replacement):

"Adjustment Spread" means a spread (which may be positive or negative) or formula or methodology for calculating a spread, which the Independent Adviser (in consultation with the Issuer) or the Issuer (as applicable), determines is required to be applied to the Successor Rate or the Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable) in order to reduce or eliminate, to the extent reasonably practicable in the circumstances, any economic prejudice or benefit (as applicable) to Noteholders and Couponholders as a result of the replacement of the Reference Rate or Mid-Swap Floating Leg Benchmark Rate (as applicable) with the Successor Rate or the Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable) and is the spread, formula or methodology which:

- (i) in the case of a Successor Rate, is formally recommended in relation to the replacement of the Reference Rate or Mid-Swap Floating Leg Benchmark Rate (as applicable) with the Successor Rate by any Relevant Nominating Body; or
- (ii) in the case of a Successor Rate for which no such recommendation has been made or in the case of an Alternative Reference Rate, the Independent Adviser (in consultation with the Issuer) or the Issuer (as applicable) determines is recognised or acknowledged as being in customary market usage in international debt capital markets transactions which reference the Reference Rate or Mid-Swap Floating Leg Benchmark Rate (as applicable), where such rate has been replaced by the Successor Rate or the Alternative Reference Rate (as applicable); or
- (iii) if no such customary market usage is recognised or acknowledged, the Independent Adviser (in consultation with the Issuer) or the Issuer in its discretion

(as applicable), determines (acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner) to be appropriate;

"Alternative Reference Rate" means the rate that the Independent Adviser or the Issuer (as applicable) determines has replaced the relevant Reference Rate or Mid-Swap Floating Leg Benchmark Rate (as applicable) in customary market usage in the international debt capital markets for the purposes of determining rates of interest in respect of bonds denominated in the Specified Currency and of a comparable duration to the relevant Interest Period or Reset Period (as applicable), or, if the Independent Adviser or the Issuer (as applicable) determines that there is no such rate, such other rate as the Independent Adviser or the Issuer (as applicable) determines in its discretion (acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner) is most comparable to the relevant Reference Rate or Mid-Swap Floating Leg Benchmark Rate (as applicable);

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

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

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

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

- (f) *Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest*: If any Maximum Rate of Interest or Minimum Rate of Interest is specified in the relevant Final Terms, then the Rate of Interest shall in no event be greater than the maximum or be less than the minimum so specified. Unless otherwise stated in the relevant Final Terms, the Minimum Rate of Interest shall be deemed to be zero.
- (g) Calculation of Interest Amount: The Agent Bank will, as soon as practicable after the time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined in relation to each Interest Period, calculate the Interest Amount payable in respect of each Note for such Interest Period. The Interest Amount will be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period to the Calculation Amount, multiplying the product by the relevant Day Count Fraction, rounding the resulting figure to the nearest sub-unit of the Specified Currency (half a sub-unit being rounded upwards) and multiplying such rounded figure by a fraction equal to the Specified Denomination of the relevant Note divided by the Calculation Amount. For this purpose a "sub-unit" means, in the case of any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, in the case of euro, means one cent.
- (h) **Publication**: The Agent Bank will cause each Rate of Interest and Interest Amount determined by it, together with the relevant Interest Payment Date, and any other amount(s) required to be determined by it together with any relevant payment date(s) to be notified to the Issuer, the Paying Agents, the Trustee and the competent authority and/or stock

exchange by which the Notes have then been admitted to listing and/or trading as soon as possible after such determination but (in the case of each Rate of Interest, Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date) in any event not later than the first day of the relevant Interest Period. Notice thereof shall also be given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 20 (*Notices*) as soon as possible after the determination or calculation thereof. The Agent Bank will be entitled to recalculate any Interest Amount (on the basis of the foregoing provisions) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the relevant Interest Period. If the Calculation Amount is less than the minimum Specified Denomination the Agent Bank shall not be obliged to publish each Interest Amount but instead may publish only the Calculation Amount and the Interest Amount in respect of a Note having the minimum Specified Denomination.

- (i) Notifications etc: All notifications, opinions, communications, determinations, certificates, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of this Condition 7 (Floating Rate Note Provisions and Benchmark Replacement) by the Agent Bank will (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding on the Issuer, the Trustee, the Paying Agents, the Noteholders and the Couponholders. No Noteholder or Couponholder shall be entitled to proceed against the Agent Bank, the Trustee, the Paying Agents or any of them in connection with the exercise or non- exercise by them of their powers, duties and discretions hereunder, including without limitation in respect of any notification, opinion, communication, determination, certificate, calculation, quotation or decision given, expressed or made for the purposes of this Condition 7 (Floating Rate Note Provisions and Benchmark Replacement).
- (j) **Determination or calculation by the Trustee**: If the Agent Bank does not at any time for any reason determine the Rate of Interest or calculate the Interest Amount or any other item required to be determined or calculated by it under the relevant Final Terms, the Trustee, or an agent on its behalf and at the expense of the Issuer, shall do so and such determination or calculation shall be deemed to have been made by the Agent Bank. In doing so, the Trustee or its agent shall apply the foregoing provisions of this Condition 7 (Floating Rate Note Provisions and Benchmark Replacement) and, where applicable, the relevant Final Terms, with any necessary consequential amendments, to the extent that, in its opinion, it can do so, and in all other respects it shall do so in such manner as it shall deem fair and reasonable in all the circumstances (subject always to this Condition 7 (Floating Rate Note Provisions and Benchmark Replacement)).

#### 8. **Zero Coupon Note Provisions**

- (a) *Application*: This Condition 8 (*Zero Coupon Note Provisions*) is applicable to the Notes only if the Zero Coupon Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable.
- (b) Late payment on Zero Coupon Notes: If the Redemption Amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note is improperly withheld or refused, the Redemption Amount shall thereafter be an amount equal to the sum of:
  - (i) the Reference Price; and
  - (ii) the product of the Accrual Yield (compounded annually) being applied to the Reference Price on the basis of the relevant Day Count Fraction from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) whichever is the earlier of (i) the day on which all sums due in respect of such Note up to that day are received by or on behalf of the relevant Noteholder and (ii) the day on which notice is given to the holder of such Note that sufficient funds for payment of such sums have been received by the Principal Paying Agent or the Trustee).

#### 9. **Fixed/Floating Rate Notes**

(a) *Application*: This Condition 9 (*Fixed/Floating Rate Notes*) is applicable to the Notes only if the Fixed Rate Note Provisions and the Floating Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable.

(b) *Fixed/Floating Rate*: The Issuer may issue Notes (i) that the Issuer may elect to convert on the date set out in the relevant Final Terms from a Fixed Rate Note to a Floating Rate Note, or from a Floating Rate Note to a Fixed Rate Note or (ii) that will automatically change from a Fixed Rate Note to a Floating Rate Note, or from a Floating Rate Note to a Fixed Rate Note on the date set out in the relevant Final Terms.

#### 10. **Redemption and Purchase**

- (a) **Scheduled redemption**: Unless previously redeemed, or purchased and cancelled, the Notes will be redeemed at their Final Redemption Amount on the Maturity Date, subject as provided in Condition 11 (*Payments Bearer Notes*) and Condition 12 (*Payments Registered Notes*).
- (b) **Redemption for tax reasons**: The Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part (x) at any time (if the Floating Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being not applicable); or (y) on any Interest Payment Date (if the Floating Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable), at their Early Redemption Amount (Tax), together with any accrued but unpaid interest to the date fixed for redemption, **provided that**:
  - (i) the Issuer provides not less than 30 days' nor more than 60 days' prior notice to the Trustee and the Holders of the Notes (such notice being irrevocable) specifying the date fixed for such redemption; and
  - (ii) immediately before giving such notice, the Issuer has determined that as a result of a change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of a Taxing Jurisdiction, including any treaty to which the relevant Taxing Jurisdiction is a party, or a change in an official application of those laws or regulations on or after the Issue Date of the first Tranche of Notes, including a decision of any court or tribunal which becomes effective on or after the Issue Date of the first Tranche of Notes (and, in the event of the substitution of any subsidiary of the Issuer in place of the Issuer as principal debtor under such Notes and in each case the Coupons (if any) appertaining thereto and the Trust Deed in so far as it relates to such Notes, which becomes effective on or after the date of that entity's assumption of the Issuer's obligations):
    - (A) the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 13 (*Taxation*);
    - (B) the Issuer would not be entitled to claim a deduction in respect of any payments in respect of the Notes in computing its taxation liabilities or the value of the deduction would be materially reduced; or
    - (C) the Issuer would not, as a result of the Notes being in issue, be able to have losses or deductions set against the profits or gains, or profits or gains offset by the losses or deductions, of companies with which the Issuer is or would otherwise be so grouped for applicable United Kingdom tax purposes (whether under the group relief system current as at the date of issue of the Notes or any similar system or systems having like effect as may from time to time exist),

(each such change in tax law or regulation or the official application thereof, a "Tax Event"); and

in the case of each of (A), (B) and (C), such consequences cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it,

**provided, further, that** no such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than (1) where the Notes may be redeemed at any time, 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay such additional amounts or is unable to make such deduction if a payment in respect of the Notes were then due; or (2) where the Notes may be redeemed only on an Interest Payment Date, 60 days prior to the Interest Payment Date

occurring immediately before the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay such additional amounts or is unable to make such deduction if a payment in respect of the Notes were then due.

It shall be sufficient to establish the circumstances required to be established under this Condition 10(b) (*Redemption and Purchase - Redemption for tax reasons*) if the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee a certificate signed by two Authorised Signatories (as defined in the Trust Deed) following receipt of an opinion of a firm of independent legal advisers or accountants to the effect either that such a circumstance does exist or that, upon a change in or amendment to the laws or regulations of the United Kingdom or other relevant jurisdiction (including any authority or political subdivision therein or thereof having power to tax), including any treaty to which the relevant jurisdiction is a party, or a change in the official application of those laws or regulations, which at the date of such certificate is proposed to be made and in the opinion of such firm and the Issuer (based on such opinion) is reasonably expected to become effective on or prior to the date when the relevant payment in respect of such Notes would otherwise be made, becoming so effective, such circumstances would exist.

The Trustee shall be entitled to accept such certificate as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the circumstances set out above and without further enquiry or liability for so doing, in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Noteholders.

Upon the expiry of any such notice as is referred to in this Condition 10(b) (*Redemption and Purchase - Redemption for tax reasons*), the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Notes in accordance with this Condition 10(b) (*Redemption and Purchase - Redemption for tax reasons*).

- Redemption at the option of the Issuer: If the Call Option is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, the Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole or, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, in part on any Optional Redemption Date (Call) on the Issuer's giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Noteholders, or such other period(s) as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms, (which notice shall be irrevocable and shall oblige the Issuer to redeem the Notes or, as the case may be, the Notes specified in such notice on the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Call) at the applicable amount specified in the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Call)) at either:
  - (i) the Optional Redemption Amount (Call); or
  - (ii) the Make Whole Redemption Price.

The "Make Whole Redemption Price" will, in respect of the Notes to be redeemed, be:

- (A) if "Sterling Make Whole Redemption Amount" is specified as being applicable in the relevant Final Terms, an amount equal to the higher of (i) 100 per cent. of the principal amount of such Notes and (ii) the principal amount of such Notes multiplied by the price (expressed as a percentage), as reported in writing to the Issuer by the Determination Agent (if applicable), at which the Gross Redemption Yield on such Notes on the Reference Date is equal to the Gross Redemption Yield at the Quotation Time on the Reference Date of the Reference Bond, plus the Redemption Margin; or
- (B) if "Non-Sterling Make Whole Redemption Amount" is specified as being applicable in the relevant Final Terms, an amount equal to the higher of (i) 100 per cent. of the principal amount of such Notes and (ii) the principal amount of such Notes multiplied by the price (expressed as a percentage), as reported in writing to the Issuer by the Determination Agent (if applicable), at which the yield to maturity on such Notes on the Reference Date is equal to the Reference Bond Rate at the Quotation Time on the Reference Date, plus the Redemption Margin,

all as determined by the Issuer or by the Agent Bank.

