## MEDIOBANCA - BANCA DI CREDITO FINANZIARIO S.P.A.

(incorporated with limited liability in the Republic of Italy)

## MEDIOBANCA INTERNATIONAL (LUXEMBOURG) S.A.

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Euro 40,000,000,000

Euro Medium Term Note Programme

guaranteed in the case of Notes issued by Mediobanca International (Luxembourg) S.A.

by

## MEDIOBANCA - BANCA DI CREDITO FINANZIARIO S.P.A.



Under the Euro 40,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the "Programme") described in this Base Prospectus (as defined below), each of Mediobanca - Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. ("Mediobanca") and Mediobanca International (Luxembourg) S.A. ("Mediobanca International") (each, an "Issuer" and together the "Issuers") may from time to time issue senior preferred notes (the "Senior Preferred Notes") and Mediobanca may from time to time issue senior non preferred notes (the "Senior Non Preferred Notes") and subordinated notes ("Subordinated Notes" and, together with the Senior Notes is, the "Senior Notes") and subordinated senior such case to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives. The payment of all amounts due in respect of any Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca International will be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by Mediobanca (in such capacity, the "Guarantor") under a deed of guarantee and subject to the limitations thereof executed by the Guarantor and dated 24 January 2018 (the "Deed of Guarantee") (see "Summary of the Programme" – Section B.18 "Guarantee" on page 9 and "General Description of the Euro 40,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme" – "Status of the Guarantee" on page 69). Notes issued under the Programme (other than the Senior Non Preferred Notes) will have denominations of not less than Euro 1,000 (or, where the Notes are denominated in a currency other than euro, the equivalent amount in such other currency).

An investment in Notes issued under the Programme involves certain risks. For a discussion of these risks, see "Risk Factors" beginning on page 27.

This Base Prospectus has been approved by the Central Bank of Ireland (the "Central Bank") as competent authority under the Directive 2003/71/EC as amended (the "Prospectus Directive"), the Central Bank only approves this Base Prospectus as meeting the requirements imposed under Irish and EU law pursuant to the Prospectus Directive and such approval relates only to the Notes which are to be admitted to trading on a regulated market for the purposes of Directive 2004/39/EC and/or which are to be offered to the public in any Member State of the European Economic Area. Application will be made to the Irish Stock Exchange for Notes issued under the Programme during the period of 12 months after the date hereof to be admitted to the official list (the "Official List") and to trading on its regulated market (the "Main Securities Market"). The Main Securities Market is a regulated market for the purpose of Directive 2004/39/EC, as amended.

The Programme provides that Notes may be listed or admitted to trading (as the case may be) on such other or further stock exchange(s) or market(s) as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (where applicable) and the relevant Dealer (as defined in "Plan of Distribution"). Unlisted Notes or Notes not admitted to trading on any market may also be is sued. This Base Prospectus comprises two base prospectuses (one for each Issuer, each of which referred to herein as the "Base Prospectus") for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive.

The Central Bank may, at the request of the relevant Issuer, send to the competent authority of another European Economic Area Member State (i) a copy of this Base Prospectus; (ii) a certificate of approval pursuant to Article 18 of the Prospectus Directive attesting that this Base Prospectus has been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Directive (an "Certificate of Approval"); and (iii) if so required by such competent authority, a translation of the summary set out on pages 1 to [26] of this Base Prospectus.

Notice of the aggregate nominal amount of Notes, interest (if any) payable in respect of Notes, the issue price of Notes and any other terms and conditions not contained herein which are applicable to each Tranche (as defined below) of Notes will be set out, in the final terms (the "Final Terms") which, with respect to Notes to be listed on the Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange, will be delivered to the Irish Stock Exchange.

For the terms and conditions of the Senior Notes to be issued under the Programme see "Terms and Conditions of the Senior Notes" below (the "Senior Notes Conditions") and for the terms and conditions of the Subordinated Notes to be issued under the Programme see "Terms and Conditions of the Subordinated Notes" below (the "Subordinated Notes Conditions" and, together with the Senior Notes Conditions, the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" or the "Conditions").

The Notes have not been, and will not be, registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or any state securities laws, and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act) except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act. The Notes will be offered and sold in offshore transactions outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act. The Notes will be in bearer form and as such are subject to certain U.S. tax law requirements.

Amounts payable under the Notes may be calculated by reference to either LIBOR or EURIBOR as specified in the relevant Final Terms. As at the date of this Base Prospectus, the administrators of LIBOR and EURIBOR are not included on the register of administrators and benchmarks established and maintained by the European Securities and Markets Authority ("ESMA") pursuant to Article 36 of the Benchmark Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/1011) (the "BMR").

 $As \ far \ as \ the \ Issuer \ is \ aware, the \ transitional \ provisions \ in \ Article \ 51 \ of \ the \ BMR \ apply, such \ that \ the \ administrator \ of \ LIBOR \ and \ EURIBOR \ are not \ currently \ required \ to \ obtain \ authorisation/registration \ (or, if \ located \ outside \ the \ European \ Union, recognition, endorsement \ or \ equivalence).$ 

Arranger of the Programme

MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A.

Dealers

BANCA AKROS S.p.A. Gruppo Banco BPM

BARCLAYS

BNP PARIBAS

CRÉDIT AGRICOLE CORPORATE AND INVESTMENT BANK

CREDIT SUISSE

J.P. MORGAN

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MEDIOBANCA INTERNATIONAL (Luxembourg) S.A.

NATWEST MARKETS

SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE CORPORATE & INVESTMENT BANKING

UNICREDIT BANK

#### IMPORTANT NOTICES

This document constitutes a Base Prospectus for each Issuer for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive.

### Responsibility for this Base Prospectus

Each of the Issuers and the Guarantor accepts responsibility for the information contained in this document and, to the best of the knowledge of each of the Issuers and the Guarantor (which have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Base Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

Each of the Issuers and the Guarantor, having made all reasonable enquiries confirms that (i) this Base Prospectus contains all information with respect to each of the Issuers, the Guarantor, and their subsidiaries taken as a whole (the "Group" or the "Mediobanca Group"), the Notes, and the deed of guarantee executed by the Guarantor and dated 24 January 2018 with respect to Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca International (the "Deed of Guarantee") which is material in the context of the issue and offering of Notes, (ii) the statements contained in this Base Prospectus relating to each of the Issuers, the Guarantor and the Group are in every material respect true and accurate and not misleading, the opinions and intentions expressed in this Base Prospectus with regard to the Issuers, the Guarantor and the Group are honestly held, have been reached after considering all relevant circumstances and are based on reasonable assumptions, (iii) there are no other facts in relation to each of the Issuers, the Guarantor, the Group, the Notes or the Deed of Guarantee the omission of which would, in the context of the issue and offering of Notes, make any statement in this Base Prospectus misleading in any material respect and (iv) all reasonable enquiries have been made by each of the Issuers and the Guarantor to ascertain such facts and to verify the accuracy of all such information and statements.

#### Final Terms/Drawdown Prospectus

Each Tranche (as defined herein) of Notes will be issued on the terms set out hereunder "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" (the "Conditions") and in 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, Supplements and Further Prospectuses" below.

#### Public Offers of Notes in the European Economic Area

Certain Tranches of Notes (other than the Senior Non Preferred Notes which shall have a denomination of at least 250,000) with a denomination of less than EUR 100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) may, subject as provided below, be offered in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a "Relevant Member State") in circumstances where there is no exemption from the obligation under the Prospectus Directive to publish a prospectus. Any such offer is referred to in this Base Prospectus as a "Public Offer". This Base Prospectus has been prepared on a basis that permits Public Offers of Notes in Ireland (a "Public Offer Jurisdiction"). Any person making or intending to make a Public Offer of Notes in a Public Offer Jurisdiction on the basis of this Base Prospectus must do so only with the consent of the Issuer – see "Consent given in accordance with Article 3.2 of the Prospectus Directive (Retail Cascades)" below.

If after the date of this Base Prospectus the Issuer intends to add one or more Relevant Member States to the list of Public Offer Jurisdictions for any purpose, it will prepare a supplement to this Base Prospectus specifying such Relevant Member State(s) and any relevant additional information required by the Prospectus Directive. Such supplement will also set out provisions relating to the consent of the Issuer to the use of this Prospectus in connection with any Public Offer in any such additional Public Offer Jurisdiction.

In the context of any Public Offer of Notes in a Public Offer Jurisdiction, the Issuer accept responsibility in that Public Offer Jurisdiction, for the content of this Base Prospectus in relation to any person (an "Investor") who purchases any Notes in that Public Offer Jurisdiction made by a Dealer or an Authorised Offeror (as defined below), where that offer is made during the Offer Period (as defined below).

Except in the circumstances described below, neither the Issuer nor the Guarantor has authorised the making of any offer by any offeror and neither the Issuer nor the Guarantor has consented to the use of this Base Prospectus by any other person in connection with any offer of the Notes in any jurisdiction.

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

Any offer made without the consent of the relevant Issuer or the Guarantor (as applicable) is unauthorised and neither the relevant Issuer nor the Guarantor (as applicable), nor, for the avoidance of doubt, any of the Dealers accepts any responsibility or liability in relation to such offer or for the actions of the persons making any such unauthorised offer.

If, in the context of a Public Offer, an Investor is offered Notes by a person which is not an Authorised Offeror, the Investor should check with such person whether anyone is responsible for this Base Prospectus for the purpose of the relevant Public Offer and, if so, who that person is.

If an Investor is in any doubt about whether it can rely on this Base Prospectus and/or who is responsible for its contents, the Investor should take legal advice.

### Consent to the use of this Base Prospectus

#### Common conditions to Consent

The conditions to the consent of the Issuers and the Guarantor are (in addition to the conditions described in either sub-paragraph (a) (Specific Consent) or sub-paragraph (b) (General Consent) under "Specific Consent and General Consent" below) that such consent:

- (i) is only valid in respect of the relevant Tranche of Notes;
- (ii) is only valid during the Offer Period specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (iii) only extends to the use of this Base Prospectus to make Public Offers of the relevant Tranche of Notes in such of the Public Offer Jurisdictions as are specified in the applicable Final Terms.

The consent referred to above relates to Public Offers occurring within twelve months from the date of this Base Prospectus.

# Specific Consent and General Consent

Subject to the conditions set out above under "Common Conditions to Consent", each of the Issuers and the Guarantor consents to the use of this Base Prospectus in connection with a Public Offer of Notes in any Public Offer Jurisdiction by:

- (a) Specific Consent:
  - (i) the Dealers specified in the relevant Final Terms;
  - (ii) any financial intermediaries specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
  - (iii) any financial intermediary appointed after the date of the applicable Final Terms and whose name is published on the website of the Issuers (https://mediobanca.com) and identified as an Authorised Offeror in respect of the relevant Public Offer; and
- (b) General Consent:

if General Consent is specified in the relevant Final Terms as applicable, any other financial intermediary which:

(i) is authorised to make such offers under Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments, including under any applicable implementing measure in each relevant jurisdiction ("MiFID II"); and

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

"We, [insert legal name of financial intermediary], refer to the [insert title of relevant Notes] (the "Notes") described in the Final Terms dated [insert date] (the "Final Terms") published by [ISSUER] (the "Issuer") and [GUARANTOR] (the "Guarantor").

In consideration of the Issuer [and the Guarantor] offering to grant their consent to our use of the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) in connection with the offer of the Notes in [insert name(s) of relevant Public Offer Jurisdiction(s)] during the Offer Period in accordance with the Authorised Offeror Terms (as specified in the Base Prospectus), we accept the offer by the Issuer [and Guarantor]. We confirm that we are authorised under MiFID II to make, and are using the Base Prospectus in connection with, the Public Offer accordingly.

Terms used herein and otherwise not defined shall have the same meaning as given to such terms in the Base Prospectus."

Any financial intermediary falling within this sub-paragraph (b) who wishes to use this Base Prospectus in connection with a Public Offer is required, for the duration of the relevant Offer Period specified in the applicable Final Terms, to publish a duly completed Acceptance Statement on its website.

### Authorised Offerors

The financial intermediaries referred to in sub-paragraphs (a)(ii) and (a)(iii) and sub-paragraph (b), above, are together referred to herein as the "Authorised Offerors".

#### Arrangements between an Investor and the Authorised Offeror who will distribute the Notes

Neither the Issuers nor the Guarantor (nor, for the avoidance of doubt, any of the Dealers) has any responsibility for any of the actions of any Authorised Offeror, including compliance by an Authorised Offeror with applicable conduct of business rules or other local regulatory requirements or other securities law requirements in relation to such offer.

AN INVESTOR INTENDING TO ACQUIRE OR ACQUIRING ANY NOTES IN A PUBLIC OFFER FROM AN AUTHORISED OFFEROR WILL DO SO, AND OFFERS AND SALES OF SUCH NOTES TO AN INVESTOR BY SUCH AUTHORISED OFFEROR WILL BE MADE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY TERMS AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE BETWEEN SUCH AUTHORISED OFFEROR AND SUCH INVESTOR INCLUDING AS TO PRICE, ALLOCATIONS, EXPENSES AND SETTLEMENT ARRANGEMENTS. NEITHER THE ISSUERS NOR THE GUARANTOR WILL BE A PARTY TO ANY SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WITH SUCH INVESTORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PUBLIC OFFER OR SALE OF THE NOTES CONCERNED AND, ACCORDINGLY, THIS BASE PROSPECTUS AND ANY FINAL TERMS WILL NOT CONTAIN SUCH INFORMATION. THE INVESTOR MUST LOOK TO THE RELEVANT AUTHORISED OFFEROR AT THE TIME OF SUCH OFFER FOR THE PROVISION OF SUCH INFORMATION AND THE AUTHORISED OFFEROR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH INFORMATION. NONE OF THE ISSUERS, THE GUARANTOR AND THE DEALERS HAS ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY TO AN INVESTOR IN RESPECT OF SUCH INFORMATION.

IN THE EVENT OF AN OFFER BEING MADE BY A FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARY, SUCH FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARY WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION TO INVESTORS ON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER AT THE TIME THE OFFER IS MADE.

# Public Offers: Issue Price and Offer Price

Notes to be offered pursuant to a Public Offer will be issued by the relevant Issuer at the Issue Price specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Issue Price will be determined by the relevant Issuer and the Guarantor (as applicable) in consultation with the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of the relevant Public Offer and will depend, amongst other things, on the interest rate applicable to the Notes and prevailing market conditions at that time. The offer price of such Notes will be the Issue Price or such other price as

may be agreed between an Investor and the Authorised Offeror making the offer of the Notes to such Investor. Neither the Issuers nor the Guarantor will be party to arrangements between an Investor and an Authorised Offeror, and the Investor will need to look to the relevant Authorised Offeror to confirm the price at which such Authorised Offeror is offering the Notes to such Investor.

#### Other relevant information

The language of this Base Prospectus is in English. Any foreign language text that is included with or within this Base Prospectus has been included for convenience purposes only and does not form part of this Base Prospectus.

This Base Prospectus should be read and construed with any supplement hereto and with any other documents incorporated by reference herein and, in relation to any Tranche of Notes, should 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.

Purchases of Notes may be made through a duly appointed Dealer of the relevant Issuer. The relevant Issuer may also offer and sell Notes directly to investors without the involvement of any Dealer.

The Issuers and the Guarantor will enter into a Dealer Agreement with the Dealers in connection with the issue of Notes for the purpose of the distribution of the Notes to prospective investors. Pursuant to the terms of the Dealer Agreement, the relevant Issuer may appoint one or more Dealer(s) under the Programme to subscribe or procure subscribers for all or part of the Notes of the relevant Series. See the section on "Plan of Distribution" in this Base Prospectus for further details. This Base Prospectus does not constitute an offer of, or an invitation by or on behalf of either the Issuers, the Guarantor or any of the Dealers to subscribe for, or purchase, any Notes.

The Dealers and Pricewaterhouse Coopers, as auditor to Mediobanca International, have not separately verified the information contained in this Base Prospectus. None of the Dealers makes any representation express or implied, or accepts any responsibility, with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any of the information in this Base Prospectus. Neither this Base Prospectus nor any financial statements are intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation and should not be considered as a recommendation by either of the Issuers, the Guarantor or any of the Dealers that any recipient of this Base Prospectus or any financial statements should purchase any Notes.

Each potential purchaser of Notes should determine for itself the relevance of the information contained in this Base Prospectus and its purchase of Notes should be based upon such investigation as it deems necessary. None of the Dealers undertakes to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuers or the Guarantor during the life of the arrangements contemplated by this Base Prospectus nor to advise any investor or potential investor in the Notes of any information coming to the attention of any of the Dealers.

#### 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 any other document entered into in relation to the Programme or any information supplied by any of the Issuers or the Guarantor 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 any of the Issuers, the Guarantor or any of the Dealers.

Neither the Dealers nor any of their respective affiliates 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 any sale made in connection herewith shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of any of the Issuers or the Guarantor since the date hereof or the date upon which this document has been most recently supplemented or that there has been no adverse change, or any event reasonably likely to involve any adverse change, in the financial position of any of the Issuer or the Guarantor since the date hereof or the date upon which this Base Prospectus has been most recently supplemented or that any other

information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date on which it is supplied or, if different, the date indicated in the document containing the same.

#### Restrictions on distribution

The distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offering or sale of Notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Each of the Issuers, the Guarantor and the Dealers do not represent that this Base Prospectus may be lawfully distributed, or that any Notes may be lawfully offered, in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any such jurisdiction, or pursuant to an exemption available thereunder, or assume any responsibility for facilitating any such distribution or offering. No Notes may be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, to the public, and neither this Base Prospectus nor any advertisement or other offering material may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations. Persons into whose possession this Base Prospectus, any Notes may come must inform themselves about, and observe any such restrictions on the distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offering and sale of Notes. In particular, the Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and are subject to U.S. tax law requirements.

This Base Prospectus has been prepared by the Issuers and the Guarantor for use in connection with the offer and sale of Notes in reliance upon Regulation S of the Securities Act outside the United States to non-U.S. persons or in transactions otherwise exempt from registration. Its use for any other purpose in the United States is not authorised. It may not be copied or reproduced in whole or in part nor may it be distributed or any of its contents disclosed to anyone other than the prospective investors to whom it is originally submitted.

The Notes have not been approved or disapproved by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities commission in the United States or any other U.S. regulatory authority, nor have any of the foregoing authorities passed upon or endorsed the merits of the offering of the Notes or the accuracy or the adequacy of this Base Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the United States.

For a description of additional restrictions on the distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offer or sale of Notes in the United States, the European Economic Area (including the United Kingdom and Italy) and other jurisdictions, see "Plan of Distribution".

PRIIPs/ IMPORTANT - EEA RETAIL INVESTORS - If the Final Terms in respect of any Notes includes a legend entitled "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, the "Insurance Mediation Directive"), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended, the "Prospectus Directive"). 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 / TARGET MARKET The Final Terms in respect of any Notes may 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 such 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 at the time of issue about whether, for the purpose of the product governance rules under EU Delegated Directive 2017/593 (the "MiFID Product Governance Rules"), any Dealer subscribing for a Tranche of Notes is a manufacturer in respect of that Tranche, 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.

### **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) (the "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 relevant Stabilising Manager(s) (or person(s) acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

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Notes may be issued on a continuous basis in series (each, a "Series") having one or more issue dates and on terms otherwise identical (or identical other than in respect of the first payment of interest), the Notes of each Series being intended to be interchangeable with all other Notes of that Series. Each Series may be issued in tranches (each, a "Tranche") on different issue dates. The specific terms of each Tranche (which, save in respect of the issue date, issue price, first payment of interest and principal amount of the Tranche, will be identical to the terms of other Tranches of the same Series) will be set forth in the relevant Final Terms, the form of which is set out in "Form of Final Terms" below.

The maximum aggregate principal amount of Notes outstanding at any one time under the Programme will not exceed Euro 40,000,000,000 (and for this purpose, any Notes denominated in another currency shall be translated into Euro at the date of the agreement to issue such Notes calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Dealer Agreement, as defined under "Plan of Distribution"). The maximum aggregate principal amount of Notes which may be outstanding at any one time under the Programme may be increased from time to time, subject to compliance with the relevant provisions of the Dealer Agreement.

In this Base Prospectus, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires: references to "Member State" are references to Member States of the European Economic Area, references to "\$", "U.S.\$", "USD" and "US Dollars" are to the lawful currency of the United States of America; references to "Euro" are to the single currency introduced at the start of the third stage of the European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended; references to "\$" "GBP" and "Pounds Sterling" are to the lawful currency of the United Kingdom; and references to "Yen" are to the lawful currency of Japan.

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) described herein 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 the CRA Regulation, or (2) issued by a credit rating agency which is not established in the EEA but will be endorsed by a CRA 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, reduction or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

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#### SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAMME

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

This summary contains all the Elements required to be included in a summary for this type of notes and Issuer. Because some Elements are not required to be addressed, there may be gaps in the numbering sequence of the Elements.

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

[Certain provisions of this summary appear in brackets. Such information will be completed or, where not relevant, deleted, in relation to a particular Series of Notes and the completed summary in relation to such Series of Notes shall be appended to the relevant Final Terms. This paragraph is an instruction paragraph which will be deleted for the summary relating to a particular Series of Notes.]

Section A - Introduction and warnings

Element	Description of Element	Disclosure requirement
A.1	Warnings	This summary must be read as an introduction to the Base Prospectus and any decision to invest in the Notes should be based on a consideration of the Base Prospectus as a whole, including any information incorporated by reference.
		Following the implementation of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) in each Member State of the European Economic Area, no civil liability will attach to the Responsible Persons in any such Member State solely on the basis of this summary including any translation thereof, unless it is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent when read together with the other parts of this Base Prospectus, including any information incorporated by reference, or it does not provide, when read together with the other parts of this Base Prospectus, key information in order to aid investors when considering whether to invest in the Notes.
		Where a claim relating to the information contained in the Base Prospectus is brought before a court, the plaintiff investor might, under the national legislation of the Member States, have to bear the costs of translating the Base Prospectus before the legal proceedings are initiated.
A.2	Consent to the use of the Base Prospectus	[The Issuer[s] consent[s] to the use of the Base Prospectus in [Italy] [and] [or] [Ireland] [and] [or] [Grand Duchy of Luxembourg] for subsequent resale or final placement of the Notes by all [Dealers] [and] [financial intermediaries] (general consent).]
		[The Issuer[s] consent[s] to the use of the Base Prospectus for subsequent resale or final placement of the Notes in [Italy] [and] [or] [Ireland] [and] [or] [Grand Duchy of Luxembourg] by the following [Dealers] [and] [financial intermediaries] (individual consent): [insert name[s] and address[es]].]
		The subsequent resale or final placement of Notes by [Dealers] [and] [financial intermediaries] can be made [as long as this Base Prospectus is valid in accordance with Article 9 of the Prospectus Directive] [insert period].

Element	Description of Element	Disclosure requirement
		[The Issuer[s]'s consent to the use of the Base Prospectus by each [Dealers] [and] [financial intermediary] is subject to the condition that such [Dealer] [and] [financial intermediary] complies with the applicable selling restrictions as well as the terms and conditions of the offer.]
		[Such Issuer[s]'s consent to the use of the Base Prospectus is also subject to and given under the condition that the [Dealers] [and] [financial intermediaries] using the Base Prospectus commit[s] [themselves] [itself] towards [their][its] customers to a responsible distribution of the Notes. This commitment is made by the publication of the [Dealers] [and] [financial intermediaries] on [their] [its] website stating that the prospectus is used with the consent of the Issuer and subject to the conditions set forth with the consent]. [Beside, such consent is not subject to and given under any condition.]
		In case of an offer being made by a [Dealer] [or] [financial intermediary], such [Dealer] [or] [financial intermediary] will provide information to investors on the terms and conditions of the offer at the time the offer is made.  [Not applicable. No consent is given.]

# Section B – Issuers and Guarantor

Element	Description of Element	Disclosure requirement			
B.1	Legal and Commercial Name of the Issuer	[Mediobanca   Mediobanca - Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. ("Mediobanca")]			
		[Mediobanca International			
		Mediobanca International (Luxembourg) S.A. ("Mediobanca International")]			
B.2	Domicile/Legal Form/Legislation/	[Mediobanca			
	Country of	Mediobanca was established in Italy.			
	Incorporation	Mediobanca is a company limited by shares under Italian law with registered office at Piazzetta E. Cuccia 1, 20121 Milan, Italy.			
	Mediobanca holds a banking licence from the Bank of Italy it to carry on all permitted types of banking activities in Italy				
		Mediobanca is a bank organised and existing under the laws of Ital carrying out a wide range of banking, financial and related activities throughout Italy.]			
		[Mediobanca International			
		Mediobanca International was established in Luxembourg.			
		Mediobanca International is a société anonyme subject to Luxembourg			

Element	Description of Element	Disclosure requirement
		law and having its place of registration in Luxembourg.
		Mediobanca International's registered office is at 4, Boulevard Joseph II, L-1840 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.]
B.4b	Description of	[Mediobanc a
	trends	Not applicable. As at the date of the Base Prospectus Mediobanca is not aware of any trends affecting itself and the industries in which it operates.]
		[Mediobanca International
		[Not applicable. As at the date of the Base Prospectus Mediobanca International is not aware of any trends affecting itself and the industries in which it operates.]
B.5	Description of the	[Mediobanc a
	group of the Issuer	Mediobanca is the parent company of the Mediobanca Group.
		The Mediobanca Group is registered as a banking group in the register instituted by the Bank of Italy.]
		[Mediobanca International
		Mediobanca International is part of the Mediobanca Group.
		The Mediobanca Group is registered as a banking group in the register instituted by the Bank of Italy.]
B.9	Profit	[Mediobanc a
	forecast/estimate	Not Applicable. No forecast or estimates of profits are contained in the Base Prospectus.]
		[Mediobanca International
		Not Applicable. No forecast or estimates of profits are contained in the Base Prospectus.]
B.10	Qualifications in the audit report	[Mediobanc a
	the addit report	Not Applicable. There are no qualifications in the audit report.]
		[Mediobanca International
		Not Applicable. There are no qualifications in the audit report.]
B.12	Selected historical	Mediobanca
	key information/no material adverse change/significant changes	The audited consolidated balance sheet and profit and loss account of Mediobanca as at 30 June 2017 are shown below, along with comparative data for the year ended 30 June 2016, plus a series of key financial indicators.

Element	Description of Element	Disclosure requirement				
		Regulatory capital and	solvency ma	rgins		
		Indicators and own funds		30/6/17	30/6/16	Minimum levelsæt by law**
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		Common Equity Tier 1 – CET Additional Tier 1 – AT1		7,017.3	6,504.8	
		Tier 2 – T2		1,861.7	1,722.4	
		Own funds		8,879	8,227.2	
		RWAs*		52,708.2	53,861.5	
		Common Equity Tier 1 ratio –		13.31%	12.08%	7%
		ratio Tier 1 ratio – T1 ratio		13.31%	12.08%	8%
		Total capital ratio		16.85%	15.27%	10.5%
		Risk-weighted assets/Total asset		74.8%	77.1%	
		Leverage Ratio (temporary)***.		9.5%	9.5%	
		The "leverage ratio" is the exposure (i.e. the sumofits as by the Basel Committee to ke banking sector.	sets and off-balan	ce-sheet exposur d contain excessi	es. This indicator	was introduced il leverage in the
		CREDIT RISK INDICATORS*	30/6/16	Banking system data as at 31/12/15**	30/6/17	Banking system data as at 31/12/16**
		INDICATORS	30/0/10	(%		31/12/10
		Gross NPLs/gross loans	1.7%	9.5%	1.7%	10.9%
		Net NPLs/net loans	0.7%	4.8%***	0.8%	4.4%***
		Gross irregular items/gross loans Net irregular items/ net	5.9%	17.7%	5.5%	17.6%
		loans	2.9%	10.8%***	2.8%	9.4%***
		NPL coverage ratio Irregular items coverage	66.6%	58.6%	70.2%	63.1%
		ratio	54.3%	43.4%	51.3%	51.7%
		Net NPLs/net equity  Cost of risk *****	3.1% 1.24%	-	3.5% 0.8%	-
		Data taken from information s the entire prudential consolida Data taken from reports of fina April 2016, table 4.1, page. 34 Data taken from annex to Ban the total systemas at 31 Decer The cost of risk is obtained fro average net customer loans.	ation area. Incial stability pu I and refer to figur Ik of Italy annual Inber 2015 and 31	blished on 1 Ap es for large bank reports for 2015 December 2016,	ril 2017, table 2.1 s. 5 and 2016 and representations	1, page 21, and 1 efer to figures for
		СОМРОЯПОНОЕТНЕЙ	/IPAIRED LO	ANS*	30/6/17	30/6/16
					€n	n
		NPLs			291.60	255.02
		Sub-standard Overdue impaired			727.69 56.03	710.65 51.03
		TO TAL IMPAIRED		·····	1,075.32	1,016.70
		Data reser to the entire statute For purposes of completeness consolidation area are shown	, please note that	the same indica	itors calculated for	or the prudential

	Disclosure requirement			
	MAIN CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET ITEMS	30/6/17	30/6/16	CHANGES 2017/2016 %
		€m	€m	
	Assets			
	Due from banks	7,959.9	5,386.6	47.8%
	Due from clients	38,763.1	37,881.5	2.3%
	Financial assets*	17,089.1	21,053.5	-17.4%%
	Total Assets	70,445.6	69,818.6	0.9%
	Liabilities			
	Debt securities in issue	20,108.7	21,813.1	-7.8%
	Financial liabilities**	18,951.3	19,421.7	-2.4%
	Direct funding (from customers)***	20,366.0	18,164.5	12.1%
	Net interbank position****	4,729.7	6,553.70	-27.8%
	Net equity	9,191.7	8,921.9	3%
	of which: share capital	457.2	452.1	1.1%
	* Includes financial assets held for tradi- derivatives.  ** Includes amounts due to banks, trading Includes amounts due to clients and fin- Net balance between amounts due to ba  MAIN CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOS ACCOUNT ITEMS	liabilities and hedge d ancial liabilities recogn anks and assets due fro	erivatives. nised at fair value.	CHANGES 2017/2016 %
		€m	€m	
	Net interest income*	1,277.5	1,200.5	6.4%
	Net fee and commission income  Total income*	377.9 1,943.3	322.7 1,747.0	17.1% 11.2%
	Net profit from financial and insurance operations	1,687.5	1,360.8	24.0%
	Operating costs	-1,035.7	-901.2	14.9%
	Profit before Tax	914.0	736.3	24.1%
J	Net Profit	750.2	604.5	24.1%

Element	Description of Element	Disclosure requirement			
		[Mediobanca International			
		The audited balance sheet a International as at and for the below, along with comparative d 2016.]	year ended	on 30 June	2017 are shown
		MAIN STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION ITEMS	30/6/17	30/6/16	CHANGES 2017/2016 %
		Assets	€m	€m	
		Loan and advances to credit institutions Loan and advances to customers Financial assets*	1,290.1 3,299.9 582.7	1,801.7 3,404.3 1,061.3	-28.4% -3.1% -45.1%
		Total Assets	5,191.7	6,281.9	-17.4%
		Liabilities			
		Debt securities in issue Amounts due to credit institutions Amounts due to customers	1,317.4 2,248.9 962.5	2,200.4 1,928.2 1,275.0	-40.1% 16.6% -24.5%
		Trading liabilities	319.2	559.6	-43.0%
		Net equity ** of which: share capital	307.8 10.0	288.7 10.0	6.6% 0.0%
		Profit/Loss of the period	20.8	19.0	9.5%
		Total liabilities  * Includes financial assets held for trading,	5,191.7	6,281.9	-17.4%
		** Includes financial assets field for trading,  ** Includes reserves and share capital.	imanciai assets ne	id to maturity and nedg	
		MAIN STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ITEMS	30/6/17	30/6/16	CHANGES 2017/2016 %
		Net interest income	€m 38.6	€m 30.3	27.4%
		Net fee and commission income	1.0	0.8	25.0%
		Total income	36.2	33.7	7.4%
		Net profit from banking activities Administrative expenses	37.0 -8.5	34.7 -7.7	6.6%
		Profit of the ordinary activity before tax	28.5	27.0	5.6%
		Profit for the year	20.8	19.0	9.5%
		CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITI	ES	Year ende	d 30 June
				2017	2016
				(Euro the	
		Operating activities  Cash generated/(absorbed) by financial assets		81,740 580,864	11,214 -1,117,162
		Cash (generated)/absorbed by financial liabilities		-663,951	919,212
		Net cash flow (outflow) from operating activities		-1,347	-186,736
		CASH FLOW FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVIT	TES		
		Net cash flow (outflow) from investment activities		-	194,989
		FUNDING ACTIVITIES			
		Net cash flow (outflow) from funding activities		-	-
		NET CASH FLOW (OUTFLOW) DURING YEA	AR/PERIOD	-1,347	8,253
		Mediobanca			
		Material adverse change			
		Since 30 June 2017 with respect material adverse changes to the Group headed up by it.			

Element	Description of Element	Disclosure requirement
		Significant changes
		There have been no significant changes to the financial or trading position of Mediobanca or the other companies forming part of the Group since the most recent financial information available was disclosed in the financial statements as at 30 June 2017.
		[Mediobanca International
		Material adverse change
		Since 30 June 2017 with respect to Mediobanca International there have been no material adverse changes to the prospects of Mediobanca International.
		Significant changes
		There have been no significant changes to the financial or trading position of Mediobanca International since the most recent financial information available was disclosed in the non-consolidated financial statements as at 30 June 2017.]
B.13	Recent events	[Mediobanc a
		Neither Mediobanca nor any company in the Group have carried out transactions that have materially affected or that might be reasonably expected to materially affect, the Mediobanca Group or Mediobanca's ability to meet its obligations.]
		[Mediobanca International
		[Mediobanca International has not carried out transactions that have materially affected or that might be reasonably expected to materially affect, Mediobanca International's ability to meet its obligations.]
B.14	Issuer dependent upon other	Mediobanca
	entities within the group	Not applicable. Mediobanca is the parent company of the Mediobanca Group and is not dependent upon other entities within the Mediobanca Group.
		See also item B.5 above.]
		[Mediobanca International
		Mediobanca International is part of the Mediobanca Group and is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Mediobanca Group, operating autonomously within the Group and subject to coordination and support of Mediobanca.
		See also item B.5 above.]

Element	Description of Element	Disclosure requirement
B.15	Principal	[Mediobanc a
	activities	As stated in Article 3 of its Articles of Association, Mediobanca's purpose is to raise funds and provide credit in any of the forms permitted especially medium- and long-term credit to corporates.
		Within the limits laid down by current regulations, Mediobanca may execute all banking, financial and intermediation-related operations and services, and carry out any transaction deemed to be instrumental to or otherwise connected with the achievement of Mediobanca's purpose.]
		[Mediobanca International
		Mediobanca International may carry out, either within or outside the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, any banking or financial operations authorised by the law relating to the financial sector.
		Mediobanca International's principal activity consists of raising funds on international markets, by issues of bonds chiefly under a short and medium term notes programme guaranteed by Mediobanca. Mediobanca International is also engaged in corporate lending operations.]
B.16	Control of Issuer	Mediobanca
		Not applicable. No individual or entity controls Mediobanca within the meaning of Article 93 of the Italian Legislative Decree 58/98.
		[Mediobanca International
		Mediobanca International is 99% owned by Mediobanca.]
B.17	Credit ratings	[Mediobanc a
		As at the date of the Base Prospectus (i) Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services Italy S.r.l. ("S&P") rated Mediobanca A-2 (short-term debt), BBB (long-term debt) and stable (outlook) and (ii) Fitch Italia S.p.A. ("Fitch") rated Mediobanca F2 (short-term debt), BBB+ (long-term debt) and negative (outlook).]
		[Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services Italy S.r.l. and Fitch Italia S.p.A. are credit rating agencies which are established in the European Community and have been registered in accordance with Regulation 1060/2009/EC (as amended by Regulation 513/2011/EU and by Regulation 462/2013/EU) (the "CRA Regulation"). As such, S&P and Fitch are included in the latest list of credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its website in accordance with the CRA – see www.esma.europa.eu/page/List-registered-and-certified -CRAs.]
		[Mediobanca International
		[Not applicable. Mediobanca International is not rated.]]
		The Notes

Element	Description of Element	Disclosure requirement
		The Notes are [unrated] [rated by [S&P entity] [Fitch entity] [•]].  [[S&P entity][Fitch entity] is established in the European Union and registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 on credit rating agencies.] [The rating of the Notes will be treated as having been issued by a credit rating agency established in the European Union and registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 on credit rating agencies (the "CRA Regulation").] [[•] [is]/[are] established in the European Union and [has]/[have each] applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009, although the result of such application has not yet been determined.] [[•] [is]/[are] not established in the European Union and [has]/[have] not applied for registration under
B.18	Guarantee	Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009.]  Under the Deed of Guarantee, and in accordance with its terms and subject to the limitations thereof, Mediobanca (the "Guarantor") unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees payment of all amounts due in respect of Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca International.
		The payment obligations of the Guarantor under the Deed of Guarantee constitute – in accordance with the terms and subject to the limitations thereof – direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Guarantor which will rank at all times at least <i>pari passu</i> without any preference among themselves and equally with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Guarantor, save for certain mandatory exceptions of applicable law. In particular, pursuant to the Deed of Guarantee, to the extent under the applicable law in force at the relevant time, a cap to the maximum amount to be guaranteed is required, the Guarantor shall only be liable up to an amount which is the aggregate of 110 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of any Tranche of the Notes and 110 per cent. of the interest on such Notes accrued but not paid as at any date on which the Guarantor's liability falls to be determined. In addition, pursuant to the Deed of Guarantee, the Guarantor has also undertaken to issue an additional guarantee in an amount equal to any liability exceeding the maximum amount mentioned above in relation to any Tranche.
B.19	Information on the Guarantor	[Not applicable.] [Information with respect to Mediobanca is included in this Section B above.]

# Section C - Notes

Element	Description of Element	Disclosure requirement
C.1	Type and class of notes being offered	The Notes are [Fixed Rate Notes] [Floating Rate Notes] [Zero Coupon Notes].  The Notes have ISIN [•] [and Common Code [•]].
C.2	Currency	Subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, the Notes are issued in [•].
C.5	Restrictions on free	The Notes may not be transferred prior to the Issue Date. Selling restrictions apply to offers, sales or transfers of the Notes under the applicable laws in various jurisdictions and, amongst others, the United

Element	Description of Element	Disclosure requirement
	transferability	States, the European Economic Area (including the United Kingdom and Italy) and Japan.
C.8	Description of rights, ranking and limitation of rights	The Notes have terms and conditions relating to, among other matters:  Rights  Governing law  The rights of the investors in connection with the Notes and any contractual or non-contractual obligations arising from or connected with the Notes are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, [English] [Italian] law [, except for the right of the investors in connection with the status of the Subordinated Notes issued by Mediobanca which shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with Italian law].
		Prescription
		Claims against the Issuer for payment in respect of the Notes, Receipts and Coupons (which, for this purpose shall not include Talons) shall be prescribed and become void unless made within ten years (in the case of principal) or five years (in the case of interest) in respect thereof.
		Payments in respect of Global Notes
		All payments in respect of Notes represented by a Global Note will be made against presentation for endorsement and, if no further payment falls to be made in respect of the Notes, surrender of that Global Note to or to the order of the Fiscal Agent or such other Paying Agent as shall have been notified to the Noteholders for such purpose. A record of each payment so made will be endorsed on each Global Note, which endorsement will be <i>prima facie</i> evidence that such payment has been made in respect of the Notes.
		Payments in respect of Notes in definitive form
		Payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes in definitive form shall be made against presentation and surrender of the relevant Notes at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States by a cheque payable in the currency in which such payment is due drawn on, or, at the option of the holder, by transfer to an account denominated in that currency with a bank in the principal financial centre of that currency; <b>provided that</b> in the case of Euro, the transfer may be to a Euro account.
		Further issues and consolidation
		The Issuer may from time to time without the consent of the holders of Notes or Coupons create and issue further notes having the same terms and conditions as the Notes in all respects (or in all respects except for the Issue Price, the Issue Date and/or the first payment of interest) and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single series with such Notes. In addition, Notes of one series may be consolidated with Notes of another Series.

Element	Description of Element	Disclosure requirement
		Substitution
		Subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions, the Issuer and, in case of Notes issued by Mediobanca International, the Guarantor may at any time (subject to certain conditions as provided in the Terms and Conditions) without the consent of the holders of Notes or Coupons, substitute Mediobanca in place of Mediobanca International or Mediobanca International in place of Mediobanca.
		Status and ranking
		[The Notes are issued by Mediobanca on a [subordinated] [senior preferred] basis.] [The Notes are issued by Mediobanca International on an unsubordinated basis.]
		[Insert if the Notes are Senior Preferred Notes:
		The Senior Preferred Notes will constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the relevant Issuer and will rank at all times at least <i>pari passu</i> without any preference among themselves and equally with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the relevant Issuer, save for certain mandatory exceptions of applicable law, it being understood moreover that the obligations of the relevant Issuer under the Senior Preferred Notes will be subject to the Italian Bail-In Power.]
		[Insert if the Notes are Subordinated Notes:  The Subordinated Notes constitute direct, unsecured and subordinated obligations of Mediobanca and will at all times rank pari passu and without any preference among themselves.
		In the event of a winding up, dissolution, liquidation or bankruptcy (including, inter alia, Liquidazione Coatta Amministrativa) of Mediobanca, the payment obligations of Mediobanca under each Series of Subordinated Notes, and the relative Coupons as the case may be, will rank in right of payment (A) after unsubordinated creditors (including depositors and any holder of Senior Notes and their respective Coupons) of Mediobanca as well as subordinated creditors which rank or are expressed to rank senior to Subordinated Notes but (B) at least pari passu with all other present and future subordinated obligations of Mediobanca which do not rank or are not expressed by their terms to rank junior or senior to such Series of Subordinated Notes and (C) in priority to the claims of subordinated creditors ranking or expressed to rank junior to the Subordinated Notes (including, but not limited to, "Additional Tier 1 Instruments" (as defined in the Prudential Regulations for Banks and in the CRR)) and of the shareholders of Mediobanca, it being understood moreover that the obligations of Mediobanca under the Subordinated Notes will be subject to the Italian Bail-In Power.]

Element	Description of Element	Disclosure requirement
		Limitation of rights
		[Insert if the Notes are Senior Preferred Notes:
		Events of Default of the Senior Preferred Notes
		The Senior Preferred Notes are subject to the following Events of Default (except where one or more of the Events of Default (as defined below) are specified as not applicable in the applicable Final Terms):
		(a) default is made for a period of five Business Days or more in the payment of any principal on any of the Senior Preferred Notes or for a period of fifteen Business Days or more in the payment of any interest due in respect of the Senior Preferred Notes or any of them;
		(b) the Issuer or the Guarantor (where applicable) fails duly to perform any other obligation under or in respect of the Senior Preferred Notes, the Deed of Guarantee or the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement and such failure continues for more than 30 days after the service by a holder of a Senior Preferred Note of notice on the Issuer requiring the same to be remedied;
		(c) the Issuer or the Guarantor (where applicable) suspends its payments generally;
		(d) certain events relating to the bankruptcy, insolvency, winding- up, dissolution, or administration of the Issuer or the Guarantor (where applicable) occur;
		(e) a cross default in respect of indebtedness for borrowed money of the relevant Issuer or the Guarantor (where applicable) occurs;
		(f) in respect of Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca International, Mediobanca International ceases to be controlled by Mediobanca (except in the case of a reconstruction, amalgamation, reorganisation, merger, de-merger, consolidation or similar transaction by which Mediobanca assumes the payment obligations of Mediobanca International under the Senior Preferred Notes);
		(g) it is or will become unlawful for the Issuer or the Guarantor (where applicable) to perform or comply with any one or more of its obligations under any of the Senior Preferred Notes or the Deed of Guarantee (where applicable); and
		(h) certain events in relation to the Deed of Guarantee occur.]
		If the applicable Final Terms specifies that one or more of the Events of Default are not applicable, then such relevant Events of Default shall not apply to such Senior Preferred Notes. However, in any case a Noteholder may, upon written notice to the Fiscal Agent, cause such Senior Preferred Notes to become due and payable, together with accrued interest thereon, if any, as of the date on which said notice is received by the Fiscal Agent, upon the occurrence of the Event of Default listed in Condition 8(a) paragraph (vii) (Winding-up).

Element	Description of Element	Disclosure requirement
		[Insert if the Notes are Subordinated Notes:
		Events of Default of the Subordinated Notes
		The Subordinated Notes are subject to the following Events of Default:
		(i) Winding-up: Mediobanca is wound up or dissolved, except for the purposes of, and pursuant to, or in connection with, a reconstruction, amalgamation, reorganisation, merger, demerger, consolidation, deconsolidation or disposal of assets.]
C.9	Interest including	See item C.8 above for information on certain of the rights attaching to the Notes.
	yield/Redemptio n/Representation	Interest and Interest Periods
		The Notes [are zero coupon Notes] [bear interest at a fixed rate from the Interest Commencement Date] [bear interest at a floating rate from the Issue Interest Commencement Date] [bear interest at a [fixed rate][floating rate] from the Interest Commencement Date to the Interest Rate Switch Date and shall thereafter bear interest at a [fixed rate][floating rate]] [at the applicable Interest Rate, such interest being payable in arrear on each specified Interest Payment Date] [to the Maturity Date].
		Interest Rate
		[Insert in the case of Fixed Rate Notes:
		The Interest Rate for the Notes [from the Interest Commencement Date] [Interest Rate Switch Date] to the [Interest Rate Switch Date][Maturity Date] is [•] per cent. per annum] [from the Interest Rate Switch Date to the Maturity Date is [•] per cent. per annum]. The yield in respect of the Notes is [•]. Yield is calculated as internal rate of return (IRR) on the basis of the Issue Price[,] [and] the Fixed Coupon [and the Broken Amount]. It is not an indication of future yield.]
		[Insert in the case of Floating Rate Notes:
		[Insert in the case of "Screen Rate Determination": The Interest Rate for each Interest Period [from the Interest Commencement Date] [Interest Rate Switch Date] to the [Interest Rate Switch Date][Maturity Date] shall be determined by reference to [•- week[s]] [•- month] [3-month] [6-month] [12-month] [GBP-][EUR-][USD-][CHF-] [•-] [EURIBOR] [LIBOR] [LIBID] [LIMEAN] [CMS] [BOT] appearing on [•]] [from the Interest Rate Switch Date to the Maturity Date shall be determined by reference to [•- month] [3-month] [6-month] [12-month] [GBP-][EUR-][USD-][CHF-] [•-] [EURIBOR] [LIBOR] [LIBID] [LIMEAN] [CMS] [relevant yield of Government securities] appearing on [•]] and if no such rate appears on the applicable page at the relevant time on the Interest Determination Date, the rate shall be determined by the Calculation Agent using certain fallback methods (the "Reference Rate"). The Interest Rate will be determined as [the sum of a Margin of [•] and the Reference Rate so determined] [(i) the sum of a Margin of [•] and the Reference Rate so determined (ii) multiplied by a Multiplier of

Element	Description of Element	Disclosure requirement
		determined multiplied by a Reference Rate Multiplier of [•]]. [In respect of any short or long Interest Period, the Calculation Agent will determine the Interest Rate using Linear Interpolation.] [For the avoidance of doubt the Interest Rate is a [sum of] [combination of] [one] [[•]] Reference Rate[s] [(plus any applicable Margin)].
		[Insert in the case of "ISDA Determination": With respect to the Senior Preferred Notes and the Subordinated Notes only, the Interest Rate for each Interest Period [from the Interest Commencement Date] [Interest Rate Switch Date] to the [Interest Rate Switch Date][Maturity Date]] [from the Interest Rate Switch Date to the Maturity Date] shall be the [the sum of a Margin of [•] and the ISDA Rate] [(i) the sum of a Margin of [•] and the ISDA Rate (ii) multiplied by a Multiplier of [•]] [the sum of (i) a Margin of [•] and (ii) the ISDA Rate multiplied by a Reference Rate Multiplier of [•]]where "ISDA Rate" in relation to any Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) that would be determined by the Calculation Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Calculation Agent were acting as Calculation Agent for that interest rate swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the ISDA Definitions and under which:
		(a) the Floating Rate Option (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is [GBP-][EUR-][USD-][CHF-] [•-] [EURIBOR-] [LIBOR-] [LIBID-] [LIMEAN-] [CMS-] [relevant yield of Government securities] [•-] [Reuters] [Bloomberg] [BBA] [•];
		(b) the Designated Maturity (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is to [•- week[s]] [•- month] [3-month] [6-month] [12-month]; and
		(c) the relevant Reset Date (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is [the first day of that Interest Period] [•].
		[In respect of any short or long Interest Period, the Calculation Agent will determine the Interest Rate using Linear Interpolation.] [For the avoidance of doubt the Interest Rate is a [sum of] [combination of] [one] [[•]] Reference Rate[s] [(plus any applicable Margin)].
		"Linear Interpolation" means the straight-line interpolation by reference to two rates based on the Reference Rate or the ISDA Rate, as the case may be, one of which will be determined as if the Specified Duration were the period of time for which rates are available next shorter than the length of the affected Interest Period and the other of which will be determined as if the Specified Duration or the Designated Maturity, as the case may be, were the period of time for which rates are available next longer than the length of such Interest Period.