- (d) Partial redemption: If the Notes are to be redeemed in part only on any date in accordance with Condition 10(c) (Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of the Issuer), in the case of Bearer Notes, the Notes to be redeemed shall be selected by the drawing of lots in such place and in such manner as is fair and reasonable in the circumstances taking account of prevailing market practices, subject to compliance with applicable law, the rules of the competent authority and/or stock exchange by which the Notes have then been admitted to listing and/or trading and the notice to Noteholders referred to in Condition 10(c) (Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of the Issuer) shall specify the serial numbers of the Notes so to be redeemed, and, in the case of Registered Notes, each Note shall be redeemed in part in the proportion which the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes to be redeemed on the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Call) bears to the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes on such date. If any Maximum Redemption Amount or Minimum Redemption Amount is specified in the relevant Final Terms, then the Optional Redemption Amount (Call) shall in no event be greater than the maximum or be less than the minimum so specified.
- Redemption at the option of Noteholders: If the Put Option is specified in the relevant (e) Final Terms as being applicable, the Issuer shall, at the option of the Holder of any Note redeem such Note on the Optional Redemption Date (Put) specified in the relevant Put Option Notice (which notice shall be irrevocable) at the relevant Optional Redemption Amount (Put) together with any accrued but unpaid interest to (but excluding) such date. In order to exercise the option contained in this Condition 10(e) (Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of Noteholders), the Holder of a Note must, not less than 30 days nor more than 60 days before the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Put) (or such other period(s) as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms), deposit with any Paying Agent (in the case of Bearer Notes) or the Registrar (in the case of Registered Notes) such Note together with any unmatured Coupons relating thereto and a duly completed Put Option Notice in the form obtainable from any Paying Agent. The Paying Agent or the Registrar (as the case may be) with which a Note is so deposited shall deliver a duly completed Put Option Receipt to the depositing Noteholder. No Note, once deposited with a duly completed Put Option Notice in accordance with this Condition 10(e) (Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of Noteholders), may be withdrawn; provided, however, that if, prior to the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Put), any such Note becomes immediately due and payable or, upon due presentation of any such Note on the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Put), payment of the redemption moneys is improperly withheld or refused, the relevant Paying Agent or Registrar (as the case may be) shall mail notification thereof to the depositing Noteholder at such address as may have been given by such Noteholder in the relevant Put Option Notice and shall hold such Note at its Specified Office for collection by the depositing Noteholder against surrender of the relevant Put Option Receipt. For so long as any outstanding Note is held by a Paying Agent or the Registrar (as the case may be) in accordance with this Condition 10(e) (Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of Noteholders), the depositor of such Note and not such Paying Agent or the Registrar (as the case may be) shall be deemed to be the Holder of such Note for all purposes. The Holder of a Note may not exercise such option in respect of any Note which is the subject of an exercise by the Issuer of its option to redeem such Note under Condition 10(b) (Redemption and Purchase -Redemption for tax reasons), 10(c) (Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of the Issuer) or 10(d) (Redemption and Purchase - Partial redemption) and any exercise of the first- mentioned option in such circumstances shall have no effect.
- (f) *Early redemption of Zero Coupon Notes*: Unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Redemption Amount payable on redemption of a Zero Coupon Note at any time before the Maturity Date shall be an amount equal to the sum of:
  - (i) the Reference Price; and
  - (ii) the product of the Accrual Yield (compounded annually) being applied to the Reference Price from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the date

fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which the Note becomes due and payable.

Where such calculation is to be made for a period which is not a whole number of years, the calculation in respect of the period of less than a full year shall be made on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms for the purposes of this Condition 10(f) (*Redemption and Purchase - Early redemption of Zero Coupon Notes*) or, if none is so specified, a Day Count Fraction of 30E/360.

- (g) No other redemption: The Issuer shall not be entitled to redeem the Notes otherwise than as provided in Condition 10(a) (Redemption and Purchase Scheduled redemption) to 10(f) (Redemption and Purchase Early redemption of Zero Coupon Notes) above.
- (h) **Purchase**: The Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries may at any time purchase or otherwise acquire any of the outstanding Notes at any price in the open market **provided that** all unmatured Coupons are purchased therewith.
- (i) *Cancellation*: All Notes so redeemed shall, and all Notes so purchased may, be cancelled (together with any unmatured Coupons attached thereto or surrendered therewith) and may not be reissued or resold.

# 11. Payments - Bearer Notes

This Condition 11 (Payments - Bearer Notes) is only applicable to Bearer Notes.

- (a) **Principal:** Payments of principal shall be made only against presentation and (**provided that** payment is made in full) surrender of Bearer Notes at the Specified Office of any Paying Agent outside the United States by transfer to an account denominated in that currency (or, if that currency is euro, any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) and maintained by the payee with, a bank in the Principal Financial Centre of that currency.
- (b) *Interest*: Payments of interest shall, subject to Condition 11(h) (*Payments Bearer Notes Payments other than in respect of matured Coupons*) below, be made only against presentation and (**provided that** payment is made in full) surrender of the appropriate Coupons at the Specified Office of any Paying Agent outside the United States in the manner described in Condition 11(a) (*Payments Bearer Notes Principal*) above.
- (c) Payments in New York City: Payments of principal or interest may be made at the Specified Office of a Paying Agent in New York City if (i) the Issuer has appointed Paying Agents outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents will be able to make payment of the full amount of the interest on the Notes in the currency in which the payment is due when due; (ii) payment of the full amount of such interest at the offices of all such Paying Agents is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions; and (iii) payment is permitted by applicable United States law.
- (d) **Payments subject to fiscal laws**: Save as provided in Condition 13 (*Taxation*), payments in respect of the Bearer Notes will be subject in all cases to any applicable fiscal or other laws and regulations in the place of payment or other laws and regulations to which the Issuer or its Agents agree to be subject and the Issuer or any of its Paying Agents will not be liable for any taxes or duties of whatever nature imposed or levied by such laws, regulations or agreements, and no commissions or expenses shall be charged to the Noteholders or Couponholders in respect of such payments.
- (e) **Deductions for unmatured Coupons**: If the relevant Final Terms specifies that the Fixed Rate Note Provisions are applicable and a Bearer Note is presented without all unmatured Coupons relating thereto:
  - (i) if the aggregate amount of the missing Coupons is less than or equal to the amount of principal due for payment, a sum equal to the aggregate amount of the missing Coupons will be deducted from the amount of principal due for payment;

**provided, however, that** if the gross amount available for payment is less than the amount of principal due for payment, the sum deducted will be that proportion of the aggregate amount of such missing Coupons which the gross amount actually available for payment bears to the amount of principal due for payment; or

- (ii) if the aggregate amount of the missing Coupons is greater than the amount of principal due for payment:
  - (A) so many of such missing Coupons shall become void (in inverse order of maturity) as will result in the aggregate amount of the remainder of such missing Coupons (the "Relevant Coupons") being equal to the amount of principal due for payment; provided, however, that where this Condition 11(e)(ii)(A) (Payments Bearer Notes Deductions for unmatured Coupons) would otherwise require a fraction of a missing Coupon to become void, such missing Coupon shall become void in its entirety; and
  - (B) a sum equal to the aggregate amount of the Relevant Coupons (or, if less, the amount of principal due for payment) will be deducted from the amount of principal due for payment; **provided, however, that**, if the gross amount available for payment is less than the amount of principal due for payment, the sum deducted will be that proportion of the aggregate amount of the Relevant Coupons (or, as the case may be, the amount of principal due for payment) which the gross amount actually available for payment bears to the amount of principal due for payment.

Each sum of principal so deducted shall be paid in the manner provided in Condition 11(a) (*Payments - Bearer Notes - Principal*) above against presentation and (**provided that** payment is made in full) surrender of the relevant missing Coupons.

- (f) Unmatured Coupons void: If the relevant Final Terms specifies that this Condition 11(f) (Payments Bearer Notes Unmatured Coupons void) is applicable, that the Reset Note Provisions are applicable or that the Floating Rate Note Provisions are applicable, on the due date for final redemption of any Note or early redemption in whole of such Note pursuant to Condition 10(b) (Redemption and Purchase Redemption for tax reasons), Condition 10(e) (Redemption and Purchase Redemption at the option of Noteholders), Condition 10(c) (Redemption and Purchase Redemption at the option of the Issuer) or Condition 14 (Events of Default), all unmatured Coupons relating thereto (whether or not still attached) shall become void and no payment will be made in respect thereof.
- (g) **Payments on business days**: If the due date for payment of any amount in respect of any Bearer Note or Coupon is not a Payment Business Day in the place of presentation, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment in such place of the amount due until the next succeeding Payment Business Day in such place and shall not be entitled to any further interest or other payment in respect of any such delay.
- (h) Payments other than in respect of matured Coupons: Payments of interest other than in respect of matured Coupons shall be made only against presentation of the relevant Bearer Notes at the Specified Office of any Paying Agent outside the United States (or in New York City if permitted by Condition 11(c) (Payments Bearer Notes Payments in New York City) above).
- (i) **Partial payments**: If a Paying Agent makes a partial payment in respect of any Bearer Note or Coupon presented to it for payment, such Paying Agent will endorse thereon a statement indicating the amount and date of such payment.
- (j) **Exchange of Talons**: On or after the maturity date of the final Coupon which is (or was at the time of issue) part of a Coupon Sheet relating to the Bearer Notes, the Talon forming part of such Coupon Sheet may be exchanged at the Specified Office of the Principal

Paying Agent for a further Coupon Sheet (including, if appropriate, a further Talon but excluding any Coupons in respect of which claims have already become void pursuant to Condition 15 (*Prescription*). Upon the due date for redemption of any Bearer Note, any unexchanged Talon relating to such Note shall become void and no Coupon will be delivered in respect of such Talon.

#### 12. Payments - Registered Notes

This Condition 12 (*Payments – Registered Notes*) is only applicable to Registered Notes.

- (a) **Principal**: Payments of principal shall be made by transfer to an account denominated in that currency (or, if that currency is euro, any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) and maintained by the payee with, a bank in the Principal Financial Centre of that currency and (in the case of redemption) upon surrender (or, in the case of part payment only, endorsement) of the relevant Certificates at the Specified Office of any Paying Agent.
- (b) *Interest*: Payments of interest shall be made by transfer to an account denominated in that currency (or, if that currency is euro, any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) and maintained by the payee with, a bank in the Principal Financial Centre of that currency and (in the case of interest payable on redemption) upon surrender (or, in the case of part payment only, endorsement) of the relevant Certificates at the Specified Office of any Paying Agent.
- (c) Payments subject to fiscal laws: Save as provided in Condition 13 (Taxation), payments in respect of the Registered Notes will be subject in all cases to any applicable fiscal or other laws and regulations in the place of payment or other laws and regulations to which the Issuer or its Agents agree to be subject and the Issuer or any of its agents will not be liable for any taxes or duties of whatever nature imposed or levied by such laws, regulations or agreements, and no commissions or expenses shall be charged to the Noteholders in respect of such payments.
- (d) Payments on business days: Where payment is to be made by transfer to an account, payment instructions (for value the due date, or, if the due date is not Payment Business Day, for value the next succeeding Payment Business Day) will be initiated (i) (in the case of payments of principal and interest payable on redemption) on the later of the due date for payment and the day on which the relevant Certificate is surrendered (or, in the case of part payment only, endorsed) at the Specified Office of a Paying Agent; and (ii) (in the case of payments of interest payable other than on redemption) on the due date for payment. A Holder of a Registered Note shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of any delay in payment resulting from the due date for a payment not being a Payment Business Day.
- (e) **Partial payments:** If a Paying Agent makes a partial payment in respect of any Registered Note, the Issuer shall procure that the amount and date of such payment are noted on the Register and, in the case of partial payment upon presentation of a Certificate, that a statement indicating the amount and the date of such payment is endorsed on the relevant Certificate.
- (f) **Record date**: Each payment in respect of a Registered Note will be made to the person shown as the Holder in the Register at the opening of business in the place of the Registrar's Specified Office on the 15<sup>th</sup> day before the due date for such payment (the "**Record Date**").