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		"ISDA Definitions" means the 2006 ISDA Definitions as amended and updated as at the date of issue of the Notes as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., a copy of which is available on the website of the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (www.isda.org) and can be obtained from the Issuer.
		[Insert if Multiplier is applicable:
		Multiplier
		The Interest Rate [from the Issue Date to the Interest Rate Switch Date] [from the [Issue Date] [Interest Rate Switch Date] to the Maturity Date] will also be subject to a Multiplier of [•].]
		[Insert if Reference Rate Multiplier is applicable:
		Reference Rate Multiplier
		The Interest Rate [from the Issue Date to the Interest Rate Switch Date] [from the [Issue Date] [Interest Rate Switch Date] to the Maturity Date] will [also] be subject to a Reference Rate Multiplier of [•].]
		[Insert in the case of Zero Coupon Notes:
		The Notes will not bear interest.
		[Insert [for Senior Preferred Notes and Subordinated Notes] if Maximum Interest Rate and/or Minimum Interest Rate is applicable:
		[Maximum Interest Rate] [and] [Minimum Interest Rate]
		The Interest Rate [from the Interest Commencement Date to the [Interest Rate Switch Date][Maturity Date] will also be subject to a [[Maximum][Minimum] Interest Rate of [•]] [and] a [[Maximum][Minimum] Interest Rate of [•]] [and] [from the Interest Rate Switch Date to the Maturity Date will [also] be subject to a [[Maximum][Minimum] Interest Rate of [•]] [and] a [[Maximum][Minimum] Interest Rate of [•]].]
		Day Count Fraction
		The applicable Day Count Fraction for the calculation of the amount of interest due within an Interest Period will be [1/1] [Actual/Actual] [Actual/Actual (ISDA)] [Actual/Actual (ICMA)] [Actual/365 (Fixed)] [Actual/360] [30/360] [360/360] [Bond Basis] [30E/360] [Eurobond Basis] [30E/360 (ISDA)].
		Interest Periods
		The Interest Periods are the periods commencing on (and including) the Interest Commencement Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Accrual Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Accrual Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Accrual Date.

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		Issue Date and Interest Payment Dates
		The Issue Date is [•]. The Interest Payment Dates will be [•].
		[Interest Determination Date]
		[The Interest Determination Date with respect to an Interest Period will be [the first day of each Interest Period] [the second day on which TARGET2 is open prior to the first day of each Interest Period] [the day falling two Banking Days prior to the first day of each Interest Period] [•].]
		["TARGET 2" means the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer System or any successor thereto.]
		Interest Accrual Dates
		The Interest Accrual Dates will be [•].
		[Insert if "Interest Rate Switch" is applicable:
		Interest Rate Switch Date
		The Interest Rate Switch Date for each Series of Notes will be [•].]
		Redemption
		Maturity
		Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled, each Note will be redeemed by the Issuer by payment of the Final Redemption Amount on the Maturity Date which is [•].
		"Final Redemption Amount" means [•] [the principal amount of the Note].
		[Insert if "Redemption by Instalments" is applicable:
		[Redemption by Instalments
		Unless previously redeemed, purchased and cancelled, each Note will be partially redeemed on each Instalment Date at the Instalment Amount, whereupon the outstanding principal amount of such Note shall be reduced by the Instalment Amount for all purposes.
		The Instalment Amount per Note corresponding to the applicable Instalment Date is set out below:
		[•]]

Element	Description of Element	Disclosure requirement
		Early Redemption
		The Notes may be redeemed early if[:]
		[[(a)] Tax Redemption: certain taxation events occur and, amongst others, if (i) based on certain qualified opinions, there is substantial risk that the Issuer (or the Guarantor, as the case may be) (A) has or will become obliged to pay additional tax amounts or (B) has or will become subject to additional amount of national income taxes due to certain limitations and subject to certain conditions, in either case as a result of any change in the Italian laws or regulations, or in the relevant application or interpretation or the decisions of any judicial or administrative body or any change in the interpretation of such decisions, which change, amendment, etc becomes effective on or after the Issue Date, and (ii) such obligations/limitations under (A) and (B) above cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it under certain specific conditions and provided that the occurrence of any of such events is communicated in a certain manner.
		[(b)] [Events of Default:] an Event of Default occurs (as described in item C.8 above).
		In such circumstances, the Issuer shall pay the Early Redemption Amount together with interest accrued to the date fixed for [redemption] [or payment] in respect of each Note.
		[Insert if "Call Option" is applicable:
		Call Option
		The Issuer may, on giving [•] Business Days prior notice, redeem [all or some] of the Notes on the Optional Redemption Date[s] and the Issuer shall pay the Optional Redemption Amount ( <i>Call</i> ) together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption in respect of each Note.
		[Insert if "Put Option" is applicable:
		Put Option
		The Issuer shall, on receiving [•] [Business Days] [Calendar Days] prior notice from the holders of the Notes, redeem [all or some] of the Notes on the Optional Redemption Date[s] at its Optional Redemption Amount ( <i>Put</i> ) together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption in respect of each Note.
		Optional Redemption Amount
		The Optional Redemption Amount due in respect of each Note pursuant to the exercise of the [Call Option] [Put Option] shall be [[•] per Calculation Amount per Note][the Optional Redemption Amount per Note corresponding to the applicable Optional Redemption Date on which the [Call Option] [Put Option] is exercised is as set out below:
		[[•]

Element	Description of Element	Disclosure requirement
		"Optional Redemption Amount" means [•] [the principal amount of the Note].]
		[The Maximum Redemption Amount is [•] per Calculation Amount per Note].
		The Minimum Redemption Amount is [•] per Calculation Amount per Note].
		[Insert if "Redemption for taxation reasons" is applicable:
		[Tax Redemption
		The Notes may be redeemed early if certain taxation events occur with respect to the Notes, the Issuer or the Guarantor (where applicable).].]
		[Insert if "Total Repurchase Option/Partial Repurchase Option" is applicable:
		Purchases
		The Issuer, the Guarantor and any of the Guarantor's subsidiaries may purchase [all (but not part of) of the Notes] [on one or more occasions, any portion of the Notes] in the open market or otherwise at any price <b>provided that</b> all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons appertaining thereto are attached or surrendered therewith.
		Such option to purchase all of the Notes can only be exercised by the Issuer on [•].
		Upon exercise of such option, the holder(s) shall be obliged to sell to the Issuer (or any other entity indicated by the Issuer) all the Notes of the Series in relation to which such option is exercised.]
		Meetings
		The Notes contains provisions for convening meetings of Noteholders to consider matters affecting their interests generally with respect to the Notes. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all holders, including holders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and holders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.
C.10	Derivative component in the	[Not applicable. The Notes do not have a derivative component in the interest payment.]
	interest payment	[Insert if Maximum Interest Rate and/or Minimum Interest Rate is applicable: The Notes are characterised by a pure bond component and [the Senior Preferred Notes and the Subordinated Notes] an implied derivative component [which is represented by [a put option on the minimum rate sold by the Issuer to the investors] [•] [and/or] [a call option on the maximum rate sold by the investor to the Issuer] [•].]
		See item C.9 above for information on interest and redemption.

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C.11	Trading of Notes	The Central Bank of Ireland has approved this document as a base prospectus. Application has also been made for Notes issued under the Programme to be admitted to trading on the regulated market of the Irish Stock Exchange.
		[Application [has been] [will be] made for the Notes to be [listed] [or] [admitted to trading] on [the Luxembourg Stock Exchange] [the Italian Stock Exchange] [specify relevant regulated market] [insert other or further stock exchanges or markets as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (where applicable) and the relevant Dealer in relation to the relevant Series].
		[The Notes are [neither] listed [nor] admitted to trading on any market.]
C.21	Markets where	[Not applicable.]
	Notes will be traded	[insert for Notes with a denomination of at least Euro 100,000 (or, where the Notes are denominated in a currency other than euro, the equivalent amount in such other currency)]
		[Any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (2003/71/EC), as amended. See item C.11 above.]
[•]	Description of Type and Class of Securities:	Issuance in Series: Notes will be issued in Series. Each Series may comprise one or more Tranches 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.
		Issue-specific summary
		[The Notes are issued as Series number [•], Tranche number [•].]
		[The Notes shall be consolidated, form a single series and be interchangeable for trading purposes with the [insert description of the Series] on [insert date/the Issue Date/exchange of the Temporary Global Note for interests in the Permanent Global Note, as specified in the relevant Final Terms.]
		Forms of Notes: Notes may be issued in bearer form. Each Tranche of Notes in bearer form will initially be in the form of either a Temporary Global Note or a Permanent Global Note, in each case as specified in the relevant Final Terms. Each Global Note which is not intended to be issued in new global note form (a "Classic Global Note" or "CGN"), as specified in the relevant Final Terms, will be deposited on or around the relevant issue date with a depositary or a common depositary for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system and each Global Note which is intended to be issued in new global note form (a "New Global Note" or "NGN"), as specified in the relevant Final Terms, will be deposited on or around the relevant issue date with a common safekeeper for Euroclear and/or Clearstream,
		Luxembourg. Each Temporary Global Note will be exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note or, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, for Definitive Notes. If the TEFRA D Rules are specified in the relevant

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		Final Terms as applicable, certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership will be a condition precedent to any exchange of an interest in a Temporary Global Note or receipt of any payment of interest in respect of a Temporary Global Note. Each Permanent Global Note will be exchangeable for Definitive Notes in accordance with its terms. Definitive Notes will, if interest-bearing, have Coupons attached and, if appropriate, a Talon for further Coupons.

# Section D - Risks

Element	Description of Element	Disclosure requirement
D.2	Key risks specific to the Issuer and Guarantor	There are certain factors that may affect each Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme. These include the following risk factors related to the Mediobanca Group, its operations and its industry:
		(i) The general economic conditions, the performance of financial markets, interest rate levels, currency exchange rates, changes in laws and regulation, changes in the policies of central banks, particularly the Bank of Italy and the European Central Bank, and competitive factors can change the level of demand for the Issuer's products and services, the credit quality of borrowers and counterparties, the interest rate margin of the Issuer between lending and borrowing costs and the value of each of the relevant Issuer's investment and trading portfolios
		(ii) The European sovereign debt crisis has adversely affected, and may continue to adversely affect, the Issuer's results of operations, business and financial conditions.
		(iii) The Mediobanca Group has exposure to Eurozone sovereign debt.
		(iv) Fluctuations in interest and exchange rates may affect the Issuer's results.
		(v) The results of the Issuer are affected by general economic, financial and other business conditions.
		(vi) The credit and capital markets have been experiencing extreme volatility and disruption in recent months.
		(vii) Each of the Issuer's investment banking revenues, in the form of financial advisory and debt and equity underwriting fees, are directly related to the number and size of the transactions in which the relevant Issuer participates and may be impacted by continued or further credit market dislocations or sustained market downturns.
		(viii) In some of each relevant Issuer's businesses, protracted adverse market movements, particularly asset price declines, can reduce the level of activity in the market or reduce market liquidity.
		(ix) In the event that the extreme volatility and disruption experienced by international and domestic markets in recent months continue in the future, the Issuer's liquidity can be

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		adversely affected.
		(x) If the Issuer is unable to continue to respond to the competitive environment in Italy with attractive product and service offerings that are profitable for the Issuer, it may lose market share in important areas of its business or incur losses on some or all of its activities.
		(xi) If existing or potential customers believe that the Issuer's risk management policies and procedures are inadequate, the Issuer's reputation as well as its revenues and profits may be negatively affected.
		(xii) Each of the Issuers, like all financial institutions, is exposed to many types of operational risk, including the risk of fraud by employees and outsiders, unauthorised transactions by employees or operational errors, including errors resulting from faulty computer or telecommunication systems.
		(xiii) Systemic risk could adversely affect the Issuer's businesses.
		(xiv) The investors should note that the portfolio of the Issuer contains so-called "over the counter" (OTC) derivatives. If the financial condition of market counterparties or their perceived creditworthiness deteriorates further, the Group may record further credit valuation adjustments on the underlying instruments insured by such parties.
		(xv) A downgrade of Mediobanca's rating may limit Mediobanca's opportunities to extend mortgage loans and may have a particularly adverse effect on Mediobanca's image as a participant in the capital markets, as well as in the eyes of its clients.
		(xvi) Changes in the Italian and European regulatory framework could adversely affect the Issuer's business.
		(xvii) The guarantee given by the Guarantor is capped at 110 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of any Tranche of the Notes and 110 per cent. of the interest on such Notes accrued but not paid.
D.3	Key risks specific to the Notes	In addition, there are certain factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the risks related to Notes issued under the Programme. The Notes may not be suitable for all investors. 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. These include the following:
		(i) The Notes may not be a suitable investment for all investors.
		(ii) Under EC Council Directive income 2011/16/EU on Administrative Cooperation in the field of Taxation (as amended by Council Directive 2014/107/EU), each EU Member State is required to provide by automatic exchange to the tax authorities of any other EU Member State information regarding taxable periods as from 1 January 2016 concerning Reportable Accounts held by a Reportable Person with a local

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			Reporting Financial Institutions in which Notes may be held. Information to be reported include, among others, name, address, Member State(s) of residence, TIN(s) of each Reportable Person that is an account holder, the account number, the name and identifying number of the Reporting Financial Institution, the account balance or value as of the end of the calendar year, the total gross amount of interest dividends and other income generated with respect to the assets held in the account, including gross proceeds originating from the relevant sale or redemption.
		(iii)	The Issuer, the Guarantor and other financial institutions through which payments on the Notes are made may be required to withhold U.S. tax at a rate of 30% on all, or a portion of, payments made after 31 December 2018 in respect of (i) any Notes characterized as debt (or which are not otherwise characterized as equity and have a fixed term) for U.S. federal tax purposes that are issued after 31 December 2012 or are materially modified from that date and (ii) any Notes characterized as equity or which do not have a fixed term for U.S. federal tax purposes, whenever issued, pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code or similar law implementing an intergovernmental approach to FATCA.
		Risk r	elated to the structure of a particular Issue of Notes
		(i)	An optional redemption feature of Notes is likely to limit their market value.
		(ii)	[In the event that the Issuer would be obliged to increase the amounts payable in respect of any Notes due to any withholding or deduction, the Issuer may redeem all outstanding Notes in accordance with the Conditions].
		(iii)	Notes with variable interest rates can be volatile investments.
		(iv)	Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may bear interest at a rate that may convert from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or from a floating rate to a fixed rate and any conversion, depending on market interest rates, may adversely affect the value of the Fixed/Floating Rate Notes.
		(v)	[To the extent that the Issuer is required by law to withhold or deduct any present or future taxes of any kind imposed or levied by or on behalf of the Republic of Italy or the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, as appropriate, the Issuer will not be under an obligation to pay any additional amounts to Noteholders.]
		(vi)	[Insert if a Multiplier or Reference Rate Multiplier applies in respect of the determination of the Interest Rate] Any fluctuation of the underlying floating rate will be amplified by the [Multiplier] [and] [the] [Reference Rate Multiplier] such multiplier. This may adversely affect the return on the Notes.
		(vii)	Potential investors should also consider that where the underlying interest rate does not rise above the level of the Minimum Interest Rate, comparable investments in notes which pay interest based on a fixed rate which is higher than the

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		Minimum Interest Rate are likely to be more attractive to potential investors than an investment in the Notes. Under those conditions, investors in the [Senior Preferred Notes and the Subordinated] Notes might find it difficult to sell their Notes on the secondary market (if any) or might only be able to realise the Notes at a price which may be substantially lower than the nominal amount. To the extent a Maximum Interest Rate applies, investors should be aware that the Interest Rate is capped at such Maximum Interest Rate level. Consequently, investors may not participate in any increase of market interest rates, which may also negatively affect the market value of the Notes.
		(viii) If Mediobanca is declared insolvent and a winding up is initiated, it will be required to pay the holders of senior debt and meet its obligations to all its other creditors (including unsecured creditors) in full before it can make any payments on the Subordinated Notes. If this occurs, Mediobanca may not have enough assets remaining after these payments to pay amounts due under the Subordinated Notes.
		Risk Factors related to the Notes generally:
		(i) [The Notes are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, English law.] [The Notes are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, Italian law.] No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to [English law] [and/or] [Italian law] or administrative practice after the date of this Base Prospectus.
		(ii) ["Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("Euroclear") and/or Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, Luxembourg ("Clearstream, Luxembourg") will maintain records of the beneficial interests in the Global 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.]
		(iii) The Issuers and the Guarantor may, without the consent of Noteholders, correct (i) any manifest error in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes and/or in the Final Terms; (ii) any error of a formal, minor or technical nature in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes and/or in the Final Terms or (iii) any inconsistency in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes and/or in the Final Terms between the Terms and Conditions of the Notes and/or the Final Terms and any other documents prepared in connection with the issue and/or offer of a Series of Notes (provided such correction is not materially prejudicial to the holders of the relevant Series of Notes).
		(iv) Potential conflicts of interest may exist between Dealers, which may underwrite the Notes issued under the Programme and receive in consideration underwriting commissions and selling concessions, or Mediobanca, which may act as market maker or specialist or perform other similar roles in connection with the notes, on the one hand, and investors in the Notes on the other.
		(v) The Notes may be issued and withheld by the Issuer for the progressive sale on the market in accordance with investors'

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		demand. In this context an investor who acquires the Notes does not know at the moment of purchase how much of the issued Notes effectively are publicly traded, with the consequence that the amount in circulation could be meagre and may not guarantee successively adequate liquidity in the Notes.
		(vi) In the event the Issuer decides to issue further Notes having the same terms and conditions as an already existing Series of Notes (or in all respects except for the Issue Price, the Issue Date and/or the first payment of interest) and so that the further Notes shall be consolidated and form a single series with the original Notes, the greater nominal amount in circulation could lead to greater liquidity in the secondary market with a consequent negative impact on the price of the relevant Series of the Notes.
		Risk Factors relating to the market generally:
		(i) Notes may have no established trading market when issued, and one may never develop. The Issuer has not any obligation to purchase the Notes from the Noteholders. However, should the Issuer decide to purchase the Notes, the secondary market pricing that the Issuer may provide on the Notes may reflect the unwinding cost of the hedging portfolio (if any) [and/or the loss of profit (lucro cessante) related to such hedging portfolio].
		[iii
		(iii) The Issuer will pay principal and interest on the Notes in the

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		Relevant Currency. This presents certain risks relating to currency conversions if an investor's financial activities are denominated principally in a currency or currency unit other than the Relevant Currency.
		(iv) Investment in Fixed Rate Notes involves the risk that subsequent changes in market interest rates may adversely affect the value of the Fixed Rate Notes.
		(v) One or more independent credit rating agencies may assign credit ratings to the Notes. The ratings may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to structure, market, additional factors discussed above, and other factors that may affect the value of the Notes.
		(vi) The investment activities of certain investors are subject to investment laws and regulations, or review or regulation by certain authorities. Each potential investor should consult its legal advisers.
		(vii) Implicit fees (e.g. placement fees, direction fees, structuring fees) may be a component of the Issue/Offer Price of Notes, but such fees will not be taken into account for the purposes of determining the price of the relevant Notes in the secondary market.
		(viii) [Insert if Notes are distributed by means of a public offer]Under certain circumstances, the Issuer [and/or] [specify any other entities indicated in the Final Terms] may have the right to withdraw the offer, which in such circumstances will be deemed to be null and void according to the certain terms.
		(ix) It is not possible to predict the price at which Notes will trade in the secondary market or whether such market will be liquid or illiquid. The Issuer may, but is not obliged to, list or admit Notes to trading on a stock exchange or market. The Issuer, or any of its Affiliates may, but is not obliged to, at any time purchase Notes at any price in the open market or by tender or private agreement.
		(x) [Insert in respect of Notes which are to be listed on a stock exchange, market or quotation system], The Issuer shall use all reasonable endeavours to maintain listing on [specify relevant stock exchange, market or quotation system], provided that if it becomes impracticable or unduly burdensome or unduly onerous to maintain such listing, then the Issuer may apply to de-list the relevant Notes, although in this case it will use all reasonable endeavours to obtain and maintain (as soon as reasonably practicable after the relevant de-listing) an alternative equivalent admission to listing, trading and/or quotation by a stock exchange, market or quotation system within or outside the European Union, as it may decide.
		For the risk factors relating to the Guarantor see item D.2 above.

 $Section \ E-Offer$ 

Element	Description of Element	Disclosure requirement
E2b	Reasons for the offer and use of proceeds	The net proceeds of the issue of each Tranche of Notes will be used for the general corporate purposes of the relevant Issuer. If, in respect of any particular issue, there is a particular identified use of the proceeds, this will be stated in the applicable Final Terms, including in case the net proceeds of the issue of each Tranche of Notes will be used for the purposes of Eligible Green Projects.
		According to the definition criteria set out by the International Capital Market Association ("ICMA") green bond principles ("Green Bond Principles"), only Tranches of Notes financing or refinancing Eligible Green Projects will be denominated "Green Bonds".
		Eligible Green Projects have been defined in accordance with the broad categorisation of eligibility for green projects set out by the ICMA Green Bond Principles.
		For the purposes of this section:
		"Fligible Green Projects" means projects with a positive impact in terms of environmental sustainability, in accordance with the broad categorisation of eligibility for green projects set out by ICMA, which prior to the relevant Issue Date will be (i) approved by the relevant Issuerand in respect of which a reputed sustainability rating agency has prepared an opinion on the relevant Issuer's alignment with the Green Bond Principles, the likely environmental benefits of the eligible project categories, unless the relevant Issuer is seeking a Climate Bonds Initiative certified bond, which is appropriately verified by external reviewer, and (ii) made available on the relevant Issuers' website (https://mediobanca.com) in the investor relations section.
E.3	Terms and conditions of the offer	Notes may be issued at any price 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, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions. The Terms and Conditions of any Authorised Offer shall be published by the relevant Authorised Offeror on its website at the relevant time.
		The offer to invest in the Notes is made from [•] to [•]. [The maximum and minimum amount of application is [•] and [•], respectively.] Payments by investors in respect of the purchase of the Notes shall be made by [•]. The results of the offer will be published in [•] on [•]. The Global Notes will be delivered to the relevant clearing system no later than on the Issue Date.
E4	Material interests in the offer	[Not applicable. There are no material interests with respect to the issue and/or offer of Notes (including any conflicting interests).] [The following constitute material interests with respect to the issue and/or offer of Notes: [*].]
E7	Estimated expenses charged to the investors	[Not Applicable - No expenses will be specifically charged to purchasers of Notes by the Issuer.][A [•] fee of [•] shall be payable by purchasers of Notes to [•].] [•]

#### **RISK FACTORS**

The Issuers and the Guarantor believe that the following factors may affect their ability to fulfil their obligations under Notes and (in relation to Senior Preferred Notes only) the Guarantee issued under the Programme. Most of these factors are contingencies which may or may not occur and the Issuers and the Guarantor are not in a position to express a view on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring. In addition, factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme are also described below.

The Issuers and the Guarantor believe that the factors described below represent the principal risks inherent in investing in Notes issued under the Programme, but the inability of the Issuers and the Guarantor to pay interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with any Notes or, in relation to Senior Notes only, the Guarantee may occur for other reasons which may not be considered significant risks by the Issuers and the Guarantor based on information currently available to them or which they may not currently be able to anticipate.

The purchase of Notes involves substantial risks and is suitable only for investors who have the knowledge and experience in financial and business matters necessary to enable them to evaluate the risks and the merits of an investment in the Notes. Before making an investment decision, prospective purchasers of Notes should ensure that they understand the nature of the Notes and the extent of their exposure to risks and that they consider carefully, in the light of their own financial circumstances, financial condition and investment objectives, all the information set forth in this Base Prospectus and as supplemented from time to time.

No person has been authorised to give any information or make any representation not contained in or not consistent with the Base Prospectus and/or the Final Terms, or any other information supplied in connection with the Notes and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer or the Dealers.

By investing in the Notes each investor represents that:

- (a) Non-Reliance. It is acting for its own account, and it has made its own independent decisions to invest in the Notes and as to whether the investment in the Notes is appropriate or proper for it based upon its own judgement and upon advice from such advisers as it has deemed necessary. It is not relying on any communication (written or oral) of the Issuer or the Dealers as investment advice or as a recommendation to invest in the Notes, it being understood that information and explanations related to the terms and conditions of the Notes shall not be considered to be investment advice or a recommendation to invest in the Notes. No communication (written or oral) received from the Issuer or the Dealers shall be deemed to be an assurance or guarantee as to the expected results of the investment in the Notes.
- (b) Assessment and Understanding. It is capable of assessing the merits of and understanding (on its own behalf or through independent professional advice), and understands and accepts the terms and conditions and the risks of the investment in the Notes. It is also capable of assuming, and assumes, the risks of the investment in the Notes.
- (c) **Status of Parties**. Neither the Issuer nor the Dealers is acting as a fiduciary for or adviser to it in respect of the investment in the Notes.

Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Base Prospectus and reach their own views, based upon their own judgement and upon advice from such financial, legal and tax advisers as they have deemed necessary, prior to making any investment decision.

Prospective investors should also read the risk factors relating to Mediobanca set out in the English translation of the Mediobanca Registration Document (as defined below) which is incorporated by reference to this Base Prospectus as indicated in "Documents Incorporated by Reference" below.

Words and expressions defined in "Form of Final Terms", "Terms and Conditions of the Senior Notes", "Terms and Conditions of the Subordinated Notes" or elsewhere in this Base Prospectus have the same meaning in this section. Prospective investors should read the entire Base Prospectus. In this section, "Issuer" refers to Mediobanca and/or to Mediobanca International as appropriate.

# 1. Risks relating to the Issuers, the Guarantor and the Mediobanca Group

Factors that may affect the Issuers' and the Guarantor's ability to fulfil their obligations under Notes issued under the Programme.

Prospective investors should also read the risk factors relating to Mediobanca set out in the English translation of the Mediobanca Registration Document (as defined below) which is incorporated by reference to this Base Prospectus as indicated in "Documents Incorporated by Reference" below.

# The Issuer's financial results may be affected by events which are difficult to anticipate

The Issuer's earning and business are affected by general economic conditions, the performance of financial markets, interest rate levels, currency exchange rates, changes in laws and regulation, changes in the policies of central banks, particularly the Bank of Italy and the European Central Bank ("ECB"), and competitive factors, in each case on a regional, national and international level. Each of these factors can change the level of demand for the Issuer's products and services, the credit quality of borrowers and counterparties, the interest rate margin of the Issuer between lending and borrowing costs and the value of the Issuer's investment and trading portfolios.

#### Risks arising from the Eurozone sovereign debt crisis

The sovereign debt crisis has raised concerns about the long-term sustainability of the European Monetary Union (the "EMU"). In the last few years, several EMU countries have requested financial aid from European authorities and from the International Monetary Fund (the "IMF") and are currently pursuing an ambitious programme of reforms.

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

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

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

The possibility that the European Central Bank could halt or reconsider the current set up of unconventional measures would impact negatively the value of sovereign debt instruments. This would have a materially negative impact on the Group's business, results and financial position.

Despite the several initiatives of supranational organisations to deal with the heightened sovereign debt crisis in the euro area, global markets remain characterized by high uncertainty and volatility particularly around the peripheral European countries. Any further acceleration of the European sovereign debt crisis could likely significantly affect, among other things, the inter-bank funding, which may become generally unavailable or available only at elevated interest rates, and might have an impact on the Mediobanca Group's access to, and cost of, funding. Should the Group be unable to continue to source a sustainable funding profile which can absorb these sudden shocks, the Group's ability to fund its financial obligations at a competitive cost, or at all, could be adversely affected.

### Risks in connection with the exposure of the Group to Eurozone sovereign debt

In carrying out its activities, the Group holds substantial volumes of public-sector bonds, including bonds issued by European countries. The Group's total exposure in this respect as at 30 June 2017 is set out in the tables A.1.2.a and A.1.2.b of Part E of the audited consolidated annual financial statements of

Mediobanca as at and for the year ended 30 June 2017 incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus. This could give rise to operational disruptions to the Group's business.

Furthermore, Mediobanca is affected by disruptions and volatility in the global financial markets. In particular, Mediobanca's credit ratings are potentially exposed to the risk of reductions in the sovereign credit rating of Italy. On the basis of the methodologies used by rating agencies, further downgrades of Italy's credit rating may have a potential knock-on effect on the credit rating of Italian issuers such as Mediobanca.

Thus, any negative developments in the Group's sovereign exposure could adversely affect its results of operations, business and financial condition.

#### The Issuer's financial results are affected by changes in interest rates

Fluctuations in interest rates in Italy and in the other markets in which the Mediobanca Group operates influence the Mediobanca Group's performance. The results of each Issuer's banking operations are affected by its management of interest rate sensitivity. Interest rate sensitivity refers to the relationship between changes in market interest rates and changes in net interest income. A mismatch of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities in any given period, which tends to accompany changes in interest rates, may have a material effect on the Issuer's financial condition or results of operations.

# The Issuer's financial results may be affected by market declines and volatility

The results of the Issuer are affected by general economic, financial and other business conditions. During recessionary periods, there may be less demand for loan products and a greater number of the Issuer's customers may default on their loans or other obligations. Interest rate rises may also impact the demand for mortgages and other loan products. The risk arising from the impact of the economy and business climate on the credit quality of the Issuer's borrowers and counterparties, including sovereign states, can affect the overall credit quality and the recoverability of loans and amounts due from counterparties.

The Issuer is therefore exposed by its very nature to potential changes in the value of financial instruments, including securities issued by sovereign states, due to fluctuations in interest rates, exchange rates and currencies, stock market and commodities prices and credit spreads, and/or other risks.

# Each of the Issuers is subject to credit and market risk. Current market conditions are unprecedented

The credit and capital markets have been experiencing extreme volatility and disruption in recent months. To the extent that any of the instruments and strategies the Issuer uses to hedge or otherwise manage its exposure to credit or capital markets risk are not effective, the Issuer may not be able to mitigate effectively the Issuer's risk exposures in particular market environments or against particular types of risk. The Issuer's trading revenues and interest rate risk are dependent upon its ability to identify properly, and mark to market, changes in the value of financial instruments caused by changes in market prices or interest rates. The Issuer's financial results also depend upon how effectively the Issuer determines and assesses the cost of credit and manages its credit risk and market risk concentration. In addition, due to market fluctuations, weak economic conditions and/or a decline in stock and bond prices, trading volumes or liquidity, the Issuer's financial results may also be affected by a downtum in the revenues deriving from its margin interests, principal transactions, investment banking and securities trading fees and brokerage activities.

# Sustained market weakness and volatility may adversely affect the Issuer's investment banking and financial advisory revenues and subject the Issuer to risks of losses from clients and other counterparties

The Issuer's investment banking revenues, in the form of financial advisory and debt and equity underwriting fees, are directly related to the number and size of the transactions in which the Issuer participates and may be impacted by continued or further credit market dislocations or sustained market downturns. Sustained market downturns or continued or further credit market dislocations and liquidity issues would also likely lead to a decline in the volume of capital market transactions that the Issuer executes for its clients and, therefore, to a decline in the revenues that it receives from commissions and spreads earned from the trades the Issuer executes for its clients. Further, to the extent that potential acquirers are unable to obtain adequate credit and financing on favorable terms, they may be unable or

unwilling to consider or complete acquisition transactions, and as a result, the Issuer's merger and acquisition advisory practice would suffer.

In addition, declines in the market value of securities can result in the failure of buyers and sellers of securities to fulfil their settlement obligations, and in the failure of the Issuer's clients to fulfil their credit obligations. During market downturns, the Issuer's counterparties in securities transactions may be less likely to complete transactions. Also, the Issuer often permits its clients to purchase securities on margin or, in other words, to borrow a portion of the purchase price from the Issuer and collateralize the loan with a set percentage of the securities. During steep declines in securities prices, the value of the collateral securing margin purchases may drop below the amount of the purchasers indebtedness. If the clients are unable to provide additional collateral for these loans, the Issuer may lose money on these margin transactions. In addition, particularly during market downturns, the Issuer may face additional expenses defending or pursuing claims or litigation related to counterparty or client defaults.

# Protracted market declines can reduce liquidity in the markets, making it harder to sell assets and leading to material losses

In some of the Issuer's businesses, protracted adverse market movements, particularly asset price declines, can reduce the level of activity in the market or reduce market liquidity. These developments can lead to material losses if the Issuer cannot close out deteriorating positions in a timely way. This may especially be the case for assets of the Issuer for which there are not very liquid markets to begin with. Assets that are not traded on stock exchanges or other public trading markets, such as derivatives contracts between banks, may have values that the Issuer calculates using models other than publicly quoted prices. Monitoring the deterioration of prices of assets like these is difficult and failure to do so effectively could lead to losses that the Issuer did not anticipate or that were higher than those anticipated. This in turn could adversely affect the Issuer's results of operations and financial condition.

# Market volatility and difficult access to debt capital markets can adversely affect the Issuer's liquidity

In the event that the extreme volatility and disruption experienced by international and domestic markets in recent months continue in the future, the Issuer's liquidity can be adversely affected. The Issuer's funding activity relies, for more than 20 per cent., on retail deposits with the Group company CheBanca!, on medium and long-term debt capital market issues offered to institutional investors and to the public. The placement to retail investors is made through public offerings (carried out by means of single banking networks – including that of Banco Posta – with exclusivity or through syndicated joined banking groups) and sold directly on the *Mercato Telematico delle Obbligazioni* managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. (MOT). Demand from institutional investors is met through public offerings on the Eurobond market and private placements of instruments tailored on the basis of the specific needs of the subscriber.

The volatility of the debt capital markets in Italy and abroad may impair the Issuer's ability to raise funding through fixed-income instruments and may affect its liquidity in the long term. In addition, the wider credit spreads that the markets are experiencing can affect the Issuer's aggregate cost of funding and have an impact on its financial results.

# Intense competition, especially in the Italian market, where the Issuer has the largest concentration of its business, could materially adversely affect the Issuer's revenues and profitability

Competition is intense in all of the Mediobanca Group's primary business areas in Italy and the other countries in which the Issuer conducts its business. The Mediobanca Group derives most of its total banking income from its banking activities in Italy, a mature market where competitive pressures have been increasing quickly. If the Mediobanca Group is unable to continue to respond to the competitive environment in Italy with attractive product and service offerings that are profitable for the Mediobanca Group, it may lose market share in important areas of its business or incur losses on some or all of its activities. In addition, downturns in the Italian economy could add to the competitive pressure, through, for example, increased price pressure and lower business volumes for which to compete.

# The Issuer's risk management policies, procedures and methods may nevertheless leave the Issuer exposed to unidentified or unanticipated risks, which could lead to material losses

The Issuer has devoted significant resources to developing policies, procedures and assessment methods to manage market, credit, liquidity and operating risk and intends to continue to do so in the future. Nonetheless, the Issuer's risk management techniques and strategies may not be fully effective in mitigating its risk exposure in all economic market environments or against all types of risks, including risks that the Issuer fails to identify or anticipate. If existing or potential customers believe that the Issuer's risk management policies and procedures are inadequate, the Issuer's reputation as well as its revenues and profits may be negatively affected.

# The Issuer is subject to operational risk

The Issuer, like all financial institutions, is exposed to many types of operational risk, including the risk of fraud by employees and outsiders, unauthorised transactions by employees or operational errors, including errors resulting from faulty computer or telecommunication systems. The Issuer's systems and processes are designed to ensure that the operational risks associated with the Issuer's activities are appropriately monitored. Any failure or weakness in these systems, however, could adversely affect the Issuer's financial performance and business activities.

#### Systemic risks in connection with the economic/financial crisis

It should be noted that the earnings capacity and stability of the financial system in which the Issuer operates may be impacted by the general economic situation and the trends on financial markets, and, in particular, by the solidity and growth prospects of the economies of the country or countries in which the Issuer operates, including its/their credit standing, as well as the solidity and growth prospects of the Eurozone as a whole.

The Issuer's performance is also influenced by the general economic situation, both national and for the Eurozone as a whole, and by the trend on financial markets, in particular by the solidity and growth prospects of the geographical areas in which the Issuer operates. The macroeconomic scenario currently reflects considerable areas of uncertainty, in relation to: (a) the trends in the real economy with reference to the prospects of recovery and growth in the national economy and/or resilience of growth in the economies of those countries, such as the United States and China, which have delivered growth, even substantial, in recent years; (b) future developments in the monetary policy of the ECB for the Eurozone area, and the U.S. Federal Reserve Board for the US dollar area, and the policies implemented by various countries to devalue their own currencies for competitive reasons; (c) the sustainability of the sovereign debt of certain countries, and the tensions noted more or less frequently on financial markets. In this connection, attention should be drawn in particular to: (i) the recent developments in the Greek sovereign debt crisis, which raised considerable uncertainties (as yet not entirely dispelled) over the prospects of Greece remaining part of the Eurozone, not to mention, in an extreme scenario, the risk of contagion between the sovereign debt markets of the various countries, and indeed the very resilience of the European monetary system based on the single currency; (ii) the recent turbulence on the main Asian financial markets, in particular China. There is therefore the risk that the future development of these scenarios could impact adversely on the Issuer's capital, earnings and financial situation.

Such factors, particularly during periods of economic and financial crisis, could lead the Issuer to incur losses, increases in the cost of financing, reductions in the value of assets held, with a potentially negative impact on the Issuer's liquidity and the solidity of its capital.

More generally, continuation of the adverse economic conditions, or a slower recovery in Italy, or the countries in which the Issuer principally operates, than the other Eurozone countries, could impact negatively on the operating results or financial conditions of Mediobanca.

# Risks connected to the presence of OTC derivatives in the Group's portfolio

The investors should note that the portfolio of the Group contains so-called "over the counter" ("OTC") derivatives. The fair value of these OTC derivatives depends upon the both the valuation and the perceived credit risk of the instrument insured or guaranteed or against which protection has been bought and the credit quality of the protection provider. Market counterparties have been adversely affected by their exposure to residential mortgage linked products, and their perceived creditworthiness has

deteriorated significantly since 2007. Although the Group seeks to limit and manage direct exposure to market counterparties, indirect exposure may exist through other financial arrangements and counterparties. If the financial condition of market counterparties or their perceived creditworthiness deteriorates further, the Group may record further credit valuation adjustments on the underlying instruments insured by such parties.

Any primary or indirect exposure to the financial condition or creditworthiness of these counterparties could have a material adverse impact on the results of operations, financial condition and prospects of the Group.

#### Risks connected to the EMIR Regulation

Investors should also note that the OTC derivatives would be subject to the regulation (EU) No 648/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories, known as the European Market Infrastructure Regulation ("EMIR") that came into force on 16 August 2012.

On 19 December 2012, the European Commission adopted nine of ESMA's Regulatory Technical Standards (the "Adopted RTS") and Implementing Technical Standards (the "Adopted ITS") on OTC Derivatives, CCPs and Trade Repositories (the Adopted RTS and Adopted ITS together being the "Adopted Technical Standards"), which included technical standards on clearing, reporting and risk mitigation (see further below). The Adopted ITS were published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 21 December 2012 and entered into force on 10 January 2013 (although certain of the provisions thereof will only take effect once the associated regulatory technical standards enter into force). The Adopted RTS were published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 23 February 2013 and entered into force on 15 March 2013.

EMIR introduces certain requirements in respect of OTC derivative contracts applying to financial counterparties ("FCPs"), such as investment firms, credit institutions and insurance companies and certain non-financial counterparties ("Non-FCPs"). Such requirements include, amongst other things, the mandatory clearing of certain OTC derivative contracts (the "Clearing Obligation") through an authorised central counterparty (a "CCP"), the reporting of OTC derivative contracts to a trade repository (the "Reporting Obligation") and certain risk mitigation requirements in relation to derivative contracts which are not centrally cleared.

The Clearing Obligation applies to FCPs and certain Non-FCPs which have positions in OTC derivative contracts exceeding specified 'clearing thresholds'. Such OTC derivative contracts also need to be of a class of derivative which has been designated by ESMA as being subject to the Clearing Obligation. On the basis of the Adopted Technical Standards, it is likely that the Issuer will be treated as a Non-FCP for the purposes of EMIR and the swap transactions to be entered into by it on the Closing Date will not exceed the "clearing threshold".

A CCP will be used to meet the Clearing Obligation by interposing itself between the counterparties to the eligible OTC derivative contracts. For the purposes of satisfying the Clearing Obligation, EMIR requires derivative counterparties to become clearing members of a CCP, a client of a clearing member or to otherwise establish indirect clearing arrangements with a clearing member. Each derivative counterparty will be required to post both initial and variation margin to the clearing member (which in turn will itself be required to post margin to the CCP). EMIR requires CCPs to only accept highly liquid collateral with minimal credit and market risk, which is defined in the Adopted Technical Standards as cash, gold and highly rated government bonds.

The Reporting Obligation applies to all types of counterparties and covers the entry into, modification or termination of cleared and non-cleared derivative contracts which were entered into (i) before 16 August 2012 and which remain outstanding on 16 August 2012, or (ii) on or after 16 August 2012. The details of all such derivative contracts are required to be reported to a trade repository. It will therefore apply to the Swap Agreements and any replacement swap agreements.

FCPs and Non-FCPs which enter into non-cleared derivative contracts must ensure that appropriate procedures and arrangements are in place to measure, monitor and mitigate operational and counterparty credit risk. Such procedures and arrangements include, amongst other things, the timely confirmation of the terms of a derivative contract and formalised processes to reconcile trade portfolios, identify and

resolve disputes and monitor the value of outstanding contracts. In addition, FCPs and those Non-FCP which exceed the specified clearing thresholds must also mark-to-market the value of their outstanding derivative contracts on a daily basis and have risk-management procedures that require the timely, accurate and appropriately segregated exchange of collateral.

The EU regulatory framework and legal regime relating to derivatives is set not only by EMIR but also by the European Directive No 65/2014 ("MiFID II") and the European Regulation No. 600/2014 ("MiFIR"), both of which came into force on 3 July 2014. MiFID II amends existing provisions on authorisation, conduct of business and organizational requirements for providers of investment services. These rules aim at strengthening the protection of investors, through the introduction of new requirements on product governance, independent investment advice and cross-selling, the extension of existing rules to structured deposits and the improvement of requirements in several areas, including on the responsibility of management bodies, inducements, information and reporting to clients, remuneration of staff and best execution. MIFIR establishes, *inter alia*, uniform requirements in relation to disclosure of trade data to the public, reporting of transactions to the competent authorities, trading of derivatives on organised venues, benchmarks and intervention powers of competent authorities, ESMA and EBA.

MiFID II has come into force on 3 January 2018 and is implemented by the Member States by 3 January 2018 as officially proposed by the European Commission on 10 February 2016.

By the proposal for amending Directive 2014/65/EU come into force on 10 February 2016, the provisions of MiFID II and MIFIR - according to article 93, as amended - apply from 3 January 2018 except for the minor provisions which shall apply from 3 September 2019. In addition, many of the provisions of MiFID II and MiFIR will be implemented by means of technical standards that will be drafted by the ESMA.

In this respect, it is difficult to predict the full impact of these regulatory requirements on the Issuer. Prospective investors should be aware that the regulatory changes arising from EMIR, MiFID II and MIFIR may in due course significantly raise the costs of entering into derivative contracts and may adversely affect the relevant Issuer's ability to engage in transactions in OTC derivatives. As a result of such increased costs or increased regulatory requirements, investors may receive less interest or return, as the case may be. Investors should be aware, however, that such risks are material and that the Issuer could be materially and adversely affected thereby. As such, investors should consult their own independent advisers and make their own assessment about the potential risks posed by EMIR, MiFID II and MiFIR, in making any investment decision in respect of the Notes. In addition, given that the date of application of some of the EMIR provisions and the EMIR technical standards remains uncertain and given that additional technical standard or amendments to the existing EMIR provisions may come into effect in due course, prospective investors should be aware that the relevant Transaction Documents may need to be amended during the course of the Transaction, without the consent of any Noteholder, to ensure that the terms thereof and the parties obligations thereunder are in compliance with EMIR and/or the then subsisting EMIR technical standards.

### Risks connected to a potential rating downgrade

Mediobanca is rated by (i) Standard & Poor's Ratings Service, a Division of the McGraw Hill Companies Inc. ("S&P"), and (ii) Fitch Italia S.p.A. ("Fitch") which are established in the European Union and registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 on credit rating agencies, (as amended) (the "CRA Regulation") as set out in the list of credit rating agencies registered in accordance with the CRA Regulation published on the website of the European Securities and Markets Authority pursuant to the CRA Regulation. A downgrade of Mediobanca's rating (for whatever reason) might result in higher funding and refinancing costs for Mediobanca in the capital markets. In addition, a downgrade of Mediobanca's rating may limit Mediobanca's opportunities to extend mortgage loans and may have a particularly adverse effect on Mediobanca's image as a participant in the capital markets, as well as in the eyes of its clients. These factors may have an adverse effect on Mediobanca's financial condition and/or the results of its operations.

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

The Issuer is subject to extensive regulation and supervision by the Bank of Italy and the *Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa* (the Italian securities market regulator or "CONSOB") in relation to

Mediobanca, the European Central Bank and the European System of Central Banks in relation to both Issuers and the CSSF in Luxembourg in relation to Mediobanca International.

The banking laws to which the Issuer is subject govern the activities in which banks and foundations may engage and are designed to maintain the safety and soundness of banks, and limit their exposure to risk. In addition, the Issuer must comply with financial services laws that govern its marketing and selling practices. The regulatory framework governing the international financial markets is currently being amended in response to the credit crisis, and new legislation and regulations are being introduced in Italy and could significantly alter the Issuer's capital requirements.

The supervisory authorities mentioned above govern various aspects of the Issuer, which may include, among other things, liquidity levels and capital adequacy, the prevention and combating of money laundering, privacy protection, ensuring transparency and fairness in customer relations and registration and reporting obligations. In order to operate in compliance with these regulations, Mediobanca has in place specific procedures and internal policies. Despite the existence of these procedures and policies, there can be no assurance that violations of regulations will not occur, which could adversely affect the Group's results of operations, business and financial condition. The above risks are compounded by the fact that, as at the date of this Base Prospectus, certain laws and regulations have only been recently approved and the relevant implementation procedures are still in the process of being developed.

#### Basel III and CRD IV

In the wake of the global financial crisis that began in 2008, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision approved, in the fourth quarter of 2010, revised global regulatory standards ("Basel III"), on bank capital adequacy and liquidity, higher and better-quality capital, better risk coverage, measures to promote the build-up of capital that can be drawn down in periods of stress and the introduction of a leverage ratio as a backstop to the risk-based requirement as well as two global liquidity standards which were subsequently revised in 2013 in light of concerns raised by the banking industry. The Basel III framework adopts a gradual approach, with the requirements to be implemented over time, with full enforcement in 2019.

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

The Basel III framework has been implemented in the EU through new banking regulations adopted on 26 June 2013: Directive 2013/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on access to the activity of credit institutions and the prudential supervision of credit institutions and investment firms (the "CRD IV Directive") and Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms (the "CRD IV Regulation" or "CRR" and together with the CRD IV Directive, the "CRD IV Package"). Full implementation began on 1 January 2014, with particular elements being phased in over a period of time (the requirements will be largely fully effective by 2019 and some transitional provisions provide for phase-in until 2024) but it is possible that in practice implementation under national laws may be delayed until after such date. Additionally, it is possible that EU Member States may introduce certain provisions at an earlier date than that set out in the CRD IV Package.

The Basel III agreements provide for the introduction of a Liquidity Coverage Ratio or ("LCR"), in order to establish and maintain a liquidity buffer which will permit the bank to survive for 30 days in the event of serious stress, and a Net Stable Funding Ratio or NSFR, with a time period of more than one year, introduced to ensure that the assets and liabilities have a sustainable expiry structure. In the case of LCR, within the CRR framework, the LCR Delegated Act (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/61 technically specifies the calculation rules of the LCR and provides that it is to be phased in gradually, from 60% commencing on 1 October 2015 to 100% from 1 January 2018), In the case of NSFR, although the proposal of the Basel Committee foresaw that the 100% level is to be met as of 1 January 2018 without any phase in, the CRR does not provide for the regulatory limit on structural liquidity. On 17 December 2015, the European Banking Authority published its report recommending the introduction of

the NSFR in the EU in order to ensure stable funding structures and outlining its impact assessment and proposed calibration. In November 2016, the European Commission announced the EU Banking Reform which proposed a binding 3% Leverage Ratio and a binding detailed Net Stable Funding Ratio (which will require credit institutions and systemic investment firms to finance their long-term activities (assets and off-balance sheet items) with stable sources of funding (liabilities) in order to increase banks' resilience to funding constraints. In particular, under the proposal, the binding 3% Leverage Ratio is added to the own funds requirements in the CRR which institutions must meet in addition to/in parallel with their risk-based requirements, and will apply to all credit institutions and investment firms that fall under the scope of the CRR, subject to selected adjustments.