#### 13. Taxation

(a) **Gross up:** Except as otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms, all payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes and the Coupons by or on behalf of the Issuer shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for or on account of, any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of the United Kingdom or any political

subdivision therein or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax (each, a "**Taxing Jurisdiction**"), unless the withholding or deduction of such taxes, duties, assessments, or governmental charges is required by law.

In that event, the Issuer shall pay such additional amounts ("**Additional Amounts**") as will result in receipt by the Noteholders and the Couponholders after such withholding or deduction of such amounts as would have been received by them had no such withholding or deduction been required, except that no such additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any Note or Coupon:

- (i) held by or on behalf of a Holder which is liable to such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges in respect of such Note or Coupon by reason of its having some connection with the United Kingdom other than the mere holding of the Note or Coupon;
- (ii) unless it is proved, to the satisfaction of the Principal Paying Agent or the Transfer and Paying Agent to whom the same is presented, that the Holder is unable to avoid such withholding or deduction by satisfying any statutory requirement or by making a declaration of non-residence or other similar claim for exemption to the relevant tax authorities; or
- (iii) where the relevant Note or Coupon or Certificate is presented or surrendered for payment more than 30 days after the Relevant Date except to the extent that the Holder of such Note or Coupon would have been entitled to such additional amounts on presenting or surrendering such Note or Coupon or Certificate for payment on the last day of such period of 30 days.
- (b) Any reference in these Conditions to principal in respect of the Notes of any Series shall be deemed to include, as applicable:
  - (i) any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to principal under this Condition 13 (*Taxation*) or pursuant to any undertakings given in addition thereto or in substitution therefor pursuant to the Trust Deed;
  - (ii) the redemption amount payable on such Notes on their Maturity Date;
  - (iii) the redemption amount payable on redemption of such Notes prior to such Maturity Date; and
  - (iv) any premium and any other amounts which may be payable under or in respect of such Notes.
- (c) Any reference in these Conditions to interest in respect of the Notes of any Series shall be deemed to include, as applicable, any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to interest under this Condition 13 (*Taxation*) or pursuant to any undertakings given in addition thereto or in substitution therefor pursuant to the Trust Deed.
- (d) For the avoidance of doubt, any amounts to be paid by the Issuer on the Notes will be paid net of any deduction or withholding imposed or required pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof, any agreement entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b) of the Code, any intergovernmental agreement, or any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or practices adopted pursuant to any intergovernmental agreement entered into in connection with the implementation of such Sections of the Code (or any law implementing such an intergovernmental agreement) (a "FATCA Withholding Tax"), and the Issuer will not be required to pay Additional Amounts on account of any FATCA Withholding Tax.

#### 14. **Events of Default**

If any of the following events occurs and is continuing, then the Trustee at its discretion may and, if so requested in writing by Holders of at least one quarter of the aggregate principal amount of

the outstanding Notes or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution, shall (subject, in all cases, to the Trustee having been indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction) give written notice to the Issuer declaring the Notes to be immediately due and payable, whereupon they shall become immediately due and payable at their Early Termination Amount together with any accrued but unpaid interest without further action or formality:

- (a) Non-payment: any principal or interest on such Notes has not been paid within 14 days from the due date for payment and such sum has not been duly paid within a further 14 days following written notice from the Trustee to the Issuer requiring the non-payment to be made good. The Issuer shall not, however, be in default if during the 14 days after the Trustee's notice it satisfies the Trustee that such sums were not paid in order to comply with a mandatory law, regulation or order of any court of competent jurisdiction. Where there is doubt as to the validity or applicability of any such law, regulation or order, the Issuer will not be in default if it acts on the advice given to it during such 14-day period by independent legal advisers approved by the Trustee; or
- (b) Breach of other obligations: the Issuer defaults in the performance or observance of any of its other obligations under or in respect of the Notes, the Coupons or the Trust Deed and that breach has not been remedied within 21 days of receipt of a written notice from the Trustee certifying that in its opinion the breach is materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of such Notes and requiring the same to be remedied; or
- (c) Winding-up etc.: a Winding-up Event occurs.

At any time after any Series of Notes shall have become due and repayable in accordance with this Condition 14 (*Events of Default*), the Trustee may at its discretion and, if so requested in writing by Holders of at least one quarter of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution, shall (subject to the Trustee having been indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction), without further notice, institute such proceedings or take such steps or actions as it may think fit against the Issuer to enforce payment.

No Holder of any such Notes and no holder of the Coupons (if any) appertaining thereto shall be entitled to institute any of the proceedings or take the steps or actions referred to in Condition 14 (*Events of Default*) above or to prove in the winding up of the Issuer except that if the Trustee, having become bound to proceed against the Issuer as aforesaid, fails to do so or, being able to prove in such winding up, fails to do so, in each case within a reasonable period, and in each such case such failure shall be continuing, then any such holder may himself institute such proceedings or take such steps or actions and/or prove in such winding up to the same extent (but not further or otherwise) that the Trustee would have been entitled so to do in respect of his Notes and/or Coupons.

# 15. **Prescription**

Claims for principal in respect of Bearer Notes shall become void unless the relevant Bearer Notes are presented for payment within 10 years of the appropriate Relevant Date. Claims for interest in respect of Bearer Notes shall become void unless the relevant Coupons are presented for payment within five years of the appropriate Relevant Date. Claims for principal and interest in respect of Registered Notes shall become void unless the relevant Certificates are surrendered for payment within 10 years of the appropriate Relevant Date.

# 16. **Replacement of Notes and Coupons**

If any Note, Certificate or Coupon is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced at the Specified Office of the Principal Paying Agent, in the case of Bearer Notes, or the Registrar, in the case of Registered Notes (and for so long as the Notes are admitted to listing and/or trading by the competent listing authority and/or stock exchange which requires the appointment of a Paying Agent or Transfer Agent in any particular place, the Paying Agent or Transfer Agent having its Specified Office in the place required by the competent listing authority and/or stock exchange), subject to all applicable laws and competent listing authority and/or stock exchange requirements, upon payment by the claimant of the expenses incurred in connection with

such replacement and on such terms as to evidence, security, indemnity and otherwise as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Notes, Certificates or Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

#### 17. Trustee and Agents

Under the Trust Deed, the Trustee is entitled to be indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded before taking any steps or actions or initiating any proceedings and relieved from responsibility in certain circumstances and to be paid its costs, fees and expenses in priority to the claims of the Noteholders. In addition, the Trustee is entitled to enter into business transactions with the Issuer and any entity relating to the Issuer without accounting for any profit.

In acting under the Agency Agreement and in connection with the Notes and the Coupons, the Agents act solely as agent of the Issuer and (to the extent provided therein) the Trustee and do not assume any obligations towards or relationship of agency or trust for or with any of the Noteholders or Couponholders.

The initial Agents and their initial Specified Offices are listed below. The initial Agent Bank (if any) is specified in the relevant Final Terms. If any additional Agents are appointed in connection with any Series, the names of such Agents will be specified in Part B of the relevant Final Terms. The Issuer reserves the right (with the prior approval of the Trustee) at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of any Agent and to appoint a successor fiscal agent or registrar or Agent Bank and additional or successor paying agents; **provided, however, that**:

- (i) the Issuer shall at all times maintain a Principal Paying Agent;
- (ii) if an Agent Bank is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer shall at all times maintain an Agent Bank; and
- (iii) for so long as the Notes are admitted to listing and/or trading by the competent listing authority and/or stock exchange which requires the appointment of a Paying Agent or Transfer Agent in any particular place, the Issuer shall maintain a Paying Agent and/or a Transfer Agent having its Specified Office in the place required by the competent listing authority and/or stock exchange.

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

# 18. Meetings of Noteholders; Modification and Waiver; Substitution

(a) *Meetings of Noteholders*: The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening meetings of Noteholders to consider matters relating to the Notes, including the modification of any provision of these Conditions by Extraordinary Resolution.

Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer or by the Trustee and, subject to the Trustee being indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction, shall be convened by the Trustee upon the request in writing of Noteholders holding not less than one-tenth of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes. The quorum at any meeting convened to vote on an Extraordinary Resolution will be one or more persons holding or representing not less than a clear majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes or, at any adjourned meeting, one or more Persons being or representing Noteholders whatever the principal amount of the Notes held or represented; **provided**, **however**, **that** Reserved Matters may only be sanctioned by an Extraordinary Resolution passed at a meeting of Noteholders at which one or more persons holding or representing not less than two-thirds, or at any adjourned meeting not less than one-third of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes form a quorum. Any Extraordinary Resolution duly passed at any such meeting shall be binding on all the Noteholders and Couponholders, whether present or not.

In addition, a resolution in writing signed by or on behalf of the holders of at least 75 per cent. in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes who for the time being are entitled to receive notice of a meeting of Noteholders under the Trust Deed will take effect

as if it were an Extraordinary Resolution. Such a resolution in writing may be contained in one document or several documents in the same form, each signed by or on behalf of one or more Noteholders.

The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening a single meeting of the holders of Notes of more than one Series in certain circumstances where the Trustee so decides.

(b) *Modification and waiver*: The Trustee may, without the consent of the Noteholders, agree to any modification of the Trust Deed or the Notes (other than in respect of a Reserved Matter) which is, in the opinion of the Trustee, proper to make if, in the opinion of the Trustee, such modification will not be materially prejudicial to the interests of Noteholders and to any modification of the Notes or the Trust Deed which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is to correct a manifest error. In addition, the Trustee may, without the consent of the Noteholders, authorise or waive any proposed breach or breach of the Notes or the Trust Deed (other than a proposed breach or breach relating to the subject of a Reserved Matter) if, in the opinion of the Trustee, the interests of the Noteholders will not be materially prejudiced thereby.

In addition, the Trustee may determine, without the consent of the holders of Notes of any Series or holders of the Coupons (if any) appertaining thereto (except as set out in the Trust Deed), that any Event of Default or Potential Event of Default (both as defined in the Trust Deed) shall not be treated as such for the purpose of the Trust Deed and such Notes if, in the opinion of the Trustee, the interests of the relevant Noteholders would not be materially prejudiced thereby.

Unless the Trustee agrees otherwise, any such authorisation, waiver or modification shall be notified to the Noteholders as soon as practicable thereafter.

(c) Substitution: Subject to (i) such amendment of the Trust Deed and (ii) such other conditions as the Trustee may require, but without the consent of the Noteholders, the Trustee may also agree, subject to such Notes and Coupons being or, where appropriate, remaining irrevocably guaranteed by the Issuer, to the substitution of any subsidiary of the Issuer in place of the Issuer as principal debtor under such Notes and in each case the Coupons (if any) appertaining thereto and the Trust Deed in so far as it relates to such Notes.