In addition, it should be noted that, on 13 April 2017, the ECB published a guideline and a recommendation addressed to national competent authorities ("NCAs") concerning the exercise of options and national discretions available in European Union law that affect banks which are directly supervised by NCAs (i.e. less significant institutions). Both documents are intended to further harmonise the way banks are supervised by NCAs in the 19 countries to which the SSM (as defined below) applies.

The aim is to ensure a level playing field and the smooth functioning of the euro area banking system as a whole.

The Bank of Italy published new supervisory regulations on banks in December 2013 (Circular of the Bank of Italy No. 285 of 17 December 2013, as subsequently amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Circular No. 285" – Prudential Regulation for Banks)) which came into force on 1 January 2014, implementing the CRD IV Package, and setting out additional local prudential rules concerning matters not harmonised at EU level. According to Article 92 of the CRD IV Regulation, institutions shall at all times satisfy the following own funds requirements: (1) a CET1 Capital ratio of 4.5 per cent.; (ii) a Tier 1 Capital ratio of 6 per cent.; and (iii) a Total Capital ratio of 8 per cent. These minimum ratios are complemented by the following capital buffers to be met with CET1 Capital:

- Capital conservation buffer: The capital conservation buffer has applied to the Issuer since 1 January 2014 pursuant to Part I, Title II, Chapter I, Section II of Circular No. 285. According to the 20<sup>th</sup> update to Circular No. 285 published on 21 November 2017, new transitional rules provide for a capital conservation buffer set for 1.875 per cent of the RWAs in 2018 and increasing to 2.5 per cent. of RWAs from 2019;
- Counter-cyclical capital buffer: set by the relevant competent authority between 0 per cent. 2.5 per cent. (but may be set higher than 2.5 per cent. where the competent authority considers that the conditions in the Member State justify this), with gradual introduction from 1 January 2016 and applying temporarily in the periods when the relevant national authorities judge the credit growth excessive (pursuant to Articles 130 and 160 of the CRD IV Directive);
- Capital buffers for global systemically important banks (G-SIBs): set as an "additional loss absorbency" buffer ranging from 1.0 per cent. to 3.5 per cent. determined according to specific indicators (e.g., size, interconnectedness, lack of substitutes for the services provided, global activity and complexity); to be phased in from 1 January 2016 (Article 131 of the CRD IV Directive), becoming fully effective on 1 January 2019; and
- Capital buffers for systemically important banks at a domestic level: up to 2.0 per cent. as set by the relevant competent authority and must be reviewed at least annually from 1 January 2016, to compensate for the higher risk that such banks represent to the domestic financial system (Article 131 of the CRD IV Directive). The capital buffer for important banks at domestic level belonging to a group which is a global systemically important bank is limited. This buffer shall not exceed the higher of 1 per cent. of the total risk exposure amount and the global systemically important bank buffer rate applicable to the group at consolidated level.

In addition to the above listed capital buffers, under Article 133 of the CRD IV Directive each Member State may introduce a Systemic Risk Buffer of Common Equity Tier 1 Capital for the financial sector or one or more subsets of the sector, in order to prevent and mitigate long term non-cyclical systemic or macro-prudential risks with the potential of serious negative consequence to the financial system and the real economy in a specific Member State. Until 2015, in case of buffer rates of more than 3 per cent., Member State will need prior approval from the Commission, which will take into account the

assessments of the European Systemic Risk Board ("ESRB") and the European Banking Authority (the "EBA"). From 2015 onwards and for buffer rates between 3 and 5 per cent. the Member States setting the buffer will have to notify the Commission, the EBA, and the ESRB. The Commission will provide an opinion on the measure decided and if this opinion is negative, the Member States will have to "comply or explain". Buffer rates above 5 per cent. will need to be authorized by the Commission through an implementing act, taking into account the opinions provided by the ESRB and by the EBA.

Failure to comply with such combined buffer requirements triggers restrictions on distributions and the need for the bank to adopt a capital conservation plan on necessary remedial actions (Articles 140 and 141 of the CRD IV Directive).

As part of the CRD IV Package transitional arrangements, regulatory capital recognition of outstanding instruments which qualified as "Tier I" and "Tier II capital" instruments under the framework which the CRD IV Package has replaced (CRD III) that no longer meet the minimum criteria under the CRD IV Package will be gradually phased out. Fixing the base at the nominal amount of such instruments outstanding on 31 December 2012, their recognition is capped at 70 per cent. in 2015, with this cap decreasing by 10 per cent. in each subsequent year.

The new liquidity requirements introduced under the CRD IV Package are the Liquidity Coverage Ratio and the Net Stable Funding Ratio (the "NSFR"). The Liquidity Coverage Ratio Delegated Act has been adopted in October 2014 and published in the Official Journal of the European Union in January 2015. It is applicable from 1 October 2015, under a phase-in approach before it becomes fully applicable from 1 January 2018.

The CRD IV Package introduces a new leverage ratio with the aim of restricting the level of leverage that an institution can take on to ensure that an institution's assets are in line with its capital. Institutions have been required to disclose their leverage ratio from 1 January 2015. Full implementation and European harmonisation, however, is not expected until 1 January 2018 following the European Commission's review in 2016. The CRD IV Package contains specific mandates for the EBA to develop draft regulatory or implementing technical standards as well as guidelines and reports related to liquidity coverage ratio and leverage ratio in order to enhance regulatory harmonisation in Europe through the "Single Rule Book".

Therefore, should the Issuer not be able to implement the approach to capital requirements it considers optimal in order to meet the capital requirements imposed by the CRD IV Package, it may be required to maintain levels of capital which could potentially impact its credit ratings, funding conditions and limit the Issuer's growth opportunities.

# The Group may be subject to the provision of the Regulation establishing the Single Resolution Mechanism

After having reached an agreement with the Council, in April 2014, the European Parliament adopted the Regulation (EU) No. 806/2014 establishing a Single Resolution Mechanism (the "SRM") entered into force from 1 January 2016. There are, however, certain provisions including those concerning the preparation of resolution plans and provisions relating to the cooperation of the Single Resolution Board (the "Board") with national resolution authorities, which entered into force on 1 January 2015.

The SRM, which will complement the ECB Single Supervisory Mechanism, will apply to all banks supervised by the ECB Single Supervisory Mechanism. It provides for the Board and a Single Resolution Fund (the "Fund").

Decision-making will be centralised with the Board, and will involve the Commission and the Council (which will have the possibility to object to the Board's decisions) as well as the ECB and national resolution authorities.

The Fund, which will back resolution decisions mainly taken by the Board, will be divided into national compartments during an eight year transition period, as envisaged by an Intergovernmental Treaty, whose ratification is a precondition for the entry into force of the SRM Regulation. Banks have started to pay contributions in 2015 to national Resolution Funds that will mutualise gradually into the Single Resolution Fund starting from 2016 (and on top of the contributions to the national Deposit Guarantee Schemes).

The establishment of the SRM is designed to ensure that supervision and resolution is exercised at the same level for countries that share the supervision of banks within the ECB Single Supervisory Mechanism.

The participating banks will be required to finance the Fund. The Issuer may therefore be required to pay contributions to the SRM in addition to contributions to the national Deposit Guarantee Scheme. The SRM is not operational yet and the manner in which it will be implemented is still evolving, so there remains some uncertainty as to how the SRM will affect the Group once implemented and fully operational.

#### ECB Single Supervisory Mechanism

On 15 October 2013, the Council of the European Union adopted Council Regulation (EU) No. 1024/2013 conferring specific tasks on the ECB concerning policies relating to the prudential supervision of credit institutions (the "SSM Regulation") for the establishment of a single supervisory mechanism (the "Single Supervisory Mechanism" or the "SSM"). From 4 November 2014 the SSM Regulation has given the ECB, in conjunction with the national regulatory authorities of the Eurozone and participating Member States, direct supervisory responsibility over "banks of systemic importance" in the Eurozone.

In this respect, "banks of systemic importance" include, *inter alia*, any Eurozone bank that: (i) has assets greater than €30bn or - unless the total value of its assets is below €5bn - greater than 20 per cent. of national gross domestic product; (ii) is one of the three most significant credit institutions established in a Member State; (iii) has requested, or is a recipient of, direct assistance from the European Financial Stability Facility of the European Stability Mechanism; or (iv) is considered by ECB to be of significant relevance where it has established banking subsidiaries in more than one participating Member State and its cross-border assets/liabilities represent a significant part of its total assets/liabilities.

Notwithstanding the fulfillment of these criteria, the ECB, on its own initiative after consulting with national competent authorities or upon request by a national competent authority, may declare an institution significant to ensure the consistent application of high-quality supervisory standards. The Regulation (EU) No. 468/2014 of the ECB, dated 16 April 2014, established the framework for cooperation within the Single Supervisory Mechanism between the ECB and national competent authorities and with national designated authorities (the "SSM Framework Regulation").

The relevant national competent authorities for the purposes of the SSM Regulation and the SSM Framework Regulation continue to be responsible for supervisory functions not conferred on the ECB, such as consumer protection, money laundering, payment services, and supervision over branches of third country banks. The ECB, on the other hand, is exclusively responsible for key tasks concerning the prudential supervision of credit institutions, which includes, *inter alia*, the power to: (i) authorise and withdraw authorisation of all "banks of systemic importance" in the Eurozone and in the Member States participating to the SSM; (ii) assess acquisition and disposal of holdings in other banks; (iii) ensure compliance with all prudential requirements laid down in general EU banking rules; (iv) set, where necessary, higher prudential requirements for certain banks to protect financial stability under the conditions provided by EU law; (v) impose robust corporate governance practices and internal capital adequacy assessment controls; and (vi) intervene at the early stages when risks to the viability of a bank exist, in coordination with the relevant resolution authorities. The ECB also has the right to impose pecuniary sanctions.

In order to foster consistency and efficiency of supervisory practices across the Eurozone, the EBA is continuing to develop a single supervisory handbook applicable to EU Member States (the "EBA Supervisory Handbook").

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

The directive providing for the establishment of an EU-wide framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms (Directive 2014/59/EU) (the "Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive" or "BRRD") entered into force on 2 July 2014.

The BRRD is designed to provide authorities with a credible set of tools to intervene sufficiently early and quickly in an unsound or failing institution so as to ensure the continuity of the institution's critical financial and economic functions, while minimising the impact of an institution's failure on the economy and financial system.

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

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

When applying the bail-in, the resolution authority must first reduce or cancel common equity tier one, thereafter reduce, cancel or convert additional tier one instruments, then tier two instruments and other subordinated debts to the extent required and up to their capacity. If and if only this total reduction is less than the amount needed, the resolution authority will reduce or convert to the extent required the nominal amount or outstanding amount payable in respect of unsecured creditors in accordance with the hierarchy of claims in normal insolvency proceedings.

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

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

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

The BRRD has been implemented in Italy through the adoption of two Legislative Decrees by the Italian Government. In particular, Legislative Decrees No. 180/2015 and 181/2015 implementing the BRRD in Italy were published in the Italian Official Gazette (*Gazzetta Ufficiale*). Legislative Decree No. 180/2015 is a stand-alone law which implements the BRRD in Italy, while Legislative Decree No. 181/2015 amends the Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993 and deals principally with recovery plans, early intervention and changes to the creditor hierarchy. The decrees of implementation entered into force on 16 November 2015, save for: (i) the bail-in tool, which applies from 1 January 2016; and (ii) the

"depositor preference" to deposits other than those protected by the deposit guarantee scheme and those of individuals and small and medium enterprises, which will apply from 1 January 2019.

The BRRD was implemented in the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg by a law dated 18 December 2015 on resolution, recovery and liquidation measures of credit institutions and some investment firms, on deposit guarantee schemes and indemnification of investors published in the Luxembourg *Mémorial A, Recueil de législation* of 24 December 2015 and amended by a law dated 27 May 2016.

As of 2016 (or, if earlier, the date of national implementation of BRRD), European banks will also have to comply with a "minimum requirements for own funds and eligible liabilities" (the "MREL"). The BRRD does not foresee an absolute minimum, but attributes the competence to set a minimum amount for each bank to national resolution authorities (for banks not being part of the Banking Union) or to the Single Resolution Board (the "SRB") for banks being parts of the Banking Union. Differently to the current discussions on TLAC, MREL includes senior unsecured debt without ex-ante limitations. On 3 July 2015 the EBA has adopted and submitted to the Commission its Regulatory Technical Standards (the "RTS") which further define the way in which resolution authorities or the SRB shall determine the MREL. In the introductory remarks to the RTS, it is stated that the EBA expects the RTS to be "broadly compatible with the proposed FSB term sheet for TLAC for G-SIBs", adding that "while there are differences resulting from the nature of the EBA's mandate under the BRRD, as well as the fact that the BRRD MREL requirement applies to banks which are not G-SIBs, these differences do not prevent resolution authorities from implementing the MREL for G-SIBs consistently with the international framework".

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

On 23 November 2016, the European Commission presented the EU Banking Reform which introduced a number of proposed amendments to the BRRD and to the CRR. In particular, it proposed that the MREL-which should be expressed as a percentage of the total risk exposure amount and of the leverage ratio exposure measure of the relevant institution - should be determined by the resolution authorities at an amount to allow banks to absorb losses expected in resolution and recapitalise the bank post-resolution. In addition, it is proposed that resolution authorities may require institutions to meet higher levels of MREL in order to cover losses in resolution that are higher than those expected under a standard resolution scenario and to ensure a sufficient market confidence in the entity post-resolution. The EU Banking Reform also introduces an external MREL requirement and an internal MREL requirement to apply to entities belonging to a banking group, in line with the approach underlying the TLAC standard.

The powers set out in the BRRD impact how credit institutions and investment firms are managed as well as, in certain circumstances, the rights of creditors. Following the implementation of the BRRD, holders of securities may be subject to write-down or conversion into equity on any application of the general bail-in and non-viability loss absorption, as the case may be, which may result in such holders losing some or all of their investment. The exercise of any power under the BRRD or any suggestion of such exercise could, therefore, materially adversely affect the rights of noteholders, the price or value of their investment in any note and/or ability of the Issuers to satisfy its obligations under any note.

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

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

The proposed regulation will apply to European banks that will eventually be designated as global systemically important banks (G-SIBs) or that exceed the following thresholds for three consecutive

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

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

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

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

On 14 February 2013 the European Commission published a new legislative proposal on the Financial Transaction Tax (the "FIT"). The proposal followed the Council's authorisation to proceed with the adoption of the FTT through enhanced cooperation, i.e. adoption limited to 10 countries - among which Italy, France, Germany and Austria are included.

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

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

### The Issuer may be affected by new accounting and regulatory standards

Following the entry into force and subsequent application of new accounting standards and/or regulatory rules and/or the amendment of existing standards and rules, the Issuer may have to revise the accounting and regulatory treatment of some operations and the related income and expense, with potentially negative effects on the estimates contained in the financial plans for future years and with the need to restate already published financial statements.

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

- Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2011-2013 Cycle (EU Regulation 1361/2014);
- Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2010-2012 Cycle (EU Regulation 28/2015); and

• Defined Benefit Plans: Employee Contributions (amendments to IAS 19) (EU Regulation 29/2015).

# Risk related to IFRS 9 on "Financial Instruments" coming into force

The Issuer is exposed, like other parties operating in the banking sector, to the effects of the entry into force and subsequent application of new accounting principles or standards and regulations and/or changes to them (including those resulting from IFRS as endorsed and adopted into European law). Specifically, in future the Issuer may need to revise the accounting and regulatory treatment of some existing assets and liabilities and transactions (and related income and expense), with possible negative effects, including significant ones, on the estimates in financial plans for future years and this could lead the Issuer to having to restate financial data published previously.

In this regard, an important change is expected in 2018 from when IFRS 9 "Financial Instruments" comes into force. On 24 July 2014, the International Accounting Standard Board (the IASB) issued the final version of the new IFRS 9 which replaces the previous versions published in 2009 and 2010 for the classification and measurement stage, and in 2013 for the hedge accounting stage and completes the IASB project to replace IAS 39 "Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement".

With particular reference to the accounting standards which will be effective in future periods, the Issuer highlights that IFRS 9:

- will introduce significant changes, compared to IAS39, to classification and measurement of loans and debt instruments based on the "business model" and on the characteristics of the cash flows of the financial instrument (SPPI Solely Payments of Principal and Interests criteria);
- requires the classification of the equity instruments at fair value either through profit or loss or through "other comprehensive income". In this second case, unlike previous requirements for available for sale assets set by IAS39, IFRS9 has eliminated the request to recognize impairment losses and provide that, in case of disposal of the instruments, the gain or losses from disposal shall be recycled to other equity reserve and not to profit and loss accounts;
- will introduce a new accounting model for impairment, based on expected losses approach substituting the current approach based on the incurred losses and will introduce the concept of "lifetime" expected losses which may require an anticipation and increase of the structural provisioning with particular reference to credit losses;
- works on the hedge accounting, rewriting the rules for the designation of a hedge accounting relationship and for the verification of its effectiveness in order to achieve a stronger alignment between the hedge accounting treatment and the underlying risk management logics. It should be noted that the principle allows the entity to make use of the possibility to continue to apply IAS 39 hedge accounting rules until the IASB has completed the project on definition of the macrohedging rules; and
- changes the accounting treatment of "own credit", in other words changes in the fair value of issued debt liabilities designated at fair value not attributable to changes of the own credit price. The new accounting standard requires these changes shall be recognised in a specific equity reserve, rather than to the income statement, as requested under IAS 39, therefore removing a volatility source from the economic results.

The effective date of IFRS 9 will be 1 January 2018, following the entry into force on 19 December 2016 of Regulation (EU) No. 2016/2067 of the Commission of 22 November 2016.

It is expected that at the first application date the main impacts on the Issuer could come from the application of the new impairment accounting model based on an expected losses approach, which is expected to cause an increase in the write-downs made to unimpaired assets (specifically receivables from customers), as well as the application of the new rules for the transfer of positions between the different classification stages under the new standard. Specifically, it is expected that greater volatility may be generated in the financial results between the different accounting periods, due to the dynamic change between the different stages of financial assets recorded in the financial statements (particularly between Stage 1 which will mainly include the new positions supplied and all the fully performing positions and

Stage 2 which will include the positions in financial instruments which have suffered a deterioration in credit quality compared with the time of initial recognition). The changes in the book value of financial instruments due to the transition to IFRS 9 will be recognised against shareholders' equity at 1 January 2018.

On 10 November 2016, the EBA published a report that summarises the main results of the analysis of the impact on a sample of 50 European banks. As far as the quality component of the questionnaire is concerned, the authority highlighted how the sample of banks involved an operational complexity, specifically with regard to the aspects related to the quality of data, and technology in the introduction of the new principle. The report also pointed out how the change to the impairment model would lead, in the sample of banks examined, to average growth of the IAS 39 provisions (of approximately 18 per cent.) as well as having an impact on common equity tier 1 and on the total capital of 59 and 45 percentage points, respectively.

On 26 November 2016, the EBA launched a second impact assessment exercise, on the same sample of banks, in order to gather more detailed and updated insights regarding the implementation of the new Standard

Further to the entry into force of IFRS9, the European Council has adopted a regulation that will allow, as an option, financial institutions to adopt a transitional regime where the additional loan loss provisions could be included in CET1 with a "phase-in" mechanism over 5 years starting from 2018.

In that regard, the proposals under discussion would allow, as an option, financial institutions to adopt a transitional regime where the additional loan loss provisions could be included in CET1 with a "phase-in" mechanism over 5 years starting from 2018. Nevertheless the final terms of that mechanism are still to be finalised.

For the sake of completeness, also note that the IASB issued, respectively on 28 May 2014 and 13 January 2016, the final versions of IFRS 15 "Revenues from contracts with customers" and IFRS 16 "Leases".

The new IFRS 15 will apply from 1 January 2018, with the possibility of opting for early application, subject to the completion of the endorsement process by the European Union, in progress at the date of this Base Prospectus. This principle changes the current set of IFRS replacing the principles and interpretations of "revenue recognition" in force at the date of this Base Prospectus and, specifically, IAS 18, IFRS 15 includes:

- two approaches for measuring revenues ("at point in time" or "over time");
- a new transactions analysis model ("Five steps model") focused on the transfer of control; and
- greater information to be included in the notes to the financial statements.

The new IFRS 16, on the other hand, will apply from 1 January 2019 once it has been endorsed by the European Union.

IFRS 16 changes the current set of international accounting principles and interpretations in force on leasing, and, specifically IAS 17. IFRS 16 introduces a new definition of leasing and confirms the current distinction between the two types of leasing (operating and financial) with regard to the accounting model that the lessor must apply.

With reference to the accounting treatment to be applied by the lessee, the new accounting standard sets, for all the leasing typologies, the recognition as an asset, representing the right of use of the underlying asset and, at the same time, a liability reflecting the future payments of the lease contract.

After the initial recognition the right-of-use will be measured on the basis of the provisions set for tangible assets applying the cost model less any accumulated depreciation and any eventual accumulated impairment losses, at the revaluation model of the fair value model set by IAS 16 or IAS 40.

From the time the above principle comes into force there are plans from 1 January 2019 for the quantitative effects resulting from its adoption, not currently available, to form part of the Issuer's future

estimates. It is, however, expected that the application of IFRS 16 could result in a revision, for the relevant Issuer and/or the Guarantor, as the case may be, of the accounting methods for revenues and costs relating to existing transactions as well as the recording of new assets and liabilities associated with operating lease agreements signed. These effects will create the consequent need to consistently and retrospectively revise the previous.

Based on regulatory and/or technological developments and/or the business context, it is also possible that the Issuer and/or the Guarantor could, in the future, further revise the operating methods for applying the IFRS, with possible negative impacts, including significant ones, on the operating results and capital and financial position of the relevant Issuer and/or the Guarantor, as the case may be.

The Mediobanca Group will apply the new standard starting from 1 July 2018. For further information on the IFRS 9 implementation project, please refer to sections headed "Information on Mediobanca - Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A.", "Financial Information of Mediobanca - Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A.", "Information on Mediobanca International (Luxembourg) S.A." and "Financial Information of Mediobanca International (Luxembourg) S.A.".

# Forthcoming regulatory changes

In addition to the substantial changes in capital and liquidity requirements introduced by Basel III and the CRD IV Package, there are several other initiatives, in various stages of finalisation, which represent additional regulatory pressure over the medium term and will impact the EU's future regulatory direction. These initiatives include, among others, a revised Markets in Financial Instruments EU Directive and Markets in Financial Instruments EU Regulation which are expected to apply as of 3 January 2018, subject to certain transitional arrangements. The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision ("BCBS") has also published certain proposed changes to the current securitisation framework which may be accepted and implemented in due course.

On 9 November 2015, the FSB published its final Total Loss-Absorbing Capacity ("TLAC") Principles and Term Sheet, proposing that G-SIBs maintain significant minimum amounts of liabilities that are subordinated (by law, contract or structurally) to liabilities excluded from TLAC, such as guaranteed insured deposits, derivatives, etc. and which forms a new standard for G-SIBs. The TLAC Principles and Term Sheet contains a set of principles on loss absorbing and recapitalisation capacity of G-SIBs in resolution and a term sheet for the implementation of these principles in the form of an internationally agreed standard. The FSB will undertake a review of the technical implementation of the TLAC Principles and Term Sheet by the end of 2019. The TLAC Principles and Term Sheet require a minimum TLAC requirement for each G-SIB at the greater of (a) 16 per cent. of RWA plus the combined buffer requirement as of 1 January 2019 and 18 per cent. plus the combined buffer requirement as of 1 January 2019, and 6.75 per cent. as of 1 January 2022.

On 23 November 2016, the European Commission released a package of proposals amending CRD IV and the CRD IV Regulation (the "CRD Reform Package"), being part of the package proposals amending also the BRRD and the SRM Regulation (together with the CRD Reform Package, the "Risk Reduction Measures Package"), which is expected to become applicable beginning 2019 (but this will ultimately depend on the procedure and the outcome of the discussions in the European Parliament and the Council). Among other things, these proposals aim to implement a number of new Basel standards (such as the leverage ratio, the net stable funding ratio, market risk rules and requirements for own funds and eligible liabilities) and to transpose the FSB's TLAC termsheet into European law. The CRD IV amendments and the amendments to the BRRD will need to be transposed into Italian law before taking effect.

Moreover, it is worth mentioning that the BCBS has embarked on a very significant RWA variability agenda. This includes the Fundamental Review of the Trading Book, revised standardised approaches (credit, counterparty credit, market, operational risk), constraints to the use of internal models as well as the introduction of a capital floor. The regulator's primary aim is to eliminate unwarranted levels of RWA variance, to improve consistency and comparability across banks. The finalisation of the new framework was completed in respect of market risk in 2016, and in respect of credit risk and operational risk in December 2017. It is designed to enhance the robustness and risk sensitivity of the standardised approach, constrain the use of internally modelled approaches and complement the risk-weighted capital ratio with a

finalised leverage ratio and a revised and robust capital floor. Due to the wide undergoing revision by global and European regulators and supervisors, the internal models are expected to be subject to either changes or withdrawal in favor of a new standardised approach, which is also under revision. The regulatory changes will impact the entire banking system and consequently could lead to changes in the measurement of capital (although they will become effective after the time frame covered by the Strategic Plan). In 2016, the ECB began a review of the internal rating models authorised for calculating capital (the Targeted Review of Internal Models, referred to as "TRIM"), with the objective of ensuring the adequacy and comparability of the models given the highly fragmented nature of Internal Ratings-Based systems used by banks, and the resulting diversity in measurement of capital requirements. The review covers credit, counterparty and market risks. The TRIM will be ongoing through 2018 and is structured in two stages, with an institution-specific review commenced in 2016 and a model specific review in 2017 and 2018/2019.

In March 2015, the EBA undertook the revision of some specific aspects of the risk-weighted assets ("RWA") internal models, encouraging a major convergence between European banking supervision practices. The EBA has finalised the regulatory standards for the Internal Rating Based methodology and the Guidelines on the new Definition of Default, while final Guidelines on Probability of Default and the Loss Given Default estimation and treatment of defaulted assets were published in November 2017. Based on the EBA's proposal, the rules for internally estimating the LGD would become significantly tighter. The implementation of all the proposed changes is expected by January 2021.

There can be no assurance that the implementation of the new capital requirements, standards and recommendations described above will not require the Issuers to issue additional securities that qualify as regulatory capital, to liquidate assets, to curtail business or to take any other actions, any of which may have adverse effects on the Issuers' business, financial condition and results of operations. Furthermore, increased capital requirements may negatively affect Issuers' return on equity and other financial performance indicators.

As regards accounting rules relevant for the Issuer, on 24 July 2014 the International Accounting Standards Board published IFRS 9 relating to "Financial Instruments", which is set to replace IAS 39 from 1 January 2018, except that for a selective early adoption. IFRS 9 has been approved by Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2067/2016 published in the Official Gazette of the EU on 29 November 2016. IFRS 9 amends and complements the rules on the classification and measurement of financial instruments; introduces a new impairment model based on "expected credit losses" (the current model is based on provisions for "incurred losses"); and introduces new rules on general hedge accounting.

The application of IFRS 9 and the new approach based on "expected credit losses" could result in substantial additional impairment charges for the Issuer and add volatility to its regulatory capital ratios, and will result in additional costs to the Issuer relating to the implementation of such rules. The economic, financial and capital adequacy related effects of the implementation of IFRS 9 are not quantifiable, and investors should be aware that implementation of the IFRS 9 may have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition and/or results of operations of the Issuer.

# EU reform of "benchmarks" (including LIBOR, EURIBOR and other interest rate index and equity, commodity and foreign exchange rate indices)

The London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"), the Euro Interbank Offered Rate ("EURIBOR") and other indices which are deemed "benchmarks" ("Benchmarks") are the subject of recent national, international and other regulatory guidance and proposals for reform. Some of these reforms are already effective while others are still to be implemented. These reforms may cause such Benchmarks to perform differently than in the past, or to disappear entirely, or have other consequences which cannot be predicted. Any such consequence could have a material adverse effect on any Notes linked to a Benchmark.

Key international reforms of Benchmarks include IOSCO's proposed Principles for Financial Benchmarks (July 2013) (the "IOSCO Benchmark Principles") and the EU's Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds and

amending Directives 2008/48/EC and 2014/17/EU and Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 (the "Benchmarks Regulation").

The IOSCO Benchmark Principles aim to create an overarching framework of principles for benchmarks to be used in financial markets, specifically covering governance and accountability, as well as the quality and transparency of benchmark design and methodologies. A review published in February 2015 on the status of the voluntary market adoption of the IOSCO Benchmark Principles noted that, as the benchmarks industry is in a state of change, further steps may need to be taken by IOSCO in the future, but that it is too early to determine what those steps should be. The review noted that there has been a significant market reaction to the publication of the IOSCO Benchmark Principles, and widespread efforts being made to implement the IOSCO Benchmark Principles by the majority of administrators surveyed.

On 17 May 2016, the Council of the European Union adopted the Benchmarks Regulation. The Benchmarks Regulation was published in the Official Journal on 29 June 2016 and entered into force on 30 June 2016. Subject to various transitional provisions, the Benchmarks Regulation applies from 1 January 2018, except that the regime for "critical" benchmarks has applied from 30 June 2016 and certain amendments to Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 (the "Market Abuse Regulation") have applied from 3 July 2016. The Benchmarks Regulation would apply to "contributors", "administrators" and "users of" Benchmarks in the EU, and would, among other things, (i) require benchmark administrators to be authorised (or, if non-EU-based, to be subject to an equivalent regulatory regime) and to comply with extensive requirements in relation to the administration of Benchmarks and (ii) ban the use of Benchmarks of unauthorised administrators. The scope of the Benchmarks Regulation is wide and, in addition to applying to so-called "critical benchmark" indices such as LIBOR and EURIBOR, could also potentially apply to many other interest rate indices, as well as equity, commodity and foreign exchange rate indices and other indices (including "proprietary" indices or strategies) which are referenced in listed financial instruments (including listed Notes), financial contracts and investment funds.

The Benchmarks Regulation could also have a material impact on any listed Notes linked to an index based on a Benchmark, including in any of the following circumstances: (i) an index which is a Benchmark may not be used as such if its administrator does not obtain appropriate EU authorisations or is based in a non-EU jurisdiction which (subject to any applicable transitional provisions) does not have equivalent regulation. In such event, depending on the particular Benchmark and the applicable terms of the Notes, the Notes could be delisted (if listed), adjusted, redeemed or otherwise impacted; (ii) the methodology or other terms of the Benchmark related to a series of Notes could be changed in order to comply with the terms of the Benchmarks Regulation, and such changes could have the effect of reducing or increasing the rate or level of the Benchmark or of affecting the volatility of the published rate or level, and could lead to adjustments to the terms of the Notes, including Calculation Agent determination of the rate or level in its discretion.

Any of the international, national or other reforms (or proposals for reform) or the general increased regulatory scrutiny of Benchmarks could increase the costs and risks of administering or otherwise participating in the setting of a Benchmark and complying with any such regulations or requirements. Such factors may have the effect of discouraging market participants from continuing to administer or participate in certain Benchmarks, trigger changes in the rules or methodologies used in certain Benchmarks or lead to the disappearance of certain Benchmarks. The disappearance of a Benchmark or changes in the manner of administration of a Benchmark could result in adjustment to the terms and conditions, early redemption, discretionary valuation by the Calculation Agent, delisting (if listed) or other consequence in relation to Notes linked to such Benchmark. Any such consequence could have a material adverse effect on the value of and return on any such Notes.

# Risks associated with the economic context and consequences of the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union (Brexit)

On 23 June 2016, a referendum took place in the United Kingdom on the permanence of the United Kingdom within the European Union. At the end of such referendum the majority of votes indicated the will to exit from the European Union (so called "Brexit").

On 29 March 2017 the United Kingdom notified the European Council of its intention to withdraw from the European Union within the meaning and for the purposes of Article 50(2) of the Treaty on European Union. Article 50(2) requires that, in the light of the guidelines provided by the European Council, the

Union shall negotiate and conclude an agreement with the United Kingdom, setting out the arrangements for its withdrawal from the European Union, taking account of the framework for its future relationship with the Union. Article 50 requires that such agreement shall be negotiated in accordance with Article 218(3) of the European Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and concluded on behalf of the European Union by the European Council, acting by a qualified majority, after obtaining the consent of the European Parliament. Under Article 50(3) of the Treaty, the EU Treaties shall cease to apply to United Kingdom from the date of entry into force of the withdrawal agreement or, failing that, two years after the notification referred to in Article 50(2), unless the European Council, in agreement with the Member State concerned, unanimously decides to extend this period. Absent such extension, and subject to the terms of any withdrawal agreement, the United Kingdom shall withdraw from the European Union no later than 29 March 2019.

Brexit could cause an increase in volatility in financial markets, a worsening in the terms of financing, especially in the so-called "peripheral" countries, including Italy, and consequently a possible economic slowdown. In addition, the Brexit may significantly influence other Member States to exit the European Union and the Monetary Union with further negative consequences for the above mentioned events. Moreover, it cannot be excluded that in the Member States, including Italy, there may be further increases in political and institutional instability, with a consequent rise in interest rates for sovereign debt. All of this could cause an increase in the cost of the debt of the Issuer with the consequential negative effects on its operations, results and economic and financial position.

# The guarantee of Mediobanca in favour of Mediobanca International is capped

Pursuant to the Deed of Guarantee, to the extent under the applicable law in force at the relevant time, a cap to the maximum amount to be guaranteed is required, Mediobanca shall only be liable up to an amount which is the aggregate of 110 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of any Tranche of the Senior Preferred Notes and 110 per cent. of the interest on such Senior Preferred Notes accrued but not paid as at any date on which Mediobanca's liability falls to be determined.

# The Issuers' operations are dependent on the correct functioning of our IT systems, which exposes the Issuers to risk

The Issuers' operations depend on, among other things, the correct and adequate operation of the Issuers' IT systems, as well as their continuous maintenance and constant updating.

The Issuers have always invested significant resources in upgrading their relevant IT systems and improving their defense and monitoring systems. However, possible risks remain with regard to the reliability of the system (disaster recovery), the quality and integrity of the data managed and the threats to which IT systems are subject, as well as physiological risks related to the management of software changes (change management), which could have negative effects on the Issuers' business, results of operations or financial condition.

Among the risks that the Issuers face relating to the management of IT systems are the possible violations of their systems due to unauthorized access to the Issuers' corporate network, or IT resources, the introduction of viruses into computers or any other form of abuse committed via the internet. Like attempted hacking, such violations have become more frequent over the years throughout the world and therefore can threaten the protection of information relating to the Issuers and their customers and can have negative effects on the integrity of the Issuers' IT systems, as well as on the confidence of their customers and on the Issuers reputation, with possible negative effects on the Issuers' business, results of operations or financial condition.

In addition, the Issuers' substantial investment in resources in software development creates the risk that when one or more of the above-mentioned circumstances occurs, the Issuers' may suffer financial losses or impacts on the Issuers' operations if the software is destroyed or seriously damaged, or will incur repair costs for the violated IT systems. The Issuers' may also be subject to regulatory sanctions.

# 2. Risks relating to the Notes

Factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme.

# The Notes may not be a suitable investment for all investors

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

- (i) proceed with investment only after fully appreciating the risks inherent in the nature of the Notes;
- (ii) have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Notes, the merits and risks of investing in the Notes and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus or any applicable supplement;
- (iii) evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Notes and the impact the Notes will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (iv) understand thoroughly the terms of the Notes and be familiar with the behavior of any relevant indices and financial markets:
- (v) consider all of the risks of an investment in the Notes, including Notes with payments thereunder payable in one or more currencies, or where the currency for payments thereunder is different from the potential investor's currency;
- (vi) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Notes: and
- (vii) 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.

In addition, an investment in Senior Non Preferred Notes may entail significant risks not associated with investments in conventional securities such as debt or equity securities, including, but not limited to, the risks set out in "Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Notes" set out below.

The Notes are complex financial instruments. Sophisticated institutional investors generally do not purchase complex financial instruments as stand-alone investments.

They purchase complex financial instruments as a way to reduce risk or enhance yield with an understood, measured, appropriate addition of risk to their overall portfolios.

A potential investor should not invest in Notes which are complex financial instruments unless it has the expertise (either alone or with a financial adviser) to evaluate how the Notes will perform under changing conditions, the resulting effects on the value of the Notes and the impact this investment will have on the potential investor's overall investment portfolio.

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

Pursuant to certain provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, commonly known as FATCA, a "foreign financial institution" may be required to withhold on certain payments it makes ("foreign passthru payments") to persons that fail to meet certain certification, reporting, or related requirements. The Issuer is a foreign financial institution for these purposes.

A number of jurisdictions, including Ireland, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Republic of Italy, have entered into, or have agreed in substance to, intergovernmental agreements with the United States to implement FATCA ("IGAs"), which modify the way in which FATCA applies in their jurisdictions. Under the provisions of IGAs as currently in effect, a foreign financial institution in an IGA jurisdiction would generally not be required to withhold under FATCA or an IGA from payments that it makes. Certain aspects of the application of the FATCA provisions and IGAs to instruments such as the Notes, including whether withholding would ever be required pursuant to FATCA or an IGA with respect to payments on instruments such as the Notes, are uncertain and may be subject to change. Even if withholding would be required pursuant to FATCA or an IGA with respect to payments on instruments such as the Notes, such withholding would not apply prior to 1 January 2019 and Notes characterised as debt (or which are not otherwise characterised as equity and have a fixed term) for U.S. federal tax purposes that are issued on or prior to the date that is six months after the date on which final regulations

defining "foreign passthru payments" are filed with the U.S. Federal Register generally would be "grandfathered" for purposes of FATCA withholding unless materially modified after such date. However, if additional notes (as described under "Terms and Conditions of the Notes—Further Issues") that are not distinguishable from previously issued Notes are issued after the expiration of the grandfathering period and are subject to withholding under FATCA, then withholding agents may treat all Notes, including the Notes offered prior to the expiration of the grandfathering period, as subject to withholding under FATCA. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding how these rules may apply to their investment in the Notes. In the event any withholding would be required pursuant to FATCA or an IGA with respect to payments on the Notes, no person will be required to pay additional amounts as a result of the withholding.

#### Risks related to the structure of a particular Issue of Notes

A wide range of Notes may be issued under the Programme. A number of these Notes may have features which contain particular risks for potential investors. This section contains risk factors which are material to the Notes being offered and/or admitted to trading.

Notes subject to optional redemption by the Issuer

An optional redemption feature of Notes is likely to limit their market value. During any period when the Issuer may elect to redeem Notes or may be perceived to be able to redeem the Notes, the market value of those Notes generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This also may be true prior to any redemption period. The Issuer may redeem Notes when its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the Notes.

At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in the light of other investments available at that time. In addition, if the relevant Issuer has the right to redeem any Notes at its option, the exercise of such right is subject to the previsions set forth in Conditions 4(I) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Senior Notes) of the Senior Notes Conditions and 4(j) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Subordinated Notes) of the Subordinated Notes Conditions (as the case may be) and, in any case, the relevant redemption amount of the Notes to be redeemed may be lower than the amount corresponding to the then current market value of such Notes as of the relevant redemption date.

#### Redemption for taxation reasons

Unless in the case of any particular Tranche of Notes the relevant Final Terms specifies otherwise, in the event that the Issuer (i) 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, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by or on behalf of Grand Duchy of Luxembourg or Italy (as appropriate) or any political subdivision thereof or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax or (ii) would become subject to additional amount of taxes due to limitation to the deductibility of payments under any Notes), the Issuer may redeem all outstanding Notes in accordance with the Conditions .

At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in the light of other investments available at that time. In addition, if the relevant Issuer has the right to redeem any Notes at its option, the exercise of such right is subject to the previsions set forth in Conditions 4(1) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Senior Notes Conditions and 4(j) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Subordinated Notes) of the Subordinated Notes Conditions (as the case may be) and, in any case, the relevant redemption amount of the Notes to be redeemed may be lower than the amount corresponding to the then current market value of such Notes as of the relevant redemption date.

#### Regulatory Call

Subject to Conditions 4(l) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Senior Notes) of the Senior Notes Conditions and 4(j) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Subordinated Notes) of the Subordinated Notes Conditions (as the case may be), if Regulatory Call is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Senior Notes and the Subordinated Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer, in whole, but not in part, at any time (if the Subordinated Note is not a Floating Rate Note) or on any Interest Payment Date (if the Subordinated Note is a Floating Rate Note) (i) upon the occurrence of a MREL/TLAC Disqualification Event (as defined in Condition 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)) of the Senior Notes Conditions) with respect to the relevant Series of Senior Preferred Notes and/or Senior Non Preferred Notes and (ii) in case of Subordinated Notes, the Subordinated Notes cease to qualify (in whole or in part) as "Tier II Capital" on a consolidated or non consolidated basis, as a result of changes after the date of issue of the relevant Subordinated Notes in the standards and guidelines of the Bank of Italy or in the applicable legal or regulatory provisions (including legal or regulatory provisions adopted by the European Union).

At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Senior Notes or Subordinated Notes (as the case may be) being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in the light of other investments available at that time. In addition, if the relevant Issuer has the right to redeem any Notes at its option, the exercise of such right is subject to the previsions set forth in Conditions 4(1) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Senior Notes) of the Senior Notes Conditions and 4(j) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Subordinated Notes) of the Subordinated Notes Conditions (as the case may be) and, in any case, the relevant redemption amount of the Notes to be redeemed may be lower than the amount corresponding to the then current market value of such Notes as of the relevant redemption date.

#### Fixed/Floating Rate Notes

Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may bear interest at a rate that the Issuer may elect to convert, in accordance with the provisions of the Senior Notes Conditions and/or the Subordinated Notes Conditions (as the case may be), 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 the 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 then prevailing spreads on comparable Floating Rate Notes tied to the same reference rate. In addition, the new floating rate at any time may be lower than the rates on other Notes. If the Issuer converts from a floating rate to a fixed rate, the fixed rate may be lower than then prevailing rates on its Notes.

To the extent that Multiplier or Reference Rate Multiplier applies in respect of the determination of the Interest Rate for the Floating Rate Notes, investors should be aware that any fluctuation of the underlying floating rate will be amplified by such multiplier. Where the Multiplier or Reference Rate Multiplier is less than 1, this may adversely affect the return on the Floating Rate Notes.

### Maximum/Minimum Interest Rate

Potential investors in the Senior Preferred Notes and the Subordinated Notes should also consider that where the underlying interest rate does not rise above the level of the Minimum Interest Rate, comparable investments in notes which pay interest based on a fixed rate which is higher than the Minimum Interest Rate are likely to be more attractive to potential investors than an investment in the Senior Preferred Notes and the Subordinated Notes. Under those conditions, investors in the Senior Preferred Notes and the Subordinated Notes might find it difficult to sell their Senior Preferred Notes and the Subordinated Notes on the secondary market (if any) or might only be able to realise the Senior Preferred Notes and the Subordinated Notes at a price which may be substantially lower than the nominal amount.

To the extent a Maximum Interest Rate applies, investors should be aware that the Interest Rate is capped at such Maximum Interest Rate level. Consequently, investors in the Senior Preferred Notes and the

Subordinated Notes may not participate in any increase of market interest rates, which may also negatively affect the market value of the Senior Preferred Notes and the Subordinated Notes.

#### The interest rate on Reset Notes

If the Senior Preferred Notes and the Subordinated Notes are issued as Reset Notes, then such Reset Notes will initially bear interest at the Initial Rate of Interest from and including the Interest Commencement Date up to but excluding the First Reset Date. On the First Reset Date, the Second Reset Date (if applicable) and each Subsequent Reset Date (if any) thereafter, the interest rate will be reset to the sum of the applicable Mid-Swap Rate and the First Margin or Subsequent Margin (as applicable) as determined by the Calculation Agent on the relevant Reset Determination Date (each such interest rate, a "Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest"). The Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest for any Reset Period could be less than the Initial Rate of Interest or the Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest for prior Reset Periods and could affect the market value of an investment in the Reset Notes.

#### Notes issued at a substantial discount or premium

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

Senior Notes as eligible for the purposes of the MREL/TLAC Requirements is subject to uncertainty

The Senior Notes are intended to be eligible liabilities available to meet the MREL/TLAC Requirements (as defined in Condition 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)) of the Senior Notes Conditions). However, there is uncertainty regarding the final substance of the applicable MREL/TLAC Requirements, and the Issuer cannot provide any assurance that the Senior Notes will be or remain eligible for the purposes of the MREL/TLAC Requirements. The European laws and regulations implementing the TLAC concept may turn out to be more restrictive than the provisions set forth in the Final TLAC Standard, and some of the provisions in the Final TLAC Standard require further definition or interpretation. In addition, any changes to MREL under the European Commission's combined legislative proposal may be more restrictive than the European Commission's initial proposals or current regulations. The requirements for an instrument to be TLAC-eligible and MREL-eligible may not ultimately converge or be consistent under the final European laws and regulations. Because of the uncertainty surrounding the substance of the final regulations implementing the TLAC requirements and any potential changes to the regulations giving effect to MREL, the Issuer cannot provide any assurance that the Senior Notes will ultimately be eligible for the purposes of the MREL/TLAC Requirements. If they are not eligible for the purposes of the MREL/TLAC Requirements (or if they initially are compliant with the MREL/TLAC Requirements and subsequently become ineligible due to a change in the relevant final regulations implementing the MREL/TLAC requirements), then an MREL/TLAC Disqualification Event will occur, with the consequences indicated in the risk factor above and in Condition 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)) of the Senior Notes Conditions.

# Variation of the terms and conditions of the Senior Notes

In relation to any series of Senior Notes, if Modification following a MREL/TLAC Disqualification Event is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may upon the occurrence of a MREL/TLAC Disqualification Event modify the terms and conditions of such Senior Notes without any requirement for the consent or approval of the Noteholders to the extent that such modification is reasonably necessary to ensure that no MREL/TLAC Disqualification Event would exist after such modification, **provided that** the relevant conditions set forth in Condition 9(d) (Modification following a MREL/TLAC Disqualification Event) of the Senior Notes Conditions are satisfied. For details, see Condition 9(d) (Modification following a MREL/TLAC Disqualification Event) of the Senior Notes Conditions.

Investors should be aware that, where the terms and conditions of such Senior Notes are varied, Noteholders may, as a result, among other things, be assessed as a class rather than individually, and any tax consequences may be borne by the Noteholder.

Italian laws and regulations applicable to the Senior Non Preferred Notes was recently enacted

On 1 January 2018, the Italian law No. 205 of 27 December 2017 (so-called "Legge di Bilancio 2018") came into force introducing certain amendments to the Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993 (the "Italian Banking Act"), including the possibility for banks and companies belonging to banking groups to issue senior non-preferred securities (the so-called "strumenti di debito chirografario di secondo livello").

In particular, the so-called "Legge di Bilancio 2018" introduced, *inter alia*, a new provision in the Italian Banking Act (*i.e.*, Article 12-bis (*Strumenti di debito chirografario di secondo livello*)) providing that securities (*obbligazioni* and *altri titoli di debito*) with a senior non-preferred ranking issued by banks and companies belonging to banking groups shall comply with the following requirements:

- (i) the original maturity period is at least equal to twelve months;
- (ii) are not derivative securities (*strumenti finanziari derivanti*) (as defined in Article 1, paragraph 3 of the Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as amended (the "Financial Services Act")), are not linked to derivative securities, nor include any caratheristics of such derivative securities;
- (iii) the minimum denomination is at least equal to Euro 250,000;
- (iv) may be offered only to qualified investors (*investitori qualificati*), as referred to in Article 100, letter a), of the Financial Services Act as implemented by Article 34-*ter*, first paragraph, letter b) of Regulation No. 11971/1999 and Article 26, paragraph 1(d) of CONSOB Regulation No. 16190 of 29 October 2007;
- (v) the prospectus and the agreements regulating the issuance of senior non-preferred securities expressly provide that payment of interests and reimbursement of principal due in respect thereof are subject to the provisions set forth in of Article 91, paragraph 1-bis, letter c-bis of the Italian Banking Act.