In the case of a substitution under this Condition 18 (*Meetings of Noteholders; Modification and Waiver; Substitution*), the Trustee may agree, without the consent of the holders of the Notes of the relevant Series or of the Coupons (if any) appertaining thereto, to a change of the law governing such Notes and/or Coupons and/or the Trust Deed in so far as it relates to such Notes **provided that** such change would not in the opinion of the Trustee be materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the Notes of such Series.

(e) *Effect for the Holders*: Any such modification, waiver, authorisation or substitution shall be binding on all the Noteholders and Couponholders of the relevant Series and, unless the Trustee agrees otherwise, shall be notified to the holders of Notes of that Series as soon as practicable thereafter in accordance with Condition 20 (*Notices*).

In connection with the exercise of its powers, trusts, authorities or discretions (including, but not limited to, those in relation to any such modification, waiver, authorisation or substitution as aforesaid) the Trustee shall have regard to the interests of the holders of the Notes of the relevant Series as a class and in particular, but without limitation, shall not have regard to the consequences of such exercise for individual Noteholders or Couponholders resulting from the individual Noteholders or Couponholders being for any purpose domiciled or resident in, or otherwise connected with, or subject to the jurisdiction of, any particular territory and the Trustee shall not be entitled to require, nor shall any Noteholder or Couponholder be entitled to claim, from the Issuer any indemnification or payment in respect of any tax consequences of any such exercise upon individual Noteholders or Couponholders.

#### 19. **Further Issues**

The Issuer may from time to time, without the consent of the Noteholders and in accordance with the Trust Deed, create and issue further notes having the same terms and conditions as the Notes in all respects (or in all respects except for the first payment of interest) so as to form a single series with the Notes. The Issuer may from time to time, with the consent of the Trustee, create and issue other series of notes having the benefit of the Trust Deed.

#### 20. Notices

- (a) **Bearer Notes**: Notices to the Holders of Bearer Notes shall be valid if published in a leading English language daily newspaper published in London (which is expected to be the *Financial Times*) or, if such publication is not practicable, in a leading English language daily newspaper having general circulation in Europe. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the date of first publication (or if required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the first date on which publication shall have been made 5in all the required newspapers). Couponholders shall be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice given to the Holders of Bearer Notes.
- (b) **Registered Notes**: Notices to the Holders of Registered Notes shall be sent to them by first class mail (or its equivalent) or (if posted to an overseas address) by airmail at their respective addresses on the Register. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the fourth day after the date of mailing.

# 21. **Rounding**

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

# 22. Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

No person shall have any right to enforce any term or condition of any Note by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

# 23. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

- (a) *Governing law*: The Notes and the Trust Deed, and all non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Notes and the Trust Deed, are governed by English law.
- (b) **Jurisdiction**: The parties to the Trust Deed have (i) agreed that the courts of England shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute (a "**Dispute**") arising out of or in connection with the Notes; and (ii) agreed that those courts are the most appropriate and convenient courts to settle any Dispute and, accordingly, that they will not argue that any other courts are more appropriate or convenient.

#### FORM OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms in respect of each Tranche of Notes will be in the following form, duly completed to reflect the particular terms of the relevant Notes and their issue.

IMPORTANT – PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EEA RETAIL INVESTORS - The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area ("EEA"). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU, as amended ("MiFID II"); or (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive 2002/92/EC (as amended), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II. Consequently no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014, as amended (the "PRIIPs Regulation") for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation.

MIFID II product governance / Professional investors and ECPs only target market – Solely for the purposes of [the/each] manufacturer's product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the Notes has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Notes is eligible counterparties and professional clients only, each as defined in MiFID II; and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Notes to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. [Consider any negative target market.] Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a "distributor") should take into consideration the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to MiFID II is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.

Final Terms dated [•]

# **BARCLAYS BANK PLC**

Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes]

under the £15,000,000,000 Debt Issuance Programme

#### PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

[Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes (the "Conditions") set forth in the base prospectus dated 3 May 2018 [and the supplemental base prospectus dated [•]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus (the "Base Prospectus") for the purposes of Directive 2003/71/EC, as amended, including by Directive 2010/73/EU, and as implemented by any relevant implementing measure in the relevant Member State (the "Prospectus Directive"). 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.

Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes described herein is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus. The Base Prospectus and these Final Terms have been published on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange at [http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news-home.html]].

[The following language applies if the relevant Series of Notes is intended to be "qualifying debt securities" (as defined in the Income Tax Act, Chapter 134 of Singapore):

Where interest, discount income, prepayment fee, redemption premium or break cost is derived from the Notes by any person who is not resident in Singapore and who carries on any operations in Singapore through a permanent establishment in Singapore, the tax exemption available for qualifying debt securities (subject to certain conditions) under the Income Tax Act, Chapter 134 of Singapore (the "ITA"), shall not apply if such person acquires the Notes using the funds and profits of such person's operations through a permanent establishment in Singapore. Any person whose interest, discount income, prepayment fee,

redemption premium or break cost derived from the Notes is not exempt from tax (including for the reasons described above) shall include such income in a return of income made under the ITA.]

[i]   Series Number:]   [i]   [i]	1.	(i)	Issuer:	Barclays Bank PLC
(iii) Date on which the Notes become fungible:    Not Applicable/ The Notes shall be consolidated, form a single series and be interchangeable for trading purposes with the [-] on [[-]/the Issue Date/exchange of the Temporary Global Note, as referred to no paragraph [-] below [which is expected to occur on or about [-]].]    3.   Specified Currency or Currencies: [-]     (i)	2.	[(i)	Series Number:]	[•]
fungible:  consolidated, form a single series and be interchangeable for trading purposes with the [•] 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 [•]].]  3. Specified Currency or Currencies:  [•]  4. Aggregate Nominal Amount:  [•]  [(ii) [Series]: [[iii) Tranche:  [•]  [•]  [•]  6. (i) Specified Denominations: [•]  (ii) Calculation Amount:  [•]  7. (i) Issue Date: [•]  (ii) Interest Commencement Date: [[•]/Issue Date/Not Applicable]  8. Maturity Date: [[•] per cent. Fixed Rate] [Reset Notes] [[I.]BOR]/ [EURIBOR]/ [BBSW]/ [CNH HIBOR]/ [TIBOR]/ [SGD SOR]/HIBOR]/ [TIBOR]/ [SGD SOR]/HIBOR]/ [TIBOR]/ [SGD SOR]/HIBOR]/ [TIBOR]/ [SGD SOR]/HIBOR]/ [CDOR]/(NIBOR]/ [JIBAR] +/-[•] per cent. Floating Rate]  [Zero Coupon]  (see paragraph 14/15/16/17 below)  10. Redemption/Payment Basis:  Subject to any purchase and cancellation or early redemption, the Notes will be redeemed on the Maturity Date at [[•]/[100]] per cent. of their nominal amount.  [•]/Not Applicable		[(ii)	Tranche Number:]	[•]
4. Aggregate Nominal Amount:  [i)] [Series]: [ii) Tranche:  5. Issue Price: [1] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [1]]  6. (i) Specified Denominations: [1] [1] Calculation Amount: [1] [1] Interest Commencement Date: [1] Interest Commencement Date: [1] Interest Basis: [1] per cent. Fixed Rate] [Reset Notes] [ILIBOR]/ [EURIBOR]/ [BBSW]/ [CNH HIBOR]/ [TIBOR]/ [SGD SOR]/ [HIBOR]/ [STIBOR]/ [JIBAR] +/-[1] per cent. Floating Rate] [Zero Coupon]  [See paragraph 14/15/16/17 below)  10. Redemption/Payment Basis:  Subject to any purchase and cancellation or carly redemption, the Notes will be redeemed on the Maturity Date at [[1]/[100]] per cent. of their nominal amount.  11. Change of Interest or Redemption/Payment Basis:  12. Put/Call Options: [Investor Put]		(iii)		consolidated, form a single series and be interchangeable for trading purposes with the [•] 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
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[(ii) Tranche: [*]  5. Issue Price: [*] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [*]]  6. (i) Specified Denominations: [*]  7. (i) Issue Date: [*]  (ii) Interest Commencement Date: [[*]/Issue Date/Not Applicable]  8. Maturity Date: [*]  9. Interest Basis: [[*] per cent. Fixed Rate]  [Reset Notes]  [[LIBOR]/ [EURIBOR]/ [BBSW]/ [CNH HIBOR]/ [TIBOR]/ [STIBOR]/ [SGD SOR]/ [HIBOR]/ [CDOR]/ [NIBOR]/ [JIBAR] +/- [*] per cent. Floating Rate]  [Zero Coupon]  (see paragraph 14/15/16/17 below)  10. Redemption/Payment Basis: Subject to any purchase and cancellation or early redemption, the Notes will be redeemed on the Maturity Date at [[*]/[100]] per cent. of their nominal amount.  11. Change of Interest or Redemption/Payment Basis: [Investor Put]	4.	Aggreg	gate Nominal Amount:	[•]
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8. Maturity Date:  [•] 9. Interest Basis:  [[e] per cent. Fixed Rate]  [Reset Notes]  [[LIBOR]/ [EURIBOR]/ [BBSW]/ [CNH HIBOR]/ [TIBOR]/ [STBOR]/ [SGD SOR]/ [HIBOR]/ [CDOR]/ [NIBOR]/ [JIBAR] +/-[e] per cent. Floating Rate]  [Zero Coupon]  (see paragraph 14/15/16/17 below)  10. Redemption/Payment Basis:  Subject to any purchase and cancellation or early redemption, the Notes will be redeemed on the Maturity Date at [[e]/[100]] per cent. of their nominal amount.  11. Change of Interest or Redemption/Payment Basis:  [•]/Not Applicable  [Investor Put]	7.	(i)	Issue Date:	[•]
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Redemption/Payment Basis:  12. Put/Call Options: [Investor Put]	10.	Redemption/Payment Basis:		early redemption, the Notes will be redeemed on the Maturity Date at [[•]/[100]] per cent. of
12. Put/Call Options: [Investor Put]	11.			[•]/Not Applicable
[Issuer Call]	12.			[Investor Put]
				[Issuer Call]

13. Date [Board] approval for issuance of Notes obtained:

# PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

PROVIS	IONS KI	ELATING	FTO INTEREST (IF AN	Y) PAYABLE		
14.	Fixed Rate Note Provisions		e Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable/Applicable from [•] to [•] [if so elected by the Issuer on or before [•]]]		
	(i)	Rate[(s	)] of Interest:	[•] per cent. Per annum [payable [annually/semi-annually/quarterly/monthly/[•] in arrear on each Interest Payment Date]		
	(ii)	(A) Interest Payment Date(s):		[•] [and [•]] in each year [adjusted in accordance with [•]/not adjusted]		
		(B)	Interest Payment Date adjustment (for Hong Kong dollar- denominated Notes):	[Applicable/Not Applicable]		
	(iii)	Fixed C	Coupon Amount[(s)]:	[[•] per Calculation Amount payable on each Interest Payment Date] / [Each Fixed Coupon Amount shall be calculated by multiplying the product of the Interest Rate and the Calculation Amount by the Day Count Fraction and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest [HK\$0.01], [HK\$0.005] being rounded upwards]		
	(iv)	Broken	Amount(s):	[•] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] [•]		
	(v)	Day Co	ount Fraction:	[30/360 / Actual/Actual (ICMA) / Actual/Actual (ISDA) / Actual/365 (Fixed) / Actual/360 / 30E/360]		
	(vi)	•	esponsible for calculating bunt payable:	[•] of [•] shall be the Agent Bank		
15.	Reset	Note Pro	visions	[Applicable/Not Applicable]		
	(i)	Initial I	Rate of Interest:	[•] per cent. per annum payable in arrear [on each Interest Payment Date]		
	(ii)	Interest	t Payment Date(s):	[•] [and [•]] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date[[in each case,] subject to adjustment in accordance with paragraph 15(xiii)]		
	(iii)		Coupon Amount up to cluding) the First Reset	[[•] per Calculation Amount]/[Not Applicable]		
	(iv)	Broken	Amount(s):	[[•] per Calculation Amount payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] [•]]/[Not Applicable]		