According to Article 91, paragraph 1-bis, letter c-bis of the Italian Banking Act, in case an issuer of senior non-preferred securities is subject to compulsory liquidation (liquidazione coatta amministrativa), the relevant payment obligations in respect thereof will rank in right of payment (A) after unsubordinated creditors (including depositors), (B) at least pari passu with all other present and future unsubordinated and non preferred obligations obligations which do not rank or are not expressed by their terms to rank junior or senior to such senior non-preferred securities and (C) in priority to any present or future claims ranking junior to such senior non-preferred securities and the claims of the shareholders.

Furthermore, Article 12-bis of the Italian Banking Act also provides that:

- (A) the provisions set forth in Article 91, paragraph 1-bis, letter c-bis of the Italian Banking Act shall apply to such senior non-preferred securities only to the extent that the requirements described in paragraphs (i), (ii) and (v) above have been complied with; any contractual provision which does not comply with any of the above requirements is invalid but such invalidity does not imply the invalidity of the entire agreement;
- (B) the senior non-preferred securities, once issued, may not be amended in a manner that the requirements described in paragraphs (i), (ii) and (v) above are not complied with and that any different contractual provision is null and void; and
- (C) the Bank of Italy may enact further regulation provding for additional requirements in respect of the issuance and the characteristics of senior non-preferred securities.

Any prospective investor in the Senior Non Preferred Notes should be aware that the provisions of Articles 12-bis and 91, paragraph 1-bis, letter c-bis of the Italian Banking Act was recently enacted and that, as at the date of this Prospectus, no interpretation of the application of such provisions has been issued by any Italian court or governmental or regulatory authority and no regulation has been issued by the Bank of Italy in respect thereof. Consequently, it is possible that any regulation or official interpretation relating to the above will be issued in the future by the Bank of Italy or any different authority, the impact of which cannot be predicted by the Issuer as at the date of this Prospectus.

The intention of Mediobanca is for Senior Non Preferred Notes to qualify on issue as "strumenti di debito chirografario di secondo livello" pursuant to and for the purposes of Articles 12-bis and 91, paragraph 1-bis, letter c-bis of the Italian Banking Act and any relevant implementing regulation which may be enacted for such purposes by any Relevant Authority and also qualify as eligible liabilities available to meet the MREL/TLAC Requirements. Current regulatory practice by the Bank of Italy (acting as lead regulator) does not require (or customarily provide) a confirmation prior to the issuance of the Senior Non Preferred Notes that the Senior Non Preferred Notes will comply with such provisions.

Although it is Mediobanca' expectation that the Senior Non Preferred Notes qualify as "strumenti di debito chirografario di secondo livello" pursuant to and for the purposes of Articles 12-bis and 91, paragraph 1-bis, letter c-bis of the Italian Banking Act and any relevant implementing regulation which may be enacted for such purposes by any Relevant Authority and also qualify as eligible liabilities available to meet the MREL/TLAC Requirements (as defined in Condition 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)) of the Senior Notes Conditions) there can be no representation that this is or will remain the case during the life of the Senior Non Preferred Notes. Upon the occurrence of a MREL/TLAC Disqualification Event (as defined in Condition 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)) of the Senior Notes Conditions), Mediobanca will have the right to redeem the Senior Non Preferred Notes in accordance with Condition 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)) of the Senior Notes Conditions. Any redemption of Senior Non Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca is subject to the provisions of Condition 4(l) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Senior Notes) of the Senior Notes Conditions.

At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Senior Non Preferred Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in the light of other investments available at that time. In addition, if the relevant Issuer has the right to redeem any Senior Non Preferred Notes at its option, the exercise of such right is subject to the previsions set forth in Condition 4(I) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Senior Notes) of the Senior Notes Conditions and, in any case, the relevant redemption amount of the Senior Non Preferred Notes to be redeemed may be lower than the amount corresponding to the then current market value of such Senior Non Preferred Notes as of the relevant redemption date.

The Senior Non Preferred Notes are complex instruments that may not be suitable for certain investors

Senior Non Preferred Notes are novel and complex financial instruments and may not be a suitable investment for certain investors. Each potential investor in the Senior Non Preferred Notes should determine the suitability of such investment in light of its own circumstances and have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear the risks of an investment in the Senior Non Preferred Notes, including the possibility that the entire principal amount of the Senior Non Preferred Notes could be lost. A potential investor should not invest in the Senior Non Preferred Notes unless it has the knowledge and expertise (either alone or with a financial advisor) to evaluate how the Senior Non Preferred Notes will perform under changing conditions, the resulting effects on the market value of the Senior Non Preferred Notes, and the impact of this investment on the potential investor's overall investment portfolio.

Senior Non Preferred Notes are new types of instruments for which there is no trading history

Prior to the adoption of the so-called "Legge di Bilancio 2018" and its entry into force, Italian issuers were not able to issue senior non-preferred securities. Accordingly, there is no trading history for securities with this ranking. Market participants, including credit rating agencies, are in the initial stages of evaluating the risks associated with senior non-preferred obligations. The credit ratings assigned to senior non-preferred securities such as the Senior Non Preferred Notes may change as the rating agencies refine their approaches, and the value of such securities may be particularly volatile as the market becomes more familiar with them. It is possible that, over time, the credit ratings and value of senior non-preferred securities such as the Senior Non Preferred Notes will be lower than those expected by investors at the time of issuance of the Senior Non Preferred Notes. If so, investors may incur losses in respect of their investments in the Senior Non Preferred Notes.

The Senior Non Preferred Notes are senior non-preferred obligations and are junior to certain obligations

In order to be eligible to satisfy the provisions of Articles 12-bis and 91, paragraph 1-bis, letter c-bis of the Italian Banking Act and any relevant implementing regulation which may be enacted for such purposes by any Relevant Authority and also qualify as eligible liabilities available to meet the MREL/TLAC Requirements (as defined in Condition 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)) of the Senior Notes Conditions), Senior Non Preferred Notes will be subordinated to existing senior debt and Senior Preferred Notes in the event that Mediobanca is subject to compulsory liquidation (liquidazione coatta amministrativa). As a result, the default risk on the Senior Non Preferred Notes will be higher than the risk associated with preferred senior debt (such as Senior Preferred Notes) and other senior liabilities (such as wholesale deposits).

The Mediobanca's obligations in respect of the Senior Non Preferred Notes constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of Mediobanca and will rank at all times pari passu without any preference among themselves are more fully described in Condition 2(c) (Status of the Senior Non Preferred Notes) of the Senior Notes Conditions. In the event of a winding up, dissolution, liquidation or bankruptcy (including, inter alia, Liquidazione Coatta Amministrativa) of Mediobanca, the payment obligations of Mediobanca under each Series of Senior Non Preferred Notes, and the relative Coupons as the case may be, will rank in right of payment (A) after unsubordinated creditors (including depositors and any holder of Senior Preferred Notes and their respective Coupons) of Mediobanca but (B) at least pari passu with all other present and future unsubordinated and non preferred obligations obligations of Mediobanca which do not rank or are not expressed by their terms to rank junior or senior to such Series of Senior Non Preferred Notes and (C) in priority to any present or future claims ranking junior to such Series of Senior Non Preferred Notes (including any holder of Subordinated Notes) and the claims of shareholders of Mediobanca, in all such cases in accordance with the provisions of Article 91, paragraph 1-bis, letter c-bis of the Italian Banking Act and any relevant implementing regulation which may be enacted for such purposes by any Relevant Authority.

Although Senior Non Preferred Notes may pay a higher rate of interest than comparable Senior Preferred Notes which are not issued on a senior non preferred basis, there is a greater risk that an investor in Senior Non Preferred Notes will lose all or some of its investment should Mediobanca become subject to compulsory liquidation (*liquidazione coatta amministrativa*). Thus, such holders of Senior Preferred Notes face an increased performance risk compared to holders of Senior Preferred Obligations.

If a judgment is rendered by any competent court declaring the judicial liquidation of Mediobanca, or if Mediobanca is liquidated for any other reason, the rights of payment of the holders of Senior Non Preferred Notes will be subordinated to the payment in full of the senior preferred creditors of Mediobanca and any other creditors that are senior to the Notes. In the event of incomplete payment of senior preferred creditors and other creditors ranking ahead of the claims of the holders of Senior Non Preferred Notes, the obligations of the Issuer in connection with the principal of the Senior Non Preferred Notes will be terminated. The Noteholders shall be responsible for taking all steps necessary for the orderly accomplishment of any collective proceedings or voluntary liquidation in relation to any claims they may have against the Issuer.

Credit rating which may be assigned to the Senior Non Preferred Notes

The Senior Non Preferred Notes, upon issue, may be rated by one or more credit rating agencies. Such credit rating may be lower than the Mediobanca's credit rating, since reflect the increased risk of loss in the event of the Mediobanca's insolvency. As a result, Senior Non Preferred Notes are likely to be rated by one or more credit rating agencies close to the level of subordinated debt and as such may be subject to a higher risk of price volatility than the Senior Preferred Notes.

In addition, the rating may change in the future depending on the assessment, by one or more credit rating agencies, of the impact on the different instrument classes resulting from the modified liability structure following the issuance of the Senior Non Preferred Notes.

Moreover, rating organisations may seek to rate any Senior Non Preferred Notes on an "unsolicited" basis and, if such "unsolicited ratings" are lower than the comparable ratings assigned to such Senior Non Preferred Notes on a "solicited" basis, such shadow or unsolicited ratings could have an adverse

effect on the value of any Senior Non Preferred Notes.

#### Subordinated Notes

If Mediobanca is declared insolvent and a winding up is initiated, it will be required to pay the holders of senior debt (including the holders of the Senior Preferred Notes and the Senior Non Preferred Notes) and meet its obligations to all its other creditors (including unsecured creditors) in full before it can make any payments on the Subordinated Notes. If this occurs, Mediobanca may not have enough assets remaining after these payments to pay amounts due under the Subordinated Notes.

For a full description of the provisions relating to Subordinated Notes, see Condition 2 (*Status and Special Provisions*) of the Subordinated Notes Conditions.

In addition the Subordinated Notes expose investors to higher risks compared with certain other investments such as government bonds. Investors should therefore be aware that a comparison between the yield offered by the Subordinated Notes and those offered by other securities may not be meaningful or appropriate.

# Regulatory classification of the Subordinated Notes

The intention of Mediobanca is for Subordinated Notes to qualify on issue as "Tier II Capital". Current regulatory practice by the Bank of Italy (acting as lead regulator) does not require (or customarily provide) a confirmation prior to the issuance of Subordinated Notes that the Subordinated Notes will be treated as such.

Although it is Mediobanca's expectation that the Subordinated Notes qualify as "Tier II Capital" there can be no representation that this is or will remain the case during the life of the Subordinated Notes or that the Subordinated Notes will be grandfathered under the implementation of future EU capital requirement regulations. If the Subordinated Notes are not grandfathered, or for any other reason cease to qualify (in whole or in part) as "Tier II Capital", Mediobanca will have the right to redeem the Subordinated Notes in accordance with Condition 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)) of the Subordinated Notes Conditions. Any redemption of Subordinated Notes issued by Mediobanca is subject to the prior approval of the Bank of Italy.

At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Subordinated Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in the light of other investments available at that time. In addition, if the relevant Issuer has the right to redeem any Notes at its option, the exercise of such right is subject to the previsions set forth in Condition 4(j) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Subordinated Notes) of the Subordinated Notes Conditions and, in any case, the relevant redemption amount of the Subordinated Notes to be redeemed may be lower than the amount corresponding to the then current market value of such Subordinated Notes as of the relevant redemption date.

#### Notes may be subject to loss absorption

Investors should note that, in certain circumstances, Senior Notes may be the object of resolution tools. Investors should also be aware that, in addition to the general bail-in-tool, the BRRD contemplates that Subordinated Notes may be subject to a write-down or conversion into common shares at the point of non-viability should the Bank of Italy, the Central Bank of Ireland or other authority or authorities having prudential oversight of Mediobanca at the relevant time be given the power to do so. The BRRD is intended to enable a range of actions to be taken in relation to credit institutions and investment firms considered to be at risk of failing.

Moreover, in the context of these resolution tools, the resolution authorities have the power to amend or alter the maturity of certain debt instruments (such as the Senior Notes and Subordinated Notes) issued by an institution under resolution or amend the amount of interest payable under such instruments, or the date on which the interest becomes payable, including by suspending payment for a temporary period. As a result, the implementation of the directive or the taking of any action under it, as well as any perceived increase likelihood of application of such powers, could materially affect the value of any Notes.

#### Variation of the terms and conditions of Subordinated Notes

In relation to any series of Subordinated Notes, if Modification following a Regulatory Event or a Tax Event is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may upon the occurrence of a Regulatory Event or a Tax Event modify the terms and conditions of such Subordinated Notes without any requirement for the consent or approval of the Noteholders to the extent that such modification is reasonably necessary to ensure that no Regulatory Event or Tax Event would exist after such modification, **provided that** the relevant conditions set forth in Condition 9(d) (Modification following a Regulatory Event or a Tax Event) of the Subordinated Notes Conditions 9(d) (Modification following a Regulatory Event or a Tax Event) of the Subordinated Notes Conditions.

Investors should be aware that, where the terms and conditions of such Subordinated Notes are varied, Noteholders may, as a result, among other things, be assessed as a class rather than individually, and any tax consequences may be borne by the Noteholder.

# No gross up on withholding tax

To the extent that the Issuer is required by law to withhold or deduct any present or future taxes of any kind imposed or levied by or on behalf of the Republic of Italy or the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (as appropriate), the Issuer may not be under an obligation to pay any additional amounts to Noteholders according to and subject to the provisions set forth in Condition 6(a) (*Gross Up*) of the Senior Notes Conditions and Condition 6(a) (*Gross Up*) of the Subordinated Notes Conditions.

# Waiver of set-off

If waiver of set-off rights is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, each holder of a Senior Preferred Note will unconditionally and irrevocably waive any right of set-off, counterclaim, abatement or other similar remedy which it might otherwise have under the laws of any jurisdiction in respect of such Senior Preferred Note. As specified in Conditions 2(c) (Status of the Senior Non Preferred Notes) of the Senior Notes Conditions and 2(d) (Waiver) of the Subordinated Notes Conditions, each holder of a Senior Non Preferred Note and of a Subordinated Note unconditionally and irrevocably waives any right of set-off, counterclaim, abatement or other similar remedy which it might otherwise have, under the laws of any jurisdiction, in respect of such Senior Non Preferred Note and Subordinated Note.

#### Risks related to Notes generally

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

#### Change of law

Unless otherwise provided in the Final Terms, the Terms and Conditions of the Notes are based on English law in effect as at the date of this Base Prospectus, **provided that** (A) with respect to the Senior Non Preferred Notes, Conditions 2(c) (Status of the Senior Non Preferred Notes), 4(b) (Maturities/Final Redemption), 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)) and 8(b) (Events of Default of the Senior Non Preferred Notes) of the Senior Notes Conditions, are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, Italian law and (B) with respect to the Subordinated Notes Conditions, Conditions 2 (Status and Special Provisions), 4(b) (Maturities/Final Redemption), 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)) and 8 (Events of Default), are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, Italian law. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to English law and/or Italian law, or administrative practice after the date of this Base Prospectus.

Call options are subject to the prior consent to the Relevant Authority

The Notes may also contain provisions allowing the relevant Issuer to call them upon the occurrence of certain events, including, *inter alia*, in case of MREL/TLAC Disqualification Event (in case of the Senior Preferred Notes and the Senior Non Preferred Notes) or after a period of, for example, twelve months (in case of the Senior Non Preferred Notes) and five years (in case of the Subordinated Notes). To exercise such a call option, the relevant Issuer must obtain the prior written consent of the Relevant Authority in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including article 77(b) and 78 of the CRD IV, and the provisions of Condition 4(l) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Senior Notes) of the Senior Notes Conditions and 4(j) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Subordinated Notes).

Holders of such Notes have no rights to call for the redemption of such Notes and should not invest in such Notes in the expectation that such a call, based upon its evaluation of the regulatory capital position of the relevant Issuer and certain other factors at the relevant time and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including Article 77(b) and 78 of the CRD IV.

There can be no assurance that the Relevant Authority will permit such a call. Holders of such Notes should be aware that they may be required to bear the financial risks of an investment in such Notes for a period of time in excess of the minimum period.

At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Senior Notes and/or the Subordinated Notes (as the case may be) being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in the light of other investments available at that time. In addition, if the relevant Issuer has the right to redeem any Notes at its option, the exercise of such right is subject to the previsions set forth in Conditions 4(1) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Senior Notes) of the Senior Notes Conditions and 4(j) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Subordinated Notes) of the Subordinated Notes Conditions (as the case may be) and, in any case, the relevant redemption amount of the Senior Notes and/or Subordinated Notes to be redeemed may be lower than the amount corresponding to the then current market value of such Senior Notes and/or Subordinated Notes as of the relevant redemption date.

There may be limited or no event of defaults under the Senior Preferred Notes

Pursuant to Condition 8(a) (Events of Default of the Senior Preferred Notes) of the Senior Notes Conditions, if the applicable Final Terms specifies that one or more of the Events of Default are not applicable to the Senior Preferred Notes of any Series, then such relevant Events of Default shall not apply to such Series of Senior Preferred Notes.

If no Events of Default are specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, Noteholders will not be able to accelerate the payment of principal in respect of the Senior Preferred Notes if the relevant Issuer fails to meet any obligations under such Senior Preferred Notes, including the payment of any interest. Upon a payment default, the sole remedy available to holders of such Senior Preferred Notes will be the institution of proceedings to enforce such payment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in any case a Noteholder may, upon written notice to the Fiscal Agent, cause such Senior Preferred Notes to become due and payable, together with accrued interest thereon, if any, as of the date on which said notice is received by the Fiscal Agent, upon the occurrence of the Event of Default listed in Condition 8(a), paragraph (vii) (Winding-up) of the Senior Notes Conditions.

If all or some of the Events of Default are specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, holders of such Senior Preferred Notes may give written notice to the Fiscal Agent at its specified office that such Senior Preferred Note is immediately repayable, whereupon the Early Redemption Amount of such Senior Preferred Note together with accrued interest to the date of payment shall become immediately due and payable.

# Procedures of clearing systems

Unless otherwise provided in the relevant Final Terms, Notes issued under the Programme may be represented by one or more Global Notes and such Global Notes will be deposited with a common

depositary or (where applicable) common safekeeper for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. Except in the circumstances described in the relevant Global Note, investors will not be entitled to receive definitive Notes. Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system provided in the Final Terms will maintain records of the beneficial interests in the Global Notes. While the Notes are represented by one or more Global Notes, investors will be able to trade their beneficial interests only through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system. While the Notes are represented by one or more Global Notes the Issuer will discharge its payment obligations under the Notes by making payments to the common depositary or common safekeeper for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system for distribution to their account holders. A holder of a beneficial interest in a Global Note must rely on the procedures of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other 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. Holders of beneficial interests in the Global 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 Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system to appoint appropriate proxies.

#### Modification

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

The Terms and Conditions of the Notes also provide that the Issuer and the Guarantor may, without the consent of Noteholders, correct (i) any manifest error in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes and/or in the Final Terms, (ii) any error of a formal, minor or technical nature in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes and/or in the Final Terms or (iii) any inconsistency in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes and/or in the Final Terms between the Terms and Conditions of the Notes and/or the Final Terms and any other documents prepared in connection with the issue and/or offer of a Series of Notes (provided such correction is not materially prejudicial to the holders of the relevant Series of Notes). Any such correction shall be binding on the holders of the relevant Notes and the Issuer and the Guarantor (if applicable) shall cause such correction to be notified to the holders of the Notes as soon as practicable thereafter pursuant to Condition 12 (*Notices*) of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes.

# Conflict of Interest

Investors should note that Notes issued under the Program may be underwritten by Dealers who receive in consideration underwriting commissions and selling concessions. The relevant Issuer may also offer and sell Notes directly to investors without the involvement of any Dealer. In addition, Mediobanca may act as market maker or specialist or perform other similar roles in connection with the Notes: potential conflicts of interest may exist between Mediobanca acting in such capacity on the one hand, and investors in the Notes on the other.

#### Calculation Agent

The Issuer may appoint a Dealer as Calculation Agent in respect of an issuance of Notes under the Programme. In such a case the Calculation Agent is likely to be a member of an international financial group that is involved, in the ordinary course of its business, in a wide range of banking activities out of which conflicting interests may arise. Whilst such a Calculation Agent will, where relevant, have information barriers and procedures in place to manage conflicts of interest, it may in its other banking activities from time to time be engaged in transactions involving an index or related derivatives which may affect amounts receivable by Noteholders during the term and on the maturity of the Notes or the market price, liquidity or value of the Notes and which could be deemed to be adverse to the interests of the Noteholders.

#### *Impossibility to know the amount of the Notes in circulation on the date of issue*

The Notes may be issued and withheld by the Issuer for the progressive sale on the market in accordance with investors' demand. In this context an investor who acquires the Notes does not know at the moment of purchase how much of the issued Notes effectively are publicly traded, with the consequence that the

amount in circulation could be meagre and may not guarantee successively adequate liquidity in the Notes.

# *Issue of subsequent tranche*

In the event the Issuer decides to issue further Notes having the same terms and conditions as an already existing Series of Notes (or in all respects except for the Issue Price, the Issue Date and/or the first payment of interest) and so that the further Notes shall be consolidated and form a single series with the original Notes, the greater nominal amount in circulation could lead to a greater offer of the relevant Notes in the secondary market with a consequent negative impact on the price of the relevant Series of the Notes

Future discontinuance of LIBOR may adversely affect the value of Floating Rate Notes which reference LIBOR

On 27 July 2017, the Chief Executive of the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority, which regulates LIBOR, announced that it does not intend to continue to persuade, or use its powers to compel, panel banks to submit rates for the calculation of LIBOR to the administrator of LIBOR after 2021 (the "FCA Announcement"). The FCA Announcement indicates that the continuation of LIBOR on the current basis is not guaranteed after 2021. It is not possible to predict whether, and to what extent, panel banks will continue to provide LIBOR submissions to the administrator of LIBOR going forwards.

Investors should be aware that, if LIBOR were discontinued or otherwise unavailable, the rate of interest on Floating Rate Notes which reference LIBOR will be determined for the relevant period by the fall-back provisions applicable to such Notes. Depending on the manner in which the LIBOR rate is to be determined, this may in certain circumstances (i) be reliant upon the provision by reference banks of offered quotations for the LIBOR rate which, depending on market circumstances, may not be available at the relevant time) or (ii) result in the effective application of a fixed rate based on the rate which applied in the previous period when LIBOR was available. There is also uncertainty as to the establishment of an alternative interest rate which would apply if LIBOR were discontinued and the adequacy of any such alternative rate. Amendments to the Conditions and/or relevant fall-back provisions may be required to reflect such discontinuance and there can be no assurance that any such amendments will fully or effectively mitigate all future relevant interest rate risks. Any of the foregoing could have an adverse effect on the value or liquidity of, and return on, any Floating Rate Notes which reference LIBOR.

Notes issued with a specific use of proceeds and Green Bonds

The net proceeds of the issue of each Tranche of Notes will be used for the general corporate purposes of the relevant Issuer. If, in respect of any particular issue, there is a particular identified use of the proceeds, this will be specified in the applicable Final Terms, including in case the net proceeds of the issue of each Tranche of Notes will be used for the purposes of projects with a positive impact in terms of environmental sustainability, in accordance with the broad categorisation of eligibility for green projects set out by ICMA (as defined below), which prior to the relevant Issue Date will be (i) approved by the relevant Issuer and in respect of which a reputed sustainability rating agency has prepared an opinion on the relevant Issuer's alignment with the Green Bond Principles, the likely environmental benefits of the eligible project categories, unless the relevant Issuer is seeking a Climate Bonds Initiative certified bond, which is appropriately verified by external reviewer, and (ii) made available on the relevant Issuer's website (https://mediobanca.com) in the investor relations section (the "Eligible Green Projects").

Prospective investors should have regard to the information set out in such Final Terms regarding use of proceeds and must determine for themselves the relevance of such information for the purpose of any investment in such Notes together with any other investigation such investor deems necessary.

In particular, each of the Issuer may choose to apply the proceeds from the issue of any Notes for Eligible Green Projects which have been defined in accordance with the broad categorisation of eligibility for green projects set out by the International Capital Market Association ("ICMA") green bond principles ("Green Bond Principles"). Only Tranches of Notes financing or refinancing Eligible Green Projects will be denominated "Green Bonds".

No assurance is given by the Issuer or the Dealers that the use of such proceeds for any Eligible Green Projects will satisfy, whether in whole or in part, any present or future investor expectations or requirements as regards any investment criteria or guidelines with which such investor or its investments are required to comply whether by any present or future applicable law or regulations or by its own bylaws or other governing rules or investment portfolio mandates, in particular with regard to any direct or indirect environmental sustainability or social impact of any projects or uses the subject of or related to, any Eligible Green Projects.

There can be no assurance that the relevant project(s) or use(s) (including those the subject of, or related to, any Eligible Green Projects) will be capable of being implemented in or substantially in the manner described in the Final Terms and/or accordance with any timing schedule and that accordingly such proceeds will be totally or partially disbursed for such project(s) or use(s). Nor can there be any assurance that any such projects will be completed within any specified period or at all or with the results or outcome (whether or not related to the environment) as originally expected or anticipated by the Issuer. Any such event or failure by the relevant Issuer will not constitute an Event of Default under the Notes.

Furthermore, it should be noted that there is currently no clearly defined definition (legal, regulatory or otherwise) of, nor market consensus as to what constitutes, a green or sustainable or an equivalently labelled project or as to what precise attributes are required for a particular project to be defined as green or sustainable or such other equivalent label, nor can any assurance be given that such a clear definition or consensus will develop over time. Accordingly, no assurance is or can be given to investors that any project(s) or use(s) the subject of or related to any Eligible Green Projects will meet any or all investor expectations regarding such green, sustainable or other equivalently-labelled performance objectives or that any adverse environmental, social and/or other impacts will not occur during the implementation of any project(s) or use(s) the subject of, or related to, any Eligible Green Projects.

No assurance or representation is given as to the suitability or reliability for any purpose whatsoever of any opinion or certification of any third party (whether or not solicited by the Issuer) which may be made available in connection with the issue of any Notes and in particular with any Eligible Green Projects to fulfil any environmental, sustainability, social and/or other criteria. For the avoidance of doubt, any such opinion or certification (i) is not, nor shall be deemed to be, incorporated in and/or formpart of this Base Prospectus, (ii) is not, nor should be deemed to be, a recommendation by the Issuer, the Dealers or any other person to buy, sell or hold any such Notes and (iii) would only be current as of the date that it was initially issued. Prospective investors must determine for themselves the relevance of any such opinion or certification and/or the information contained therein and/or the provider of such opinion or certification for the purpose of any investment in such Notes. Currently, the providers of such opinions and certifications are not subject to any specific regulatory or other regime or oversight.

In the event that any Notes are listed or admitted to trading on any dedicated green, environmental, sustainable or other equivalently-labelled segment of any stock exchange or securities market, no representation or assurance is given by the Issuer, the Dealers or any other person that such listing or admission satisfies, whether in whole or in part, any present or future investor expectations or requirements as regards any investment criteria or guidelines with which such investor or its investments are required to comply, for example with regard to any direct or indirect environmental, sustainability or social impact of any projects or uses, the subject of or related to, any Eligible Green Projects. Additionally, it should be noted that the criteria for any such listings or admission to trading may vary from one stock exchange or securities market to another. Nor is any representation or assurance given or made by the Issuer, the Dealers or any other person that any such listing or admission to trading will be obtained in respect of any such Notes or, if obtained, that any such listing or admission to trading will be maintained during the life of the Notes.

Any such event or failure to apply the proceeds of any issue of Notes for any project(s) or use(s), including any Eligible Green Projects, and/or the withdrawal of any opinion or certification as described above or any such opinion or certification attesting that the Issuer is not complying in whole or in part with any matters for which such opinion or certification is opining or certifying on, and/or any such Notes no longer being listed or admitted to trading on any stock exchange or securities market as aforesaid may have a material adverse effect on the value of such Notes and also potentially the value of any other Notes which are intended by the Issuer to finance Eligible Green Projects and/or result in adverse consequences for certain investors with portfolio mandates to invest in securities to be used for a particular purpose.

As at the date of this Base Prospectus, the Issuer has not published a framework relating to an investment in Eligible Green Projects although the Issuer intends to publish such framework prior to the issuance of any Notes which specify that the relevant proceeds will be used for Eligible Green Projects.

# Risks related to the market generally

Set out below is a brief description of the principal market risks, including liquidity risk, exchange rate risk, interest rate risk and credit risk that may be relevant in connection with an investment in Notes:

### The secondary market generally

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

The Issuer has no obligation to purchase the Notes from the Noteholders. However, should the Issuer decide to purchase the Notes, the secondary market pricing that the Issuer may provide on the Notes may reflect the unwinding cost of the hedging portfolio (if any) and/or the loss of profit (*lucro cessante*) related to such hedging portfolio.

#### Specific Buy Back Provisions

If Specific Buy Back Provisions are specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, investors should be aware that Mediobanca and/or Mediobanca International have issued the Notes also for the purpose of entering into, from time to time, certain Underlying Transactions. In this respect, the value of the Notes shall reflect and shall be calculated on the basis of the Market Value of such Underlying Transactions. The composition of the Underlying Transaction will be made available to the investors in accordance with the method of publication indicated in the relevant Final Terms.

The Underlying Transactions will be selected from time to time by Mediobanca and/or Mediobanca International in their reasonable discretion with maturities and notional that can be larger, respectively, than the Maturity Date and Notional Amount of the relevant Notes, and the relevant composition is subject to change during the life of the Notes. Any changes in the composition of the Underlying Transaction could adversely affect the Market Value of the Underlying Transactions and, therefore, the value of the Notes.

The Market Value of the Underlying Transactions, as determined by Mediobanca and/or Mediobanca International, acting in its capacity as Calculation Agent, in a fair and commercially reasonable manner and with reference to the market, could adversely affect the repurchase price, if any, of the Notes. Therefore in the event that an investor requests the Issuer to repurchase the Notes hold by it prior to their maturity, and the Issuer accepts such repurchase, the price of the Notes (Buy Back Price) will be determined taking into consideration the Market Value of such Underlying Transactions. In particular, investors should note that the Market Value of the Underlying Transactions could adversely and materially affect the Buy Back Price payable to the relevant investor, particularly where the Underlying Transactions have maturities and/or notional amounts longer and/or higher, respectively, than the Maturity Date and principal amount of the relevant Notes.

The Specific Buy Back Provisions shall not affect the right of the investors to receive timely payments of principal and interest on the Notes. As consideration of the Issuer entering into the Underlying Transactions in relation to the Notes, the Issuer will pay an Extra Yield on the Notes.

The Specific Buy Back Provisions may apply only to Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca and/or Mediobanca International and where Mediobanca and/or Mediobanca International are specified as Dealers.

# Exchange rate risks and exchange controls

The Issuer will pay principal and interest, if any, on the Notes in the Relevant 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 Relevant Currency. These include the risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the Relevant Currency or revaluation of the Investor's Currency or due to the official redenomination of the Relevant Currency, and/or Investor's Currency) and the risk that authorities with jurisdiction over Relevant Currency, and/or the Investor's Currency may impose or modify exchange controls. An appreciation in the value of the Investor's Currency relative to the Relevant Currency would decrease (i) the Investor's Currency-equivalent yield on the Notes, (ii) the Investor's Currency equivalent value of the principal payable on the Notes, and (iii) 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, principal or other amount than expected, or no interest or principal or other amount.

#### Interest rate risks

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

#### Credit ratings may not reflect all risks

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

# Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments

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. Each prospective investor 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.

# Impact of implicit fees on the Issue/Offer Price

Investors should note that implicit fees (e.g. placement fees, direction fees, structuring fees) may be a component of the Issue/Offer Price of Notes, but such fees will not be taken into account for the purposes of determining the price of the relevant Notes in the secondary market.

The Issuer will specify in the relevant Final Terms the type and amount of any implicit fees which are applicable from time to time.

Investors should also take into consideration that if Notes are sold on the secondary market immediately following the offer period relating to such Notes, the implicit fees included in the Issue/Offer Price on initial subscription for such Notes will be deducted from the price at which such Notes may be sold in the secondary market.

# Certain considerations associated with public offers of Notes

If Notes are distributed by means of a public offer, under certain circumstances indicated in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer and/or other entities specified in the Final Terms may have the right to withdraw the offer, which in such circumstances will be deemed to be null and void according to the terms indicated in the relevant Final Terms.

In such case, investors who have already paid or delivered subscription monies for the relevant Notes will be entitled to reimbursement of such amounts, but will not receive any remuneration that may have

accrued in the period between their payment or delivery of subscription monies and the reimbursement of the Notes.

# Possible Illiquidity of the Notes in the Secondary Market

It is not possible to predict the price at which Notes will trade in the secondary market or whether such market will be liquid or illiquid. The Issuer may, but is not obliged to, list or admit to trading Notes on a stock exchange or market. If the Notes are not listed or admitted to trading on any exchange or market, pricing information for the Notes may be more difficult to obtain and the liquidity of the Notes may be adversely affected. If the Issuer does list or admit to trading an issue of Notes, there can be no assurance that at a later date, the Notes will not be delisted or that trading on such exchange or market will not be suspended. In the event of a delisting or suspension of listing or trading on a stock exchange or market, the Issuer will use its reasonable efforts to list or admit to trading the Notes on another exchange or market.

The Issuer, or any of its Affiliates may, but is not obliged to, at any time purchase Notes at any price in the open market or by tender or private agreement. Any Notes so purchased may be held or resold or surrendered for cancellation. The Issuer or any of its Affiliates may, but is not obliged to, be a market-maker for an issue of Notes. Even if the Issuer or such other entity is a market-maker for an issue of Notes, the secondary market for such Notes may be limited.

Investors should note that if an entity is appointed as market-maker or liquidity provider with respect to the Notes in the secondary market, this may, in certain circumstances, affect the price of the Notes in the secondary market.

In addition, all or part of the Notes issued under this Programme may be subscribed upon issuance by the Issuer itself or by its Affiliate(s) for resales thereafter on the basis of investors' demand. Accordingly, investors subscribing for Notes upon their issuance should be aware that there may not be a viable secondary market for the relevant Notes immediately. Even if a market does develop subsequently, it may not be very liquid.

# Listing of Notes

In respect of Notes which are (in accordance with the applicable Final Terms) to be listed on a stock exchange, market or quotation system, the Issuer shall use all reasonable endeavours to maintain such listing, **provided that** if it becomes impracticable or unduly burdensome or unduly onerous to maintain such listing, then the Issuer may apply to de-list the relevant Notes, although in this case it will use all reasonable endeavours to obtain and maintain (as soon as reasonably practicable after the relevant de-listing) an alternative admission to listing, trading and/or quotation by a stock exchange, market or quotation systemwithin or outside the European Union, as it may decide.

If such an alternative admission is not available or is, in the opinion of the Issuer, impracticable or unduly burdensome, an alternative admission will not be obtained.

# GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE EURO 40,000,000,000 EURO MEDIUM TERM NOTE PROGRAMME

The following is a general description of the Programme for the purposes of Article 22.5(3) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 809/2004, as amended, implementing the Prospectus Directive. The following overview does not purport to be complete and is qualified by the remainder of this Document and, in relation to the terms and conditions of any particular Series (as defined below in "Terms and Conditions of the Senior Notes" and in "Terms and Conditions of the Subordinated Notes") of Senior Notes or Subordinated Notes, the applicable Final Terms. Subject as provided in "Terms and Conditions of the Senior Notes" or in "Terms and Conditions of the Subordinated Notes", as the case may be, any of the following (including, without limitation, the type of Notes which may be issued pursuant to the Programme) may be varied or supplemented as agreed between the Issuer, the relevant Dealer(s) and the Fiscal Agent (if applicable). Words and expressions defined in "Forms of the Notes", "Terms and Conditions of the Senior Notes" and "Terms and Conditions of the Subordinated Notes" shall have the same meaning in this overview:

Issuers:

Finanziario S.p.A.:

Mediobanca - Banca di Credito

Mediobanca – Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. and Mediobanca International (Luxembourg) S.A.

Mediobanca was established in 1946 as a medium-term credit granting institution in Italy. In 1956 Mediobanca's shares were admitted to the Italian Stock Exchange and since then its business has expanded both nationally and internationally.

Mediobanca is registered at the Companies' Registry of the Chamber of Commerce of Milan, Italy under registration number 00714490158. Mediobanca's registered office is at Piazzetta E. Cuccia 1, 20121 Milan, Italy, telephone number (+39) 0288291.

Mediobanca holds a banking licence from the Bank of Italy authorising it to carry on all permitted types of banking activities in Italy.

Mediobanca is a bank organised and existing under the laws of Italy, carrying out a wide range of banking, financial and related activities throughout Italy.

At the date hereof, Mediobanca's issued share capital totals Euro 435,510,047.00, represented by 871,020,094 registered shares of a nominal value of Euro 0.50.

The Board of Directors of Mediobanca is responsible for the ordinary and extraordinary management of Mediobanca.

Mediobanca International has the form of a *société anonyme* subject to Luxembourg law and has its place of registration in Luxembourg. On 15 December 2005 the Luxembourg Minister of the Treasury and the Budget, on the recommendation of the CSSF, granted Mediobanca International a full banking licence pursuant to which its operations include raising funds in the international markets and lending, consistent with Mediobanca International's articles of association approved by the shareholders in the general meeting held on 21 December 2005.

Mediobanca International is registered at the Luxembourg trade and companies registry under registration number B 112885. Mediobanca International's registered office is at 4, Boulevard Joseph II, L-1840 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of

Mediobanca International (Luxembourg) S.A.:

Luxembourg.

At the date hereof, Mediobanca International's issued and authorised fully paid share capital totals Euro 10,000,000 represented by 1,000,000 registered shares of Euro 10 par value.

The Board of Directors of Mediobanca International is responsible for setting authorisation levels, defining organisational structure, defining the system of internal control and reviewing it on a regular basis, and approving the bank's accounts and interim statements. Day-to-day management is entrusted to two authorised managers.

Mediobanca - Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. with respect to Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca International (Luxembourg) S.A.

Euro Medium Term Note Programme.

Mediobanca Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A.

Banca Akros S.p.A. Gruppo Banco BPM; Banca IMI S.p.A.; Barclays Bank PLC; BNP Paribas; Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank; Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited; J.P. Morgan Securities plc; MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A; Mediobanca International (Luxembourg) S.A.; Société Générale; The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (trading as NatWest Markets); and UniCredit Bank AG.

Each of the Issuers may from time to time terminate the appointment of any dealer under the Programme or appoint additional dealers either in respect of a single Tranche or in respect of the whole Programme.

BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch will act as Fiscal Agent in respect of the Notes except for Notes in dematerialised form, which are deposited directly with Monte Titoli S.p.A. ("Monte Titoli").

Mediobanca – Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. will act as Italian Paying Agent with respect to Notes in dematerialised form deposited directly with Monte Titoli (which role will include the role of Fiscal Agent with respect to such Notes).

Up to Euro 40,000,000,000 (or the equivalent in other currencies at the date of each issue) aggregate principal amount of Notes outstanding at any one time.

Subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, Notes may be issued in any currency or currencies as the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (where applicable), and the relevant Dealer so agree.

Any maturity subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives. Unless previously redeemed, purchased and cancelled as provided in accordance with Conditions 4(c) (Redemption for taxation reasons), 4(d) (Purchases), 4(f) (Redemption at the option of the Issuer), 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)), Condition 4(h) (Redemption at the option of holders of Notes)

Guarantor:

Description:

Arranger:

Dealers:

Fiscal Agent:

Italian Paying Agent:

Size:

**Currencies:** 

Maturities/Final Redemption:

or Condition 4(i) (Redemption by instalments) of the Senior Notes Conditions or Conditions 4(c) (Redemption for taxation reasons), 4(d) (Purchases), 4(f) (Redemption at the option of the Issuer), 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)) or 4(h) (Redemption at the option of holders of Notes) of the Subordinated Notes Conditions, as the case may be, each Note will be redeemed at its Final Redemption Amount on the Maturity Date.

Any Senior Preferred Notes in respect of which the issue proceeds are received by the relevant Issuer in the United Kingdom and which have a maturity of less than one year from the date of issue must (a) have a minimum redemption value of £100,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies) 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 Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 by the relevant Issuer.

Under applicable laws and regulations at the date of this Base Prospectus:

- (i) Senior Non Preferred Notes shall have a minimum Maturity Period of twelve months, as provided under Articles 12-bis and 91, paragraph 1-bis, letter c-bis of the Italian Banking Act and any relevant implementing regulation which may be enacted for such purposes by any Relevant Authority, and may be redeemable only after twelve months' prior notice to holders of the Senior Non Preferred Notes subject to the prior authorisation of the Bank of Italy, when required; and
- (ii) Subordinated Notes shall have a minimum Maturity Period of five years, as provided under the Applicable Banking Regulations, and may be redeemable only after five years' prior notice to holders of Subordinated Notes subject to Relevant Authority prior authorisation, when required.

Notes will be issued in such denominations as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms, subject to compliance with all applicable legal and/or regulatory and/or central bank requirements and save that the minimum denomination of each Note admitted to trading on a regulated market within the European Economic Area or offered to the public in a Member State of the European Economic Area in circumstances which require the publication of a prospectus under the Prospectus Directive will be €1,000 (or where the Notes are denominated in a currency other than euro, the equivalent amount in such other currency) and that Senior Non Preferred Notes issued under the Programme will have a denomination of at least €250,000 (or, where the Senior Non Preferred Notes are denominated in a currency other than euro, the equivalent amount in such other currency).

The Notes may be issued on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis. The Notes will be issued in one or more Series (which

**Denomination:** 

Method of Issue:

may be issued on the same date or which may be issued in more than one Tranche on different dates). The Notes may be issued in Tranches on a continuous basis with no minimum issue size, subject to compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and directives. Further Notes may be issued as part of an existing Series.

**Consolidation of Notes:** 

Notes of one series may be consolidated with Notes of another Series, all as described in Condition 11 (*Further Issues and Consolidation*) of the Senior Notes Conditions and of the Subordinated Notes Conditions.

Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus:

Notes issued under the Programme may be issued either (i) pursuant to this Base Prospectus and the relevant Final Terms or (ii) pursuant to a Drawdown Prospectus. The terms and conditions applicable to any particular Tranche of Notes are the relevant Terms and Conditions of the Notes as completed by the relevant Final Terms or, as the case may be, the relevant Drawdown Prospectus.

References in this General Description of the Euro 40,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme to the "Final Terms" shall, where applicable, be read as references to the Drawdown Prospectus relating to the Notes, as the case may be.

The Notes may be issued in bearer form only.

If the Notes are represented by one or more Global Notes, the relevant Final Terms will specify whether each Global Note is to be issued in New Global Note or in Classic Global Note form. Each Tranche of Notes will initially be represented by a Temporary Global Note or a Permanent Global Note which, in each case, will be deposited on or around the Issue Date: (a) in the case of Notes intended to be issued in Classic Global Note form, with a common depositary on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system and/or deposited directly with Monte Titoli S.p.A. and/or any other centralised custodian appointed by the Issuers (together, the "Centralised Custodian") and (b) in the case of Notes intended to be issued in New Global Note form, with a common safekeeper for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg. No interest will be payable in respect of a Temporary Global Note except as described under "Provisions Relating to the Notes While in Global Form".

Interests in Temporary Global Notes will be exchangeable for interests in Permanent Global Notes or, if so stated in the relevant Final Terms for Definitive Notes after the date falling 40 days after the Issue Date upon certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership. If specified in the relevant Final Terms, interests in Permanent Global Notes will be exchangeable for definitive Notes as described under "Provisions Relating to the Notes While in Global Form". Definitive Notes will, if interest-bearing, have interest Coupons attached and, if appropriate, a Talon for further Coupons and will, if the principal thereof is repayable by instalments, have payment Receipts attached.

If the Notes are issued and held in book-entry form, the Notes will not be represented by paper certificates and the transfer

Form of Notes:

and exchange of Notes will take place exclusively through an electronic book-entry system managed by Monte Titoli S.p.A. or any other Centralised Custodian appointed by the Issuer. Accordingly, all Notes of the same tranche shall be deposited by their owners with an intermediary participant in the relevant Centralised Custodian. The intermediary will in turn deposit the Notes with the Centralised Custodian.

In such circumstances, it will not possible for a Noteholder to obtain physical delivery of certificates representing the Notes.

**Issue Price of the Notes:** 

Issue Price will be specified in the relevant Final Terms. Notes may be issued at their principal amount or at a discount or premium to their principal amount.

**Type of Notes:** 

The Issuer may issue Notes of any kind, including but not limited to, Fixed Rate Notes, Reset Notes (in case of the Senior Preferred Notes and Subordinated Notes only), Floating Rate Notes and Zero Coupon Notes.

Notes will be redeemed by way of cash payment.

Fixed Rate Notes:

Fixed interest will be payable in arrear on the date or dates in each year specified in the relevant Final Terms. The yield in respect of Fixed Rate Notes will be specified in the relevant Final Terms and will be calculated as internal rate of return (IRR) on the basis of the Issue Price, any Fixed Coupon and/or any Broken Amount.

Reset Notes:

If the Senior Preferred Notes and the Subordinated Notes are issued as Reset Notes, then such Reset Notes will, in respect of an initial period, bear interest at the initial fixed rate of interest specified in the relevant Final Terms. Thereafter, the fixed rate of interest will be reset on one or more date(s) specified in the relevant Final Terms by reference to a mid-market swap rate, as adjusted for any applicable margin, in each case, as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

Floating Rate Notes:

Floating Rate Notes will bear interest by reference to the benchmark as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms as adjusted for any applicable margin/multiplier.

Zero Coupon Notes:

Zero Coupon Notes may be issued at their principal amount or at a discount or a premium to it and will not bear interest.

Interest Periods and Interest Rates for the Notes:

The length of the interest periods for the Notes and the applicable interest rate or its method of calculation may differ from time to time or be constant for any Series. The Senior Preferred Notes and the Subordinated Notes may have a maximum interest rate, a minimum interest rate, or both. The use of interest accrual periods permits the Senior Preferred Notes and the Subordinated Notes to bear interest at different rates in the same interest period.

Redemption Amount for the Notes:

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

Redemption by Instalments for the Notes:

The Final Terms issued in respect of each issue of Notes which are redeemable in two or more instalments will set out the date on which, and the amounts in which, such Notes may be

redeemed.

Status of the Notes:

Notes may be issued by Mediobanca on a subordinated basis (the "Subordinated Notes"), senior non preferred basis (the "Senior Non Preferred Notes") or senior preferred basis (the "Senior Preferred Notes" and, together with the Senior Non Preferred Notes, the "Senior Notes"), as specified in the relevant Final Terms. Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca International may only be issued on an senior preferred basis.

#### (i) Status of the Senior Preferred Notes:

The Senior Preferred Notes will constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the relevant Issuer and will rank at all times at least *pari passu* without any preference among themselves and equally with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the relevant Issuer, save for certain mandatory exceptions of applicable law, it being understood moreover that the obligations of the relevant Issuer under the Senior Preferred Notes will be subject to the Italian Bail-In Power. See Condition 2(b) (Status of the Senior Preferred Notes) of the Senior Notes Conditions.

# (ii) Status of the Senior Non Preferred Notes:

The Senior Non Preferred Notes will constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated, unsecured and non preferred obligations of Mediobanca and will rank at all times *pari passu* without any preference among themselves.

In the event of a winding up, dissolution, liquidation or bankruptcy (including, inter alia, Liquidazione Coatta Amministrativa) of Mediobanca, the payment obligations of Mediobanca under each Series of Senior Non Preferred Notes, and the relative Coupons as the case may be, will rank in right of payment (A) after unsubordinated creditors (including depositors and any holder of Senior Preferred Notes and their respective Coupons) of Mediobanca but (B) at least pari passu with all other present and future unsubordinated and non preferred obligations obligations of Mediobanca which do not rank or are not expressed by their terms to rank junior or senior to such Series of Senior Non Preferred Notes and (C) in priority to any present or future claims ranking junior to such Series of Senior Non Preferred Notes (including any holder of Subordinated Notes) and the claims of shareholders of Mediobanca, in all such cases in accordance with the provisions of Article 91, paragraph 1-bis, letter c-bis of the Italian Banking Act and any relevant implementing regulation which may be enacted for such purposes by any Relevant Authority, it being understood moreover that the obligations of Mediobanca under the Senior Non

Preferred Notes will be subject to the Italian Bail-In Power

#### (iii) Status of the Subordinated Notes:

The Subordinated Notes constitute direct, unsecured and subordinated obligations of Mediobanca and will at all times rank *pari passu* and without any preference among themselves, all as described in Condition 2 (*Status and Special Provisions*) of the Subordinated Notes Conditions and the relevant Final Terms.