(v)	Reset Reference Rate:		[Mid-Swap Rate] [and] [Reference Bond Rate] [as the fallback Reset Reference Rate to the Mid-Swap Rate]
(vi)	First Reset Date:		[•] [subject to adjustment in accordance with paragraph 15(xiii)]
(vii)	Day Count Fraction:		[Actual/Actual (ICMA)]/[Actual/Actual (ISDA)]/[Actual/365 (Fixed)]/[Actual/360]/[30/360]/[30E/360]/[30 E/360 (ISDA)]
(viii)	Subse	quent Reset Date(s):	[•] [and [•]] [subject to adjustment in accordance with paragraph 15(xiii)]/[Not Applicable]
(ix)	[Mid-Swap Rate:		[Single Mid-Swap Rate/Mean Mid-Swap Rate]]
	(a)	[Mid-Swap Maturity:	[•]]
	(b)	[Mid-Swap Floating Leg Benchmark Rate:	[EURIBOR/ LIBOR/ BBSW/ CNH HIBOR/ TIBOR/ STIBOR/ SGD SOR/ HIBOR/ CDOR/ NIBOR/ JIBAR]]
	(c)	Relevant Screen Page:	[•]
	(d)	[First Margin:	[+/-][•] per cent. per annum]
	(e)	[Subsequent Margin:	[[+/-][•] per cent. per annum]/[Not Applicable]]
(x)	[Refer	rence Bond Rate:	[Applicable]/[Not Applicable]
	(a) Bond: (b)	[Reset Reference [First Margin:	[•]]
			[+/-] [•] per cent. per annum]
	(b)	[Subsequent Margin:	[[+/-][•] per cent. per annum]/[Not
	(0)	[Sucsequent 1.1mgm.	Applicable]]]
(xi)	Refere	ence Banks:	[•]
(xii)	Reset	Determination Dates:	[•]
(xiii)	Additional Business Centre(s):		[Not Applicable/[•]]
(xiv)	Reset Determination Time:		[•]
(xv)	Agent Bank:		[•]
Floatin	Floating Rate Note Provisions		[Applicable/Not Applicable/Applicable from [•] to [•] [if so elected by the Issuer on or before [•]]]
(i)	Specif	fied Period(s):	[•]
(ii) Dates:	Specified Interest Payment		[•]

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(iii)	First In	terest Payment Date:	[•]			
(iv)	Busine	ss Day Convention:	[Floating Rate Convention/ Following Business Day Convention/ Modified Following Business Day Convention/ Preceding Business Day Convention/ No Adjustment]			
(v)	Additio	onal Business Centre(s):	[Not Applicable/[•]]			
(vi)		in which the Rate(s) of is/are to be determined:	[Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination]			
(vii)	Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and/or Interest Amount(s) (if not the [Principal Paying Agent]):		[Principal Paying Agent / [•]]			
(viii)	Screen	Rate Determination:				
	•	Reference Rate:	[EURIBOR/ LIBOR/ BBSW/ CNH HIBOR/ TIBOR/ STIBOR/ SGD SOR/ HIBOR/ CDOR/ NIBOR/ JIBAR]			
	•	Reference Bank(s):	[•]			
	•	Interest Determination Date(s):	[•]			
	•	Relevant Screen Page:	[•]			
	•	Relevant Time:	[[•] in the Relevant Financial Centre]/[as per the Conditions]			
	•	Relevant Financial Centre:	[London/Brussels/Sydney/Hong Kong/Tokyo/Stockholm/Singapore/Toronto/O slo/Johannesburg]			
(ix)	ISDA I	Determination:				
	•	Floating Rate Option:	[•]			
	•	Designated Maturity:	[•]			
	•	Reset Date:	[•]			
	•	ISDA Definitions:	2006			
(x)	[Linear Interpolation:		Not Applicable / Applicable – the Rate of Interest for the [long/short] [first/last] Interest Period shall be calculated using Linear Interpolation]]			
(xi)	Margin(s):		[+/-][•] per cent. per annum			
(xii)	Minimum Rate of Interest:		[•] per cent. per annum			
(xiii)	Maximum Rate of Interest:		[•] per cent. per annum			
(xiv)	Day Count Fraction:		[30/360 / Actual/Actual (ICMA) / Actual/Actual (ISDA) / Actual/365 (Fixed) / Actual/360 / 30E/360 / 30E/360(ISDA)]			

17. **Zero Coupon Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable] Accrual Yield: (i) [•] per cent. per annum Reference Price: (ii) [•] [30/360 (iii) Day Count Fraction in relation to Actual/Actual (ICMA) early Redemption Amounts: Actual/Actual (ISDA) / Actual/365 (Fixed) / Actual/360 / 30E/360 / 30E/360(ISDA)] PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION 18. **Call Option** [Applicable/Not Applicable] Optional Redemption Date(s) [[•]/[Any date from and including [date] to but (i) excluding [date]] (Call): (ii) Optional Redemption Amount [[•] per Calculation Amount/Make Whole Redemption Price] [in the case of the Optional (Call): Redemption Date(s) falling [on [•]]/[in the period from and including [date] to but excluding [date]] [and [[•] per Calculation Amount/Make Whole Redemption Price] [in the case of the Optional Redemption Date(s) falling [on [•]/in the period from and including [date] to but excluding the Maturity Date]] (iii) Make Whole Redemption Price: [Sterling Make Whole Redemption Amount/Non-Sterling Make Whole Redemption Amount/Not Applicable (a) Redemption Margin: [•] per cent. (b) Reference Bond: [•] **Quotation Time:** (c) [•] Relevant Make Whole [•] / [Not Applicable] (d) Screen Page: Reference Date: [•]/[as per the Conditions] (e) (iv) Redeemable in part: [Applicable/Not Applicable/provide details] Minimum Redemption [[•] per Calculation Amount] [Not Applicable] (a) Amount: (b) Maximum Redemption [[•] per Calculation Amount] [Not Applicable] Amount: (v) Notice period: Minimum period: [[•] days]/[as per the Conditions] Maximum period: [[•] days]/[as per the Conditions]

(vi) Early Redemption Amount (Tax):

[•] per Calculation Amount

19. **Put Option** 

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

(i) Optional Redemption Date(s) [•]

(Put):

(ii) Optional Redemption Amount [•] per Calculation Amount

(Put):

(iii) Notice period: Minimum period: [•] days

Maximum period: [•] days

20. Final Redemption Amount of each Note: Subject to any purchase and cancellation or

early redemption, the Notes will be redeemed on the Maturity Date at [•] per Calculation

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21. Early Termination Amount: [[•] per Calculation Amount] [Not Applicable]

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

22. Form of Notes: **Bearer Notes:** 

[Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes in the limited circumstances described in the Permanent Global Note]

[Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on [•] days' notice/at any time/in the limited circumstances described in the Temporary Global Note]

[Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on [•] days' notice/at any time/in the limited circumstances described in the Permanent Global Note]

# **Registered Notes:**

[Global Registered Note exchangeable for Individual Certificates in the limited circumstances described in the Global Registered Note]

[and]

[Global Registered Note [(U.S.\$/Euro [•] nominal amount)] registered in the name of a nominee for [a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg/a common safekeeper for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (that is, held under the New Safekeeping Structure (NSS))][Individual Certificates]

(N.B. The exchange upon notice/at any time options should not be expressed to be applicable if the Specified Denomination of the Notes includes language substantially to the following effect: " $\in 100,000$  and integral

multiples of €1,000 in excess	thereof	`up	to	ana
including €199,000".)				

- 23. New Global Note: [Yes] [No]
- 24. Additional Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to payment dates:

[Not Applicable/[•]]

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

[Yes/No]

26. Relevant Benchmark[s]:

benchmark] provided [[specify is by [administrator legal name]][repeat as necessary]. As at the date hereof, [[administrator legal name][appears]/[does not appear]][repeat as necessary] in the register of administrators and benchmarks established and maintained by ESMA pursuant to Article 36 (Register of administrators and benchmarks) of the Benchmark Regulation]/[As far as the Issuer is aware, as at the date hereof, [specify benchmark] does not fall within the scope of the Benchmark Regulation]/[Not Applicable]

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#### PART B – OTHER INFORMATION

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#### 1. LISTING

(i) Listing and admission to trading:

[Application has been made by the Issuer(or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the London Stock Exchange with effect from [•].]

[Application 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 London Stock Exchange with effect from [•].]

(ii) Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading:

#### 2. RATINGS

Ratings:

The Notes to be issued [are expected to be rated]/ [have not been rated]/ [have been rated:]

[Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services Europe Limited ("**Standard & Poor's**"): [•]]

[Moody's Investors Service Ltd. ("Moody's"): [•]]

[Fitch Ratings Limited ("Fitch"): [•]]

[Rating and Investment Information, Inc. ("**R&I**"): [•]]

[The short term unsecured obligations of the Issuer are rated [•] by Standard & Poor's, [•] by Moody's and [•] by Fitch, and the unsecured unsubordinated long-term obligations of the Issuer are rated [•] by Standard & Poor's, [•] by Moody's and [•] by Fitch. [The Issuer has been rated [•] by R&I.]]

[Each of] [Moody's], [Standard & Poor's] and [Fitch] is established in the European Economic Area (the "EEA") and is registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended) (the "CRA Regulation"). As such, each of Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch is included in the list of credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its website in accordance with the CRA Regulation. [R&I is not established in the EEA and is not certified under the CRA Regulation and the rating it has given to [the Issuer / the Notes] is not endorsed by a credit rating agency established in the EEA and registered under the CRA Regulation.]

# 3. [INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE/OFFER]

[Save as discussed in "Subscription and Sale", so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Notes has an interest that is 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 its affiliates in the ordinary course of business.]/[Not Applicable]

#### 4. USE OF PROCEEDS

[The net proceeds of the issue will be used for general corporate purposes of the Issuer and its subsidiaries]/[•].

# 5. [Fixed Rate Notes only – YIELD

Indication of yield:

[•]]

[The indicative yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield.] / [The indicative yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of an assumed Issue Price of 100%. It is not an indication of an individual investor's actual or future yield.]

#### 6. **OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

- (i) ISIN: [•]
- (ii) Common Code: [•]
- (iii) [FISN: [•]]
- (iv) [CFI Code: [•]]
- (v) Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear, Clearstream Luxembourg and the relevant identification number(s):

[Not Applicable/[•]]

(vi) Delivery:

Delivery [against/free of] payment

(vii) Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any):

[•]

(viii) 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 registered in the name of a nominee of one of the ICSDs acting as common safekeeper,] [include this text for registered notes]] 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 [[, and registered in the name of a nominee of one of the ICSDs acting as common safekeeper,][include this text for registered notes]]. 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) U.S. Selling Restrictions: [Reg. S Compliance Category [•]/ TEFRA C/TEFRA D / TEFRA not applicable]

(ii) Method of distribution: [Syndicated/Non-syndicated]

(iii) If syndicated [Not Applicable]/[•]

(a) Names of Managers: [Not Applicable]/[•]

(b) Stabilisation Manager(s) (if [Not Applicable]/[•] any):

(iv) If non-syndicated, name and address [Not Applicable]/[•] of Dealer:

# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds of the issue of each Series of Notes will be used for general corporate purposes of the Issuer and its subsidiaries, as may be more specifically set out in the Final Terms.