In the event of a winding up, dissolution, liquidation or bankruptcy (including, inter alia, Liquidazione Coatta Amministrativa) of Mediobanca, the payment obligations of Mediobanca under each Series of Subordinated Notes, and the related Coupons as the case may be, will rank in right of payment (A) after unsubordinated creditors (including depositors and any holder of Senior Notes and their respective Coupons) of Mediobanca as well as subordinated creditors which rank or are expressed to rank senior to Subordinated Notes but (B) at least pari passu with all other subordinated obligations of Mediobanca which do not rank or are not expressed by their terms to rank iunior or senior to such Series of Subordinated Notes and (C) in priority to the claims of subordinated creditors ranking or expressed to rank junior to the Subordinated Notes (including, but not limited to, "Additional Tier 1 Instruments" (as defined in the Prudential Regulations for Banks and in the CRR)) and of the shareholders of Mediobanca, as described in Condition 2 (Status and Special Provisions) of the Subordinated Notes Conditions and the relevant Final Terms, it being understood moreover that the obligations of Mediobanca under the Subordinated Notes will be subject to the Italian Bail-In Power.

Under the Deed of Guarantee, and in accordance with the terms and subject to the limitations thereof, Mediobanca unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees payment of all amounts due in respect of Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca International.

The payment obligations of the Guarantor under the Deed of Guarantee constitute – in accordance with the terms and subject to the limitations thereof – direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Guarantor which will rank at all times at least pari passu without any preference among themselves and equally with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Guarantor, save for certain mandatory exceptions of applicable law. See also Condition 2(d) (Status of Guarantee) of the Senior Notes Conditions. In particular, pursuant to the Deed of Guarantee to the extent under the applicable law in force at the relevant time, a cap to the maximum amount to be guaranteed is required, the Guarantor shall only be liable up to an amount which is the aggregate of 110 per cent. of the

Guarantee:

Status of the Guarantee:

aggregate principal amount of any Tranche of the Senior Notes (in each case as specified in the applicable Final Terms) and 110 per cent. of the interest on such Senior Notes accrued but not paid as at any date on which the Guarantor's liability falls to be determined. In addition, pursuant to the Deed of Guarantee, the Guarantor has also undertaken to issue an additional guarantee in an amount equal to any liability exceeding the maximum amount mentioned above in relation to any Tranche of Senior Notes.

If specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Senior Preferred Notes will contain a cross default in respect of indebtedness for borrowed money of the relevant Issuer and, where applicable, the Guarantor, as more fully set out in Condition 8(a) (Events of Default of the Senior Preferred Notes) of the Senior Notes Conditions.

Notes may be redeemable as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

For so long as:

- (I) it is required under the MREL/TLAC Requirements, any redemption, purchase or modification of the Senior Preferred Notes in accordance with the Senior Notes Conditions is subject to the Issuer giving notice to the Relevant Authority and the Relevant Authority granting permission to redeem or purchase the relevant Senior Preferred Notes:
- (II) it is required under Articles 12-bis and 91, paragraph 1-bis, letter c-bis of the Italian Banking Act and any relevant implementing regulation which may be enacted for such purposes by any Relevant Authority and/or under the MREL/TLAC Requirements, any redemption, purchase or modification of the Senior Non Preferred Notes in accordance with the Senior Notes Conditions is subject to the Issuer giving notice to the Relevant Authority and the Relevant Authority granting permission to redeem or purchase the relevant Senior Non Preferred Notes; and
- (III) it is required under Applicable Banking Regulations, any redemption, purchase or modification of the Subordinated Notes in accordance with the Subordinated Notes Conditions is subject to: (i) the prior approval of the Relevant Authority, as provided under the Applicable Banking Regulations; (ii) in the case of any redemption or purchase, if and to the extent then required under the Applicable Banking Regulations, either (A) Mediobanca having replaced the Subordinated Notes with own funds instruments of equal or higher quality at terms that are sustainable for the income capacity of Mediobanca; or (B) Mediobanca having demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Relevant Authority that the own funds of Mediobanca would, following such redemption or purchase, exceed its Regulatory Capital Requirements for the time being; and (iii) in the case of any redemption prior to the fifth anniversary of the Issue Date, (A) in case of redemption for tax reasons, Mediobanca has demonstrated to the

**Cross Default:** 

Redemption:

satisfaction of the Relevant Authority that the change in tax treatment is material and was not reasonably foreseeable as at the Issue Date, or (B) in the case of a Regulatory Event, Mediobanca has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Relevant Authority that the relevant change in the regulatory classification of the Subordinated Notes was not reasonably foreseeable as at the Issue Datee and the Relevant Authority considers such change to be reasonably certain.

**Optional Redemption:** 

Subject to any legal and regulatory requirements, the Final Terms issued in respect of each issue of Notes will state whether such Notes may be redeemed before their stated maturity at the option of the relevant Issuer (either in whole or in part) and/or the Noteholders, and if so the terms applicable to such redemption and subject to all relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

### If the Notes are:

- (i) Senior Preferred Notes, unless otherwise permitted under the MREL/TLAC Requirements, the Optional Redemption Date shall be subject to the prior authorisation of the Relevant Authority, when required;
- (ii) Senior Non Preferred Notes, unless otherwise permitted by Articles 12-bis and 91, paragraph 1-bis, letter c-bis of the Italian Banking Act and any relevant implementing regulation which may be enacted for such purposes by any Relevant Authority and/or under the MREL/TLAC Requirements, the Optional Redemption Date shall not be earlier than twelve months after the Issue Date, subject to the prior authorisation of the Relevant Authority, when required; and
- (iii) Subordinated Notes, unless otherwise permitted by current laws, regulations, directives, and/or the Relevant Authority's requirements applicable to the issue of Subordinated Notes by Mediobanca, the Optional Redemption Date shall not be earlier than five years after the Issue Date, subject to the Relevant Authority prior authorisation when required.

Subject to Conditions 4(1) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Senior Notes) of the Senior Notes Conditions and 4(j) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Subordinated Notes) of the Subordinated Notes Conditions (as the case may be), if Regulatory Call is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Senior Notes and the Subordinated Notes may be redeemed at the option of Mediobanca, in whole but not in part, at any time (if the Note is not a Floating Rate Note) or on any Interest Payment Date (if the Note is a Floating Rate Note): (i) in case of the Senior Notes, upon the occurrence of a MREL/TLAC Disqualification Event (as defined in Condition 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)) of the Senior Notes Conditions) with respect to the relevant Series of Senior Preferred Notes and/or Senior Non Preferred Notes and (ii) in case of Subordinated Notes, the Subordinated Notes cease to qualify (in whole or in part) as "Tier II Capital", on a consolidated or non consolidated basis, as a result of changes after the date of issue of the relevant Subordinated Notes in accordance with Applicable Banking Regulations.

With respect to Notes, the relevant Final Terms will specify whether early redemption will be permitted for tax reasons as described in Condition 4(c) (*Redemption for taxation reasons*) of the Senior Notes Conditions and of the Subordinated Notes Conditions

All payments in respect of Notes, Receipts and Coupons by the Issuer or (as the case may be) the Guarantor under the Deed of Guarantee will be made without withholding or deduction for, or on account of, any taxes imposed by the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg or the Republic of Italy, as the case may be, unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In that event, the Issuer or (as the case may be) the Guarantor will (save as provided in Condition 6 (Taxation) of the Senior Notes Conditions and of the Subordinated Notes Conditions) pay such additional amounts in respect of principal and interest in the case of Senior Notes (if permitted by MREL/TLAC Requirements) and interest only in the case of Subordinated Notes as will result in the holders of Notes, Receipts or Coupons receiving such amounts as they would have received in respect to Notes, Receipts or Coupons had no such withholding or deduction been required.

However, as more fully set out in Condition 6 (*Taxation*) of the Senior Notes Conditions and of the Subordinated Notes Conditions, unless otherwise provided in the relevant Final Terms, neither the Issuer nor (as the case may be) the Guarantor will be liable to pay any additional amounts to holders of Notes, Receipts or Coupons in relation to any payment on any Note, Receipt or Coupon with respect to any withholding or deduction for or on account of, *inter alia*, (i) substitute tax (*imposta sostitutiva*) pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 239 of 1 April 1996 ("Decree No. 239"); (ii) withholding tax pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 600 of 29 September 1973 ("Decree No. 600"); and (iii) withholding tax on Notes qualifying as atypical securities (*titoli atipici*) for Italian tax purposes, pursuant to Law Decree No. 512 of 30 September 1983 ("Decree No. 512").

The rating of the Notes, if any, to be issued under the Programme will be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

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) described above 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 the CRA Regulation, or (2) issued 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 and registered under the CRA Regulation or (3) issued by a credit rating agency which is not established in the EEA but

Tax Redemption:

Taxation:

Rating:

which is certified under the CRA Regulation will be disclosed in the Final Terms. In general, European regulated investors are restricted from using a rating for regulatory purposes if such rating is not issued by a credit rating agency established in the EEA and registered under the CRA Regulation unless (1) the rating is provided by a credit rating agency not established in the EEA but is endorsed by a credit rating agency established in the EEA and registered under the CRA Regulation or (2) the rating is provided by a credit rating agency not established in the EEA which is certified under the CRA Regulation. 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.

Governing Law:

If it is specified in the Final Terms that English law is applicable to the Notes, the Notes and any contractual or noncontractual obligations arising from or connected with the Notes are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, English law, except, (A) with respect to the Senior Non Preferred Notes, for Conditions 2(c) (Status of the Senior Non Preferred Notes), 4(b) (Maturities/Final Redemption), 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)) and 8(b) (Events of Default of the Senior Non Preferred Notes) of the Senior Notes Conditions, which are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, Italian law and (B) with respect to the Subordinated Notes, for Conditions 2 (Status and Special Provisions), 4(b) (Maturities/Final Redemption), 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)) and 8 (Events of Default) of the Subordinated Notes Conditions, which are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, Italian law. If it is specified in the Final Terms that Italian law is applicable to the Notes, the Notes will be governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, Italian

Listing and Admission to Trading:

The Base Prospectus has been approved by the Central Bank of Ireland as competent authority under the Prospectus Directive. Application has also been made for Notes issued under the Programme to be admitted to trading on the regulated market of the Irish Stock Exchange and to be listed on the Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange.

Notes may be listed or admitted to trading, as the case may be, on other or further stock exchanges or markets as may be agreed between the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (where applicable) and the relevant Dealer in relation to the relevant Series. Notes which are neither listed nor admitted to trading on any market may also be issued.

The Central Bank of Ireland may, at the request of either Issuer, send to the competent authority of another European Economic Area Member State (i) a copy of this Base Prospectus; (ii) a Certificate of Approval in accordance with Article 18(1) of the Prospectus Directive; and (iii) if so required by such competent authority, a translation of this Summary.

Notice of the aggregate nominal amount of Notes, interest (if any) payable in respect of Notes, the issue price of Notes and any other terms and conditions not contained herein which are

applicable to each Tranche of Notes will be set out in the relevant Final Terms which, with respect to Notes to be listed on the Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange, and admitted to trading on the regulated market of the Irish Stock Exchange will be delivered to the Irish Stock Exchange.

The applicable Final Terms will state whether or not the relevant Notes are to be listed and admitted to trading and, if so, on which stock exchanges and markets.

**Selling Restrictions:** 

See "Plan of Distribution".

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following documents, which have been approved by or filed with the Central Bank of Ireland and the Irish Stock Exchange, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in, and form part of, this Base Prospectus:

- the audited consolidated annual financial statements as at and for the years ended 30 June 2017 and 2016 of Mediobanca:
- the audited non-consolidated annual financial statements as at and for the years ended 30 June 2017 and 2016 of Mediobanca International;
- the English translation of the Mediobanca Registration Document (published in the Italian language on 23 November 2017 and approved by CONSOB pursuant to CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May 1999 (as amended) on 22 November 2017, report No. 129797/17);
- the Terms and Conditions of the Notes (pages 25 46) set out in the Base Prospectus dated 11 January 2007 relating to the Euro 16,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme of Mediobanca and Mediobanca International;
- the Terms and Conditions of the Notes (pages 34 56) set out in the Base Prospectus dated 4 December 2007 relating to the Euro 25,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme of Mediobanca and Mediobanca International;
- the Terms and Conditions of the Notes (pages 37 58) set out in the Base Prospectus dated 12 December 2008 relating to the Euro 40,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme of Mediobanca and Mediobanca International;
- the Terms and Conditions of the Notes (pages 39 61) set out in the Base Prospectus dated 16 December 2009 relating to the Euro 40,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme of Mediobanca and Mediobanca International:
- the Terms and Conditions of the Notes (pages 99 133) set out in the Base Prospectus dated 13 January 2011 relating to the Euro 40,000,000,000 Issuance Programme of Mediobanca and Mediobanca International;
- the Terms and Conditions of the Notes (pages 105 139) set out in the Base Prospectus dated 30 November 2011 relating to the Euro 40,000,000,000 Issuance Programme of Mediobanca and Mediobanca International;
- the Terms and Conditions of the Senior Notes (pages 76 105) and the Terms and Conditions of the Subordinated Notes (pages 106 138) set out in the Base Prospectus dated 23 January 2013 relating to the Euro 40,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme of Mediobanca and Mediobanca International;
- the Terms and Conditions of the Senior Notes (pages 76 105) and the Terms and Conditions of the Subordinated Notes (pages 106 137) set out in the Base Prospectus dated 27 January 2014 relating to the Euro 40,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme of Mediobanca and Mediobanca International;
- the Terms and Conditions of the Senior Notes (pages 81 111) and the Terms and Conditions of the Subordinated Notes (pages 112 143) set out in the Base Prospectus dated 19 December 2014 relating to the Euro 40,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme of Mediobanca and Mediobanca International;
- the Terms and Conditions of the Senior Notes (pages 85 117) and the Terms and Conditions of the Subordinated Notes (pages 118 150) set out in the Base Prospectus dated 11 December 2015 relating to the Euro 40,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme of Mediobanca and Mediobanca International; and

• the Terms and Conditions of the Senior Notes (pages 69 - 96) and the Terms and Conditions of the Subordinated Notes (pages 97 - 123) set out in the Base Prospectus dated 22 December 2016 relating to the Euro 40,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme of Mediobanca and Mediobanca International.

in the case of the above-mentioned financial statements, together with the accompanying notes and (where applicable) auditors' reports, save that any statement contained in this Base Prospectus or in any of the documents incorporated by reference in, and forming part of, this Base Prospectus shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purpose of this Base Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in any document subsequently incorporated by reference by way of supplement prepared in accordance with Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive modifies or supersedes such statement. Where only certain sections of a document referred to above are incorporated by reference to this Base Prospectus, the parts of the document which are not incorporated by reference are either not relevant for prospective investors or are covered elsewhere in this Base Prospectus.

The Issuers will provide, without charge to each person to whom a copy of this Base Prospectus has been delivered, upon the request of such person, a copy (by electronic means, unless such person requests hard copy) of any or all the documents deemed to be incorporated by reference herein unless such documents have been modified or superseded as specified above, in which case the modified or superseded version of such document will be provided. Request for such documents should be directed to the Issuers at their offices set out at the end of this Base Prospectus. In addition, such documents will be available, without charge, at the principal office of the Paying Agent in Luxembourg and on the Mediobanca's website at the following link (https://www.mediobanca.com/en/investor-relations/results-presentations/results-andpresentations.html with financial respect to the information. http://raccoltaproprietaria.mediobanca.it/en/documents/index.html with respect to the remaining documents listed above) and on the Mediobanca International's website (http://www.mediobanca.com/en/about-us/locations/luxembourg.html).

The following table shows where some of the information required under Annex XI of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 809/2004, as amended, can be found in the above mentioned documents incorporated by reference.

The information incorporated by reference that is not included in the cross-reference list, is considered as additional information and is not required by the relevant schedules of the Commission Regulation (EC) No. 809/2004, as amended.

# Cross-reference list in respect of the Mediobanca Registration Document

III	Risk factors	Pages 8 and following
VII	Forecasts or estimates of profits	Page 46
VIII	Profit estimates or projections	Page 47  (No forecast or estimates of profits are contained in the Mediobanca Registration Document)

# Cross-reference list in respect of the Mediobanca and Mediobanca International financial statements

# Mediobanca - Consolidated annual financial statements

Commission Regulation (EC) No. 809/2004 - Annex XI, Paragraph 11.1	2017	2016
Balance sheet	Pages 76-77	Pages 66-67
Statement of income.	Pages 78-79	Pages 68-69
Statement of changes in equity	Pages 80-81	Pages 70-71
Cashflow statement	Pages 82-83	Pages 72-73
Accounting policies and explanatory notes	Pages 85-277	Pages 78-258
		Pages 62-63 (Pages 56-57 pdf
Auditors' reports	Pages 65-75	document)
Mediobanca International - Non-Consolidated annual financial statements		
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Commission Regulation (EC) No. 809/2004 - Annex XI, Paragraph 11.1	2017	2016
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# FINAL TERMS, SUPPLEMENTS AND FURTHER 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 the Guarantor and of the rights attaching to the Notes and the Guarantee. In relation to the different types of Notes which may be issued under the Programme the Issuer and the Guarantor have 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.

The terms and conditions applicable to any particular Tranche of Notes which is the subject of a Drawdown Prospectus will be the Conditions as 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.

The Issuer will prepare a replacement prospectus setting out the changes in the operations and financial conditions of the Issuer at least every year.

The Issuer has given an undertaking to the Dealers that if at any time during the duration of the Programme there is a significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to the information contained in this Base Prospectus which is capable of affecting the assessment of the Notes, it shall prepare a supplement to this Base Prospectus or publish a new Base Prospectus for use in connection with any subsequent offering of the Notes and shall supply to each Dealer a number of copies of such supplement as a Dealer may reasonably request.

In addition, the Issuers and the Guarantor may agree with any Dealer to issue Notes in a form not contemplated in the sections of this Base Prospectus entitled "Form of Final Terms". To the extent that the information relating to that Tranche of Notes constitutes a significant new factor in relation to the information contained in this Base Prospectus, a separate prospectus specific to such Tranche (a "Drawdown Prospectus") will be made available and will contain such information. Each Drawdown Prospectus will be constituted either (1) by a single document containing the necessary information relating to the relevant Issuer and (in the case of Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca International only) the Guarantor and the relevant Notes or (2) pursuant to Article 5.3 of the Prospectus Directive, by a registration document containing the necessary information relating to the relevant Issuer and (in the case of Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca International only) the Guarantor, a securities note containing the necessary information relating to the relevant Notes and, if necessary, a summary note. In the case of a Tranche of Notes which is the subject of a Drawdown Prospectus, references in this Base Prospectus to information specified or identified in the Final Terms shall (unless the context requires otherwise) be read and construed as information specified or identified in the relevant Drawdown Prospectus.

# FORMS OF THE NOTES

### (A) Temporary or Permanent Global Note

Unless otherwise provided in the relevant Final Terms, each Tranche of Notes will initially be in the form of either a temporary global note (a "Temporary Global Note"), without Coupons, or a permanent global note (a "Permanent Global Note"), without 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 a new global note form (a "Classic Global Note" or "CGN"), 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 Bank S.A./N.V. ("Euroclear") and/or Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, Luxembourg ("Clearstream, Luxembourg" or "CBL") and/or any other relevant clearing system and/or deposited directly with Monte Titoli S.p.A. and/or any other centralised custodian appointed by the Issuers (together, the "Centralised Custodian") and each Global Note which is intended to be issued in new global note form (a "New Global Note" or "NGN"), 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 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 (including denomination in euro and listing on an EU regulated market or on an ECB-approved non-regulated market). At the same time the ECB also announced that arrangements for Notes in NGN form will be offered by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as of 30 June 2006 and the 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 (and if the above-mentioned other criteria are fulfilled).

The relevant Final Terms will also specify whether United States Treasury Regulation §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(C) (the "TEFRA C Rules") or United States Treasury Regulation §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D) (the "TEFRA D Rules") are applicable in relation to the Notes or, if the Notes do not have a maturity of more than 365 days, 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 without Coupons or Receipts (as defined herein), interests in which will be exchangeable, in whole or in part, for interests in a Permanent Global Note, without 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 relevant Issuer shall procure (in the case of first exchange) the prompt delivery (free of charge to the bearer) of such Permanent Global Note 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) surrender of the Temporary Global Note to or to the order of the Fiscal Agent; and
- (ii) receipt by the Fiscal Agent of a certificate or certificates of non-U.S. beneficial ownership,

within seven days of the bearer requesting such exchange.

The principal amount of the Permanent Global Note shall be equal to the aggregate of the principal amounts specified in the certificates of non-U.S. beneficial ownership, provided, however, that in no

circumstances shall the principal amount of the Permanent Global Note exceed the initial principal amount of the Temporary Global Note.

The Permanent Global Note will be exchangeable in whole, but not in part, for Notes in definitive form ("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 (a) Euroclear or 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 or (b) any of the circumstances described in Condition 8 (Events of Default) of the Senior Notes Conditions or Condition 8 (Events of Default) of the Subordinated Notes Conditions, as the case may be,

Where interests in the Permanent Global Note are to be exchanged for Definitive Notes in the circumstances described in (i) and (ii) above, Notes may only be issued in denominations which are integral multiples of the minimum denomination and may only be traded in such amounts, whether in global or definitive form. As an exception to the above rule, where the Permanent Global Note may only be exchanged in the limited circumstances described in (iii) above, Notes may be issued in denominations which represent the aggregate of a minimum denomination of Euro 100,000, plus integral multiples of Euro 1,000, provided that such denominations are not less than Euro 100,000 nor more than Euro 199,000 and that Senior Non Preferred Notes issued under the Programme will have a denomination of at least Euro 250,000 (or, where the Senior Non Preferred Notes are denominated in a currency other than euro, the equivalent amount in such other currency). For the avoidance of doubt, each holder of Notes of such denominations will, upon exchange for Definitive Notes, receive Definitive Notes in an amount equal to its entitlement to the principal amount represented by the Permanent Global Note. However, a Noteholder who holds an aggregate principal amount of less than the minimum denomination may not receive a Definitive Note and would need to purchase a principal amount of Notes such that its holding is an integral multiple of the minimum denomination.

Whenever the Permanent Global Note is to be exchanged for Definitive Notes, the relevant Issuer shall procure the prompt delivery (free of charge to the bearer) of such Definitive Notes, duly authenticated and with Coupons, Talons and Receipts 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 the bearer of the Permanent Global Note against the surrender of the Permanent Global Note to or to the order of the Fiscal Agent within 45 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, without Coupons, interests in which will be exchangeable, in whole but not in part, for 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, without Coupons or Receipts, interests in 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.

Where the Temporary Global Note is to be exchanged for Definitive Notes, Notes may only be issued in denominations which are integral multiples of the minimum denomination and may only be traded in such amounts, whether in global or definitive form.

Whenever the Temporary Global Note is to be exchanged for Definitive Notes, the relevant Issuer shall procure the prompt delivery (free of charge to the bearer) of such Definitive Notes, duly authenticated and with Coupons, Talons and Receipts (as defined herein) 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 the bearer of the Temporary Global Note against the surrender of the Temporary Global Note to or to the order of the Fiscal Agent within 45 days of the bearer requesting such exchange.

# 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, without Coupons or Receipts, interests in 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 (a) Euroclear or 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 or (b) any of the circumstances described in Condition 8 (Events of Default) of the Senior Notes Conditions or Condition 8 (Events of Default) of the Subordinated Notes Conditions, as the case may be, occurs.

Where interests in the Permanent Global Note are to be exchanged for Definitive Notes in the circumstances described in paragraphs (i) and (ii) above, Notes may only be issued in denominations which are integral multiples of the minimum denomination and may only be traded in such amounts, whether in global or definitive form. As an exception to the above rule, where the Permanent Global Note may only be exchanged in the limited circumstances described in paragraph (iii) above, Notes may be issued in denominations which represent the aggregate of a minimum denomination of Euro 100,000, plus integral multiples of Euro 1,000, provided that such denominations are not less than Euro 100,000 nor more than Euro 199,000 and that Senior Non Preferred Notes issued under the Programme will have denominations of at least Euro 250,000 (or, where the Senior Non Preferred Notes are denominated in a currency other than euro, the equivalent amount in such other currency). For the avoidance of doubt, each holder of Notes of such denominations will, upon exchange for Definitive Notes, receive Definitive Notes in an amount equal to its entitlement to the principal amount represented by the Permanent Global Notes. However, a Noteholder who holds an aggregate principal amount of less than the minimum denomination may not receive a Definitive Note and would need to purchase a principal amount of Notes such that its holding is an integral multiple of the minimum denomination.

Whenever the Permanent Global Note is to be exchanged for Definitive Notes, the relevant Issuer shall procure the prompt delivery (free of charge to the bearer) of such Definitive Notes, duly authenticated and with Coupons, Talons and Receipts 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 the bearer of the Permanent Global Note against the surrender of the Permanent Global Note to or to the order of the Fiscal Agent within 45 days of the bearer requesting such exchange. Where the Notes are listed on the Irish Stock Exchange and its rules so require, the Issuer will give notice of the exchange of the Permanent Global Note for Definitive Notes pursuant to Condition 12 (Notices) of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes.

### Terms and Conditions applicable to the 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 Senior Notes" and "Terms and Conditions of the Subordinated Notes" below, as the case may be, and the provisions of the relevant Final Terms which complete 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 "Provisions relating to the Notes While in Global Form" below.

# Legend concerning United States persons

In the case of any Tranche of 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."

The sections referred to in such legend provide that a United States person who holds a Note, Coupon, Talon or Receipt will generally not be allowed to deduct any loss realised on the sale, exchange or redemption of such Note, Coupon, Talon or Receipt and any gain (which might otherwise be characterised as capital gain) recognised on such sale, exchange or redemption will be treated as ordinary income.

### (B) Book-entry form

If the relevant Final Terms specifies the form of the Notes as being "Book-entry form", then the Notes will not be represented by paper certificates and the transfer and exchange of Notes will take place exclusively through an electronic book-entry system managed by Monte Titoli S.p.A. or any other Centralised Custodian appointed by the Issuers. Accordingly, all Notes shall be deposited by their owners with an intermediary participant in the relevant Centralised Custodian. The intermediary will in turn deposit the Notes with the Centralised Custodian.

To transfer an interest in the Notes, the transferor and the transferee are required to give instructions to their respective intermediaries. If the transferee is a client of the transferor's intermediary, the intermediary will simply transfer the Notes from the Transferor's account to the account of the transferee. If, however, the transferee is a client of another intermediary, the transferor's intermediary will instruct the centralised clearing system to transfer the Notes to the account of the transferee's intermediary, which will then register the Notes on the transferee's account.

Each intermediary maintains a custody account for each of its clients. This account sets out the financial instruments of each client and the records of all transfers, interest payments, charges or other encumbrances on such instruments. The account holder or any other eligible party may submit a request to the intermediary for the issue of a certified account statement.

In such circumstances, it will not be possible for a Noteholder to obtain physical delivery of Notes certificates representing the Notes.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SENIOR NOTES

The following is the text of the terms and conditions which, as completed by the relevant Final Terms, will be endorsed on each Senior Note in final form issued under the Programme. The terms and conditions applicable to any Senior Notes in global form will differ from those terms and conditions which would apply to the Senior Notes whilst in final form to the extent described under "Provisions relating to the Notes While in Global Form" below.

Mediobanca - Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. ("Mediobanca"), Mediobanca International (Luxembourg) S.A. ("Mediobanca International") (each, an "Issuer" and, together, the "Issuers") have established an Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the "Programme") for the issuance of up to Euro 40,000,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of senior preferred notes which may be issued by each of the Issuers (the "Senior Preferred Notes"), senior non preferred notes which may be issued by Mediobanca only (the "Senior Non Preferred Notes" and, together with the Senior Preferred Notes, the "Notes") and subordinated notes which may be issued by Mediobanca only (the "Subordinated Notes"), guaranteed by Mediobanca (in its capacity as guarantor, the "Guarantor") in respect of Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca International only.

The Notes are issued pursuant to an amended and restated Issue and Paying Agency Agreement dated 24 January 2018, as amended or supplemented from time to time, (the "Issue and Paying Agency Agreement") between the Issuers, the Guarantor, BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch, as fiscal agent and principal paying agent (the "Fiscal Agent") and Mediobanca in its capacity as Italian paying agent (the "Italian Paying Agent" and together with the Fiscal Agent and any additional or other paying agents in respect of the Notes from time to time appointed, the "Paying Agents") and with the benefit of deeds of covenant dated 24 January 2018 (each, a "Deed of Covenant" and, together, the "Deeds of Covenant"), each of them executed by the relevant Issuer in respect of Notes issued by such Issuer. The Guarantor has, for the benefit of the holders of Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca International from time to time, executed and delivered a deed of guarantee (the "Deed of Guarantee") dated 24 January 2018 under which it has guaranteed, in accordance with the terms and subject to limitations of the Deed of Guarantee, the due and punctual payment of the amounts due by Mediobanca International under the Notes and the Deed of Covenant as and when the same shall become due and payable (the "Guarantee of the Notes"). The holders of the Notes (as defined below), the holders of the interest coupons (the "Coupons") appertaining to interest bearing Notes and, where applicable in the case of such Notes, talons for further Coupons (the "Talons") and the holders of the instalment receipts (the "Receipts") appertaining to the payment of principal by instalments are deemed to have notice of all of the provisions of the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement applicable to them.

Notes issued under the Programme are issued in series (each, a "Series") and each Series may comprise one or more tranches (each, a "Tranche") of Notes. Each Tranche of Notes is the subject of final terms (the "Final Terms") which completes these terms and conditions (the "Senior Notes Conditions" or 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 Senior Notes Conditions and the Final Terms, the Final Terms shall prevail. All subsequent references in these Senior Notes Conditions to "Notes" are to the Notes which are the subject of the Final Terms. These Senior Notes Conditions apply to Senior Preferred Notes and Senior Non Preferred Notes only to the extent that such Senior Non Preferred Notes are issued by Mediobanca and are defined as "strumenti di debito chirografario di secondo livello" pursuant to and for the purposes of Articles 12-bis and 91, paragraph 1-bis, letter c-bis of the Italian Banking Act and any relevant implementing regulation which may be enacted for such purposes by any Relevant Authority. Copies of the Final Terms are available during normal business hours at the specified office of the Fiscal Agent, the initial Specified Office of which is set out below (the "Specified Office"). Certain provisions of these Senior Notes Conditions are summaries of the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement and are subject to their detailed provisions.

The Final Terms issued in respect of each issue of Notes will specify whether the Issuer is Mediobanca or Mediobanca International. In these Conditions, any reference to a statute or regulation shall be construed as a reference to such statute or regulation as the same may have been, or may from time to time be, amended or re-enacted.

Copies of the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement, the Deeds of Covenant and the Deed of Guarantee are available for inspection at the specified office of the Paying Agent.

### 1. FORM, DENOMINATION AND TITLE

The Notes are issued in bearer form in the Denomination(s) and in the Relevant Currency shown in the Final Terms and provided that that Senior Non Preferred Notes will have denomination of at least Euro 250,000 (or, where the Senior Non Preferred Notes are denominated in a currency other than euro, the equivalent amount in such other currency).

Notes are issued with Coupons (and where appropriate, a Talon) attached save in the case of Notes which do not bear interest in which case references to interest (other than in relation to interest due after the date specified in the Final Terms as the Maturity Date (as designed below), Coupons and Talons in these Conditions are not applicable. Any Note the principal amount of which is redeemable in instalments is issued with one or more Receipts attached.

Title to the Note and the Receipts, Coupons and Talons shall pass by delivery. Except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, the holder of any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon shall be deemed to be and may be treated as the absolute owner of such Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon, as the case may be, for the purpose of receiving payment thereof or on account thereof and for all other purposes, whether or not such Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership, theft or loss thereof or any writing thereon made by anyone. No person shall have any right to enforce any term or condition of any Note under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

In these Conditions, "holder" (in relation to a Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon) means the bearer of any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon. All capitalised terms which are not defined in these Conditions will have the meanings given to them in the relevant Final Terms, the absence of any such meaning indicating that such term is not applicable to the Notes. Those definitions will be endorsed on the definitive Notes.

# 2. STATUS OF NOTES AND GUARANTEE

#### (a) **Definitions**

In these Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, the following defined terms shall have the meanings set out below.

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

"Italian Banking Act" means Italian Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Liquidazione Coatta Amministrativa" means Liquidazione Coatta Amministrativa as described in Articles 80 to 94 of the Italian Banking Act.

### (b) Status of the Senior Preferred Notes

The Senior Preferred Notes will constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the relevant Issuer and will rank at all times at least *pari passu* without any preference among themselves and equally with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer, save for certain mandatory exceptions of applicable law, it being understood moreover that the obligations of the relevant Issuer under the Senior Preferred Notes will be subject to the Italian Bail-In Power.

If waiver of set-off rights is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, each holder of a Senior Preferred Note unconditionally and irrevocably waives any right of

set-off, counterclaim, abatement or other similar remedy which it might otherwise have under the laws of any jurisdiction in respect of such Senior Preferred Note.

### (c) Status of the Senior Non Preferred Notes:

The Senior Non Preferred Notes will constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated, unsecured and non preferred obligations of Mediobanca and will rank at all times *pari* passu without any preference among themselves.

In the event of a winding up, dissolution, liquidation or bankruptcy (including, *inter alia*, *Liquidazione Coatta Amministrativa*) of Mediobanca, the payment obligations of Mediobanca under each Series of Senior Non Preferred Notes, and the relative Coupons as the case may be, will rank in right of payment (A) after unsubordinated creditors (including depositors and any holder of Senior Preferred Notes and their respective Coupons) of Mediobanca but (B) at least *pari passu* with all other present and future unsubordinated and non preferred obligations of Mediobanca which do not rank or are not expressed by their terms to rank junior or senior to such Series of Senior Non Preferred Notes and (C) in priority to any present or future claims ranking junior to such Series of Senior Non Preferred Notes (including any holder of Subordinated Notes) and the claims of shareholders of Mediobanca, in all such cases in accordance with the provisions of Article 91, paragraph 1-bis, letter c-bis of the Italian Banking Act and any relevant implementing regulation which may be enacted for such purposes by any Relevant Authority, it being understood moreover that the obligations of Mediobanca under the Senior Non Preferred Notes will be subject to the Italian Bail-In Power.

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

### (d) Status of Guarantee

The Guarantee of the Notes constitutes direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Guarantor pursuant to the terms and conditions and subject to the limitations set out in the Deed of Guarantee which will rank at all times at least pari passu without any preference among themselves and equally with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Guarantor, save for certain mandatory exceptions of applicable law.

# 3. INTEREST AND OTHER CALCULATIONS

# (a) **Definitions**

In these Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, the following defined terms shall have the meanings set out below.

- "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.
- "Broken Amount" means the amount specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.

# "Business Day" means:

(i) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a TARGET Settlement Day and a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments generally in each (if any) Additional Business Centre; and

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

"Calculation Agent" means Mediobanca - Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A., the Fiscal Agent or such other Person specified in the relevant Final Terms as the party responsible for calculating the Interest Rate(s) and Interest Amount(s) and/or such other amount(s) as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

"Calculation Amount" means the amount specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.

"CMS" means the constant maturity swap rate specified as such in the Final Terms.

"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 "1/1" is specified, 1;
- (b) if "Actual/Actual" or "Actual/Actual (ISDA)" is specified, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Calculation Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (i) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (ii) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (c) 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 (1) the actual number of days in such Regular Period and (2) the number of Regular Periods in any year:
- (d) if "Actual/365 (Fixed)" is specified, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 365;
- (e) if "Actual/360" is specified, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 360;
- (f) if "30/360", "360/360" or "Bond Basis" is specified, the number of days in the Calculation Period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where:

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

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

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

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

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

"D2" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31 and  $D_1$  is greater than 29, in which case  $D_2$  will be 30; and

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

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

where:

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

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

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

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

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

"D2" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case  $D_2$  will be 30; and

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

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

where:

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

- "Y2" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;
- "M1" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls:
- "M2" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;
- "D1" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case  $D_1$  will be 30; and
- "D2" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Termination Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case  $D_2$  will be 30.
- "EURIBOR" means the Euro-zone interbank offered rate specified as such in the Final Terms.
- "First Margin" means the margin 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 Second Reset Date or, if no such Second Reset Date is 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 3(e) (Interest Rate on Reset Notes) (ii) (Fallbacks), the rate of interest determined by the Calculation Agent on the relevant Reset Determination Date as the sum of the relevant Mid-Swap Rate and the First Margin.
- "Fixed Coupon Amount" means the amount specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.
- "Initial Rate of Interest" has the meaning specified in the relevant Final Terms.
- "Instalment Date(s)" means the dates specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.
- "Interest Accrual Date" means the dates specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.
- "Interest Amount" the amount of interest payable per Calculation Amount in respect of any Interest Period and determined according to Condition 3(i) (Calculation of Interest Amount).
- "Interest Commencement Date" means the Issue Date or such other date as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms.
- "Interest Determination Date" means the date or the dates specified as such in the Final Terms.
- "Interest Payment Date" means the date or dates specified as such in the relevant Final Terms and, if a Business Day Convention is specified in the relevant Final Terms, as the same may be adjusted in accordance with the relevant Business Day Convention.
- "Interest Period" means the period beginning on (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and ending on (but excluding) the first Interest Accrual Date and each successive period beginning on (and including) an Interest Accrual Date and ending on (but excluding) the next succeeding Interest Accrual Date.

- "Interest Rate" means the rate of interest (expressed as a percentage per annum) payable from time to time in respect of this Note and which is either specified, or calculated in accordance with the provisions, in the relevant Final Terms.
- "Interest Rate Switch Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.
- "ISDA Definitions" means the 2006 ISDA Definitions as amended and updated as at the date of issue of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series (as specified in the Final Terms) as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., a copy of which is available on the website of the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (www.isda.org) and can be obtained from the Issuer.
- "Issue Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.
- "Issue Price" means the amount specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.
- "LIBID" means the London interbank bid rate specified as such in the Final Terms.
- "LIBOR" means the London interbank offered rate specified as such in the Final Terms.
- "LIMEAN" means the London interbank mid-market rate specified as such in the Final Terms.
- "Linear Interpolation" means the straight-line interpolation by reference to two rates based on the Reference Rate or the ISDA Rate, as the case may be, one of which will be determined as if the Specified Duration were the period of time for which rates are available next shorter than the length of the affected Interest Period and the other of which will be determined as if the Specified Duration or the Designated Maturity, as the case may be, were the period of time for which rates are available next longer than the length of such Interest Period.
- "Margin" means the percentage specified as such 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 as determined by the Calculation Agent) 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 as determined by the Calculation Agent).
- "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.
- "Mid-Swap Rate" means, in relation to a Reset Determination Date and subject to Condition 3(e) (Interest Rate on Reset Notes) (ii) (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 11.00 a.m. in the principal financial centre of the Specified Currency on such Reset Determination Date, all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

"Multiplier" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms.

"Optional Redemption Amount" means  $RP \times (1 + AY)^{(y)}$ 

where:

"RP" means the Reference Price;

"AY" means the Accrual Yield expressed as a decimal; and

"y" is the Day Count Fraction specified in the applicable Final Terms which will be either (i) 30/360 (in which case the numerator will be equal to the number of days (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each) from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator will be 360) or (ii) Actual/360 (in which case the numerator will be equal to the actual number of days from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator will be 360) or (iii) Actual/365 (in which case the numerator will be equal to the actual number of days from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator will be 365).

# "Payment Business Day" means:

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

(B) in the case of payment by transfer to an account, a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in the Principal Financial Centre of the currency of payment and in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre.

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

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

"Rate of Interest" means the Initial Rate of Interest, the First Reset Rate of Interest or the Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest, as applicable.

"Reference Banks" means, the institutions specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none, four (or, if the Relevant Financial Centre is Helsinki, five) major banks selected by the Calculation Agent in the market that is most closely connected with the Reference Rate.

"Reference Price" means the amount specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.

"Reference Rate" means EURIBOR, LIBOR, LIBID, LIMEAN, CMS, or the yield on securities issued by the Italian Government, as specified in the relevant Final Terms in respect of the currency and period specified in the relevant Final Terms and including where applicable the relevant yield and issue of securities issued by the Italian Government.

"Reference Rate Multiplier" means the percentage specified as such in the relevant Final Terms

# "Regular Period" means:

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

"Relevant Currency" means the currency specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is specified, the currency in which the Notes are denominated.

- "Relevant Financial Centre" means, with respect to any Floating Rate to be determined on an Interest Determination Date, the financial centre as may be specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is so specified, the financial centre with which the relevant Reference Rate is most closely connected or, if none is so connected, London.
- "Relevant Screen Page" means such page, section, caption, column or other part of a particular information service (including, but not limited to, Reuters) as may be specified as the Relevant Screen Page in the relevant Final Terms for the purpose of providing a Reference Rate, or such other page, section, caption, column or other part as may replace it on that information service or on such other information service, in each case as may be nominated by the person or organisation providing or sponsoring the information appearing there for the purpose of displaying rates or prices comparable to that Reference Rate.
- "Relevant Time" means, with respect to any Interest Determination Date, the local time in the Relevant Financial Centre specified in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is specified, the local time in the Relevant Financial Centre at which it is customary to determine bid and offered rates in respect of deposits in the relevant currency in the interbank market in the Relevant Financial Centre **provided that** if the Relevant Currency is Euro and the Benchmark is EURIBOR, the Relevant Time shall be 11.00 am Brussels time.
- "Reset Date" means the First Reset Date, the Second Reset Date and each Subsequent Reset Date (as applicable).
- "Reset Determination Date" means, in respect of the First Reset Period, the second Business Day prior to the First Reset Date, in respect of the first Subsequent Reset Period, the second Business Day prior to the Second Reset Date and, in respect of each Subsequent Reset Period thereafter, the second Business Day prior to the first day of each such Subsequent Reset Period.
- "Reset Period" means the First Reset Period or a Subsequent Reset Period, as the case may be.
- "Second Reset Date" means the date specified in the relevant Final Terms.
- "Specified Currency" has the meaning, if any, given in the relevant Final Terms.
- "Specified Duration" means, with respect to any Floating Rate to be determined on an Interest Determination Date, the period specified in the relevant Final Terms.
- "Subsequent Margin" means the margin 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 Second 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 3(e) (Interest Rate on Reset Notes) (ii) (Fallbacks), the rate of interest determined by the Calculation Agent on the relevant Reset Determination Date as the sum of the relevant Mid-Swap Rate and the relevant Subsequent Margin.
- "TARGET System" means the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET or TARGET2) System or any successorthereto.
- "TARGET Settlement Day" means any day on which the TARGET System is open.

#### "Yield" means:

In relation to any Tranche of Fixed Rate Notes, an indication of the yield in respect of such notes will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price, using the formula below. It is not an indication of future yield.

$$P = \frac{C}{r} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + r \right)^{-n} \right) + A \left( 1 + r \right)^{-n}$$

Where:

"P" is the Issue Price of the Notes; "C" is the annualised Interest Amount; "A" is the principal amount of Notes due on redemption; "n" is time to maturity in years; and "r" is the annualised yield.

### (b) Interest Rate and Accrual

Each Note (other than Zero Coupon Notes) bears, for each Interest Period, interest on its outstanding principal amount at the Interest Rate, such interest being payable as the Interest Amount, in arrear and on each Interest Payment Date.

Where an Interest Period is a short or long Interest Period, then:

- (i) if the Fixed Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, the Interest Amount payable for that short or long Interest Period shall be, unless otherwise provided in the relevant Final Terms, the Broken Amount specified therein;
- (ii) if (in case of the Senior Preferred Notes only) the Reset Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, the Interest Amount payable for that short or long Interest Period shall be the relevant amount specified as such in the relevant Final Terms; and
- (iii) if the Floating Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, the Interest Rate applicable for that short or long Interest Period shall be determined by the Calculation Agent using Linear Interpolation.

Interest will cease to accrue on each Note on the last day of the last Interest Period and, in any case, on the due date for redemption unless, upon due presentation, payment of principal is improperly withheld or refused, in which event interest will continue to accrue (as well after as before judgment) at the Interest Rate in the manner provided in this Condition 3 to the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 6 (*Taxation*)).

# (c) Business Day Convention

If any date referred to in these Conditions which is specified in these Conditions or in the relevant Final Terms to be subject to adjustment in accordance with a Business Day Convention would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is (i) the Following Business Day Convention, such date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day, (ii) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day or (iii) the Preceding Business Day.

# (d) Interest Rate on Fixed Rate Notes

If the Fixed Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, the Interest Rate for each Interest Period shall be the fixed rate specified in

the relevant Final Terms. The yield of the Fixed Rate Note is indicated in the relevant Final Terms and is calculated as the internal rate of return (IRR). The yield of the Fixed Rate Notes is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price and, if indicated in the relevant Final Terms, the Fixed Coupon and/or the Broken Amount.

# (e) Interest Rate on Reset Notes

(i) Rates of Interest and Interest Payment Dates

If (in case of the Senior Preferred Notes only) the Reset Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, then such Reset Note bears interest:

- (A) from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date until (but excluding) the First Reset Date at the Initial Rate of Interest;
- (B) from (and including) the First Reset Date until (but excluding) the Second Reset Date or, if no such Second Reset Date is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Maturity Date at the rate per annum equal to the First Reset Rate of Interest; and
- (C) for each Subsequent Reset Period thereafter (if any), at the relevant Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest.

payable, in each case, in arrear on the each Interest Payment Date and on the Maturity Date if that does not fall on an Interest Payment Date. The Rate of Interest and the Interest Amount payable shall be determined by the Calculation Agent, (i) in the case of the Rate of Interest, at or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, and (ii) in the case of the Interest Amount in accordance with the provisions for calculating amounts of interest in Condition 3(d) (Interest Rate on Fixed Rate Notes).

### (ii) 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, the Calculation Agent shall request each of the Reference Banks (as defined below) to provide the Calculation Agent with its Mid-Market Swap Rate Quotation as at approximately 11.00 a.m. in the principal financial centre of the Specified Currency on the Reset Determination Date in question.

If two or more of the Reference Banks provide the Calculation Agent 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 Calculation Agent.

If on any Reset Determination Date only one or none of the Reference Banks provides the Calculation Agent with a Mid-Market Swap Rate Quotation as provided in the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, 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.

For the purposes of this Condition 3(e)(ii) "Reference Banks" means the principal office in the principal financial centre of the Specified Currency of four major banks in the swap, money, securities or other market most closely connected with the relevant Mid-Swap Rate as selected by the Issuer on the advice of an investment bank of international repute.

For the avoidance of doubts it being understood that the provisions set forth in this Condition 3(e) shall apply only in respect of the Senior Preferred Notes.

## (f) Interest Rate on Floating Rate Notes

If the Floating Rate Note Provisions are specified in the Final Terms as being applicable, the Interest Rate for each Interest Period will be determined by the Calculation Agent on the following basis:

- (i) Screen Rate Determination: if Screen Rate Denomination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Interest Rate is to be determined, as follow:
  - (A) if the Reference Rate is a composite quotation or customarily supplied by one entity, the Calculation Agent will determine the Reference Rate which appears on the Relevant Screen Page as of the Relevant Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date;
  - (B) in any other case, the Calculation Agent will determine the arithmetic mean of the Reference Rates which appear on the Relevant Screen Page as of the Relevant Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date;
  - (C) if, in the case of paragraph (A) above, such rate does not appear on that page or, in the case of paragraph (B) above, fewer than two such rates appear on that page or if, in either case, the Relevant Screen Page is unavailable, the Calculation Agent will:
    - (1) request the principal Relevant Financial Centre office of each of the Reference Banks to provide 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
    - (2) determine the arithmetic mean of such quotations; and
    - (3) if fewer than two such quotations are provided as requested, the Calculation Agent will determine the arithmetic mean of the rates (being the nearest to the Reference Rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent) quoted by major banks in the Principal Financial Centre of the Relevant Currency, selected by the Calculation Agent, 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 Interest Rate for such Interest Period shall be

- (a) if "Multiplier" is specified in the relevant Final Terms as not being applicable, the sum of the Margin and the rate or (as the case may be) the arithmetic mean determined in accordance with the above provisions (the "Determined Rate");
- (b) if "Multiplier" is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable (i) the sum of the Margin and the relevant Determined Rate multiplied by (ii) the Multiplier;

(c) if "Reference Rate Multiplier" is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, the sum of (i) Margin, and (ii) the relevant Determined Rate multiplied by the Reference Rate Multiplier,

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

- (ii) *ISDA Determination*: If, in respect of the Senior Preferred Notes only, ISDA Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Interest Rate(s) is/are to be determined, the Interest Rate applicable to the Notes for each Interest Period will be
  - (a) if "Multiplier" is specified in the relevant Final Terms as not being applicable, the sum of the Margin and the relevant ISDA Rate;
  - (b) if "Multiplier" is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable (i) the sum of the Margin and the relevant ISDA Rate multiplied by (ii) the Multiplier;
  - (c) if "Reference Rate Multiplier" is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, the sum of (i) Margin, and (ii) the relevant ISDA Rate multiplied by the Reference Rate Multiplier,

where "ISDA Rate" in relation to any Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) that would be determined by the Calculation Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Calculation Agent were acting as Calculation Agent for that interest rate swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the ISDA Definitions and under which:

- (A) the Floating Rate Option (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is as specified in the relevant Final Terms;
- (B) the Designated Maturity (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is a period specified in the relevant Final Terms; and
- (C) the relevant Reset Date (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is either (1) if the relevant Floating Rate Option is based on the London interbank offered rate (LIBOR) for a currency, the first day of that Interest Period or (2) in any other case, as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

# (g) Maximum/Minimum Interest Rates, Instalment Amounts and Redemption Amounts

If any Maximum or Minimum Interest Rate, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount is specified in the relevant Final Terms, then any Interest Rate, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount shall be subject to such maximum or minimum, as the case may be, **provided however that** provisions relating to the Maximum or Minimum Interest Rate shall not apply to the Senior Non Preferred Notes and shall not be specified at any time in the relevant Final Terms.

# (h) Rounding

For the purposes of any calculations required pursuant to these Conditions (unless otherwise specified), (i) all percentages resulting from such calculations will be rounded,

if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point (with halves being rounded up), (ii) all figures will be rounded to seven significant figures (with halves being rounded up) and (iii) all currency amounts which fall due and payable will be rounded to the nearest unit of such currency (with halves being rounded up), save in the case of Yen, which shall be rounded down to the nearest Yen. For these purposes "unit" means, with respect to any currency other than Euro, the lowest amount of such currency which is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, with respect to Euro, means one cent.

#### (i) Calculation of Interest Amount

The Interest Amount payable in respect of an Interest Period shall calculated using one of the following methods:

- (i) if the Fixed Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable but subject to sub-paragraph (ii) below, the Interest Amount payable for any Interest Period shall be an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent by applying the Interest Rate to the Calculation Amount and by multiplying the product so obtained by the Day Count Fraction (adjusted or unadjusted in accordance with the Business Day Convention, as specified in the relevant Final Terms); or
- (ii) notwithstanding sub-paragraph (i) above, if the Fixed Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable and a Fixed Coupon Amount and/or Broken Amount is specified in the Final Terms to be payable on an Interest Payment Date, the Interest Amount payable for the relevant Interest Period shall be the Fixed Coupon Amount and/or Broken Amount so specified; or
- (iii) if the Reset Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable with respect to Senior Preferred Notes only, the Interest Amount payable for any Interest Period shall be an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the provisions of Condition 3(e) (Interest Rate on Reset Notes) (i) (Rates of Interest and Interest Payment Dates) (adjusted or unadjusted in accordance with the Business Day Convention, as specified in the relevant Final Terms); or
- (iv) if the Floating Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, the Interest Amount payable for any Interest Period shall be an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent by applying the Interest Rate to the Calculation Amount and by multiplying the product so obtained by the Day Count Fraction (adjusted or unadjusted in accordance with the Business Day Convention, as specified in the relevant Final Terms).

Each Interest Amount (other than the Fixed Coupon Amount and the Broken Amount) shall be rounded in accordance with Condition 3(h) (*Rounding*).

# (j) Determination and Publication of Interest Rates, Interest Amounts, Redemption Amounts and Instalment Amounts

After the Relevant Time on each Interest Determination Date or such other time on such date as the Calculation Agent may be required to calculate any Redemption Amount or Instalment Amount, obtain any quote or make any determination or calculation, it will, promptly, determine the Interest Rate and calculate the Interest Amount on the principal amount of the Notes for the relevant Interest Period, calculate the Redemption Amount or Instalment Amount, obtain such quote or make such determination or calculation, as the case may be, and cause the Interest Rate and the Interest Amounts for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date and, if required to be calculated, the Redemption Amount or any Instalment Amount to be notified to the Fiscal Agent, the Issuer, the Paying Agent, the holders of the Notes, any other Calculation Agent appointed in respect of the Notes which is to make a further calculation upon receipt of

such information and, if the Notes are listed on a stock exchange and the rules of such exchange so requires, such exchange promptly after their determination but in no event later than (i) the commencement of the relevant Interest Period, if determined prior to such time, in the case of an Interest Rate and Interest Amount, or (ii) in all other cases, the fourth Business Day after such determination. The Interest Amounts and the Interest Payment Date so published may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. If the Notes become due and payable under Condition 8 (Events of Default), the accrued interest and the Interest Rate payable in respect of the Notes shall nevertheless continue to be calculated as previously in accordance with this Condition 3(i) but no publication of the Interest Rate or the Interest Amount so calculated need be made. The determination of each Interest Rate, Interest Amount, Redemption Amount and Instalment Amount, the obtaining of each quote and the making of each determination or calculation by the Calculation Agent shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding upon all parties.

# (k) Late payment on Zero Coupon Notes

If the Zero Coupon Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable and 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 which is seven days after the Fiscal Agent has notified the Noteholders that it has received all sums due in respect of the Notes up to such seventh day (except to the extent that there is any subsequent default in payment).

The calculation of the above amount shall be made (where such calculation is to be made for a period which is not a whole number of years) on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms for the purposes of this Condition 3(k) or, if none is so specified, a Day Count Fraction of 30E/360.

# (1) Interest Rate Switch

If Change of Interest is specified as being applicable in the relevant Final Terms, from and including the Interest Rate Switch Date, the Interest Rate applicable for the calculation of the Interest Amounts due for each remaining Interest Period with respect to the Notes shall be the rate specified as applying from and including such Interest Rate Switch Date in the Final Terms and the initial Interest Rate applicable to the Notes shall no longer apply.

### 4. REDEMPTION, PURCHASE AND OPTIONS

# (a) **Definitions**

In these Conditions, unless the context requires otherwise:

# (i) Redemption amount

The expressions "Farly Redemption Amount"; "Final Redemption Amount", "Instalment Amount", "Optional Redemption Amount (Call)", and "Optional Redemption Amount (Put)" mean, in respect of any Note: (A) such amount as may be specified in, or determined in accordance with the relevant

Final Terms; or (B) if no such amount is specified, the principal amount of such Note.

"Redemption Amount" means, as appropriate, the Final Redemption Amount, the Instalment Amount, the Early Redemption Amount, the Optional Redemption Amount (*Call*), the Optional Redemption Amount (*Put*), the Early Redemption Amount or such other amount in the nature of a redemption amount as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms, **provided that** such amount is in any case at least equal to the principal amount of the relevant Note.

#### (ii) Maturity date/period

"Maturity Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.

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

# (b) Maturities/Final Redemption

- (i) Unless previously redeemed, purchased and cancelled as provided below in accordance with Conditions 4(c) (Redemption for taxation reasons), 4(d) (Purchases), 4(f) (Redemption at the option of the Issuer), 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)), Condition 4(h) (Redemption at the option of holders of Notes) or Condition 4(i) (Redemption by instalments), each Note will be redeemed at its Final Redemption Amount on the Maturity Date.
- (ii) Senior Non Preferred Notes shall have a minimum Maturity Period of twelve months, as provided under Articles 12-bis and 91, paragraph 1-bis, letter c-bis of the Italian Banking Act and any relevant implementing regulation which may be enacted for such purposes by any Relevant Authority.

### (c) Redemption for taxation reasons

Subject to Condition 4(1) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Senior Notes), if Redemption for taxation reasons is specified in the Final Terms as being applicable, the Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, on any Interest Payment Date or, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, at any time, on giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the holders of Notes (which notice shall be irrevocable), at their Early Redemption Amount (together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption), if (i) the Issuer (or the Guarantor, as the case may be) (A) has or will become obliged to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 6 (Taxation) or (B) has or will become subject to additional amount of national income taxes (and/or, in the case of Mediobanca, regional tax on productive activities – IRAP) due to partial or entire limitation to the deductibility of any payments under the Notes, in either case as a result of (1) any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of Luxembourg or any political subdivision thereof or any agency or authority thereof or therein having power to tax (in the case of payments made by or on behalf of Mediobanca International) or the Republic of Italy or any political subdivision thereof or any agency or authority thereof or therein having power to tax (in the case of payments made by or on behalf of Mediobanca), or (2) any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, or (3) any judicial decision, official administrative pronouncement, published or private ruling, regulatory procedure, notice or announcement (including any notice or announcement of intent to adopt such procedures or regulations) (for purposes of this definition, an "Administrative Action"), or (4) any clarification of, or change in the official position or the interpretation of such Administrative Action or any interpretation or pronouncement that provides for a position with respect to such Administrative Action that differs from the generally accepted position, in each case by any legislative body, court, governmental, administrative or regulatory authority or body, irrespective of the manner in which such clarification or change is made known, which change, amendment, Administrative Action or clarification becomes effective on or after the

Issue Date, and (ii) such obligations/limitations under (A) and (B) above cannot be avoided by the Issuer (or the Guarantor, as the case may be) taking reasonable measures available to it which (x) do not require the Issuer (or the Guarantor, as the case may be) to incur material out-of-pocket expenses and (y) would not otherwise be disadvantageous to the Issuer or the Guarantor, as determined in their discretion; provided that in the case under (A) above no such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer (or the Guarantor, as the case may be) would be obliged to pay such additional amounts were a payment in respect of the Notes (or the Guarantee, as the case may be) then be due. Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition 4(c), the Issuer shall deliver to the Fiscal Agent a certificate signed by a director of the Issuer (or the Guarantor, as the case may be) stating that such Issuer (or the Guarantor, as the case may be) is entitled to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing that the conditions precedent to the right of such Issuer (or the Guarantor, as the case may be) so to redeem have occurred, and an opinion of independent legal advisers of recognised standing to the effect that there is more than an unsubstantial risk that the Issuer (or the Guarantor, as the case may be) (A) has or will become obliged to pay such additional amounts or (B) has or will become subject to additional amount of taxes, as indicated above, due to limitation of the deductibility of payments under the Notes as a result of such change, amendment, Administrative Action or clarification.

#### (d) Purchases

Subject to Condition 4(1) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Senior Notes), the Issuer, the Guarantor and any of the Guarantor's subsidiaries may purchase Notes in the open market or otherwise at any price provided that all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons appertaining thereto are attached or surrendered therewith. Without prejudice to the foregoing, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms the Issuer will be entitled to exercise the option to repurchase from the holder(s), at its sole discretion, (1) all (but not part of) the Notes of the relevant Series (the "Total Repurchase Option") or (2) on one or more occasions, any portion of the Notes of the relevant Series, provided that in such circumstances the amount of the Notes of the relevant Series to be purchased from each holder shall be the same proportion that the aggregate principal amount of the Notes of the relevant Series that are subject to the relevant Partial Purchase Option bears to the aggregate principal amount of all the Notes of the relevant Series then outstanding prior to the exercise of the relevant Partial Purchase Option (the "Partial Repurchase Option"). The Total Repurchase Option and the Partial Repurchase Option can only be exercised by the Issuer at the date(s) and the price(s) specified in the Final Terms as the Total Repurchase Option date or the Partial Repurchase Option date(s) and the Total Repurchase Option amount or Partial Repurchase Option amount(s), respectively. Upon exercise of the Total Repurchase Option or the Partial Repurchase Option, the holder(s) shall be obliged to sell to the Issuer (or any other entity indicated by the Issuer) all the Notes of the Series in relation to which the Total Repurchase Option or the Partial Repurchase Option (as the case may be) is exercised.

(e) Early Redemption of Zero Coupon Notes, Redemption of Zero Coupon Notes for taxation reasons, Redemption of Zero Coupon Notes at the Option of the holder, Redemption of Zero Coupon Notes at the option of holders of 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:

- (A) the Reference Price; and
- (B) 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 4(e) or, if none is so specified, a Day Count Fraction of 30E/360.

# (f) Redemption at the option of the Issuer

Subject to Condition 4(l) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Senior Notes), if the Call Option is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, then the following provisions will apply:

- (1) If European Style is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, then the Issuer may, on giving irrevocable prior notice to the holders of Notes, which notice must be received by the holders of Notes no later than the last day of the notice period specified in the relevant Final Terms redeem all or, if "Partial Redemption" is specified as applicable in the relevant Final Terms, some of the Notes. Any such redemption of Notes shall occur on the relevant Optional Redemption Date at their Optional Redemption Amount (Call), together with accrued interest (if any) up to such date, unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.
- (2) If American Style is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, then the Issuer may, at any time during any exercise period specified in the Final Terms (the "Exercise Period"), elects to redeem all or, if "Partial Redemption" is specified as applicable in the relevant Final Terms, some of the Notes, by sending a notice to the holders of Notes which notice must be received by such holders no later than the end of the relevant Exercise Period. Any such redemption of Notes shall occur on the relevant Optional Redemption Date at their Optional Redemption Amount (Call) together with accrued interest (if any) up to such date, unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.

In the case of a Partial Redemption, the notice to holders of Notes shall also contain the serial numbers of the Notes to be redeemed, which shall have been drawn in such place as the Fiscal Agent may approve and in such manner as it deems appropriate, subject to compliance with any applicable laws and stock exchange requirements.

# (g) Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)

Subject to Condition 4(I) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Senior Notes), if Regulatory Call is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Senior Preferred Notes and/or the Senior Non Preferred Notes (as the case may be) may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer, in whole but not in part, at any time (if the Senior Preferred Notes and/or the Senior Non Preferred Note (as the case may be) is not a Floating Rate Note) or on any Interest Payment Date (if the Note is a Floating Rate Note), on giving not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice (which notice shall be irrevocable) to the Paying Agent and, in accordance with Condition 12 (Notices), to the holders of the Senior Preferred Notes and/or the Senior Non Preferred Notes (as the case may be), upon the occurrence of a MREL/TLAC Disqualification Event with respect to the relevant Series of Senior Preferred Notes and/or Senior Non Preferred Notes (as the case may be).

"MREL/TLAC Disqualification Event" means the determination by the Issuer, that as a result of a change in Italian and/or EU laws or regulations becoming effective on or after the Issue Date of a Series of Senior Preferred Notes and/or of Senior Non Preferred Notes, which change was not reasonably foreseeable by the Issuer as at the Issue Date of the Series, it is likely that all or part of the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of such Series of Senior Preferred Notes and/or of Senior Non Preferred Notes will be excluded from the eligible liabilities available to meet the MREL/TLAC Requirements (however called or defined by then applicable regulations) if the Issuer is then subject to such requirements, provided that a MREL/TLAC Disqualification Event shall not occur

where such Series of Senior Preferred Notes and/or of Senior Non Preferred Notes is excluded on the basis (1) that the remaining maturity of such Senior Preferred Notes and/or Senior Non Preferred Notes is less than any period prescribed by any applicable eligibility criteria under the MREL/TLAC Requirements, or (2) of any applicable limits on the amount of eligible liabilities permitted or allowed to meet the MREL/TLAC Requirements.

"MREL/TLAC Requirements" means the minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities and/or total loss-absorbing capacity requirements applicable to the Issuer and/or the Group referred to in the BRRD, any other EU law or regulation and relevant implementing legislation and regulation in Italy.

"BRRD" means the directive 2014/59/EU providing for the establishment of an EU-wide framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms.

# (h) Redemption at the option of holders of Notes

If the Put Option is specified as being applicable to the Notes in the relevant Final Terms, then the following provisions will apply:

- (1) If European Style is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, the Issuer shall, at the option of the holders of the Notes, redeem all or, if "Partial Redemption" is specified as applicable in the relevant Final Terms, some of the Notes on the relevant Option Redemption Date at its Optional Redemption Amount (*Put*) together with accrued interest (if any) up to such date, unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms. To exercise such option, the holders must deposit such Notes with any Paying Agent at its specified office, together with a duly completed option exercise notice (the "Exercise Notice") in the form of obtainable from any Paying Agent; the Exercise Notice must be deposited with such Paying Agent no later than the last day of the notice period specified in the relevant Final terms. No Note so deposited and option exercised may be withdrawn (except as provided in the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement) without the prior consent of the Issuer.
- (2) If American Style is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, the Issuer shall, at the option of the holders of any the Notes, redeem all or, if "Partial Redemption" is specified as applicable in the relevant Final Terms, some of the Notes on the relevant Optional Redemption Date at its Optional Redemption Amount (Put) together with accrued interest (if any) up to such date, unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms. To exercise such option which may be exercised at any time during any exercise period specified in the relevant Final Terms (the "Exercise Period"), the holder must deposit such Notes with any Paying Agent at its specified office, together with a duly completed option exercise notice (the "Exercise Notice") in the form obtainable from any Paying Agent; the Exercise Notice must be deposit with such Paying Agent no later than the end of the relevant Exercise Period. No Note so deposited and option exercised may be withdrawn (except as provided in the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement) without the prior consent of the Issuer.

In the case of a Partial Redemption, the notice to holders of Notes shall also contain the serial numbers of the Notes to be redeemed, which shall have been drawn in such place as the Fiscal Agent may approve and in such manner as it deems appropriate, subject to compliance with any applicable laws and stock exchange requirements.

# (i) Redemption by instalments

Unless previously redeemed, purchased and cancelled in accordance with Condition 4(f) (Redemption at the option of the Issuer) or Condition 4(h) (Redemption at the option of holders of Notes), each Note which provides for Instalment Dates and Instalment Amounts will be partially redeemed on each Instalment Date at the Instalment Amount

specified on it, whereupon the outstanding principal amount of such Note shall be reduced by the Instalment Amount for all purposes.

# (j) Cancellation

Notes purchased by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any of the Guarantor's subsidiaries (where applicable) may be surrendered for cancellation, by surrendering each such Note together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and all unexchanged Talons to the Fiscal Agent and, if so surrendered, will, together with all Notes redeemed by the Issuer, be cancelled forthwith (together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith). Any Notes so surrendered for cancellation may not be reissued or resold and the obligations of the Issuer and the Guarantor (where applicable) in respect of any such Notes shall be discharged.

# (k) Specific Buy Back Provisions

If Specific Buy Back Provisions are specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, upon the holder of any Note giving to the Issuer not less than 5 Business Days' notice in accordance with Condition 12 (Notices) (which notice shall be irrevocable) to early redeem the Note before its scheduled maturity, the Issuer may, at its sole option, upon the expiry of such notice, redeem in whole or in part such Note paying an amount that can be less than par and that is linked to the Market Value of the Underlying Transactions at that moment, together, if appropriate, with any accrued but unpaid interest. As specified above, the Issuer has the right, in its sole option, to reject the early redemption request and, in particular, if the Issuer never replies to the notice, the Issuer is deemed to have rejected the early redemption request.

If Specific Buy Back Provisions are specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, prior to the Maturity Date the value of the Notes shall reflect and shall be calculated on the basis of the Market Value of the Underlying Transactions. The Calculation Agent may, from time to time, calculate the price of the Notes on the basis of the Market Value of the Underlying Transactions and, without prejudice to the Issuer's obligation to pay the Interest Amounts and the Redemption Amounts on the Notes, in the event that a holder requests the Issuer to repurchase the Notes held by it prior to their maturity, and the Issuer accepts such repurchase, the price of the Notes (the "Buy Back Price") will be determined taking into consideration the Market Value of such Underlying Transactions. The Specific Buy Back Provisions may apply only to Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca and/or Mediobanca International are specified as Dealers and where the principal amount in respect of such Note is equal to, at least, Euro 100,000 (or its equivalent amount in the Specified Currency).

In addition, if Specific Buy Back Provisions are specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer shall pay an additional remuneration (the "Extra-Yield") on the Notes. More information on the composition of the remuneration (unbundling) shall be published by each of the Issuer from time to time together with the composition of the Underlying Transactions as described below.

For the purpose of this Condition 4(k):

"Buy-Back Price" means the repurchase price of the Notes to be calculated by the Calculation Agent on the basis of the Market Value of the Underlying Transactions.

"Market Value" means the close-out amount of the Underlying Transactions, including the relevant bid/ask prices for all the Notes and for any possible funding arrangement and/or coupon swap, as determined by the Calculation Agent in a fair and commercially reasonable manner.

"Underlying Transactions" means any possible funding arrangement and/or coupon swap and/or any of the following funded or unfunded arbitrage-like financial transactions:

- (i) Cash-CDS Arbitrage;
- (ii) Index-Components Arbitrage; and/or
- (iii) General Funded Arbitrage,

where:

#### "Cash-CDS Arbitrage" means:

Long (Short): Cash Instrument + Short (Long): Replicating CDS

where:

"Cash Instrument" means any debt obligation (including any obligation issued by the Issuer) or basket of debt obligations, under security or loan format, with maturities and notionals that can be longer and/or higher, respectively, than the Maturity Date and aggregate principal amount of the relevant Notes;

"Replicating CDS" means a credit default swap transaction having similar maturity and principal amount as the Cash Instrument, and having as a reference entity the Cash Instruments issuer or the Cash Instrument guarantor (including the Issuer or the Guarantor or the Issuer's parent or the Issuer's affiliate), or, in the case of Cash Instrument that are asset-backed obligations or credit linked obligations, any credit entity or any credit risk embedded in such Cash Instrument.

#### "Index-Components Arbitrage" means:

Long (Short): Credit Index + Short (Long): CDS Components

where:

"Credit Index" means any of the Markit credit default swaps indices, with maturities and notionals that can be longer and/or higher, respectively, than the Maturity Date and aggregate principal amount of the relevant Notes, and any successor and/or replacement index thereof, including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Markit iTraxx® and Markit CDX<sup>TM</sup> indices, as selected by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Credit Index may also be a portfolio of credit default swap tranches summing up to a full capital structure, i.e. summing up to any such Markit credit default swap index.

"CDS Components" means a basket of single-name credit default swap transactions having similar notional, maturity, coupons and reference entity as the components of the Credit Index. CDS Components may also be a portfolio of credit default swap tranches having similar maturity, aggregate notional, aggregate coupons and aggregate reference entities as the components of the Credit Index.

# "General Funded Arbitrage" means:

Long (Short): Asset Instruments + Short (Long): Replicating Derivatives

where:

"Asset Instruments" means any asset title instrument (including funds or obligations, also asset-backed) linked to credit, rates, equities, commodities or currencies, with maturities and notionals that can be longer and/or higher, respectively, than the Maturity Date and aggregate principal amount of the relevant Notes.

"Replicating Derivatives" means any hedging derivative contract with similar maturity and notional as the Asset Instruments, and having as underlying the Asset Instrument itself. or any of its underlying financial instruments. For example: commodity certificate + future ("cash and carry arbitrage"), or convertible bond + CDS + equity option ("convertible arbitrage").

The Underlying Transactions will be selected from time to time by the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion and the relevant composition is subject to change during the life of the Notes. The composition of the Underlying Transactions (including any possible funding arrangement and/or coupon swap) shall be published from time to time by Mediobanca or Mediobanca International on their website www.mediobanca.com or on the website of the Irish Stock Exchange or on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or on any other means of publication, as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

# (1) Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Senior Notes

Any redemption of the Senior Notes in accordance with Condition 4(c) (Redemption for taxation reason), Condition 4(f) (Redemption at the option of the Issuer), Condition 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)), any purchase of the Senior Notes in accordance with Condition 4(d) (Purchases), or any modification of the Senior Notes in accordance with Conditions 9(a) (Meetings of holders of Notes) and 9(c) (Errors or inconsistencies), is subject to, if and to extent then required under Articles 12-bis and 91, paragraph 1-bis, letter c-bis of the Italian Banking Act and any relevant implementing regulation which may be enacted for such purposes by any Relevant Authority (with respect to the Senior Non Preferred Notes only) and/or under the MREL/TLAC Requirements (with respect to either the Senior Preferred Notes and the Senior Non Preferred Notes) the Issuer giving notice to the Relevant Authority and the Relevant Authority granting permission to redeem or purchase the relevant Senior Notes.

To redeem any such Senior Notes where such consent has not been granted shall not constitute an event of default of the Issuer for any purpose. Notwithstanding the above conditions, if, at the time of any redemption or purchase, Articles 12-bis and 91, paragraph 1-bis, letter c-bis of the Italian Banking Act and any relevant implementing regulation which may be enacted for such purposes by any Relevant Authority (with respect to the Senior Non Preferred Notes only) and/or the MREL/TLAC Requirements (with respect to the Senior Preferred Notes and the Senior Non Preferred Notes) permit the redemption or purchase only after compliance with one or more alternative or additional pre-conditions to those set out above in this Condition 4(j), the Issuer shall comply with such other and/or, as appropriate, additional pre-condition(s).

# 5. PAYMENTS AND TALONS

#### (a) Payments outside the United States

Payments of principal and interest in respect of Notes will, subject as mentioned below, be made against presentation and surrender of the relevant Receipts (in the case of payments of Instalment Amounts other than on the due date for redemption and **provided that** the Receipts are presented for payment together with their relative Notes), Notes (in the case of all other payments of principal and, in the case of interest as specified in Condition 5(e)(vi)) or Coupons (in the case of interest, save as specified in Condition 5(e)(ii)), as the case may be, at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States by a cheque payable in the currency in which such payment is due drawn on, or, at the option of the holder, by transfer to an account denominated in that currency with, a bank in the principal financial centre of that currency; **provided that** in the case of Euro, the transfer may be to a Euro account.

# (b) Payments in the United States

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Notes are denominated in US Dollars, payments in respect thereof may be made at the specified office of any Paying Agent in New York City in the same manner as aforesaid if (i) the Issuer shall have appointed Paying Agents

with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment of the amounts on the Notes in the manner provided above when due, (ii) payment in full of such amounts at all such offices is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on payment or receipt of such amounts and (iii) such payment is then permitted by United States law, without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer, any adverse tax consequence to the Issuer.

## (c) Payments subject to law, etc.

All payments are subject in all cases to any applicable fiscal or other laws, regulations and directives, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 6 (*Taxation*). No commission or expenses shall be charged to the holders of Notes or Couponholders in respect of such payments.

## (d) Appointment of Agents

The Fiscal Agent, the Paying Agent and the Calculation Agent initially appointed by the Issuer and their respective specified offices are listed below. The Fiscal Agent, the Paying Agent and the Calculation Agent act solely as agents of the Issuer and the Guarantor (where applicable) and do not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any holder. The Issuer and the Guarantor (where applicable) reserve the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of the Fiscal Agent, any other Paying Agent, the Calculation Agent or the Registrar and to appoint additional or other agents **provided that** the Issuer will at all times maintain (i) a Fiscal Agent, (ii) a Calculation Agent where the Conditions so require one, (iii) Paying Agents having a specified office in at least two major European cities (including Ireland so long as the Notes are listed on the Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange), and (iv) such other agents as may be required by the rules of any other stock exchange on which the Notes may be listed.

In addition, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent in New York in respect of any Notes denominated in US Dollars in the circumstances described in Condition 5(b) (Payments in the United States) above.

Notice of any such change or any change of any specified office will promptly be given to the holders of Notes in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*).

# (e) Unmatured Coupons and Receipts and unexchanged Talons

- (i) Unless the Notes provide that the relative Coupons are to become void upon the due date for redemption of those Notes, Notes should be surrendered for payment together with all unmatured Coupons (if any) appertaining thereto, failing which an amount equal to the face value of each missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, that proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupon which the sum of principal so paid bears to the total principal due) will be deducted from the Redemption Amount due for payment. Any amount so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of such missing Coupon within a period of 10 years from the Relevant Date for the payment of such principal (whether or not such Coupon has become void pursuant to Condition 7 (*Prescription*)).
- (ii) If the relevant Notes so provide, upon the due date for redemption of any Note, unmatured Coupons relating to such Notes (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect of them.
- (iii) Upon the due date for redemption of any Note, any unexchanged Talon relating to such Note (whether or not attached) shall become void and no Coupon shall be delivered in respect of such Talon.

- (iv) Upon the due date for redemption of any Note which is redeemable in instalments, all Receipts relating to such Note having an Instalment Date falling on or after such due date (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect of them.
- (v) Where any Note which provides that the relative Coupons are to become void upon the due date for redemption of those Notes is presented for redemption without all unmatured Coupons and any unexchanged Talon relating to it, and where any Note is presented for redemption without any unexchanged Talon relating to it, redemption shall be made only against the provisions of such indemnity as the Issuer may require.
- (vi) If the due date for redemption of any Note is not a due date for payment of interest, interest accrued from the preceding due date for payment of interest or the Interest Commencement Date, as the case may be, shall only be payable against presentation (and surrender if appropriate) of the relevant Note. Interest accrued on a Note which only bears interest after its Maturity Date shall be payable on redemption of such Note against presentation of the relevant Note.

## (f) Talons

On or after the Interest Payment Date for the final Coupon forming part of a Coupon sheet issued in respect of any Note, the Talon forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered to or to the order of the Fiscal Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet (and if necessary another Talon for a further Coupon sheet) (but excluding any Coupons which may have become void pursuant to Condition 7 (*Prescription*)).

# (g) Non-Business Days

If the due date for payment of any amount in respect of any 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.

In this Condition 5(g):

"Additional Financial Centre" means the city or the cities specified as such in the relevant Final Terms: and

# "Payment Business Day" means:

- (i) if the currency of payment is euro, any day which is a TARGET Settlement Day and a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre; or
- (ii) 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.

#### 6. TAXATION

# (a) Gross Up

All payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons by the Issuer or (as the case may be) the Guarantor under the Deed of Guarantee will be made without withholding or deduction for, or on the account of, any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg or any political subdivision thereof or any agency or authority therein or thereof having power to tax (in the case of payments made by or on behalf of Mediobanca International) or the Republic

of Italy or any political subdivision thereof or any agency or authority therein or thereof having power to tax (in the case of payments made by or on behalf of Mediobanca), unless the withholding or deduction of such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental changes is required by law. In that event, the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor will pay such additional amounts in respect of principal and interest (if permitted by MREL/TLAC Requirements) as may be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the holders of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts of principal and interest which would have been received in respect of the Notes, Receipts or (as the case may be) Coupons, in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any payment in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon or (as the case may be) under the Deed of Guarantee:

- (A) to, or to a third party on behalf of, a holder who is subject to such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges in respect of such Note, Receipt or Coupon by reason of its having some connection (otherwise than merely by holding the Note, Receipt or Coupon) with (in the case of payments of principal and interest made by or on behalf of Mediobanca International) the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (including taxes imposed by the Luxembourg law of 23 December 2005) or (in the case of payments of principal and interest made by or on behalf of Mediobanca and in respect of payments by Mediobanca under the Deed of Guarantee) the Republic of Italy; or (B) with respect to any Note, Receipt or Coupon presented for payment in the Republic of Italy or the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg; or (C) for or on account of *imposta sostitutiva* pursuant to Decree No. 239, Legislative Decree No. 461 of 21 November 1997 ("Decree No. 461") or related implementing regulations; or (D) in all circumstances in which the requirements and procedures of Decree No. 239 and related implementing rules have not been properly and promptly met or complied with (except where due to the actions or omissions of the Issuer, the Guarantor or their agents); or (E) to, or to a third party on behalf of, a holder who is entitled to avoid such withholding or deduction in respect of such Note, Receipt or Coupon by making a declaration or any other statement, including, but not limited to, a declaration of non-residence or other similar claim for exemption to the relevant taxing authority or intermediary/paying agent, but has failed to do so properly and promptly; or
- (ii) (in the case of payments of principal and interest made by or on behalf of Mediobanca and in respect of payments by Mediobanca under the Deed of Guarantee) to a holder who is a non-Italian resident or individual or legal entity which is resident in any country not allowing for an adequate exchange of information with the Italian tax authorities that is not included in the list set by Italian Ministerial Decree 4 September 1996, as subsequently amended and supplemented from time to time; or
- (iii) for any Note, Receipt or Coupon presented for payment more than 30 days after the Relevant Date except to the extent that the holder thereof would have been entitled to such additional amount on presenting the same for payment on the thirtieth such day; or
- (iv) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note, Receipt or Coupon to another paying agent in a Member State of the European Union; or
- (v) (in the case of payments of principal and interest made by or on behalf of Mediobanca) where withholding or deduction is required by law pursuant to Italian Presidential Decree No. 600 of 29 September 1973 ("Decree No. 600"); or
- (vi) where such withholding or deductions is required by an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended or

otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto; or

- (vii) with respect to any Notes qualifying as "atypical" securities (titoli "atipici") for Italian tax purposes subject to the regime provided for by Decree No. 512, for and on account of any withholding or deduction required by law pursuant to such decree; or
- (viii) in any case, where in the Final Terms it is expressly specified under the section entitled "Taxation" that "Gross Up" will not apply with respect to any Note, Receipt or Coupon pursuant to this point (viii) of Condition 6(a) (Taxation Gross Up),

without prejudice to the option of the Issuer to redeem the Notes pursuant to, and subject to the conditions of, Condition 4(c) (Redemption for taxation reasons).

#### (b) Taxing Jurisdiction

If the Issuer or the Guarantor (where applicable) becomes subject at any time to any taxing jurisdiction other than the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg or the Republic of Italy respectively, references in these Conditions to Luxembourg or Italy shall be construed as references to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg or (as the case may be) the Republic of Italy and/or such other jurisdiction.

As used in these Conditions, "Relevant Date" in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon means the date on which payment in respect thereof first becomes due or (if any amount of the money payable is improperly withheld or refused) the date on which payment in full of the amount outstanding is made or (if earlier) the date on which notice is duly given to the holders of Notes in accordance with Condition 12 (Notices) that, upon further presentation of the Note, Receipt or Coupon being made in accordance with the Conditions, such payment will be made, provided that payment is in fact made upon such presentation. References in these Conditions to (i) "principal" shall be deemed to include any premium payable in respect of the Notes, all Instalment Amounts, Redemption Amounts, Amortised Face Amounts and all other amounts in the nature of principal payable pursuant to Condition 4 (Redemption, Purchase and Options) or any amendment or supplement to it, (ii) "interest" shall be deemed to include all Interest Amounts and all other amounts payable pursuant to Condition 3 (Interest and Other Calculations) or any amendment or supplement to it and (iii) "principal" and/or "interest" shall be deemed to include any additional amounts which may be payable under this Condition 6.

## 7. PRESCRIPTION

Claims against the Issuer and the Guarantor (where applicable) for payment in respect of the Notes, Receipts and Coupons (which, for this purpose shall not include Talons) shall be prescribed and become void unless made within ten years (in the case of principal) or five years (in the case of interest) from the appropriate Relevant Date in respect thereof.

# 8. EVENTS OF DEFAULT

#### (a) Events of Default of the Senior Preferred Notes

If any of the following events occurs and is continuing (except where one or more of the Events of Default (as defined below) are specified as not applicable in the applicable Final Terms), the holder of a Senior Preferred Note of any Series may give written notice to the Fiscal Agent at its specified office that such Senior Preferred Note is immediately repayable, whereupon the Early Redemption Amount of such Senior Preferred Note together with accrued interest to the date of payment shall become immediately due and payable:

- (i) **Default in payment of principal or interest**: default is made for a period of five Business Days or more in the payment of any principal on any of the Senior Preferred Notes or for a period of fifteen Business Days or more in the payment of any interest due in respect of the Senior Preferred Notes or any of them;
- (ii) Failure to perform any other Obligation: the Issuer or the Guarantor (where applicable) fails duly to perform any other obligation under or in respect of the Senior Preferred Notes, the Deed of Guarantee or the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement and such failure continues for more than 30 days after the service by a holder of a Senior Preferred Note of notice on the Issuer requiring the same to be remedied;
- (iii) General suspension of payments: the Issuer or the Guarantor (where applicable) suspends its payments generally;
- (iv) Bankruptcy, composition or similar event: a court in the country of domicile of the Issuer or the Guarantor (where applicable) institutes bankruptcy proceedings or composition proceedings to avert a bankruptcy or the Issuer or the Guarantor (where applicable) applies for institution of such proceedings or any event occurs which under the laws of the Republic of Italy or Grand Duchy of Luxembourg has an analogous effect to such proceedings;
- (v) Cross-default: (i) any other present or future indebtedness of the Issuer or the Guarantor (where applicable) for or in respect of moneys borrowed or raised becomes due and payable prior to its stated maturity as a result of any payment default thereon by the Issuer or, as the case may be, the Guarantor (where applicable), or (ii) any such indebtedness is not paid when due or, as the case may be, within an applicable grace period, or (iii) the Issuer or the Guarantor (where applicable) fails to pay when due any amount payable by it under any present or future guarantee for, or indemnity in respect of any moneys borrowed or raised **provided that** an event of default pursuant to this Condition 8(v) shall only occur if: (A) the aggregate amount of the relevant indebtedness, guarantees and indemnities in respect of which one of the events mentioned in paragraphs (i), (ii) or (iii) above have occurred and is continuing exceeds €35,000,000 and (B) the Issuer or the Guarantor (where applicable) is not contesting in good faith in a competent court in a recognised jurisdiction that the relevant indebtedness or guarantee and/or indemnity is due and enforceable, as appropriate;
- (vi) **Insolvency**: either the Issuer or the Guarantor (where applicable) is (or is deemed by law or a court to be) insolvent or bankrupt or unable to pay its debts, proposes or makes a general assignment or an arrangement or composition with or for the benefit of the relevant creditors in respect of any of such debts or a moratorium is agreed or declared in respect of or affecting all or any part of (or of a particular type of) the debts of the Issuer or the Guarantor (where applicable);
- (vii) Winding-up: an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for the winding-up or dissolution or administration of the Issuer or the Guarantor (where applicable), or the Issuer or the Guarantor (where applicable) applies or petitions for a winding-up or administration order in respect of itself or ceases or threatens to cease to carry on all or substantially all of its business or operations, in each case except for the purposes of and pursuant to or in connection with a reconstruction, amalgamation, reorganisation, merger, de-merger, consolidation, deconsolidation or disposal or contribution in kind of assets or branches of business;
- (viii) Ownership: in respect of Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca International, Mediobanca International ceases to be controlled by Mediobanca (except in the case of a reconstruction, amalgamation, reorganisation, merger, de-merger, consolidation or similar transaction by which Mediobanca assumes the payment obligations of Mediobanca International under the Senior Preferred Notes).
- (ix) **Illegality**: it is or will become unlawful for the Issuer or the Guarantor (where applicable) to perform or comply with any one or more of its obligations under any of the Senior Preferred Notes or the Deed of Guarantee (where applicable); or

(x) Guarantee: in respect of Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca International, the Deed of Guarantee (where applicable) ceases to be a valid and binding obligation of the Guarantor or it becomes unlawful for the Guarantor to perform its obligations under the Deed of Guarantee or the Deed of Guarantee is claimed by Mediobanca International or the Guarantor not to be in full force and effect (except in the case of a reconstruction, amalgamation, reorganisation, merger, de-merger, consolidation or similar transaction by which Mediobanca assumes the payment obligations of Mediobanca International under the Senior Preferred Notes).

If the applicable Final Terms specifies that one or more of the Events of Default are not applicable, then such relevant Events of Default shall not apply to such Senior Preferred Notes. However, in any case a Noteholder may, upon written notice to the Fiscal Agent, cause such Senior Preferred Notes to become due and payable, together with accrued interest thereon, if any, as of the date on which said notice is received by the Fiscal Agent, upon the occurrence of the Event of Default listed in this Condition 8(a), paragraph (vii) (Winding-up).

#### (b) Events of Default of the Senior Non Preferred Notes

If any of the following events occurs and is continuing, the holder of a Senior Non Preferred Note of any Series may give written notice to the Fiscal Agent at its specified office that such Senior Non Preferred Note is immediately repayable, whereupon the Early Redemption Amount of such Senior Non Preferred Note together with accrued interest to the date of payment shall become immediately due and payable:

(i) **Winding-up**: Mediobanca is wound up or dissolved, except for the purposes of, and pursuant to, or in connection with, a reconstruction, amalgamation, reorganisation, merger, de-merger, consolidation, deconsolidation or disposal of assets.

In this Condition 8 "Events of Default" means any of the events listed in Conditions 8(a) (Events of Default of the Senior Preferred Notes) and/or 8(b) (Events of Default of the Senior Non Preferred Notes) as the case may be.

## 9. MEETINGS OF HOLDERS OF NOTES AND MODIFICATIONS

# (a) Meetings of holders of Notes

The Issue and Paying Agency Agreement contains provisions for convening meetings of holders of Notes to consider any matter affecting their interest, including modification by Extraordinary Resolution of the Notes (including these Conditions insofar as the same may apply to such Notes). An Extraordinary Resolution duly passed at any such meeting shall be binding on all the holders of Notes, whether present or not and on all relevant holders of Coupons, except that any Extraordinary Resolution proposed, inter alia, (i) to amend the dates of maturity or redemption of the Notes, any Instalment Date or any date for payment of interest thereon, (ii) to reduce or cancel the principal amount or an Instalment Amount of, or any premium payable on redemption of, the Notes, (iii) to reduce the rate or rates of interest in respect of the Notes or to vary the method or basis of calculating the rate or rates or amount of interest or the basis for calculating the Interest Amount in respect thereof, (iv) if a Minimum and/or a Maximum Interest Rate, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount is shown in the Final Terms, to reduce any such Minimum and/or Maximum, (v) to change any method of calculating the Redemption Amount, (vi) to vary the currency or currencies of payment or denomination of the Notes, (vii) to modify the provisions contained concerning the quorum required at any meeting of holders of Notes or any adjournment thereof or concerning the majority required to pass an Extraordinary Resolution, (viii) to modify the provisions which would have the effect of giving any authority, direction or sanction which under the Notes is required to be given pursuant to a meeting of holders of Notes to which the special quorum provisions apply, (ix) to take any steps which as specified in the Final Terms may only be taken following approval by an Extraordinary Resolution to which the special quorum provisions apply or (x) to amend the foregoing exceptions in any manner, will only be binding if passed at a meeting of the holders of Notes (or at any

adjournment thereof) at which a special quorum (provided for in the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement) is present.

# (b) Modification of Issue and Paying Agency Agreement

The Issuer and the Guarantor shall only permit any modification of, or any waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of or any failure to comply with, the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement, if to do so could not reasonably be expected to be prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Notes.

#### (c) Errors or inconsistencies

The Issuer and the Guarantor may, without the prior consent of the holders of the Notes correct (i) any manifest error in the Senior Notes Conditions and/or in the Final Terms, (ii) any error of a formal, minor or technical nature in the Senior Notes Conditions and/or in the Final Terms or (iii) any inconsistency in the Senior Notes Conditions and/or in the Final Terms between the Senior Notes Conditions and/or the Final Terms and any other documents prepared in connection with the issue and/or offer of a Series of Notes (provided such correction is not materially prejudicial to the holders of the relevant Series of Notes). Any such correction shall be binding on the holders of the relevant Notes and the Issuer and the Guarantor (if applicable) shall cause such correction to be notified to the holders of the Notes as soon as practicable thereafter pursuant to Condition 12 (*Notices*).

## (d) Modification following a MREL/TLAC Disqualification Event

If Modification following a MREL/TLAC Disqualification Event is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, where a MREL/TLAC Disqualification Event has occurred and is continuing, then the Issuer may, without any requirement for the consent or approval of the Noteholders, modify the terms of the Senior Notes to the extent that such modification is reasonably necessary to ensure that no such MREL/TLAC Disqualification Event would exist after such modification, **provided that**, following such modification:

- (i) the terms and conditions of the Senior Notes, as so modified (the "modified Senior Notes"), are no more prejudicial to Noteholders than the terms and conditions applicable to the Senior Notes prior to such modification (the "existing Senior Notes") provided that any modification may be made in accordance with paragraphs (ii) to (iv) below and any such modification shall not constitute a breach of this paragraph (i); and
- (ii) the person having the obligations of the Issuer under the Senior Notes continues to be the Issuer; and
- (iii) the modified Senior Notes rank at least equal to the existing Senior Notes and feature the same tenor, principal amount, interest rates (including applicable margins), interest payment dates and first call date as the existing Senior Notes; and
- (iv) the modified Senior Notes continue to be listed on a regulated market (for the purposes of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive 2004/39/EC) of an internationally recognised stock exchange as selected by the Issuer (**provided that** the existing Senior Notes were so listed prior to the occurrence of such MREL/TLAC Disqualification Event),

# and provided further that:

(a) Mediobanca obtains approval of the proposed modification from the Relevant Authority (if such approval is required) or gives prior written notice (if such notice is required to be given) to the Relevant Authority and, following the expiry of all relevant statutory time limits, the Relevant Authority is no longer entitled to object or impose changes to the proposed modification;

- (b) the modification does not give rise to a change in any published and solicited rating of the existing Senior Notes in effect at such time (to the extent the existing Senior Notes were rated prior to the occurrence of such MREL/TLAC Disqualification Event);
- (c) the modification does not give rise to any right on the part of the Issuer to exercise any option to redeem the Senior Notes prior to their stated maturity, without prejudice to the provisions under Condition 4(f) (Redemption at the option of the Issuer); and
- (d) the Issuer has delivered to the Fiscal Agent a certificate, substantially in the form shown in the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement, signed by two of the Issuer's executive officers stating that paragraphs (i) to (iv) and (a) to (c) above have been complied with, such certificate to be made available for inspection by Noteholders.

In connection with any modification as indicated in this Condition 9(d), the Issuer shall comply with the rules of any stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the Senior Non Preferred Notes are then listed or admitted to trading.

# 10. REPLACEMENT OF NOTES, RECEIPTS, COUPONS AND TALONS

If a Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced, subject to applicable laws and stock exchange regulations, at the specified office of the Fiscal Agent or such other Paying Agent as may from time to time be designated by the Issuer for the purpose and notice of whose designation is given to holders in accordance with Condition 12 (Notices), in each case on payment by the claimant of the fees and costs incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence, security and indemnity (which may provide, inter alia, that if the allegedly lost, stolen or destroyed Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon is subsequently presented for payment or, as the case may be, for exchange for further Coupons, there will be paid to the Issuer on demand the amount payable by the Issuer in respect of such Notes, Receipts, Coupons or further Coupons) and otherwise as the Issuer may require. Mutilated or defaced Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

# 11. FURTHER ISSUES AND CONSOLIDATION

The Issuer may from time to time without the consent of the holders of Notes or Coupons create and issue further notes having the same terms and conditions as the Notes in all respects (or in all respects except for the Issue Price, the Issue Date and/or the first payment of interest) and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single series with such Notes, and references in these Senior Notes Conditions to "Notes" shall be construed accordingly.

The Issuer may also from time to time upon not less than 30 days' prior notice to Noteholders, without the consent of the holders of Notes or Coupons of any Series, consolidate the Notes with Notes of one or more other Series (the "Other Notes") issued by it, provided the Notes and the Other Notes have been redenominated into Euro (if not originally denominated in Euro), and otherwise have, in respect of all periods subsequent to such consolidation, the same terms. Notice of any such consolidation will be given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12 (Notices). The Fiscal Agent shall act as the consolidation agent.

With effect from their consolidation, the Notes and the Other Notes will (if listed prior to such consolidation) be listed on at least one European stock exchange on which either the Notes or the Other Notes were listed immediately prior to such consolidation.

The Issuer shall in dealing with holders of such Notes following a consolidation pursuant to this Condition 11 have regard to the interest of the holders and the holders of the Other Notes, taken together as a class, and shall treat them alike.

#### 12. NOTICES

Notices to the holders of Notes will be valid if (i) until such time as any Definitive Notes are issued, the notice is delivered to the relevant Clearing System(s), for communication by them to the holders of Notes; and (ii) if and so long as the Notes are admitted to trading on the Irish Stock Exchange's regulated market and listed on the Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange, the notice is published in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Irish Stock Exchange (which shall include publication in a leading newspaper having general circulation in Ireland or on the website of the Irish Stock Exchange (www.ise.ie) or on the website of the relevant Issuer (www.mediobanca.it or www.mediobancaint.lu) and the Guarantor (www.mediobanca.it). If any such publication is not practicable, notice will be validly given if published in another leading daily English language newspaper of general circulation in Europe.

Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the date of such publication or, if published more than once or on different dates, on the date of the first publication as provided above.

Holders of Coupons shall be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice to the holders of Notes in accordance with this Condition 12.