# THE ISSUER AND THE GROUP

For information in respect of the Issuer and the Group, prospective investors are referred to the section entitled "The Issuer and the Group" on pages 22-24 of the Registration Document and the sub-section entitled "The Issuer and the Group" on pages 1-4 of the Registration Document Supplement, each of which are referred to in, and incorporated by reference into, this Base Prospectus as set out in, "Information Incorporated by Reference" on page 12 of this Base Prospectus.

#### UNITED KINGDOM TAXATION

The following is a summary of the United Kingdom withholding taxation treatment at the date hereof in relation to payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes. It is based on current law and the practice of Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs ("HMRC"), which may be subject to change, sometimes with retrospective effect. The comments do not deal with other United Kingdom tax aspects of acquiring, holding or disposing of Notes. The comments relate only to the position of persons who are absolute beneficial owners of the Notes. Prospective Noteholders should be aware that the particular terms of issue of any series of Notes as specified in the relevant Final Terms may affect the tax treatment of that and other series of Notes. The following is a general guide and should be treated with appropriate caution. It is not intended as tax advice and it does not purport to describe all of the tax considerations that might be relevant to a prospective purchaser. Noteholders who are in any doubt as to their tax position should consult their professional advisers. Noteholders who may be liable to taxation in jurisdictions other than the United Kingdom in respect of their acquisition, holding or disposal of the Notes are particularly advised to consult their professional advisers as to whether they are so liable (and if so under the laws of which jurisdictions), since the following comments relate only to certain United Kingdom taxation aspects of payments in respect of the Notes. In particular, Noteholders should be aware that they may be liable to taxation under the laws of other jurisdictions in relation to payments in respect of the Notes even if such payments may be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of taxation under the laws of the United Kingdom.

## United Kingdom Withholding Tax on United Kingdom Source Interest

1. Any Notes issued by the Issuer which carry a right to interest will constitute "quoted Eurobonds" provided they are and continue to be listed on a recognised stock exchange. Whilst the Notes are and continue to be quoted Eurobonds, payments of interest by the Issuer on the Notes may be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of United Kingdom income tax.

Notes will be "listed on a recognised stock exchange" for this purpose if they are admitted to trading on a recognised stock exchange (for the purposes of section 1005 of the Income Tax Act 2007) and either they are included in the United Kingdom official list (within the meaning of Part 6 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) or they are officially listed, in accordance with provisions corresponding to those generally applicable in European Economic Area states, in a country outside the United Kingdom in which there is a recognised stock exchange (for the purposes of section 1005 of the Income Tax Act 2007).

The London Stock Exchange is a recognised stock exchange for these purposes, and accordingly the Notes will constitute quoted Eurobonds provided they are and continue to be included in the United Kingdom official list and admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of that Exchange.

2. In all cases falling outside the exemptions described above, interest on the Notes may fall to be paid under deduction of United Kingdom income tax at the basic rate (currently 20 per cent.). However, such withholding or deduction will not apply if the relevant interest is paid on Notes with a maturity of less than one year from the date of issue and which are not issued under a scheme of arrangement the effect or intention of which is to render such Notes part of a borrowing with a total term of a year or more.

## Other Rules Relating to United Kingdom Withholding Tax

3. Notes may be issued at an issue price of less than 100 per cent. of their principal amount. Any discount element of such Notes will not generally be subject to any United Kingdom withholding tax pursuant to the provisions mentioned above.

Where Notes are to be, or may fall to be, redeemed at a premium, as opposed to being issued at a discount, then any such element of premium may constitute a payment of interest. Payments of interest are subject to United Kingdom withholding tax.

Where interest has been paid under deduction of United Kingdom income tax, Noteholders who are not resident in the United Kingdom may be able to recover all or part of the tax deducted if there is an appropriate provision in any applicable double taxation treaty.

The references to "interest" above mean "interest" as understood in United Kingdom tax law. The statements above do not take any account of any different definitions of "interest" or "principal"

which may prevail under any other law or which may be created by the terms and conditions of the Notes or any related documentation. Where a payment on a Note does not constitute (or is not treated as) interest for United Kingdom tax purposes, and the payment has a United Kingdom source, it would potentially be subject to United Kingdom withholding tax if, for example, it constitutes (or is treated as) an annual payment or a manufactured payment for United Kingdom tax purposes (which will be determined by, amongst other things, the terms and conditions specified by the Final Terms of the Note). In such a case, the payment may fall to be made under deduction of United Kingdom tax (the rate of withholding depending on the nature of the payment), subject to such relief as may be available.

The above description of the United Kingdom withholding tax position assumes that there will be no substitution of the Issuer pursuant to Condition 18 (*Meetings of Noteholders; Modification and Waiver; Substitution*) of the Notes or otherwise and does not consider the tax consequences of any such substitution.

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#### OTHER TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following is a general description of certain Singapore and EU tax considerations relating to the Notes. It does not purport to be a complete analysis of all tax considerations relating to the Notes, whether in those countries or elsewhere. Prospective purchasers of Notes should consult their own tax advisers as to which countries' tax laws could be relevant to acquiring, holding and disposing of Notes and receiving payments of interest, principal and/or other amounts under the Notes and the consequences of such actions under the tax laws of those countries. This summary is based upon the law as in effect on the date of this Base Prospectus and is subject to any change in law that may take effect after such date.

## **Singapore Taxation**

The statements below are general in nature and are based on certain aspects of current tax laws in Singapore and administrative guidelines and circulars issued by the IRAS, the MAS and other relevant authorities in force as at the date of this Base Prospectus and are subject to any changes in such laws, administrative guidelines or circulars, or the interpretation of those laws, administrative guidelines or circulars occurring after such date, which changes could be made on a retroactive basis. These laws, administrative guidelines and circulars are also subject to various interpretations and the relevant tax authorities or the courts could later disagree with the explanations or conclusions set out below. 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 Notes or of any person acquiring, selling or otherwise dealing with 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 Notes and do not purport to deal with the tax consequences applicable to all categories of investors, some of which (such as dealers in securities or financial institutions in Singapore which have been granted the relevant Financial Sector Incentive(s)) may be subject to special rules or tax rates. The statements should not be regarded as advice on the tax position of any person and should be treated with appropriate caution. Prospective holders and holders of Notes are advised to consult their own professional tax advisers as to the Singapore or other tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership of or disposal of Notes, including, in particular, the effect of any foreign, state or local tax laws to which they are subject. It is emphasised that none of the Issuer, the Arranger, the Dealers and any other persons involved in the Programme or any issuance of Notes accepts responsibility for any tax effects or liabilities resulting from the subscription for, purchase, holding or disposal of Notes.

### Interest and Other Payments

Subject to the following paragraphs, under Section 12(6) of the ITA, the following payments are deemed to be derived from Singapore:

- (a) any interest, commission, fee or any other payment in connection with any loan or indebtedness or with any arrangement, management, guarantee, or service relating to any loan or indebtedness which is (i) borne, directly or indirectly, by a person resident in Singapore or a permanent establishment in Singapore (except in respect of any business carried on outside Singapore through a permanent establishment outside Singapore or any immovable property situated outside Singapore) or (ii) deductible against any income accruing in or derived from Singapore; or
- (b) any income derived from loans where the funds provided by such loans are brought into or used in Singapore.

Such payments, where made to a person not known to the paying party to be a resident in Singapore for tax purposes, are generally subject to withholding tax in Singapore. The rate at which tax is to be withheld for such payments (other than those subject to the 15 per cent. final withholding tax described below) to non-resident persons (other than non-resident individuals) is currently 17 per cent. The applicable rate for non-resident individuals is currently 22 per cent. However, if the payment is derived by a person not resident in Singapore otherwise than from any trade, business, profession or vocation carried on or exercised by such person in Singapore and is not effectively connected with any permanent establishment in Singapore of that person, the payment is subject to a final withholding tax of 15 per cent. The rate of 15 per cent. may be reduced by applicable tax treaties.

Certain Singapore-sourced investment income derived by individuals from financial instruments is exempt from tax, including:

- (a) interest from debt securities derived on or after 1 January 2004;
- (b) discount income (not including discount income arising from secondary trading) from debt securities derived on or after 17 February 2006; and
- (c) prepayment fee, redemption premium or break cost from debt securities derived on or after 15 February 2007,

except where such income is derived through a partnership in Singapore or is derived from the carrying on of a trade, business or profession.

With respect to any Tranche of Notes issued as debt securities under this Programme (the "**Relevant Notes**") during the period from the date of this Base Prospectus to 31 December 2018 where, pursuant to the ITA, more than half of the issue of such Relevant Notes is distributed by one or more Financial Sector Incentive (Capital Market) Companies (as defined in the ITA), Financial Sector Incentive (Standard Tier) Companies (as defined in the ITA) and/or Financial Sector Incentive (Bond Market) Companies (as defined in the ITA), such Relevant Notes would be QDS for the purposes of the ITA, to which the following treatments shall apply:

- (a) subject to certain prescribed conditions having been fulfilled (including the furnishing by the Issuer, or such other person as the relevant authorities may direct, of a return on debt securities for the Relevant Notes in the prescribed format within such period as the relevant authorities may specify and such other particulars in connection with the Relevant Notes as the relevant authorities may require to MAS and such other relevant authorities as may be prescribed, and the inclusion by the Issuer in all offering documents relating to the Relevant Notes of a statement to the effect that where interest, discount income, prepayment fee, redemption premium or break cost from the Relevant Notes is derived by a person who is not resident in Singapore and who carries on any operation in Singapore through a permanent establishment in Singapore, the tax exemption for QDS shall not apply if the non-resident person acquires the Relevant Notes using funds and profits of that person's operations through the permanent establishment in Singapore), interest, discount income (not including discount income arising from secondary trading), prepayment fee, redemption premium and break cost (collectively, the "Qualifying Income") from the Relevant Notes, paid by the Issuer and derived by a holder who is not resident in Singapore and who (aa) does not have any permanent establishment in Singapore or (bb) carries on any operation in Singapore through a permanent establishment in Singapore but the funds used by that person to acquire the Relevant Notes are not obtained from such person's operation through a permanent establishment in Singapore, are exempt from Singapore tax;
- (b) subject to certain conditions having been fulfilled (including the furnishing by the Issuer, or such other person as the relevant authorities may direct, of a return on debt securities for the Relevant Notes in the prescribed format within such period as the relevant authorities may specify and such other particulars in connection with the Relevant Notes as the relevant authorities may require to the MAS and such other relevant authorities as may be prescribed), Qualifying Income from the Relevant Notes paid by the Issuer and 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. (except for holders of the relevant Financial Sector Incentive(s) who may be taxed at different rates); and

#### (c) subject to:

- (i) the Issuer including, in all offering documents relating to the Relevant Notes, a statement to the effect that any person whose interest, discount income, prepayment fee, redemption premium or break cost derived from the Relevant Notes is not exempt from tax shall include such income in a return of income made under the ITA; and
- (ii) the furnishing by the Issuer, or such other person as the relevant authorities may direct, of a return on debt securities for the Relevant Notes in the prescribed format within such period as the relevant authorities may specify and such other particulars in connection with

the Relevant Notes as the relevant authorities may require to MAS and such other relevant authorities as may be prescribed,

payments of Qualifying Income derived from the Relevant Notes are not subject to withholding of tax by the Issuer.

### 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 four persons and 50 per cent. or more of the issue of such Tranche of Relevant Notes are beneficially held or funded, directly or indirectly, by related parties of the Issuer, such Relevant Notes would not qualify as QDS; and
- even though a particular Tranche of Relevant Notes are QDS, if 50 per cent. or more of the issue of such Tranche of Relevant Notes which are outstanding at any time during the life of their issue is beneficially held or funded, directly or indirectly, by any related party(ies) of the Issuer, Qualifying Income derived from the Relevant Notes held by:
  - (i) any related party(ies) of the 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(ies) of the Issuer,

shall not be eligible for the tax exemption or concessionary rate of tax as described above.

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.

The terms "prepayment fee", "redemption premium" and "break cost" are defined in the ITA as follows:

"**prepayment fee**", in relation to debt securities and qualifying debt securities, 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;

"redemption premium", in relation to debt securities and qualifying debt securities, means any premium payable by the issuer of the securities on the redemption of the securities upon their maturity; and

"break cost", in relation to debt securities and qualifying debt securities, 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.

References to "prepayment fee", "redemption premium" and "break cost" in this Singapore tax disclosure have the same meaning as defined in the ITA.

All foreign-sourced income received in Singapore on or after 1 January 2004 by Singapore tax-resident individuals will be exempt from income tax, provided such foreign-sourced income is not received through a partnership in Singapore.

Where interest, discount income, prepayment fee, redemption premium or break cost (i.e. the Qualifying Income) is derived from any Relevant Notes by any person who is not resident in Singapore and who carries on any operations in Singapore through a permanent establishment in Singapore, the tax exemption available for QDS under the ITA shall not apply if such person acquires such Relevant Notes using the funds and profits of such person's operations through a permanent establishment in Singapore. Any person whose interest, discount income, prepayment fee, redemption premium or break cost (i.e. the Qualifying Income) derived from such Relevant Notes is not exempt from tax is required to include such income in a return of income made under the ITA.

It was announced in the Singapore Budget Statement 2018 that the QDS Scheme will be extended until 31 December 2023, subject to details to be announced by the MAS.

Under the QDS Plus Scheme, subject to certain conditions having been fulfilled (including the furnishing by the Issuer, or such other person as the relevant authorities may direct, of a return on debt securities in respect of the QDS in the prescribed format within such period as the relevant authorities may specify and such other particulars in connection with the QDS as the relevant authorities may require to MAS and such other relevant authorities as may be prescribed), income tax exemption is granted on Qualifying Income derived by any investor from QDS (excluding Singapore Government Securities) which:

- (a) are issued during the period from (and including) 16 February 2008 to (and including) 31 December 2018;
- (b) have an original maturity of not less than ten years;
- (c) cannot have their tenure shortened to less than 10 years from the date of their issue, except where:
  - (i) the shortening of the tenure is a result of any early termination pursuant to certain specified early termination clauses prescribed in the regulations which the Issuer included in any offering document for such QDS; and
  - (ii) the QDS do not contain any call, put, conversion, exchange or similar option that can be triggered at specified dates or at specified prices which have been priced into the value of the QDS at the time of their issue; and
- (d) cannot be re-opened with a resulting tenure of less than ten years to the original maturity date.

However, even if a particular Tranche of Relevant Notes are QDS which qualify under the QDS Plus Scheme, if 50 per cent. or more of the issue of such Relevant Notes which are outstanding at any time during the life of their issue is beneficially held or funded, directly or indirectly, by any related party(ies) of the Issuer, Qualifying Income from such Relevant Notes derived by:

- (a) any related party(ies) of the Issuer; or
- (b) any other person where the funds used by such person to acquire such Relevant Notes are obtained, directly or indirectly, from any related party(ies) of the Issuer,

shall not be eligible for the tax exemption under the QDS Plus Scheme as described above.

It was announced in the Singapore Budget Statement 2018 that the QDS Plus Scheme will be allowed to lapse after 31 December 2018, but debt securities with tenures of at least ten years which are issued on or before 31 December 2018, can continue to enjoy the tax concessions under the QDS Plus Scheme if the conditions of such scheme, as set out above, are satisfied.

### Capital Gains

Any gains considered to be in the nature of capital made from the sale of Notes will not be taxable in Singapore. However, any gains derived by any person from the sale of 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.

Noteholders who adopt or are required to adopt Singapore Financial Reporting Standard 39 – Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement ("FRS 39") or Singapore Financial Reporting Standard 109 – Financial Instruments ("FRS 109") 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 or FRS 109. Please see the section below on "Adoption of FRS 39 and FRS 109 Treatment for Singapore Income Tax Purposes".

## Adoption of FRS 39 and FRS 109 Treatment for Singapore Income Tax Purposes

Section 34A of the ITA provides for the tax treatment for financial instruments in accordance with FRS 39 (subject to certain exceptions and "opt-out" provisions) to taxpayers who are required to comply with FRS 39 for financial reporting purposes. The IRAS has issued a circular entitled "Income Tax Implications Arising from the Adoption of FRS 39 - Financial Instruments: Recognition & Measurement".

FRS 109 is mandatorily effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018, replacing FRS 39. Section 34AA of the ITA requires taxpayers who comply or who are required to comply with FRS 109 for financial reporting purposes to calculate their profit, loss or expense for Singapore income tax purposes in respect of financial instruments in accordance with FRS 109, subject to certain exceptions. The IRAS also issued a circular entitled "Income Tax: Income Tax Treatment Arising from Adoption of FRS 109 – Financial Instruments" on 22 November 2017.

Noteholders who may be subject to the tax treatment under Sections 34A or 34AA of the ITA should consult their own accounting and tax advisers regarding the Singapore income tax consequences of their acquisition, holding or disposal of any Notes.

### Estate Duty

Singapore estate duty has been abolished with respect to all deaths occurring on or after 15 February 2008.

### The 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 (each other than Estonia, a "participating Member State"). However, Estonia has ceased to participate.

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. The issuance and subscription of Notes should, however, be exempt.

Under the Commission's proposal, 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.

However, the FTT proposal remains subject to negotiation between participating Member States. It may therefore be altered prior to any implementation, the timing of which remains unclear. 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.

#### SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

Notes may be sold from time to time by the Issuer to any one or more of Barclays Bank PLC (in its role as Arranger and Dealer), Banco Santander, S.A., BNP Paribas, Citigroup Global Markets Limited, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, Merrill Lynch International, Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc and UBS Limited, or such other dealers as may be appointed either generally in respect of the Programme or in relation to a particular Tranche of Notes (together, the "Dealers"). The arrangements under which Notes may from time to time be agreed to be sold by the Issuer to, and purchased by, Dealers are set out in a Distribution Agreement dated on or about 3 May 2018 (as amended or restated from time to time, the "Distribution Agreement") and made between the Issuer and the Dealers. Any such agreement will, inter alia, make provision for the form and terms and conditions of the relevant Notes, the price at which such Notes will be purchased by the Dealers and the commissions or other agreed deductibles (if any) payable or allowable by the Issuer in respect of such purchase. In relation to an issuance of a particular Tranche of Notes, the Issuer will enter into a Relevant Agreement (as defined in the Distribution Agreement) with the relevant Dealer(s), pursuant to which the relevant Dealer(s) may be entitled in certain circumstances to be released and discharged from their obligations under the Relevant Agreement prior to the closing of the issue of the particular Tranche of Notes. Notes so subscribed under the Relevant Agreement may be resold at prevailing market prices, or at prices related thereto, at the time of such resale, as determined by the relevant Dealer. The Distribution Agreement makes provision for the resignation or termination of appointment of existing Dealers and for the appointment of additional or other Dealers either generally in respect of the Programme or in relation to a particular Tranche of Notes. The Notes may also be issued by the Issuer through all or any of the Dealers acting as agents. In addition, the Distribution Agreement provides for Notes to be issued in syndicated Tranches which are jointly and severally underwritten by two or more Dealers.

The Issuer has agreed to indemnify the Dealers against certain liabilities in connection with the offer and sale of the Notes. The Distribution Agreement may be terminated in relation to all or any of the Dealers by the Issuer or, in relation to itself, by any Dealer, at any time on giving not less than 30 days' written notice.

**United States of America**: Regulation S Category 2; TEFRA D or TEFRA C as specified in the relevant Final Terms or neither if TEFRA is specified as not applicable in the relevant Final Terms.

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold 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 meanings given to them by Regulation S.

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 a United States person, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. tax regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder.

Each Dealer has represented and agreed (and each additional Dealer named in the Final Terms will be required to represent and agree) that in addition to the relevant U.S. Selling Restrictions set forth below:

- except to the extent permitted under U.S. Treasury Regulations section 1.163 5(c)(2)(i)(D) (the "TEFRA D Rules"), it has not offered or sold, and during the restricted period it will not offer or sell, Notes in bearer form to a person who is within the United States or its possessions or to a U.S. person;
- (b) it has and throughout the restricted period it will have in effect procedures reasonably designed to ensure that its employees or agents who are directly engaged in selling Notes are aware that such Notes may not be offered or sold during the restricted period to a person who is within the United States or its possessions or to a U.S. person (except to the extent permitted under the TEFRA D Rules);
- (c) if it is a U.S. person, it is acquiring the Notes in bearer form for purposes of resale in connection with their original issuance, and if it retains Notes in bearer form for its own account, it will do so in accordance with the requirements of the TEFRA D Rules;

- (d) with respect to each affiliate or distributor that acquires Notes in bearer form from the Dealer for the purpose of offering or selling such Notes during the restricted period, the Dealer either repeats and confirms the representations and agreements contained in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) above on such affiliate's or distributor's behalf or agrees that it will obtain from such distributor for the benefit of the Issuer the representations and agreements contained in such paragraphs; and
- (e) it shall obtain for the benefit of the Issuer the representations, undertakings and agreements contained in sub-clauses (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of this paragraph from any person other than its affiliate with whom it enters into a written contract, (a "distributor" as defined in U.S. Treasury Regulation section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(4)), for the offer or sale during the restricted period of the Notes.

Terms used in this section shall have the meanings given to them by the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder, including the TEFRA D Rules.

Where the rules under U.S. Treasury Regulations section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(C) (the "TEFRA C Rules") are specified in the relevant final terms as being applicable in relation to any Notes, the Notes must, in accordance with their original issuance, be issued and delivered outside the United States and its possessions and, accordingly, each Dealer has represented and agreed (and each additional Dealer named in the Final Terms will be required to represent and agree) that, in connection with the original issuance of the Notes:

- (a) it has not offered, sold or delivered, and will not offer, sell or deliver, directly or indirectly, any Notes within the United States or its possessions; and
- (b) it has not communicated, and will not communicate, directly or indirectly, with a prospective purchaser if such Dealer or such prospective purchaser is within the United States or its possessions and will not otherwise involve the United States office of such Dealer in the offer and sale of Notes.

Each Dealer has represented and agreed that and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that, except as permitted by the Distribution Agreement, it has not offered, sold or in the case of Bearer Notes delivered and will not offer, sell or in the case of Bearer Notes deliver the Notes (i) as part of their distribution at any time, or (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the later of the commencement of the offering of the Notes or the relevant issue date, other than in accordance with Rule 903 of Regulation S under the Securities Act or any other available exemption from registration under the Securities Act. Accordingly, neither it, its affiliates nor any persons acting on its or their behalf have engaged or will engage in any directed selling efforts with respect to the Notes, and it and they have complied and will comply with the offering restrictions requirement of Regulation S. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S. Each Dealer and its affiliates also agree that it will have sent to each dealer to which it sells Notes during the distribution compliance period a confirmation or other notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of the Notes within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. In addition, until 40 days after the commencement of the offering of any identifiable Tranche of Notes, an offer or sale of Notes within the United States by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering of such Tranche of Notes) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

The Notes are being offered and sold outside the United States to non U.S. persons in reliance on Regulation S.