#### 13. SUBSTITUTION OF THE ISSUER

- (a) The Issuer and, in case of Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca International, the Guarantor may at any time, without the consent of the holders of Notes or Coupons, substitute Mediobanca in place of Mediobanca International or Mediobanca International in place of Mediobanca (each a "Substitute") upon notice by the Issuer, the Guarantor (in case of Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca International) and the Substitute to be given in accordance with Condition 12 (Notices), provided that;
  - (i) no payment in respect of the Notes, the Receipts or the Coupons or the Deed of Guarantee (as the case may be) is at the relevant time overdue;
  - the Substitute shall, by means of a deed poll in the form scheduled to the Programme Manual as Schedule 12 (the "Deed Poll"), agree to indemnify each holder of Notes and Coupons against any incremental tax, duty, assessment or governmental charge which is imposed on it by (or by any authority in or of) the jurisdiction of the country of the Substitute's residence for tax purposes and, if different, of its incorporation with respect to any Note, Receipt, Coupon, Talon or the Deed of Covenant and which would not have been so imposed or otherwise suffered by any holder of Notes, Receipts or Coupons had the substitution not been made, as well as against any tax, duty, assessment or governmental charge, and any cost or expense, relating to the substitution;
  - (iii) in respect of Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca International, where the Substitute is not the Guarantor, the obligations of the Substitute under the Deed Poll, the Notes, Receipts, Coupons, Talons and Deed of Covenant shall be unconditionally guaranteed by the Guarantor by means of the Deed Poll, in accordance with the terms thereof;
  - (iv) all actions, conditions and things required to be taken, fulfilled and done (including the obtaining of any necessary consents) to ensure that the Deed Poll, the Notes, Receipts, Coupons, Talons and Deed of Covenant represent valid, legally binding and enforceable obligations of the Substitute and, where applicable, of the Guarantor have been taken, fulfilled and done and are in full force and effect;
  - (v) the Substitute shall have become party to the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement, with any appropriate consequential amendments, as if it had been an original party to it;

- (vi) legal opinions shall have been delivered to the Fiscal Agent and Dealers from lawyers of recognised standing in each jurisdiction referred to in paragraph (ii) above, in Italy and in England as to the fulfilment of the requirements of this Condition 13 and the other matters specified in the Deed Poll and that the Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons are legal, valid and binding obligations of the Substitute;
- (vii) each stock exchange on which the Notes are listed shall have confirmed that, following the proposed substitution of the Substitute, the Notes will continue to be listed on such stock exchange;
- (viii) if applicable, the Substitute has appointed a process agent as its agent in England to receive service of process on its behalf in relation to any legal proceedings arising out of or in connection with the Notes.
- (b) Upon the execution of the Deed Poll and the delivery of the legal opinions, the Substitute shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power, of the Issuer under the Notes and the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement with the same effect as if the Substitute had been named as the Issuer herein, and the Issuer shall be released from its obligations under the Notes and under the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement.
- (c) After a substitution pursuant to Condition 13(a), the Substitute may, without the consent of any holder, effect a further substitution. All the provisions specified in Conditions 13(a) and 13(b) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*, and references in these Conditions to the Issuer shall, where the context so requires, be deemed to be or include references to any such further Substitute.
- (d) After a substitution pursuant to Condition 13(a) or 13(c) any Substitute may, without the consent of any holder, reverse the substitution, *mutatis mutandis*.
- (e) The Deed Poll and all documents relating to the substitution shall be delivered to, and kept by, the Fiscal Agent. Copies of such documents will be available free of charge at the specified office of the Paying Agent.

# 14. LAW AND JURISDICTION

- (a) Governing Law: If it is specified in the Final Terms that English law is applicable to the Notes, the Notes and any contractual or non-contractual obligations arising from or connected with the Notes are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, English law except for Conditions 2(c) (Status of the Senior Non Preferred Notes), 4(b) (Maturities/Final Redemption), 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)) and 8(b) (Events of Default of the Senior Non Preferred Notes), which are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, Italian law. If it is specified in the Final Terms that Italian law is applicable to the Notes, the Notes are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, Italian law. For the avoidance of doubt, articles 470-3 to 470-19 of the Luxembourg Law dated 10 August 1915 on commercial companies, as amended, are not applicable to the Notes.
- (b) **Jurisdiction**: If it is specified in the Final Terms that English law is applicable to the Notes, the courts of England have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute (a "**Dispute**"), arising from or connected with the Notes, whether arising out of or in connection with contractual or non-contractual obligations. If it is specified in the Final Terms that Italian law is applicable to the Notes, the Courts of Milan shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any disputes that may arise out of or in connection with these Notes.
- (c) Appropriate forum: If it is specified in the Final Terms that English law is applicable to the Notes, each of the Issuers and the Guarantor (where applicable) agree that the courts of England are the most appropriate and convenient courts to settle any Dispute and, accordingly, that they will not argue to the contrary.

- (d) Service of notices/documents: If it is specified in the Final Terms that English law is applicable, each of the Issuers and the Guarantor (where applicable) agree that the documents which start any proceedings relating to a Dispute ("Proceedings") and any other documents required to be served in relation to those Proceedings may be served on them by being delivered to Mediobanca - Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. - London Branch, 4th floor, 62 Buckingham Gate SW1E 6AJ, United Kingdom. If such person is not or ceases to be effectively appointed to accept service of process on behalf of the Issuer and the Guarantor (where applicable), the Issuer and the Guarantor (where applicable) shall, on the written demand of any Noteholder addressed and delivered to the Issuer and to the Guarantor (where applicable) or to the specified office of the Fiscal Agent appoint a further person in England to accept service of process on their behalf and, failing such appointment within 15 days, any Noteholder shall be entitled to appoint such a person by written notice addressed to the Issuer and the Guarantor (where applicable) and delivered to the Issuer and the Guarantor (where applicable) or to the specified office of the Fiscal Agent. Nothing in this Condition 14(d) shall affect the right of any Noteholder to serve process in any other manner permitted by law. This Condition 14(d) applies to Proceedings in England and to Proceedings elsewhere.
- (e) Non-applicable Conditions if Italian law applies to the Notes: If it is specified in the Final Terms that Italian law is applicable, Conditions 14(c) (Appropriate forum) and 14(d) (Service of notices/documents) shall not apply.
- (f) Acknowledgement of the Italian Bail-in Power: Notwithstanding any provision of these Conditions or any other agreements, arrangements, or understandings between the Issuers and the Guarantor (where applicable) and any holder, and without prejudice to Article 55(1) of the BRRD, by its acquisition of the Notes each holder (which, for the purposes of this Condition 14(f), includes each holder of a beneficial interest in the Notes) acknowledges, accepts, consents to and agrees to be bound by:
  - the effects of the exercise of the Italian Bail-in Power by the Relevant Authority, which exercise may include and result in any of the following, or some combination thereof: (i) the reduction of all, or a portion, of the principal amount in respect of the Notes together with any accrued but unpaid interest due thereon and any additional amounts (if any) due in relation thereto; (ii) the conversion of all, or a portion, of the principal amount in respect of the Notes together with any accrued but unpaid interest due thereon and any additional amounts (if any) due in relation thereto, into ordinary shares, other securities or other obligations of the Issuer or another person (and the issue to or conferral on the holder of such shares, securities or obligations), including by means of an amendment, modification or variation of these Conditions; (iii) the cancellation of the Notes or the principal amount in respect of the Notes together with any accrued but unpaid interest due thereon and any additional amounts (if any) due in relation thereto; and (iv) the amendment or alteration of the maturity of the Notes or amendment of the amount of interest payable on the Notes, or the date on which the interest becomes payable, including by suspending payment for a temporary period; and
  - (ii) the variation of these Conditions, as deemed necessary by the Relevant Authority, to give effect to the exercise of the Italian Bail-in Power by the Relevant Authority.

The exercise of the Italian Bail-in Power by the Relevant Authority shall not constitute an event of default and these Conditions shall remain in full force and effect save as varied by the Relevant Authority in accordance with this Condition 14(f).

# In these Conditions:

"Applicable Banking Regulations" means at any time the laws, regulations, requirements, guidelines and policies relating to capital adequacy then in effect in the Republic of Italy, including, without limitation to the generality of the foregoing, those

regulations, requirements, guidelines and policies relating to capital adequacy then in effect of the Relevant Authority (as defined below) whether or not such requirements, guidelines or policies have the force of law and whether or not they are applied generally or specifically to the Issuer and including, for avoidance of doubt, as at the Issue Date the rules contained in, or implementing, CRD IV);

"CRA Regulation" means Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009, as amended and supplemented.

"CRD IV" means the CRD IV Directive, the CRR and any CRD IV Implementing Measure;

"CRD IV Directive" means the directive 2013/36 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on access to the activity of credit institutions and the prudential supervision of credit institutions and investment firms, amending Directive 2002/87/EC and repealing Directives 2006/48/EC and 2006/49/EC;

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

"CRR" means the Regulation No. 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms amending Regulation No. 648/2012;

"Italian Bail-in Power" means any write-down, conversion, transfer, modification, or suspension power existing from time to time under, and exercised in compliance with, any laws, regulations, rules or requirements in effect in the Republic of Italy, relating to (i) the transposition of the BRRD (in including, but not limited to, Legislative Decrees No. 180/2015 and 181/2015) as amended from time to time, (ii) Regulation (EU) No.806/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2014, establishing uniform rules and a uniform procedure for the resolution of credit institutions and certain investment firms in the framework of the Single Supervisory Mechanism and the Single Resolution Fund and amending Regulation (EU) No. 1093/2010, as amended or superseded from time to time (the "SRM Regulation") and (iii) the instruments, rules and standards created thereunder, pursuant to which any obligation of a regulated entity (as defined below) (or other affiliate of such regulated entity) can be reduced, cancelled, modified, or converted into shares, other securities, or other obligations of such regulated entity or any other person (or suspended for a temporary period); and

"Relevant Authority" means the Bank of Italy or other governmental authority in the Republic of Italy (or other country in which the Issuer is then domiciled) or in the European Union having primary responsibility for the prudential and resolution oversight and supervision of the Issuer.

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SUBORDINATED NOTES

The following is the text of the terms and conditions which, as completed by the relevant Final Terms, will be endorsed on each Subordinated Note in final form issued under the Programme. The terms and conditions applicable to any Subordinated Notes in global form will differ from those terms and conditions which would apply to the Subordinated Notes whilst in final form to the extent described under "Provisions relating to the Notes While in Global Form" below.

Mediobanca - Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. ("Mediobanca"), Mediobanca International (Luxembourg) S.A. ("Mediobanca International") (each, an "Issuer" and, together, the "Issuers") have established an Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the "Programme") for the issuance of up to Euro 40,000,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of senior preferred notes which may be issued by each of the Issuers (the "Senior Preferred Notes"), senior non preferred notes which may be issued by Mediobanca only (the "Senior Non Preferred Notes" and, together with the Senior Preferred Notes, the "Senior Notes") and subordinated notes which may be issued by Mediobanca only (the "Notes"), guaranteed by Mediobanca (in its capacity as guarantor, the "Guarantor") in respect of Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca International only.

The Notes are issued pursuant to an amended and restated Issue and Paying Agency Agreement dated 24 January 2018, as amended or supplemented from time to time, (the "Issue and Paying Agency Agreement") between the Issuers, the Guarantor, BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch, as fiscal agent and principal paying agent (the "Fiscal Agent") and Mediobanca in its capacity as Italian paying agent (the "Italian Paying Agent" and together with the Fiscal Agent and any additional or other paying agents in respect of the Notes from time to time appointed, the "Paying Agents") and with the benefit of deeds of covenant dated 24 January 2018 (each, a "Deed of Covenant" and, together, the "Deeds of Covenant"), each of them executed by the relevant Issuer in respect of Notes issued by such Issuer. The holders of the Notes (as defined below), the holders of the interest coupons (the "Coupons") appertaining to interest bearing Notes and, where applicable in the case of such Notes, talons for further Coupons (the "Talons") and the holders of the instalment receipts (the "Receipts") appertaining to the payment of principal by instalments are deemed to have notice of all of the provisions of the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement applicable to them.

Notes issued under the Programme are issued in series (each, a "Series") and each Series may comprise one or more tranches (each, a "Tranche") of Notes. Each Tranche of Notes is the subject of final terms (the "Final Terms") which completes these terms and conditions (the "Subordinated Notes Conditions" or 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 Subordinated Notes Conditions and the Final Terms, the Final Terms shall prevail. All subsequent references in these Subordinated Notes Conditions to "Notes" are to the Notes which are the subject of the relevant Final Terms. These Subordinated Notes Conditions apply only to Notes which are issued by Mediobanca and are defined as "Tier II Instruments" in Part II, Chapter 1 of the Prudential Regulations for Banks and in Article 63 of the CRR. Copies of the Final Terms are available during normal business hours at the specified office of the Fiscal Agent, the initial Specified Office of which is set out below (the "Specified Office"). Certain provisions of these Conditions are summaries of the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement and are subject to their detailed provisions. In these Conditions, any reference to a statute or regulation shall be construed as a reference to such statute or regulation as the same may have been, or may from time to time be, amended or re-enacted.

Copies of the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement and the Deeds of Covenant are available for inspection at the specified office of the Paying Agent.

# 1. FORM, DENOMINATION AND TITLE

The Notes are issued in bearer form in the Denomination(s) and in the Relevant Currency shown in the Final Terms.

Notes are issued with Coupons (and where appropriate, a Talon) attached save in the case of Notes which do not bear interest in which case references to interest (other than in relation to interest due after the date specified in the Final Terms as the Maturity Date (as designed below), Coupons and Talons in these Conditions are not applicable. Any Note the principal amount of which is redeemable in instalments is issued with one or more Receipts attached.

Title to the Note and the Receipts, Coupons and Talons shall pass by delivery. Except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, the holder of any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon shall be deemed to be and may be treated as the absolute owner of such Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon, as the case may be, for the purpose of receiving payment thereof or on account thereof and for all other purposes, whether or not such Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership, theft or loss thereof or any writing thereon made by anyone. No person shall have any right to enforce any term or condition of any Note under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

In these Subordinated Notes Conditions, "**holder**" (in relation to a Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon) means the bearer of any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon. All capitalised terms which are not defined in these Subordinated Notes Conditions will have the meanings given to them in the relevant Final Terms, the absence of any such meaning indicating that such term is not applicable to the Notes. Those definitions will be endorsed on the definitive Notes.

#### 2. STATUS AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS

- (a) **Definitions**: In these Conditions, the following expressions have the meanings set out below.
  - "Bank of Italy" means the Bank of Italy and/or any other competent authority which at a future date carries out the functions which the Bank of Italy performs as at the Issue Date.
  - "Italian Banking Act" means Italian Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993, as amended or supplemented from time to time.
  - "Liquidazione Coatta Amministrativa" means Liquidazione Coatta Amministrativa as described in Articles 80 to 94 of the Italian Banking Act.
- (b) **Status of Notes**: The Notes and any related Coupons constitute direct, unsecured and subordinated obligations of Mediobanca and, subject to the provisions of this Condition 2, will at all times rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves. In relation to each Series of Notes, all Notes of such Series will be treated equally and all amounts paid by Mediobanca in respect of principal and interest thereon will be paid *pro rata* on all Notes of such Series.
- (c) Winding up, etc.: In the event of the winding up, dissolution, liquidation or bankruptcy (including, interalia, Liquidazione Coatta Amministrativa) of Mediobanca, the payment obligations of Mediobanca under each Series of Notes, and the relative Coupons as the case may be, will rank in right of payment (A) after unsubordinated creditors (including depositors and any holder of Senior Notes and their respective Coupons) of Mediobanca as well as subordinated creditors which rank or are expressed to rank senior to Notes but (B) at least pari passu with all other subordinated obligations of Mediobanca which do not rank or are not expressed by their terms to rank junior or senior to such Series of Notes and (C) in priority to the claims of subordinated creditors ranking or expressed to rank junior to the Notes (including, but not limited to, "Additional Tier 1 Instruments" (as defined in the Prudential Regulations for Banks and in the CRR)) and of the shareholders of Mediobanca, it being understood moreover that the obligations of Mediobanca under the Subordinated Notes will be subject to the Italian Bail-In Power.
- (d) **Waiver**: Each holder of a Note is deemed unconditionally and irrevocably to have waived any right of set-off, counterclaim, abatement or other similar remedy which it might otherwise have, under the laws of any jurisdiction, in respect of such Note.

#### 3. INTEREST AND OTHER CALCULATIONS

# (a) **Definitions**

In these Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, the following defined terms shall have the meanings set out below.

"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.

# "Business Day" means:

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

"Calculation Agent" means Mediobanca - Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A., the Fiscal Agent or such other Person specified in the relevant Final Terms as the party responsible for calculating the Interest Rate(s) and Interest Amount(s) and/or such other amount(s) as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

"Calculation Amount" means the amount specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.

"CMS" means the constant maturity swap rate specified as such in the Final Terms.

"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 "1/1" is specified, 1;
- (b) if "Actual/Actual" or "Actual/Actual (ISDA)" is specified, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Calculation Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (i) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (ii) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (c) 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 (1) the actual number of days in such Regular Period and (2) the number of Regular Periods in any year;
- (d) if "Actual/365 (Fixed)" is specified, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 365;
- (e) if "Actual/360" is specified, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 360;
- (f) if "30/360", "360/360" or "Bond Basis" is specified, the number of days in the Calculation Period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where:

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

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

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

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

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

"D2" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31 and  $D_1$  is greater than 29, in which case  $D_2$  will be 30; and

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

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

where:

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

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

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

- "M2" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;
- "D1" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and
- "D2" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case  $D_2$  will be 30; and
- (h) if "30 E/360 (ISDA)" is specified, the number of days in the Calculation Period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

#### Day Count Fraction = $\Box$

#### where:

- "Y1" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls:
- "Y2" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;
- "M1" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;
- "M2" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;
- "D1" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D1 will be 30; and
- "D2" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Termination Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case  $D_2$  will be 30.
- "EURIBOR" means the Euro-zone interbank offered rate specified as such in the Final Terms
- "First Margin" means the margin 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 Second Reset Date or, if no such Second Reset Date is 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 3(e) (Interest Rate on Reset Notes) (ii) (Fallbacks), the rate of interest determined by the Calculation Agent on the relevant Reset Determination Date as the sum of the relevant Mid-Swap Rate and the First Margin.
- "Fixed Coupon Amount" means the amount specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.
- "Initial Rate of Interest" has the meaning specified in the relevant Final Terms.
- "Instalment Date(s)" means the dates specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.

"Interest Accrual Date" means the dates specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.

#### "Interest Amount" means:

- (i) in respect of an Interest Period, the amount of interest payable per Calculation Amount for that Interest Period and which, in the case of Fixed Rate Notes, and unless otherwise specified hereon, shall mean the Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount specified in the Final Terms as being payable on the Interest Payment Date ending the Interest Period; and
- (ii) in respect of any other period, the amount of interest payable per Calculation Amount for that period.
- "Interest Commencement Date" means the Issue Date or such other date as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms.
- "Interest Determination Date" means the date or the dates specified as such in the Final Terms.
- "Interest Payment Date" means the date or dates specified as such in the relevant Final Terms and, if a Business Day Convention is specified in the relevant Final Terms, as the same may be adjusted in accordance with the relevant Business Day Convention.
- "Interest Period" means the period beginning on (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and ending on (but excluding) the first Interest Accrual Date and each successive period beginning on (and including) an Interest Accrual Date and ending on (but excluding) the next succeeding Interest Accrual Date.
- "Interest Rate" means the rate of interest (expressed as a percentage per annum) payable from time to time in respect of this Note and which is either specified, or calculated in accordance with the provisions, in the relevant Final Terms.
- "Interest Rate Switch Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.
- "ISDA Definitions" means the 2006 ISDA Definitions as amended and updated as at the date of issue of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series (as specified in the Final Terms) as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., a copy of which is available on the website of the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (www.isda.org) and can be obtained from the Issuer.
- "Issue Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.
- "Issue Price" means the amount specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.
- "LIBID" means the London interbank bid rate specified as such in the Final Terms.
- "LIBOR" means the London interbank offered rate specified as such in the Final Terms.
- "LIMEAN" means the London interbank mid-market rate specified as such in the Final Terms.
- "Linear Interpolation" means the straight-line interpolation by reference to two rates based on the Reference Rate or the ISDA Rate, as the case may be, one of which will be determined as if the Specified Duration were the period of time for which rates are available next shorter than the length of the affected Interest Period and the other of which will be determined as if the Specified Duration or the Designated Maturity, as the case may be, were the period of time for which rates are available next longer than the length of such Interest Period.
- "Margin" means the percentage specified as such 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 as determined by the Calculation Agent) 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 as determined by the Calculation Agent).

"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.

"Mid-Swap Rate" means, in relation to a Reset Determination Date and subject to Condition 3(e) (Interest Rate on Reset Notes) (ii) (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 11.00 a.m. in the principal financial centre of the Specified Currency on such Reset Determination Date, all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

"Multiplier" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms.

"Optional Redemption Amount" means  $RP \times (1 + AY)^{(y)}$ 

where:

"RP" means the Reference Price;

"AY" means the Accrual Yield expressed as a decimal; and

"y" is the Day Count Fraction specified in the applicable Final Terms which will be either (i) 30/360 (in which case the numerator will be equal to the number of days (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each) from

(and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator will be 360) or (ii) Actual/360 (in which case the numerator will be equal to the actual number of days from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator will be 360) or (iii) Actual/365 (in which case the numerator will be equal to the actual number of days from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator will be 365).

# "Payment Business Day" means:

- (i) if the currency of payment is euro, any day which is:
  - (A) a day on which banks in the relevant place of presentation (if presentation is required) are open for presentation and payment of bearer debt securities and for dealings in foreign currencies; and
  - (B) in the case of payment by transfer to an account, a TARGET Settlement Day and a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre; or
- (ii) if the currency of payment is not euro, any day which is:
  - (A) a day on which banks in the relevant place of presentation are open for presentation and payment of bearer debt securities and for dealings in foreign currencies; and
  - (B) in the case of payment by transfer to an account, a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in the Principal Financial Centre of the currency of payment and in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre.
- "Principal Financial Centre" means, in relation to any currency, the principal financial centre for that currency provided, however, that:
- (i) in relation to euro, it means the principal financial centre of such Member State of the European Communities as is selected (in the case of a payment) by the payee or (in the case of a calculation) by the Calculation Agent; and
- (ii) in relation to Australian dollars, it means either Sydney or Melbourne and, in relation to New Zealand dollars, it means either Wellington or Auckland, in each case as is selected (in the case of a payment) by the payee or (in the case of a calculation) by the Calculation Agent.
- "Rate of Interest" means the Initial Rate of Interest, the First Reset Rate of Interest or the Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest, as applicable.
- "Reference Banks" means, the institutions specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none, four (or, if the Relevant Financial Centre is Helsinki, five) major banks selected by the Calculation Agent in the market that is most closely connected with the Reference Rate.
- "Reference Price" means the amount specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.
- "Reference Rate" means EURIBOR, LIBOR, LIBID, LIMEAN, CMS, or the yield on securities issued by the Italian Government, as specified in the relevant Final Terms in respect of the currency and period specified in the relevant Final Terms and including

where applicable the relevant yield and issue of securities issued by the Italian Government.

"Reference Rate Multiplier" means the percentage specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.

#### "Regular Period" means:

- (i) in the case of Notes where interest is scheduled to be paid only by means of regular payments, each period from and including the Interest Commencement Date to but excluding the first Interest Payment Date and each successive period from and including one Interest Payment Date to but excluding the next Interest Payment Date;
- (ii) in the case of Notes where, apart from the first Interest Period, interest is scheduled to be paid only by means of regular payments, each period from and including a Regular Date falling in any year to but excluding the next Regular Date, where "Regular Date" means the day and month (but not the year) on which any Interest Payment Date falls; and
- (iii) in the case of Notes where, apart from one Interest Period other than the first Interest Period, interest is scheduled to be paid only by means of regular payments, each period from and including a Regular Date falling in any year to but excluding the next Regular Date, where "Regular Date" means the day and month (but not the year) on which any Interest Payment Date falls other than the Interest Payment Date falling at the end of the irregular Interest Period.
- "Relevant Currency" means the currency specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is specified, the currency in which the Notes are denominated.
- "Relevant Financial Centre" means, with respect to any Floating Rate to be determined on an Interest Determination Date, the financial centre as may be specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is so specified, the financial centre with which the relevant Reference Rate is most closely connected or, if none is so connected, London.
- "Relevant Screen Page" means such page, section, caption, column or other part of a particular information service (including, but not limited to, Reuters) as may be specified as the Relevant Screen Page in the relevant Final Terms for the purpose of providing a Reference Rate, or such other page, section, caption, column or other part as may replace it on that information service or on such other information service, in each case as may be nominated by the person or organisation providing or sponsoring the information appearing there for the purpose of displaying rates or prices comparable to that Reference Rate.
- "Relevant Time" means, with respect to any Interest Determination Date, the local time in the Relevant Financial Centre specified in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is specified, the local time in the Relevant Financial Centre at which it is customary to determine bid and offered rates in respect of deposits in the relevant currency in the interbank market in the Relevant Financial Centre provided that if the Relevant Currency is Euro and the Benchmark is EURIBOR, the Relevant Time shall be 11.00 am Brussels time.
- "Reset Date" means the First Reset Date, the Second Reset Date and each Subsequent Reset Date (as applicable).
- "Reset Determination Date" means, in respect of the First Reset Period, the second Business Day prior to the First Reset Date, in respect of the first Subsequent Reset Period, the second Business Day prior to the Second Reset Date and, in respect of each Subsequent Reset Period thereafter, the second Business Day prior to the first day of each such Subsequent Reset Period.

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

"Second Reset Date" means the date specified in the relevant Final Terms.

"Specified Currency" has the meaning, if any, given in the relevant Final Terms.

"Specified Duration" means, with respect to any Floating Rate to be determined on an Interest Determination Date, the period specified in the relevant Final Terms.

"Subsequent Margin" means the margin 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 Second 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 3(e) (Interest Rate on Reset Notes) (ii) (Fallbacks), the rate of interest determined by the Calculation Agent on the relevant Reset Determination Date as the sum of the relevant Mid-Swap Rate and the relevant Subsequent Margin.

"TARGET System" means the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET or TARGET2) System or any successorthereto.

"TARGET Settlement Day" means any day on which the TARGET System is open.

#### "Yield" means:

In relation to any Tranche of Fixed Rate Notes, an indication of the yield in respect of such notes will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price, using the formula below. It is not an indication of future yield.

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Where:

"P" is the Issue Price of the Notes; "C" is the annualised Interest Amount; "A" is the principal amount of Notes due on redemption; "n" is time to maturity in years; and "r" is the annualised yield.

# (b) Interest Rate and Accrual

Each Note bears interest on its outstanding principal amount from the Interest Commencement Date at the Interest Rate, such interest being payable in arrear on each interest payment date (each, an "Interest Payment Date").

Interest will cease to accrue on each Note on the due date for redemption unless, upon due presentation, payment of principal is improperly withheld or refused, in which event interest will continue to accrue (as well after as before judgment) at the Interest Rate in the manner provided in this Condition 3 to the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 6 (*Taxation*)).

# (c) **Business Day Convention**

If any date referred to in these Conditions which is specified to be subject to adjustment in accordance with a Business Day Convention would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is (i) the Following Business Day Convention, such date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day, (ii) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day Convention, such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

## (d) Interest Rate on Fixed Rate Notes

If the Fixed Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, 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 Denomination, shall be the relevant Fixed Coupon Amount in respect of the relevant Denomination. 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 Interest Rate to the Calculation Amount of such Note, multiplying the product by the relevant Day Count Fraction (not adjusted in accordance with the Business Day Convention) and rounding the resulting figure in accordance with Condition 3(h) (Rounding). Where the Specified Denomination of a Fixed Rate Note comprises more than one Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Fixed Rate Note shall be the aggregate of the amounts (determined in the manner provided above) for each Calculation Amount comprising the Specified Denomination without any further rounding. The yield of the Fixed Rate Note is indicated in the relevant Final Terms and is calculated as the internal rate of return (IRR). The yield of the Fixed Rate Notes is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price and, as indicated in the relevant Final Terms, the Fixed Coupon and/or the Broken Amount.

# (e) Interest Rate on Reset Notes

(i) Rates of Interest and Interest Payment Dates

If the Reset Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, then such Reset Note bears interest:

- (A) from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date until (but excluding) the First Reset Date at the Initial Rate of Interest;
- (B) from (and including) the First Reset Date until (but excluding) the Second Reset Date or, if no such Second Reset Date is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Maturity Date at the rate per annum equal to the First Reset Rate of Interest; and
- (C) for each Subsequent Reset Period thereafter (if any), at the relevant Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest,

payable, in each case, in arrear on the each Interest Payment Date and on the Maturity Date if that does not fall on an Interest Payment Date. The Rate of Interest and the Interest Amount payable shall be determined by the Calculation Agent, (i) in the case of the Rate of Interest, at or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, and (ii) in the case of the Interest Amount in accordance with the provisions for calculating amounts of interest in Condition 3(d) (Interest Rate on Fixed Rate Notes).

(ii) 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, the Calculation Agent shall request each of the Reference Banks (as defined below) to provide the Calculation Agent with its Mid-Market Swap Rate Quotation as at approximately 11.00 a.m. in the principal financial centre of the Specified Currency on the Reset Determination Date in question.

If two or more of the Reference Banks provide the Calculation Agent 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 Calculation Agent.

If on any Reset Determination Date only one or none of the Reference Banks provides the Calculation Agent with a Mid-Market Swap Rate Quotation as provided in the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, 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.

For the purposes of this Condition 3(e)(ii) "Reference Banks" means the principal office in the principal financial centre of the Specified Currency of four major banks in the swap, money, securities or other market most closely connected with the relevant Mid-Swap Rate as selected by the Issuer on the advice of an investment bank of international repute.

# (f) Interest Rate on Floating Rate Notes

If the Floating Rate Note Provisions are specified in the Final Terms as being applicable, the Interest Rate for each Interest Period will be determined by the Calculation Agent on the following basis:

- (i) **Screen Rate Determination**: if Screen Rate Denomination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Interest Rate is to be determined, as follow:
  - (A) if the Reference Rate is a composite quotation or customarily supplied by one entity, the Calculation Agent will determine the Reference Rate which appears on the Relevant Screen Page as of the Relevant Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date;
  - (B) in any other case, the Calculation Agent will determine the arithmetic mean of the Reference Rates which appear on the Relevant Screen Page as of the Relevant Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date;
  - (C) if, in the case of paragraph (A) above, such rate does not appear on that page or, in the case of paragraph (B) above, fewer than two such rates appear on that page or if, in either case, the Relevant Screen Page is unavailable, the Calculation Agent will:
    - (1) request the principal Relevant Financial Centre office of each of the Reference Banks to provide 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
    - (2) determine the arithmetic mean of such quotations; and

(3) if fewer than two such quotations are provided as requested, the Calculation Agent will determine the arithmetic mean of the rates (being the nearest to the Reference Rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent) quoted by major banks in the Principal Financial Centre of the Relevant Currency, selected by the Calculation Agent, 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 Interest Rate for such Interest Period shall be:

- (a) if "Multiplier" is specified in the relevant Final Terms as not being applicable, the sum of the Margin and the rate or (as the case may be) the arithmetic mean determined in accordance with the above provisions (the "**Determined Rate**");
- (b) if "Multiplier" is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable (i) the sum of the Margin and the relevant Determined Rate multiplied by (ii) the Multiplier;
- (c) if "Reference Rate Multiplier" is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, the sum of (i) Margin, and (ii) the relevant Determined Rate multiplied by the Reference Rate Multiplier,

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

- (ii) *ISDA Determination*: If ISDA Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Interest Rate(s) is/are to be determined, the Interest Rate applicable to the Notes for each Interest Period will be:
  - (a) if "Multiplier" is specified in the relevant Final Terms as not being applicable, the sum of the Margin and the relevant ISDA Rate;
  - (b) if "Multiplier" is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable (i) the sum of the Margin and the relevant ISDA Rate multiplied by (ii) the Multiplier;
  - (c) if "Reference Rate Multiplier" is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, the sum of (i) Margin, and (ii) the relevant ISDA Rate multiplied by the Reference Rate Multiplier,

where "ISDA Rate" in relation to any Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) that would be determined by the Calculation Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Calculation Agent were acting as Calculation Agent for that interest rate swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the ISDA Definitions and under which:

(A) the Floating Rate Option (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is as specified in the relevant Final Terms;

- (B) the Designated Maturity (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is a period specified in the relevant Final Terms; and
- (C) the relevant Reset Date (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is either (1) if the relevant Floating Rate Option is based on the London interbank offered rate (LIBOR) for a currency, the first day of that Interest Period or (2) in any other case, as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

# (g) Maximum/Minimum Interest Rates, Instalment Amounts and Redemption Amounts

If any Maximum or Minimum Interest Rate, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount is specified in the relevant Final Terms, then any Interest Rate, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount shall be subject to such maximum or minimum, as the case may be.

## (h) Rounding

For the purposes of any calculations required pursuant to these Conditions (unless otherwise specified), (i) all percentages resulting from such calculations will be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point (with halves being rounded up), (ii) all figures will be rounded to seven significant figures (with halves being rounded up) and (iii) all currency amounts which fall due and payable will be rounded to the nearest unit of such currency (with halves being rounded up), save in the case of Yen, which shall be rounded down to the nearest Yen. For these purposes "unit" means, with respect to any currency other than Euro, the lowest amount of such currency which is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, with respect to Euro, means one cent.

## (i) Calculations

The amount of interest payable in respect of any Note for any period shall be calculated by multiplying the product of the Interest Rate and the outstanding Calculation Amount by the Day Count Fraction, save that where an Interest Amount (or a formula for its calculation) is specified in respect of such period, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Note for such period will equal such Interest Amount (or be calculated in accordance with a formula). Where the Specified Denomination of a Floating Rate Note comprises more than one Calculation Amount, the Interest Amount payable in respect of such Note shall be the aggregate of the amounts (determined in the manner provided above) for each Calculation Amount comprising the Specified Denomination without any further rounding. In respect of any short or long Interest Period as specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Calculation Agent will determine the Interest Rate using Linear Interpolation.

# (j) Determination and Publication of Interest Rates, Interest Amounts, Redemption Amounts and Instalment Amounts

After the Relevant Time on each Interest Determination Date or such other time on such date as the Calculation Agent may be required to calculate any Redemption Amount or Instalment Amount, obtain any quote or make any determination or calculation, it will, promptly, determine the Interest Rate and calculate the amount of interest payable (the "Interest Amounts") on the principal amount of the Notes for the relevant Interest Period, calculate the Redemption Amount or Instalment Amount, obtain such quote or make such determination or calculation, as the case may be, and cause the Interest Rate and the Interest Amounts for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date and, if required to be calculated, the Redemption Amount or any Instalment Amount to be notified to the Fiscal Agent, the Issuer, the Paying Agent, the holders of the Notes, any other Calculation Agent appointed in respect of the Notes which is to make a further calculation upon receipt of such information and, if the Notes are listed on a stock exchange and the rules of such exchange so requires, such exchange promptly after their determination but in no event later than (i) the commencement of the relevant Interest Period, if determined prior to such time, in the case of an Interest Rate and Interest

Amount, or (ii) in all other cases, the fourth Business Day after such determination. The Interest Amounts and the Interest Payment Date so published may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. If the Notes become due and payable under Condition 8 (Events of Default), the accrued interest and the Interest Rate payable in respect of the Notes shall nevertheless continue to be calculated as previously in accordance with this Condition 3 but no publication of the Interest Rate or the Interest Amount so calculated need be made. The determination of each Interest Rate, Interest Amount, Redemption Amount and Instalment Amount, the obtaining of each quote and the making of each determination or calculation by the Calculation Agent shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding upon all parties.

## (k) Calculation Agent and Reference Banks

The Issuer will use its best endeavours to ensure that there shall at all times be four Reference Banks (or such other number as may be required) with offices in the Relevant Financial Centre and one or more Calculation Agents if provision is made for them in the Conditions applicable to the Notes and for so long as any Notes are outstanding. If any Reference Bank (acting through its relevant office) is unable or unwilling to continue to act as a Reference Bank, then the Issuer will appoint another Reference Bank with an office in the Relevant Financial Centre to act as such in its place. Where more than one Calculation Agent is appointed in respect of the Notes, references in these Conditions to the Calculation Agent shall be construed as each Calculation Agent performing its duties under the Conditions. If the Calculation Agent is unable or unwilling to act as such or if the Calculation Agent fails duly to establish the Interest Rate for any Interest Period or to calculate the Interest Amounts or any other requirements, the Issuer will appoint the London office of a leading bank engaged in the London interbank market to act as such in its place. The Calculation Agent may not resign its duties without a successorhaving been appointed as aforesaid.

#### (1) Late payment on Zero Coupon Notes

If the Zero Coupon Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable and 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 which is seven days after the Fiscal Agent has notified the Noteholders that it has received all sums due in respect of the Notes up to such seventh day (except to the extent that there is any subsequent default in payment).

The calculation of the above amount shall be made (where such calculation is to be made for a period which is not a whole number of years) on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms for the purposes of this Condition 3(l) or, if none is so specified, a Day Count Fraction of 30E/360.

# (m) Interest Rate Switch

If so specified in the relevant Final Terms, from and including the Interest Rate Switch Date, the Interest Rate applicable for the calculation of interest for each remaining Interest Period with respect to the Notes shall be the rate specified as applying from and including such Interest Rate Switch Date in the Final Terms and the initial Interest Rate applicable to the Notes shall no longer apply.

## 4. REDEMPTION, PURCHASE AND OPTIONS

#### (a) **Definitions**

In these Conditions, unless the context requires otherwise:

#### (i) Redemption amount

The expressions "Farly Redemption Amount"; "Final Redemption Amount", "Instalment Amount", "Optional Redemption Amount (Call)", and "Optional Redemption Amount (Put)" mean, in respect of any Note: (A) such amount as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms; or (B) if no such amount is specified, the principal amount of such Note.

"Redemption Amount" means, as appropriate, the Final Redemption Amount, the Instalment Amount, the Early Redemption Amount, the Optional Redemption Amount (*Call*), the Optional Redemption Amount (*Put*), the Early Redemption Amount or such other amount in the nature of a redemption amount as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms, **provided that** such amount is in any case at least equal to the principal amount of the relevant Note.

# (ii) Maturity date/period

"Maturity Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.

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

"Applicable Banking Regulations" means at any time the laws, regulations, requirements, guidelines and policies relating to capital adequacy then in effect in the Republic of Italy, including, without limitation to the generality of the foregoing, those regulations, requirements, guidelines and policies relating to capital adequacy then in effect of the Relevant Authority (as defined below) whether or not such requirements, guidelines or policies have the force of law and whether or not they are applied generally or specifically to the Issuer and including, for avoidance of doubt, as at the Issue Date the rules contained in, or implementing, CRD IV).

"CRA Regulation" means Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009, as amended and supplemented. "CRD IV" means the CRD IV Directive, the CRR and any CRD IV Implementing Measure.

"CRD IV Directive" means the directive 2013/36 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on access to the activity of credit institutions and the prudential supervision of credit institutions and investment firms, amending Directive 2002/87/EC and repealing Directives 2006/48/EC and 2006/49/EC.

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

"CRR" means the Regulation No. 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms amending Regulation No. 648/2012.

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

"Regulatory Capital Requirements" means any applicable minimum capital or capital requirement specified for banks or financial group by the Relevant Authority.

"Relevant Authority" means the Bank of Italy or other governmental authority in the Republic of Italy (or other country in which the Issuer is then domiciled) or in the European Union having primary responsibility for the prudential and resolution oversight and supervision of the Issuer.

"Subordinated Note" means Notes intended to qualify as "Tier II Capital" for regulatory capital purposes, in accordance with Part II, Chapter 1 of the Prudential Regulations for Banks and Article 63 of the CRR.

"Tier II Capital" has the meaning given to it from time to time in the Applicable Banking Regulation.

# (b) Maturities/Final Redemption

- (i) Unless previously redeemed, or purchased and cancelled as provided below in accordance with Conditions 4(c) (Redemption for taxation reasons), 4(d) (Purchases), 4(f) (Redemption at the option of the Issuer), 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)) or Condition 4(h) (Redemption by instalments), each Note will be redeemed at its Final Redemption Amount on the Maturity Date.
- (ii) Subordinated Notes shall have a minimum Maturity Periods of five years, as provided under the Applicable Banking Regulations.

# (c) Redemption for taxation reasons

Subject to Condition 4(j) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Subordinated Notes), if Redemption for taxation reasons is specified in the Final Terms as being applicable, the Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, on any Interest Payment Date or, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, at any time, on giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the holders of Notes (which notice shall be irrevocable), at their Early Redemption Amount (together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption), if (i) the Issuer (or the Guarantor, as the case may be) (A) has or will become obliged to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 6 (Taxation) or (B) has or will become subject to additional amount of national income taxes (and/or, in the case of Mediobanca, regional tax on productive activities - IRAP) due to partial or entire limitation to the deductibility of any payments under the Notes, in either case as a result of (1) any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of the Republic of Italy or any political subdivision thereof or any agency or authority thereof or therein having power to tax, or (2) any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, or (3) any judicial decision, official administrative pronouncement, published or private ruling, regulatory procedure, notice or announcement (including any notice or announcement of intent to adopt such procedures or regulations) (for purposes of this definition, an "Administrative Action"), or (4) any clarification of, or change in the official position or the interpretation of such Administrative Action or any interpretation or pronouncement that provides for a position with respect to such Administrative Action that differs from the generally accepted position, in each case by

any legislative body, court, governmental, administrative or regulatory authority or body, irrespective of the manner in which such clarification or change is made known, which change, amendment, Administrative Action or clarification becomes effective on or after the Issue Date, and (ii) such obligations/limitations under paragraphs (A) and (B) above cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it which (x) do not require the Issuer to incur material out-of-pocket expenses and (y) would not otherwise be disadvantageous to the Issuer or the Guarantor, as determined in their discretion; provided that in the case under paragraph (A) above no such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay such additional amounts were a payment in respect of the Notes then be due. Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition 4(c), the Issuer shall deliver to the Fiscal Agent a certificate signed by a director of the Issuer stating that such Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing that the conditions precedent to the right of such Issuer so to redeem have occurred, and an opinion of independent legal advisers of recognised standing to the effect that there is more than an unsubstantial risk that the Issuer (or the Guarantor, as the case may be) (A) has or will become obliged to pay such additional amounts or (B) has or will become subject to additional amount of taxes, as indicated above, due to limitation of the deductibility of payments under the Notes as a result of such change, amendment, Administrative Action or clarification (the "Tax Event").

# (d) Purchases

Subject to Condition 4(j) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Subordinated Notes), the Issuer may purchase Notes in the open market or otherwise at any price provided that all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons appertaining thereto are attached or surrendered therewith. Without prejudice to the foregoing, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms the Issuer will be entitled to exercise the option to repurchase from the holder(s), at its sole discretion, (1) all (but not part of) the Notes of the relevant Series (the "Total Repurchase Option") or (2) on one or more occasions, any portion of the Notes of the relevant Series, provided that in such circumstances the amount of the Notes of the relevant Series to be purchased from each holder shall be the same proportion that the aggregate principal amount of the Notes of the relevant Series that are subject to the relevant Partial Purchase Option bears to the aggregate principal amount of all the Notes of the relevant Series then outstanding prior to the exercise of the relevant Partial Purchase Option (the "Partial Repurchase Option"). The Total Repurchase Option and the Partial Repurchase Option can only be exercised by the Issuer at the date(s) and the price(s) specified in the Final Terms as the Total Repurchase Option date or the Partial Repurchase Option date(s) and the Total Repurchase Option amount or Partial Repurchase Option amount(s), respectively. Upon exercise of the Total Repurchase Option or the Partial Repurchase Option, the holder(s) shall be obliged to sell to the Issuer (or any other entity indicated by the Issuer) all the Notes of the Series in relation to which the Total Repurchase Option or the Partial Repurchase Option (as the case may be) is exercised.

# (e) Early Redemption of Zero Coupon Notes, Redemption of Zero Coupon Notes for taxation reasons, Redemption of Zero Coupon Notes at the Option of the holder, Redemption of Zero Coupon Notes at the option of holders of 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 4(e) or, if none is so specified, a Day Count Fraction of 30E/360.

## (f) Redemption at the option of the Issuer

Subject to Condition 4(j) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Subordinated Notes), if the Call Option is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, then the following provisions will apply:

- (i) If European Style is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, then the Issuer may, on giving irrevocable prior notice to the holders of Notes,—which notice must be received by the holders of Notes no later than the last day of the notice period specified in the relevant Final Terms—redeem all or, if "Partial Redemption" is specified as applicable in the relevant Final Terms, some of the Notes. Any such redemption of Notes shall occur on the relevant Optional Redemption Date at their Optional Redemption Amount (Call), together with accrued interest (if any) up to such date, unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.
- (ii) If American Style is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, then the Issuer may, at any time during any exercise period specified in the Final Terms (the "Exercise Period"), elects to redeem all or, if "Partial Redemption" is specified as applicable in the relevant Final Terms, some of the Notes, by sending a notice to the holders of Notes which notice must be received by such holders no later than the end of the relevant Exercise Period. Any such redemption of Notes shall occur on the relevant Optional Redemption Date at their Optional Redemption Amount (Call) together with accrued interest (if any) up to such date, unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.

In the case of a Partial Redemption, the notice to holders of Notes shall also contain the serial numbers of the Notes to be redeemed, which shall have been drawn in such place as the Fiscal Agent may approve and in such manner as it deems appropriate, subject to compliance with any applicable laws and stock exchange requirements.

# (g) Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)

Subject to Condition 4(j) (Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Subordinated Notes), if Regulatory Call is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Notes may be redeemed at the option of Mediobanca, in whole but not in part, at any time (if the Note is not a Floating Rate Note) or on any Interest Payment Date (if the Note is a Floating Rate Note), on giving not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice (which notice shall be irrevocable) to the Paying Agent and, in accordance with Condition 12 (Notices), to the holders of the Notes, if the Subordinated Notes cease to qualify (in whole or in part) as "Tier II Capital", on a consolidated or non consolidated basis, as a result of changes after the date of issue of the relevant Notes in the standards and guidelines of the Bank of Italy or in the applicable legal or regulatory provisions (including legal or regulatory provisions adopted by the European Union) (the "Regulatory Event").

# (h) Redemption by instalments

Unless previously redeemed, purchased and cancelled in accordance with Condition 4(f) (*Redemption at the option of the Issuer*), each Note which provides for Instalment Dates and Instalment Amounts will be partially redeemed on each Instalment Date at the

Instalment Amount specified on it, whereupon the outstanding principal amount of such Note shall be reduced by the Instalment Amount for all purposes.

## (i) Cancellation

Notes purchased by or on behalf of the Issuer may be surrendered for cancellation, by surrendering each such Note together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and all unexchanged Talons to the Fiscal Agent and, if so surrendered, will, together with all Notes redeemed by the Issuer, be cancelled forthwith (together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith). Any Notes so surrendered for cancellation may not be reissued or resold and the obligations of the Issuer and the Guarantor (where applicable) in respect of any such Notes shall be discharged.

## (j) Special provision in relation to redemption, purchase or modification of the Subordinated Notes

Any redemption of the Subordinated Notes in accordance with Condition 4(c) (Redemption for taxation reason), Condition 4(f) (Redemption at the option of the Issuer), Condition 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)), any purchase of the Subordinated Notes in accordance with Condition 4(d) (Purchases), or any modification of the Subordinated Notes in accordance with Conditions 9(a) (Meetings of holders of Notes) and 9(c) (Errors or inconsistencies), is subject to, if and to extent then required under the Applicable Banking Regulations:

- (i) the Issuer giving notice to the Relevant Authority and such Relevant Authority granting permission to redeem or purchase the relevant Subordinated Notes;
- (ii) in case of any redemption or purchase, either (A) the Issuer having replaced the Subordinated Notes with own funds instruments of equal or higher quality at terms that are sustainable for the income capacity of the Issuer; or (B) the Issuer having demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Relevant Authority that the own funds of the Issuer would, following such redemption or purchase, exceed its Regulatory Capital Requirements for the time being;
- in the case of any such redemption prior to the fifth anniversary of the Issue Date, (A) in case of redemption for tax reasons in accordance with Condition 4(c) (Redemption for taxation reason), the Issuer has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Relevant Authority that the change in tax treatment is material and was not reasonably foreseeable as at the Issue Date, or (B) in the case of redemption upon the occurrence of a Regulatory Event in accordance with Condition 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)), the Issuer has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Relevant Authority that the relevant change in the regulatory classification of the Notes was not reasonably foreseeable as at the Issue Date and the Relevant Authority considers such change to be reasonably certain.

To redeem any such Subordinated Notes where such consent has not been granted shall not constitute an event of default of the Issuer for any purpose. Notwithstanding the above conditions, if, at the time of any redemption or purchase, the Applicable Banking Regulations permit the redemption or purchase only after compliance with one or more alternative or additional pre-conditions to those set out above in this Condition 4(j), the Issuer shall comply with such other and/or, as appropriate, additional pre-condition(s).