### **Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors**

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered, sold or otherwise made available and will not offer, sell or otherwise make available any Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Base Prospectus as completed by the Final Terms in relation thereto to any retail investor in the EEA. For the purposes of this provision, the expression "retail investor" means a person who is one (or more) of the following:

- (a) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or
- (b) a customer within the meaning of Directive 2002/92/EC (as amended), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II.

## **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) **No deposit-taking:** in relation to any Notes issued on or after 1 January 2019, having a maturity of less than one year:
  - 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:
    - (A) whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses; or
    - (B) 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 FSMA by the Issuer;

- (b) *Financial promotion*: it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated any 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 does not apply to the Issuer; and
- (c) General compliance: 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.

### France

Each of the Dealers and the Issuer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered or sold, and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, Notes to the public in France, and has not distributed or caused to be distributed and will not distribute or cause to be distributed to the public in France, this Base Prospectus or any other offering material relating to the Notes, and that such offers, sales and distributions have been and shall only be made in France to persons providing investment services relating to portfolio management for the account of third parties (personnes fournissant la service d'investissement de gestion de portefeuille pour compte de tiers), and/or qualified investors (investisseurs qualifiés), all as defined in, and in accordance with, articles L.411-1, L.411-2 and D.411-1 of the French Code monétaire et financier.

## Japan

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan (Act No. 25 of 1948), as amended (the "FIEA"). Accordingly, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not, directly or indirectly, offered or sold and will not, directly or indirectly, offer to sell any Notes in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organised under the laws of Japan) or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident in Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEA and other relevant laws and regulations of Japan.

## **Hong Kong**

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, 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.

#### Australia

No prospectus or other disclosure document (as defined in the Corporations Act 2001 of Australia (the "Corporations Act")) in relation to the Programme or the Notes has been, or will be, lodged with, or registered by, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission ("ASIC") or any other regulatory authority in Australia. Each Dealer has represented and agreed that it:

- (a) has not (directly or indirectly) offered or invited applications, and will not offer or invite applications, for the issue, sale or purchase of, any 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, the Base Prospectus or any other offering material or advertisement relating to the Notes in Australia,

#### unless:

- (i) the aggregate consideration payable by each offeree or invitee is at least AUD 500,000 (or its equivalent in an alternative currency and, in either case, 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 or Part 7.9 of the Corporations Act and complies with the terms of any authority granted under the Banking Act of 1959 of Australia;
- (ii) the offer or invitation is not made to a person who is a "retail client" within the meaning of section 761G of the Corporations Act;
- such action complies with all applicable laws, regulations and directives in Australia (including without limitation, the licensing requirements set out in Chapter 7 of the Australian Corporations Act); and
- (iv) such action does not require any document to be lodged with ASIC or any other regulatory authority in Australia.

This Base Prospectus is not, and under no circumstances is to be construed as, an advertisement or public offering of any Notes in Australia.

#### **Singapore**

Each Dealer has acknowledged, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to acknowledge, that this Base Prospectus has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore (the "MAS"). Accordingly, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered or sold any Notes or caused the Notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase and will not offer or sell any Notes or cause the Notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, and has not circulated or distributed, nor will it circulate or distribute, 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, whether directly or indirectly, to any person in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor (as defined in Section 4A of the Securities and Futures Act (Chapter 289 of Singapore) (the "SFA")) pursuant to Section 274 of the SFA, (ii) 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 Section 275(1A) of the SFA,

and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA, or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the Notes are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

- (a) 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
- (b) 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,

securities (as defined in Section 239(1) of the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the Notes pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:

- (1) to an institutional investor or to a relevant person defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the SFA;
- (2) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
- (3) where the transfer is by operation of law;
- (4) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA; or
- (5) as specified in Regulation 32 of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Shares and Debentures) Regulations 2005 of Singapore.

#### **Norway**

The Notes have not been registered with the Norwegian Central Securities Depositary (the "VPS"). Accordingly, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered or sold, and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, Notes denominated in Norwegian Kroner within Norway or in any other circumstance which would require the Notes to be registered with the VPS pursuant to Norwegian law and regulations. In addition, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it will comply with all laws, regulations and guidelines applicable to the offering of Notes within Norway or to or for the account or benefit of persons domiciled in Norway.

## Republic of Italy

The offering of the Notes has not been registered with the Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa ("CONSOB") pursuant to Italian securities legislation and, accordingly, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that no Notes may be offered, sold or delivered, nor may copies of this 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 defined pursuant to 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 any other circumstances which are exempted from the rules on public offerings pursuant to Article 100 of the Financial Services Act and Article 34-ter of Regulation No. 11971.

In addition, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that any such offer, sale or delivery of the Notes or distribution of copies of this Base Prospectus or any other document relating to the Notes in the Republic of Italy under (a) or (b) above must:

- be 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 and Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993, as amended (the "Italian Banking Act"); and
- 2. comply with any other applicable laws and regulations or requirement imposed by CONSOB, the Bank of Italy (including, the reporting requirements, where applicable, pursuant to Article 129 of the Italian Banking Act and the implementing guidelines of the Bank of Italy, as amended from time to time) and/or any other Italian authority.

### General

With the exception of the approval by the FCA of this Base Prospectus as a base prospectus issued in compliance with the Prospectus Directive and relevant implementing measures in the United Kingdom, no representation is made that any action has been or will be taken in any country or jurisdiction by the Issuer or the Dealers that would permit a public offering of Notes, or possession or distribution of any offering material in relation thereto, in any country or jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Persons into whose hands the Base Prospectus or any Final Terms comes are required by the Issuer and the Dealers to comply with all applicable laws and regulations in each country or jurisdiction in or from which they purchase, offer, sell or deliver Notes or have in their possession, or distribute such offering material, in all cases at their own expense.

The Distribution Agreement provides that the Dealers shall not be bound by any of the restrictions relating to any specific jurisdiction (set out above) to the extent that such restrictions shall, as a result of change(s) in official interpretation, after the date hereof, of applicable laws and regulations, no longer be applicable but without prejudice to the obligations of the Dealers described in the preceding paragraph.

Selling restrictions may be supplemented or modified with the agreement of the Issuer. Any such supplement or modification will be set out in the relevant Final Terms (in the case of a supplement or modification relevant only to a particular Series of Notes) or (in any other case) in a supplement to the Base Prospectus.

The Issuer has given an undertaking to the Dealers in connection with the listing of any Notes on the Official List to the effect that if after preparation of the Base Prospectus for submission to the FCA it becomes aware that there is a significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to the information contained in the Base Prospectus published in connection with the admission of any of the Notes to the Official List, it shall give to each Dealer full information about such change or matter and shall publish a supplementary Base Prospectus as may be required by the FCA, under Section 87G(2) of the FSMA or by the prospectus rules made by the FCA and shall otherwise comply with section 87G of the FSMA and the prospectus rules in that regard and shall supply to each Dealer such number of copies of the supplementary Base Prospectus as it may reasonably request.

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 its affiliates in the ordinary course of business. 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 the 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 short 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.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### Authorisation

- 1. The establishment of the Programme was duly authorised by the Chief Finance Officer for the Issuer on 30 April 2018.
- 2. The price of a Series of Notes on the price list of the London Stock Exchange will be expressed as a percentage of their principal amount (exclusive of accrued interest, if any). The admission of the Programme to trading on the Market is expected to be granted on or around 9 May 2018 for a period of 12 months. Any Series of Notes intended to be admitted to trading on the Market will be so admitted to trading upon submission to the London Stock Exchange of the relevant Final Terms and any other information required by the London Stock Exchange, subject to the issue of the Global Note or Global Registered Note representing Notes of that Series. If such Global Note is not issued, the issue of such Notes may be cancelled. Prior to admission to trading, dealings in the Notes of the relevant Series will be permitted by the London Stock Exchange in accordance with its rules. Transactions will normally be effected for delivery on the third working day after the day of the transaction.

### **Auditors**

- 3. The annual consolidated accounts of the Issuer for the year ended 31 December 2016 have been audited without qualification by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, chartered accountants and registered auditors (a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales), of 1 Embankment Place, London WC2N 6RH, United Kingdom.
- 4. The annual consolidated accounts of the Issuer for the year ended 31 December 2017 have been audited without qualification by KPMG LLP, chartered accountants and registered auditors (a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales), of 15 Canada Square, London E14 5GL, United Kingdom.

## **Pro Forma Financial Information**

5. For the purposes of Prospectus Rule 5.5.4R (2)(f) as set out in the Financial Conduct Authority Handbook, KPMG LLP is responsible for the accountants report on pro forma financial information (the "Accountant's Report") as part of this Base Prospectus and has, in the Accountant's Report, declared that it has taken all reasonable care to ensure that the information contained in the Accountant's Report is, to the best of its knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import. This statement is included in the Accountant's Report in compliance with paragraph 7 of Annex II of the Prospectus Regulation (Regulation (EC) No 809/2004 of 29 April 2004). KMPG LLP has given, and not withdrawn, its written consent to the incorporation by reference in this Base Prospectus of the Accountant's Report in the form and context in which it is incorporated.

## **Documents on Display**

- Copies of the following documents may be inspected during normal business hours at Barclays Treasury, 1 Churchill Place, London E14 5HP United Kingdom and at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent, at One Canada Square, London, E14 5AL, United Kingdom for 12 months from the date of this Base Prospectus. In the case of (b), (e) and (f), these documents shall also be available in electronic form at <a href="https://www.home.barclays/barclays-investor-relations.html">https://www.home.barclays/barclays-investor-relations.html</a>.
  - (a) the articles of association of the Issuer;
  - (b) the documents set out in the "*Information Incorporated by Reference*" section of this Base Prospectus;
  - (c) the Trust Deed (which contains the forms of Notes in global and definitive form)<sup>1</sup>;

If required by law, the Trust Deed will also be made available on the Issuer's website.

- (d) the Agency Agreement<sup>2</sup>;
- (e) any supplementary or drawdown base prospectus published since the most recent base prospectus was published and any documents incorporated therein by reference; and
- (f) any Final Terms issued in respect of Notes admitted to listing and/or trading by the listing authority and/or stock exchange since the most recent base prospectus has been published.

### **Clearing of the Notes**

7. The Notes may be accepted for clearance through the Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear systems (which are entities in charge of keeping the records). The Common Code, International Securities Identification Number (ISIN), Financial Instrument Short Name (FISN) and Classification of Financial Instruments (CFI) code (as applicable) for each Series of Notes allocated by Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear will be contained in the relevant Final Terms. The relevant Final Terms shall specify any other clearing system as shall have accepted the relevant Notes for clearance together with any further appropriate information.

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 price and the amount of Notes to be issued under the Programme will be determined by the Issuer and each relevant Dealer at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions. The Issuer does not intend to provide any post-issuance information in relation to any issues of Notes.

8. The following legend will appear on all Permanent Global Notes with maturities of more than 365 days and on all Definitive Notes, Coupons and Talons: "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".

# **Legal Entity Identifier**

9. The Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) of the Issuer is G5GSEF7VJP5I7OUK5573.

If required by law, the Agency Agreement will also be made available on the Issuer's website.

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