## 5. PAYMENTS AND TALONS

## (a) Payments outside the United States

Payments of principal and interest in respect of Notes will, subject as mentioned below, be made against presentation and surrender of the relevant Receipts (in the case of payments of Instalment Amounts other than on the due date for redemption and

provided that the Receipts are presented for payment together with their relative Notes), Notes (in the case of all other payments of principal and, in the case of interest as specified in Condition 5(e)(vi)) or Coupons (in the case of interest, save as specified in Condition 5(e)(ii)), as the case may be, at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States by a cheque payable in the currency in which such payment is due drawn on, or, at the option of the holder, by transfer to an account denominated in that currency with, a bank in the principal financial centre of that currency; provided that in the case of Euro, the transfer may be to a Euro account.

## (b) Payments in the United States

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Notes are denominated in US Dollars, payments in respect thereof may be made at the specified office of any Paying Agent in New York City in the same manner as aforesaid if (i) the Issuer shall have appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment of the amounts on the Notes in the manner provided above when due, (ii) payment in full of such amounts at all such offices is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on payment or receipt of such amounts and (iii) such payment is then permitted by United States law, without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer, any adverse tax consequence to the Issuer.

## (c) Payments subject to law, etc.

All payments are subject in all cases to any applicable fiscal or other laws, regulations and directives, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 6 (*Taxation*). No commission or expenses shall be charged to the holders of Notes or Couponholders in respect of such payments.

## (d) Appointment of Agents

The Fiscal Agent, the Paying Agent and the Calculation Agent initially appointed by the Issuer and their respective specified offices are listed below. The Fiscal Agent, the Paying Agent and the Calculation Agent act solely as agents of the Issuer and the Guarantor (where applicable) and do not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any holder. The Issuer and the Guarantor (where applicable) reserve the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of the Fiscal Agent, any other Paying Agent, the Calculation Agent or the Registrar and to appoint additional or other agents **provided that** the Issuer will at all times maintain (i) a Fiscal Agent, (ii) a Calculation Agent where the Conditions so require one, (iii) Paying Agents having a specified office in at least two major European cities (including Ireland so long as the Notes are listed on the Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange), and (iv) such other agents as may be required by the rules of any other stock exchange on which the Notes may be listed.

In addition, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent in New York in respect of any Notes denominated in US Dollars in the circumstances described in Condition 5(b) (*Payments in the United States*) above.

Notice of any such change or any change of any specified office will promptly be given to the holders of Notes in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*).

## (e) Unmatured Coupons and Receipts and unexchanged Talons

(i) Unless the Notes provide that the relative Coupons are to become void upon the due date for redemption of those Notes, Notes should be surrendered for payment together with all unmatured Coupons (if any) appertaining thereto, failing which an amount equal to the face value of each missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, that proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupon which the sum of principal so paid bears to the total principal due) will be deducted from the Redemption Amount

due for payment. Any amount so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of such missing Coupon within a period of 10 years from the Relevant Date for the payment of such principal (whether or not such Coupon has become void pursuant to Condition 7 (*Prescription*)).

- (ii) If the relevant Notes so provide, upon the due date for redemption of any Note, unmatured Coupons relating to such Notes (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect of them.
- (iii) Upon the due date for redemption of any Note, any unexchanged Talon relating to such Note (whether or not attached) shall become void and no Coupon shall be delivered in respect of such Talon.
- (iv) Upon the due date for redemption of any Note which is redeemable in instalments, all Receipts relating to such Note having an Instalment Date falling on or after such due date (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect of them.
- (v) Where any Note which provides that the relative Coupons are to become void upon the due date for redemption of those Notes is presented for redemption without all unmatured Coupons and any unexchanged Talon relating to it, and where any Note is presented for redemption without any unexchanged Talon relating to it, redemption shall be made only against the provisions of such indemnity as the Issuer may require.
- (vi) If the due date for redemption of any Note is not a due date for payment of interest, interest accrued from the preceding due date for payment of interest or the Interest Commencement Date, as the case may be, shall only be payable against presentation (and surrender if appropriate) of the relevant Note. Interest accrued on a Note which only bears interest after its Maturity Date shall be payable on redemption of such Note against presentation of the relevant Note.

## (f) Talons

On or after the Interest Payment Date for the final Coupon forming part of a Coupon sheet issued in respect of any Note, the Talon forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered to or to the order of the Fiscal Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet (and if necessary another Talon for a further Coupon sheet) (but excluding any Coupons which may have become void pursuant to Condition 7 (*Prescription*)).

## (g) Non-Business Days

If the due date for payment of any amount in respect of any 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.

In this Condition 5(g):

"Additional Financial Centre" means the city or the cities specified as such in the relevant Final Terms: and

## "Payment Business Day" means:

- (i) if the currency of payment is euro, any day which is:
  - (A) a day on which banks in the relevant place of presentation are open for presentation and payment of bearer debt securities and for dealings in foreign currencies; and

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

#### 6. TAXATION

#### (a) Gross Up

All payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons by the Issuer will be made without withholding or deduction for, or on the account of, any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of the Republic of Italy or any political subdivision thereof or any agency or authority therein or thereof having power to tax, unless the withholding or deduction of such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental changes is required by law. In that event, the Issuer will pay such additional amounts in respect of interest only (and not in respect of principal) as may be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the holders of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts of principal and interest which would have been received in respect of the Notes, Receipts or (as the case may be) Coupons, in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any payment in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon:

- (A) to, or to a third party on behalf of, a holder who is subject to such taxes, (i) duties, assessments or governmental charges in respect of such Note, Receipt or Coupon by reason of its having some connection (otherwise than merely by holding the Note, Receipt or Coupon) with the Republic of Italy; or (B) with respect to any Note, Receipt or Coupon presented for payment in the Republic of Italy; or (C) for or on account of imposta sostitutiva pursuant to Decree No. 239, Decree No. 461 or related implementing regulations; or (D) in all circumstances in which the requirements and procedures of Decree No. 239 and related implementing rules have not been properly and promptly met or complied with (except where due to the actions or omissions of the Issuer or their agents); or (E) to, or to a third party on behalf of, a holder who is entitled to avoid such withholding or deduction in respect of such Note, Receipt or Coupon by making a declaration or any other statement, including, but not limited to, a declaration of non-residence or other similar claim for exemption to the relevant taxing authority or intermediary/paying agent, but has failed to do so properly and promptly; or
- (ii) to a holder who is a non-Italian resident or individual or legal entity which is resident in any country not allowing for an adequate exchange of information with the Italian tax authorities that is not included in the list set by the Italian Ministerial Decree 4 September 1996, as subsequently amended and supplemented from time to time; or

for any Note, Receipt or Coupon presented for payment more than 30 days after the Relevant Date except to the extent that the holder thereof would have been entitled to such additional amount on presenting the same for payment on the thirtieth such day; or

- (iii) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note, Receipt or Coupon to another paying agent in a Member State of the European Union; or
- (iv) where withholding or deduction is required by law pursuant to Italian Presidential Decree No. 600 of 29 September 1973 ("Decree No. 600"); or
- (v) with respect to any Notes qualifying as "atypical" securities (titoli "atipici") for Italian tax purposes subject to the regime provided for by Decree No. 512, for and on account of any withholding or deduction required by law pursuant to such decree; or
- (vi) in any case, where in the Final Terms it is expressly specified under the section entitled "Taxation" that "Gross Up" will not apply with respect to any Note, Receipt or Coupon pursuant to this point (vi) of Condition 6(a) (Taxation Gross Up),

without prejudice to the option of the Issuer to redeem the Notes pursuant to, and subject to the conditions of, Condition 4(c) (*Redemption for taxation reasons*).

## (b) Taxing Jurisdiction

If the Issuer becomes subject at any time to any taxing jurisdiction other than the Republic of Italy, references in these Conditions to Italy shall be construed as references to the Republic of Italy and/or such other jurisdiction.

As used in these Conditions, "Relevant Date" in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon means the date on which payment in respect thereof first becomes due or (if any amount of the money payable is improperly withheld or refused) the date on which payment in full of the amount outstanding is made or (if earlier) the date on which notice is duly given to the holders of Notes in accordance with Condition 12 (Notices) that, upon further presentation of the Note, Receipt or Coupon being made in accordance with the Conditions, such payment will be made, provided that payment is in fact made upon such presentation. References in these Conditions to (i) "principal" shall be deemed to include any premium payable in respect of the Notes, all Instalment Amounts, Redemption Amounts, Amortised Face Amounts and all other amounts in the nature of principal payable pursuant to Condition 4 (Redemption, Purchase and Options) or any amendment or supplement to it, (ii) "interest" shall be deemed to include all Interest Amounts and all other amounts payable pursuant to Condition 3 (Interest and Other Calculations) or any amendment or supplement to it and (iii) "principal" and/or "interest" shall be deemed to include any additional amounts which may be payable under this Condition 6.

## 7. PRESCRIPTION

Claims against the Issuer for payment in respect of the Notes, Receipts and Coupons (which, for this purpose shall not include Talons) shall be prescribed and become void unless made within ten years (in the case of principal) or five years (in the case of interest) from the appropriate Relevant Date in respect thereof.

#### 8. EVENTS OF DEFAULT

If any of the following events occurs and is continuing, the holder of a Note may give written notice to the Fiscal Agent at its Specified Office that such Note is immediately repayable:

(a) **Winding-up**: Mediobanca is wound up or dissolved, except for the purposes of, and pursuant to, or in connection with, a reconstruction, amalgamation, reorganisation, merger, de-merger, consolidation, deconsolidation or disposal of assets,

whereupon the Early Redemption Amount of such Note together with accrued interest to the date of payment shall become immediately due and payable. No remedy against Mediobanca other than as specifically provided by this Condition 8 shall be available to holders of the Notes or Coupons for the recovery of amounts owing in respect of the Notes or Coupons.

## 9. MEETINGS OF HOLDERS OF NOTES AND MODIFICATIONS

## (a) Meetings of holders of Notes

The Issue and Paying Agency Agreement contains provisions for convening meetings of holders of Notes to consider any matter affecting their interest, including modification by Extraordinary Resolution of the Notes (including these Conditions insofar as the same may apply to such Notes). An Extraordinary Resolution duly passed at any such meeting shall be binding on all the holders of Notes, whether present or not and on all relevant holders of Coupons, except that any Extraordinary Resolution proposed, inter alia, (i) to amend the dates of maturity or redemption of the Notes, any Instalment Date or any date for payment of interest thereon, (ii) to reduce or cancel the principal amount or an Instalment Amount of, or any premium payable on redemption of, the Notes, (iii) to reduce the rate or rates of interest in respect of the Notes or to vary the method or basis of calculating the rate or rates or amount of interest or the basis for calculating the Interest Amount in respect thereof, (iv) if a Minimum and/or a Maximum Interest Rate, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount is shown in the Final Terms, to reduce any such Minimum and/or Maximum, (v) to change any method of calculating the Redemption Amount, (vi) to vary the currency or currencies of payment or denomination of the Notes, (vii) to modify the provisions contained concerning the quorum required at any meeting of holders of Notes or any adjournment thereof or concerning the majority required to pass an Extraordinary Resolution, (viii) to modify the provisions which would have the effect of giving any authority, direction or sanction which under the Notes is required to be given pursuant to a meeting of holders of Notes to which the special quorum provisions apply, (ix) to take any steps which as specified in the Final Terms may only be taken following approval by an Extraordinary Resolution to which the special quorum provisions apply or (x) to amend the foregoing exceptions in any manner, will only be binding if passed at a meeting of the holders of Notes (or at any adjournment thereof) at which a special quorum (provided for in the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement) is present.

## (b) Modification of Issue and Paying Agency Agreement

The Issuer shall only permit any modification of, or any waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of or any failure to comply with, the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement, if to do so could not reasonably be expected to be prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Notes.

## (c) Errors or inconsistencies

The Issuer, without the prior consent of the holders of the Notes correct (i) any manifest error in the Subordinated Notes Conditions and/or in the Final Terms, (ii) any error of a formal, minor or technical nature in the Subordinated Notes Conditions and/or in the Final Terms or (iii) any inconsistency in the Subordinated Notes Conditions and/or in the Final Terms between the Subordinated Notes Conditions and/or the Final Terms and any other documents prepared in connection with the issue and/or offer of a Series of Notes (provided such correction is not materially prejudicial to the holders of the relevant Series of Notes). Any such correction shall be binding on the holders of the relevant Notes and the Issuer shall cause such correction to be notified to the holders of the Notes as soon as practicable thereafter pursuant to Condition 12 (*Notices*).

## (d) Modification following a Regulatory Event or a Tax Event

If Modification following a Regulatory Event or a Tax Event is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms, where a Regulatory Event or a Tax Event has occurred and is continuing, then the Issuer may, without any requirement for the consent or approval of the Noteholders, modify the terms of the Notes to the extent that such modification is reasonably necessary to ensure that no such Regulatory Event or Tax Event would exist after such modification, **provided that**, following such modification:

- (i) the terms and conditions of the Notes, as so modified (the "modified Notes"), are no more prejudicial to Noteholders than the terms and conditions applicable to the Notes prior to such modification (the "existing Notes") provided that any modification may be made in accordance with paragraphs (ii) to (iv) below and any such modification shall not constitute a breach of this paragraph (i); and
- (ii) the person having the obligations of the Issuer under the Notes continues to be the Issuer; and
- (iii) the modified Notes rank at least equal to the existing Notes and feature the same tenor, principal amount, interest rates (including applicable margins), interest payment dates and first call date as the existing Notes; and
- (iv) the modified Notes continue to be listed on a regulated market (for the purposes of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive 2004/39/EC) of an internationally recognised stock exchange as selected by the Issuer (**provided that** the existing Notes were so listed prior to the occurrence of such Regulatory Event or Tax Event, as applicable),

## and provided further that:

- (a) Mediobanca obtains approval of the proposed modification from the Relevant Authority (if such approval is required) or gives prior written notice (if such notice is required to be given) to the Relevant Authority and, following the expiry of all relevant statutory time limits, the Relevant Authority is no longer entitled to object or impose changes to the proposed modification;
- (b) the modification does not give rise to a change in any published and solicited rating of the existing Notes in effect at such time (to the extent the existing Notes were rated prior to the occurrence of such Regulatory Event or Tax Event, as applicable);
- (c) the modification does not give rise to any right on the part of the Issuer to exercise any option to redeem the Notes prior to their stated maturity, without prejudice to the provisions under Condition 4(f) (Redemption at the option of the Issuer);
- (d) the Issuer has delivered to the Fiscal Agent a certificate, substantially in the form shown in the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement, signed by two of the Issuer's executive officers stating that paragraphs (i) to (iv) and (a) to (c) above have been complied with, such certificate to be made available for inspection by Noteholders; and
- (e) in the case of any proposed modifications owing to a Tax Event, the Issuer has delivered to the Fiscal Agent an opinion of independent legal advisers of recognised standing to the effect that the Tax Event can be avoided by the proposed modifications.

In connection with any modification as indicated in this Condition 9(d), the Issuer shall comply with the rules of any stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the Notes are then listed or admitted to trading.

## 10. REPLACEMENT OF NOTES, RECEIPTS, COUPONS AND TALONS

If a Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced, subject to applicable laws and stock exchange regulations, at the specified office of the Fiscal Agent or such other Paying Agent as may from time to time be designated by the Issuer for

the purpose and notice of whose designation is given to holders in accordance with Condition 12 (*Notices*), in each case on payment by the claimant of the fees and costs incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence, security and indemnity (which may provide, *inter alia*, that if the allegedly lost, stolen or destroyed Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon is subsequently presented for payment or, as the case may be, for exchange for further Coupons, there will be paid to the Issuer on demand the amount payable by the Issuer in respect of such Notes, Receipts, Coupons or further Coupons) and otherwise as the Issuer may require. Mutilated or defaced Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

## 11. FURTHER ISSUES AND CONSOLIDATION

The Issuer may from time to time without the consent of the holders of Notes or Coupons create and issue further notes having the same terms and conditions as the Notes in all respects (or in all respects except for the Issue Price, the Issue Date and/or the first payment of interest) and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single series with such Notes, and references in these Conditions to "Notes" shall be construed accordingly.

The Issuer may also from time to time upon not less than 30 days' prior notice to Noteholders, without the consent of the holders of Notes or Coupons of any Series, consolidate the Notes with Notes of one or more other Series (the "Other Notes") issued by it, provided the Notes and the Other Notes have been redenominated into Euro (if not originally denominated in Euro), and otherwise have, in respect of all periods subsequent to such consolidation, the same terms and conditions as the Notes in all respects (or in all respects except for the Issue Price, the Issue Date and/or the first payment of interest). Notice of any such consolidation will be given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 12 (Notices). The Fiscal Agent shall act as the consolidation agent.

With effect from their consolidation, the Notes and the Other Notes will (if listed prior to such consolidation) be listed on at least one European stock exchange on which either the Notes or the Other Notes were listed immediately prior to such consolidation.

The Issuer shall in dealing with holders of such Notes following a consolidation pursuant to this Condition 11 have regard to the interest of the holders and the holders of the Other Notes, taken together as a class, and shall treat them alike.

#### 12. NOTICES

Notices to the holders of Notes will be valid if (i) until such time as any Definitive Notes are issued, the notice is delivered to the relevant Clearing System(s), for communication by them to the holders of Notes; and (ii) if and so long as the Notes are admitted to trading on the Irish Stock Exchange's regulated market and listed on the Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange, the notice is published in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Irish Stock Exchange (which shall include publication in a leading newspaper having general circulation in Ireland or on the website of the Irish Stock Exchange (www.ise.ie) or on the website of the relevant Issuer (www.mediobanca.it or www.mediobancaint.lu) and the Guarantor (www.mediobanca.it). If any such publication is not practicable, notice will be validly given if published in another leading daily English language newspaper of general circulation in Europe.

Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the date of such publication or, if published more than once or on different dates, on the date of the first publication as provided above.

Holders of Coupons shall be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice to the holders of Notes in accordance with this Condition 12.

## 13. SUBSTITUTION OF THE ISSUER

(a) The Issuer may at any time, without the consent of the holders of Notes or Coupons, substitute Mediobanca in place of Mediobanca International or Mediobanca International in place of Mediobanca (each a "Substitute") upon notice by the Issuer and the Substitute to be given in accordance with Condition 12 (Notices), provided that;

- (i) no payment in respect of the Notes, the Receipts or the Coupons is at the relevant time overdue;
- the Substitute shall, by means of a deed poll in the form scheduled to the Programme Manual as Schedule 12 (the "Deed Poll"), agree to indemnify each holder of Notes and Coupons against any incremental tax, duty, assessment or governmental charge which is imposed on it by (or by any authority in or of) the jurisdiction of the country of the Substitute's residence for tax purposes and, if different, of its incorporation with respect to any Note, Receipt, Coupon, Talon or the Deed of Covenant and which would not have been so imposed or otherwise suffered by any holder of Notes, Receipts or Coupons had the substitution not been made, as well as against any tax, duty, assessment or governmental charge, and any cost or expense, relating to the substitution;
- (iii) all actions, conditions and things required to be taken, fulfilled and done (including the obtaining of any necessary consents) to ensure that the Deed Poll, the Notes, Receipts, Coupons, Talons and Deed of Covenant represent valid, legally binding and enforceable obligations of the Substitute have been taken, fulfilled and done and are in full force and effect;
- (iv) the Substitute shall have become party to the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement, with any appropriate consequential amendments, as if it had been an original party to it;
- (v) legal opinions shall have been delivered to the Fiscal Agent and Dealers from lawyers of recognised standing in each jurisdiction referred to in paragraph (ii) above, in Italy and in England as to the fulfilment of the requirements of this Condition 13 and the other matters specified in the Deed Poll and that the Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons are legal, valid and binding obligations of the Substitute:
- (vi) each stock exchange on which the Notes are listed shall have confirmed that, following the proposed substitution of the Substitute, the Notes will continue to be listed on such stock exchange;
- (vii) if applicable, the Substitute has appointed a process agent as its agent in England to receive service of process on its behalf in relation to any legal proceedings arising out of or in connection with the Notes.
- (b) Upon the execution of the Deed Poll and the delivery of the legal opinions, the Substitute shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power, of the Issuer under the Notes and the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement with the same effect as if the Substitute had been named as the Issuer herein, and the Issuer shall be released from its obligations under the Notes and under the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement.
- (c) After a substitution pursuant to Condition 13(a), the Substitute may, without the consent of any holder, effect a further substitution. All the provisions specified in Conditions 13(a) and 13(b) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*, and references in these Conditions to the Issuer shall, where the context so requires, be deemed to be or include references to any such further Substitute.
- (d) After a substitution pursuant to Condition 13(a) or 13(c) any Substitute may, without the consent of any holder, reverse the substitution, *mutatis mutandis*.
- (e) The Deed Poll and all documents relating to the substitution shall be delivered to, and kept by, the Fiscal Agent. Copies of such documents will be available free of charge at the specified office of the Paying Agent.

## 14. LAW AND JURISDICTION

- Governing Law: If it is specified in the Final Terms that English law is applicable to the Notes, the Notes and any contractual or non-contractual obligations arising from or connected with the Notes are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, English law, except for Conditions 2 (Status and Special Provisions), 4(b) (Maturities/Final Redemption), 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)) and 8 (Events of Default), which are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, Italian law. If it is specified in the Final Terms that Italian law is applicable to the Notes, the Notes are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, Italian law. For the avoidance of doubt, articles 470-3 to 470-19 of the Luxembourg law dated 10 August 1915 on commercial companies, as amended, are not applicable to the Notes.
- (b) **Jurisdiction**: If it is specified in the Final Terms that English law is applicable to the Notes, the courts of England have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute (a "**Dispute**"), arising from or connected with the Notes, whether arising out of or in connection with contractual or non-contractual obligations. If it is specified in the Final Terms that Italian law is applicable to the Notes, the Courts of Milan shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any disputes that may arise out of or in connection with these Notes.
- (c) Appropriate forum: If it is specified in the Final Terms that English law is applicable to the Notes, the Issuer agrees that the courts of England are the most appropriate and convenient courts to settle any Dispute and, accordingly, that they will not argue to the contrary.
- (d) **Service of notices/documents**: If it is specified in the Final Terms that English law is applicable, the Issuer agrees that the documents which start any proceedings relating to a Dispute ("**Proceedings**") and any other documents required to be served in relation to those Proceedings may be served on them by being delivered to Mediobanca Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. London Branch, 4th floor, 62 Buckingham Gate SW1E 6AJ, United Kingdom. If such person is not or ceases to be effectively appointed to accept service of process on behalf of the Issuer, the Issuer shall, on the written demand of any Noteholder addressed and delivered to the Issuer or to the specified office of the Fiscal Agent appoint a further person in England to accept service of process on their behalf and, failing such appointment within 15 days, any Noteholder shall be entitled to appoint such a person by written notice addressed to the Issuer and delivered to the Issuer or to the specified office of the Fiscal Agent. Nothing in this Condition 14(d) shall affect the right of any Noteholder to serve process in any other manner permitted by law. This Condition 14(d) applies to Proceedings in England and to Proceedings elsewhere.
- (e) Non-applicable Conditions if Italian law applies to the Notes: If it is specified in the Final Terms that Italian law is applicable, Conditions 14(c) (Appropriate forum) and 14(d) (Service of notices/documents) shall not apply.
- (f) Acknowledgement of the Italian Bail-in Power: Notwithstanding any provision of these Conditions or any other agreements, arrangements, or understandings between the Issuers and the Guarantor (where applicable) and any holder, and without prejudice to Article 55(1) of the BRRD, by its acquisition of the Notes each holder (which, for the purposes of this Condition 14(f), includes each holder of a beneficial interest in the Notes) acknowledges, accepts, consents to and agrees to be bound by:
  - (i) the effects of the exercise of the Italian Bail-in Power by the Relevant Authority, which exercise may include and result in any of the following, or some combination thereof: (i) the reduction of all, or a portion, of the principal amount in respect of the Notes together with any accrued but unpaid interest due thereon and any additional amounts (if any) due in relation thereto; (ii) the conversion of all, or a portion, of the principal amount in respect of the Notes together with any accrued but unpaid interest due thereon and any additional

amounts (if any) due in relation thereto, into ordinary shares, other securities or other obligations of the Issuer or another person (and the issue to or conferral on the holder of such shares, securities or obligations), including by means of an amendment, modification or variation of these Conditions; (iii) the cancellation of the Notes or the principal amount in respect of the Notes together with any accrued but unpaid interest due thereon and any additional amounts (if any) due in relation thereto; and (iv) the amendment or alteration of the maturity of the Notes or amendment of the amount of interest payable on the Notes, or the date on which the interest becomes payable, including by suspending payment for a temporary period; and

(ii) the variation of these Conditions, as deemed necessary by the Relevant Authority, to give effect to the exercise of the Italian Bail-in Power by the Relevant Authority.

The exercise of the Italian Bail-in Power by the Relevant Authority shall not constitute an event of default and these Conditions shall remain in full force and effect save as varied by the Relevant Authority in accordance with this Condition 14(f).

## In these Conditions:

"Italian Bail-in Power" means any write-down, conversion, transfer, modification, or suspension power existing from time to time under, and exercised in compliance with, any laws, regulations, rules or requirements in effect in the Republic of Italy, relating to (i) the transposition of the BRRD (in including, but not limited to, Legislative Decrees No. 180/2015 and 181/2015) as amended from time to time, (ii) Regulation (EU) No.806/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2014, establishing uniform rules and a uniform procedure for the resolution of credit institutions and certain investment firms in the framework of the Single Supervisory Mechanism and the Single Resolution Fund and amending Regulation (EU) No. 1093/2010, as amended or superseded from time to time (the "SRM Regulation") and (iii) the instruments, rules and standards created thereunder, pursuant to which any obligation of a regulated entity (as defined below) (or other affiliate of such regulated entity) can be reduced, cancelled, modified, or converted into shares, other securities, or other obligations of such regulated entity or any other person (or suspended for a temporary period).

## PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE NOTES WHILE IN GLOBAL FORM

## **Clearing System Accountholders**

Each Global Note will be in bearer form. Consequently, in relation to any Tranche of Notes represented by a Global Note, references in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes to "Noteholder" 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.

Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system as being entitled to an interest in a Global Note (each, an "Accountholder") must look solely to Euroclear and/or 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 bearer of such Global Note and in relation to all other rights arising under the Global Note. The extent to which, and the manner in which, Accountholders may exercise any rights arising under the Global 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 the Global 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 bearer of the Global Note.

## **Exchange of Temporary Global Notes**

Whenever any interest in a Temporary Global Note is to be exchanged for an interest in a Permanent Global Note, the relevant Issuershall procure:

- (a) in the case of first exchange, the prompt delivery (free of charge to the bearer) of such Permanent Global Note, duly authenticated and (in the case of an NGN) effectuated, to the bearer of the Temporary Global Note; or
- (b) in the case of any subsequent exchange, an increase in the principal amount of such Permanent Global Note in accordance with its terms.

in each case in an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate of the principal amounts specified in the certificates issued by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing systemand received by the Fiscal Agent against presentation and (in the case of final exchange) surrender of the Temporary Global to or to the order of the Fiscal Agent within 7 days of the bearer requesting such exchange.

Whenever a Temporary Global Note is to be exchanged for Definitive Notes, the relevant Issuer shall procure the prompt delivery (free of charge to the bearer) of such Definitive Notes, duly authenticated and with Coupons, Talons and Receipts 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 the bearer of the Temporary Global Note against the surrender of the Temporary Global Note to or to the order of the Fiscal Agent within 45 days of the bearer requesting such exchange.

If:

- (a) a Permanent Global Note has not been delivered or the principal amount thereof increased by 5.00 p.m. (Luxembourg time) on the seventh day after the bearer of a Temporary Global Note has requested exchange of an interest in the Temporary Global Note for an interest in a Permanent Global Note; or
- (b) Definitive Notes have not been delivered by 5.00 p.m. (Luxembourg time) on the forty-fifth day after the bearer of a Temporary Global Note has requested exchange of the Temporary Global Note for Definitive Notes; or
- (c) a Temporary Global Note (or any part thereof) has become due and payable in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Notes or the date for final redemption of a Temporary Global

Note has occurred and, in either case, payment in full of the amount of principal falling due with all accrued interest thereon has not been made to the bearer of the Temporary Global Note in accordance with the terms of the Temporary Global Note on the due date for payment,

then the Temporary Global Note (including the obligation to deliver a Permanent Global Note or increase the principal amount thereof or deliver Definitive Notes, as the case may be) will become void at 5.00 p.m. (Luxembourg time) on such seventh day (in the case of paragraph (a) above) or at 5.00 p.m. (Luxembourg time) on such forty-fifth day (in the case of paragraph (b) above) or at 5.00 p.m. (Luxembourg time) on such due date (in the case of paragraph (c) above) and the bearer of the Temporary Global Note will have no further rights thereunder (but without prejudice to the rights which the bearer of the Temporary Global Note or others may have under the Deeds of Covenant. Under the Deeds of Covenant, persons shown in the records of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system as being entitled to an interest in a Temporary Global Note will acquire directly against the relevant Issuer all those rights to which they would have been entitled if, immediately before the Temporary Global Note became void, they had been the holders of Definitive Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of Notes they were shown as holding in the records of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system.

Where the Notes are listed on the Irish Stock Exchange and its rules so require, the Issuer will give notice of the exchange of the Permanent Global Note for Definitive Notes pursuant to Condition 12 (*Notices*) of the Senior Notes Conditions and of the Subordinated Notes Conditions, as the case may be.

## **Exchange of Permanent Global Notes**

Whenever a Permanent Global Note is to be exchanged for Definitive Notes, the relevant Issuer shall procure the prompt delivery (free of charge to the bearer) of such Definitive Notes, duly authenticated and, where applicable, with Coupons, Talons and Receipts 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 the bearer of the Permanent Global Note against the surrender of the Permanent Global Note to or to the order of the Fiscal Agent within 45 days of the bearer requesting such exchange.

If:

- (a) Definitive Notes have not been delivered by 5.00 p.m. (Luxembourg time) on the forty-fifth day after the bearer of a Permanent Global Note has duly requested exchange of the Permanent Global Note for Definitive Notes; or
- (b) a Permanent Global Note (or any part of it) has become due and payable in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Notes or the date for final redemption of the Notes has occurred and, in either case, payment in full of the amount of principal falling due with all accrued interest thereon has not been made to the bearer of the Permanent Global Note in accordance with the terms of the Permanent Global Note on the due date for payment,

then the Permanent Global Note (including the obligation to deliver Definitive Notes) will become void at 5.00 p.m. (Luxembourg time) on such forty-fifth day (in the case of paragraph (a) above) or at 5.00 p.m. (Luxembourg time) on such due date (in the case of paragraph (b) above) and the bearer of the Permanent Global Note will have no further rights thereunder (but without prejudice to the rights which the bearer of the Permanent Global Note or others may have under the Deeds of Covenant). Under the relevant Deed of Covenant, persons shown in the records of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system as being entitled to an interest in a Permanent Global Note will acquire directly against the relevant Issuer all those rights to which they would have been entitled if, immediately before the Permanent Global Note became void, they had been the holders of Definitive Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of Notes they were shown as holding in the records of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system.

Where the Notes are listed on the Irish Stock Exchange and its rules so require, the relevant Issuer will give notice of the exchange of the Permanent Global Note for Definitive Notes pursuant to Condition 12 (*Notices*) of the Senior Notes Conditions and of the Subordinated Notes Conditions, as the case may be.

## Conditions applicable to Global Notes

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

**Payments**: All payments in respect of the Global Note 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 to or to the order of any Paying Agent and will be effective to satisfy and discharge the corresponding liabilities of the relevant 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 relevant Issuer shall procure that, in respect of a CGN, the payment is noted on a schedule thereto and, in respect of an NGN, the payment is entered *pro rata* in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Exercise of put option: In order to exercise the option contained in Condition 4(h) (Redemption at the option of holders of Notes) of the Senior Notes Conditions, the bearer of the Permanent Global Note must, within the period specified in the relevant Conditions for the deposit of the relevant Note and Put Option Notice, give written notice of such exercise to the Fiscal 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 4(f) (Redemption at the option of the Issuer) of the Senior Notes Conditions and of the Subordinated Notes Conditions, as the case may be, in relation to some only of the Notes, the Permanent Global Note may be redeemed in part in the principal amount specified by the relevant Issuer in accordance with the relevant 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/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system (to be reflected in the records of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system, at their discretion, as either a pool factor or a reduction in principal amount).

Notices: Notwithstanding Condition 12 (Notices) of the Senior Notes Conditions and of the Subordinated Notes Conditions, as the case may be, while all the Notes are represented by a Permanent Global Note (or by a Permanent Global Note and/or a Temporary Global Note) and the Permanent Global Note is (or the Permanent Global Note and/or the Temporary Global Note are) deposited with a depositary, common depositary or common safekeeper (as the case may be) for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system, 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 12 (Notices) of the Senior Notes Conditions and of the Subordinated Notes Conditions, as the case may be, on the date of delivery to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system; provided, however, that, so long as the Notes are listed on the Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange and its rules so require, notices will also be published in a leading newspaper having general circulation in Ireland or on the website of the Irish Stock Exchange (www.ise.ie).

#### USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds of the issue of each Tranche of Notes will be used for the general corporate purposes of the relevant Issuer. If, in respect of any particular issue, there is a particular identified use of the proceeds, this will be stated in the applicable Final Terms, including in case the net proceeds of the issue of each Tranche of Notes will be used for the purposes of Eligible Green Projects.

According to the definition criteria set out by the International Capital Market Association ("ICMA") green bond principles ("Green Bond Principles"), only Tranches of Notes financing or refinancing Eligible Green Projects will be denominated "Green Bonds".

Eligible Green Projects have been defined in accordance with the broad categorisation of eligibility for green projects set out by the ICMA Green Bond Principles.

For the purposes of this section:

"Eligible Green Projects" means projects with a positive impact in terms of environmental sustainability, in accordance with the broad categorisation of eligibility for green projects set out by ICMA, which prior to the relevant Issue Date will be (i) approved by the relevant Issuer and in respect of which a reputed sustainability rating agency has prepared an opinion on the relevant Issuer's alignment with the Green Bond Principles, the likely environmental benefits of the eligible project categories, unless the relevant Issuer is seeking a Climate Bonds Initiative certified bond, which is appropriately verified by external reviewer, and (ii) made available on the relevant Issuer's website (https://mediobanca.com) in the investor relations section.

## INFORMATION ON MEDIOBANCA - BANCA DI CREDITO FINANZIARIO S.P.A.

This section of the Base Prospectus reflects the contents of (i) certain paragraphs of the registration document published in Italian language by Mediobanca on 23 November 2017 and approved by CONSOB pursuant to CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May 1999 (as amended) on 22 November 2017, report No. 129797/17 (the "Mediobanca Registration Document"), of which the relevant English translation is incorporated by reference to this Base Prospectus and (ii) certain information contained in the audited consolidated annual financial statements of Mediobanca and the audited non-consolidated annual financial statements of Mediobanca International as at and for the years ended 30 June 2017 and 2016.

## History and development of Mediobanca

Legal status and information

Mediobanca – Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A. was set up on 10 April 1946 by virtue of a notarial deed drawn up by Notary public Arturo Lovato, file no. 3041/52378. Mediobanca is a joint stock company incorporated under Italian law registered in the Milan Companies' Register under Registration no. 00714490158 having its registered office and administrative headquarters in Piazzetta Enrico Cuccia 1, 20121 Milan, Italy, tel. No.: (0039) 02-88291. Mediobanca operates under Italian law, and the court of Milan has jurisdiction over any disputes arising against it.

Important events in Mediobanca's recent history

Since 30 June 2017 there have been no negative changes either to the financial position or prospects of either Mediobanca or the Group headed up by it.

Neither Mediobanca nor any company in the Group have carried out transactions that have materially affected or that might be reasonably expected to materially affect, Mediobanca's ability to meet its obligations towards third parties.

As at 28 October 2016 Fitch rated Mediobanca F2 (short-term debt), BBB+ (long-term debt) and negative (outlook) – see www.mediobanca.it/it/investor-relations/rating.html.

As at 31 October 2017 S&P rated Mediobanca A-2 (short-term debt), BBB (long-term debt) and stable (outlook) – see www.mediobanca.it/it/investor-relations/rating.html.

For an explanation of the rating given by S&P please see below the S&P rating scale:

LONG TERM obligations with an original maturity of more than one year	SHORT TERM obligations with an original maturity of no more than one year
Investment grade	Investment grade
AAA	A-1
The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is extremely strong.	The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is strong. Within this category, certain obligations are designated with a plus sign (+). This indicates that the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on these obligations is extremely strong.
The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is very strong. An obligation rated 'AA' differs from the highest-rated obligations only to a small degree.  A  The obligation is somewhat more susceptible to the	A-2  The obligation is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher rating categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation

adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higherrated categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is still strong.

**BBB** 

The obligation exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

is satisfactory.

## A-3

The obligation exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

(Source: Standard & Poor's)

# **LONG TERM** obligations with an original maturity of more than

## one year

## BB

The obligation is less vulnerable to nonpayment than other speculative issues. However, it faces major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions which could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

Speculative grade

В

The obligation is more vulnerable to nonpayment than obligations rated 'BB', but the obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions will likely impair the obligor's capacity or willingness to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

## CCC

The obligation is currently vulnerable to nonpayment, and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. In the event of adverse business, financial, or economic conditions, the obligor is not likely to have the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

CC

The obligation is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment.

C

A 'C' rating is assigned to obligations that are

## SHORT TERM

obligations with an original maturity of less than one year

## Speculative grade

#### E

The obligation is regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. The obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation; however, it faces major ongoing uncertainties which could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

B -1

The obligation is regarded as having significant speculative characteristics, but the obligor has a relatively stronger capacity to meet its financial commitments over the short-term compared to other speculative-grade obligors.

B -2

The obligation is regarded as having significant speculative characteristics, and the obligor has an average speculative-grade capacity to meet its financial commitments over the short-term compared to other speculative-grade obligors.

B -3

The obligation is regarded as having significant speculative characteristics, and the obligor has a relatively weaker capacity to meet its financial commitments over the short-term compared to other speculative-grade obligors.

C

The obligation is currently vulnerable to nonpayment and is dependent upon favorable

currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment, obligations that have payment arrearages allowed by the terms of the documents, or obligations of an issuer that is the subject of a bankruptcy petition or similar action which have not experienced a payment default.

D

The obligation is in payment default. The 'D' rating category is used when payments on an obligation, including a regulatory capital instrument, are not made on the date due even if the applicable grace period has not expired, unless Standard & Poor's believes that such payments will be made during such grace period.

business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

D

The obligation is in payment default. The 'D' rating category is used when payments on an obligation, including a regulatory capital instrument, are not made on the date due even if the applicable grace period has not expired, unless Standard & Poor's believes that such payments will be made during such grace period

NB: ratings from "AA" to "CCC" inclusive can be modified by adding the "+" or "-" minus sign to specify the position.

For an explanation of the rating given by Fitch please see below the Fitch rating scale:

LONG TERM obligations with an original maturity of more than one year	SHORT TERM obligations with an original maturity of no more than one year
Investment grade	Investment grade
AAA	F-1
Denote the lowest expectation of default risk. They are assigned only in cases of exceptionally strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is highly unlikely to be adversely affected by foreseeable events.  AA  Denote expectations of very low default risk. They indicate very strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.  A  Denote expectations of low default risk. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings  BBB  Indicate that expectations of default risk are	Indicates the strongest intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; may have an added "+" to denote any exceptionally strong credit feature.  F-2  Good intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments.  F-3  The intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is adequate.
currently low. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered adequate but adverse business or economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity.	

(Source: Fitch Ratings)

LONG TERM obligations with an original maturity of more than one year	SHORT TERM obligations with an original maturity of less than one year
Speculative grade	Speculative grade
BB	В
Indicate an elevated vulnerability to default risk, particularly in the event of adverse changes in business or economic conditions over time; however, business or financial flexibility exists which supports the servicing of financial commitments.	Minimal capacity for timely payment of financial commitments, plus heightened vulnerability to near term adverse changes in financial and economic conditions.  C
В	Default is a real possibility.
Indicate that material default risk is present, but a	RD
limited margin of safety remains. Financial commitments are currently being met; however, capacity for continued payment is vulnerable to deterioration in the business and economic environment.	Indicates an entity that has defaulted on one or more of its financial commitments, although it continues to meet other financial obligations. Applicable to entity ratings only.
CCC	D
Default is a real possibility.	Indicates a broad-based default event for an entity, or the default of a short-term obligation.
cc	
Default of some kind appears probable.	
С	
Default is imminent or inevitable, or the issuer is in standstill.	
RD	
Indicate an issuer that in Fitch Ratings' opinion has entered into bankruptcy filings, administration, receivership, liquidation or other formal winding-up procedure, or which has otherwise ceased business.	

Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services Italy S.r.l. ("S&P") and Fitch Italia S.p.A. ("Fitch") are credit rating agencies which are established in the European Community and have been registered in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended by Regulation 513/2011/EU and by Regulation 462/2013/EU) (the "CRA"). As such, S&P and Fitch are included in the latest list of credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its website in accordance with the CRA – see www.esma.europa.eu/page/List-registered-and-certified -CRAs.

## **Business Overview**

Principal activities

The Group's operations are segmented as follows:

- Corporate & Investment Banking (CIB): this division brings together all services provided to corporate clients:
  - Wholesale Banking: Client Business (lending, advisory, capital markets activity) and proprietary trading;
  - Specialty Finance, which comprises factoring (MBFacta) and credit management (Creditech).
- Consumer Banking (CB): this division provides retail clients with the full range of consumer credit products, ranging from personal loans to salary-backed finance (Compass and Futuro);
- Wealth Management (WM): this new division brings together all asset management services offered to the following client segments:
  - Affluent & Premier, addressed by CheBanca!;
  - Private & HNWI, addressed in Italy by Banca Esperia (now 100%-owned) and Spafid, and in the Principality of Monaco by Compagnie Monégasque de Banque.

This division also comprises Mediobanca Asset Management, the product factory which Mediobanca intends to set up to serve the MB Group sale networks by leveraging on existing capabilities: Cairn Capital (alternative AM), Duemme SGR (formerly Esperia), and Compagnie Monégasque de Gestion (CMG, formerly CMB).

- **Principal Investing (PI)**: this division brings together the Group's portfolio of equity investments and holdings, including the stake in Assicurazioni Generali;
- Holding Functions: this division houses the Group's Treasury and ALM activities (which
  previously were included in the CIB division), with the objective of optimizing management of
  the funding and liquidity processes; it also includes all costs relating to Group staffing and
  management functions, most of which were also previously allocated to CIB; and continues to
  include the leasing operations.

This new segmentation, in force since 16 November 2016, was approved in conjunction with the guidelines for the 2016/19 strategic plan with a view to seizing opportunities deriving from the current competitive scenario and prioritizing development of the new Wealth Management division.

In addition, in the course of FY 2016/17 Mediobanca completed the acquisition of the other 50% of Banca Esperia which it did not already own from the Mediolanum group. The acquisition forms part of the Group's strategy to grow its presence in the private (WM) and MidCaps (CIB) segments, which represent the two main guidelines of the plan approved.

Integration of Banca Esperia will enable the Mediobanca Group to:

- Reshape its private banking service offering in Italy, by creating the new Mediobanca Private Banking brand;
- Empower its platform for services to Mid-Corporate clients as part of its CIB activities;
- Enhance the Group's integrated product offering: synergies to be achieved with Spafid in management of fiduciary services, with CheBanca! for traditional banking products, with Mediobanca AM in extending the services offered by Banca Esperia's product factory Duemme SGR to the whole Group;
- Deliver major cost synergies.

As at 30 June 2017, Mediobanca had a market capitalization of approx. €7.6bn.

#### Consolidated financial information as at 30/06/17\*

Profit and loss account (€m)	Corporate & Investment	Consumer	Wealth Management	Principal investing	Holding Functions	Total
	Banking					
Net interest income	292.6	818.1	244.1	(7.1)	(76.3)	1,287.8
Total income	635.9	936.2	459.5	273.2	(56.5)	2,195.6
Profit before tax	377.5	380.1	66.8	429.3	(341.7)	914.0
Net profit	253.9	258.2	55.0	422.1	(241.8)	750.2

<sup>\*</sup> Source: Mediobanca audited consolidated annual financial statement as at and for the year ended on 30 June 2017

#### Wholesale Banking

Mediobanca seeks to provide its corporate clients with the advisory services and financial services to help them grow and develop.

The wholesale banking division comprises three different units: Corporate finance, Lending and Structure Finance, Capital Markets.

## Corporate finance

Mediobanca is the leader in Italy and has an increasingly significant role in financial advisory services at the European level through its branches in London, Paris, Frankfurt, Madrid, Istanbul and Mexico City. A client-based approach is adopted, backed by in depth knowledge of the financial issues and a consolidated track record in executing deals. The operating unit is organized into different industry teams covering individual industries in order to provide greater focus.

Corporate finance involves the following activities:

- defining strategic objectives for companies and identifying extraordinary financing transactions in order to help meet them;
- extraordinary financing transactions: mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and partnerships, disposals and spinoffs;
- liability restructuring: earnings/financial analysis of companies/groups undergoing restructuring; working out financial rebalancing scenarios; negotiating with key creditors;
- corporate restructuring: LBOs, MBOs, spinoffs and tax-/inheritance-related issues;
- company valuations, on a standalone basis and for purposes of setting exchange ratios;
- relations with authorities: assistance in handling relations with market and regulatory authorities, principally CONSOB and Borsa Italiana.

## Lending and structured finance

The Financing teams serve Mediobanca's Italian and international customers, through the branch offices located in Paris, Frankfurt, London, Madrid and Istanbul to offer:

- advice in evaluating possible capital structures and financing solutions available from among a vast series of debt products, including considering possible implications in terms of rating;
- structuring and executing lending transactions;

- access to the international syndicated loans market;
- facility and security agent services for corporate and structured lending transactions.

The main products of the Lending and structured finance team are:

- Corporate Lending (bilateral loans, club deals and syndicated loans): corporate loans aimed at
  supporting customers' financial requirements generated by investments or related to their
  companies' growth; the financial solutions offered are aimed primarily at medium-/large-sized
  firms operating on domestic and international markets, in industrial and service-based sectors;
- Structured Finance (acquisition finance, loans for LBO/MBOs, project finance, infrastructure finance, real estate finance): financial support to corporate counterparties and institutional investors as part of leveraged transactions to acquire stakes in listed and unlisted companies; a wide range of lending transactions are developed, arranged, structured, underwritten and executed based on complex structures, and because of their size these are often syndicated on the international market. On the back of its solid track record in various sectors, customers are provided with advisory services covering the entire process of structuring deals to support investment and infrastructure or industrial projects, including offering strategies, selection of the most effective debt instruments, hedging strategies, financial modelling and structuring contracts; and
- Factoring (with and without recourse, maturity, and supply credit): sale and discount of trade receivables to help refinance companies' working capital. As well as the financial benefits, factoring can also provide insurance (guarantee against insolvency or delays in payments) and facilitate operations (credit management, accounting, collection and recovery).

## Capital Markets

Mediobanca operates on both the primary and secondary markets, trading equities and fixed-income securities, foreign exchange products and credit risk, interest rate and exchange rate derivatives.

In the equity market (primary and secondary), activity is divided into the following areas:

- Equity Capital Markets: it is the Italian leader and has a role of increasing importance internationally in structuring, co-ordinating and executing equity capital markets transactions, such as IPOs, rights issues, secondary offerings and ABOs, and bonds convertible into equity solutions (equity derivatives to manage investments and treasury shares): this unit structures and implements extraordinary financing transactions involving equity investments and treasury shares; using a dedicated trading platform, the team offers customers innovative, high value-added solutions, and also handles any legal, accounting, tax and regulatory issues;
- Equity Finance (securities lending, equity repos, collateralized financing): the unit offers tailored securities lending solutions, which range from simple loans to hedge short-/medium-term positions, to equity repos, to upgrades and collateralized financing;
- Equity Derivatives Institutional Marketing: a range of equity-linked investments are offered to banks, insurances, asset managers and family offices, from synthetic replications of simple underlying assets to sophisticated protection mechanisms and solutions for increasing the return on portfolios, funded or unfunded;
- MB Securities: this is Mediobanca's equity brokerage division, offering global access to equity markets and research on the Italian market (over 100 companies are covered), plus a pan-European focus on the financial sector (banks and insurances); a dedicated team also offers corporate broking services.

In relation to the debt market, the activity is divided into the following areas of operation:

- **Debt Capital Markets**: this team originates, structures, executes and places corporate and financial bond issues, covered bonds and securitizations to meet its customers' financing needs.
- **CRAL solutions**: this area structures solutions based on interest rates, credit and alternative products; it targets corporate clients, banks and institutional investors who need to restructure their investment portfolios, increase asset liquidity and diversify their sources of funding. An activity of advisory and structuring of *ad hoc* solutions on alternative investments focusing on institutional investors.
- Proprietary Funding: this team is responsible for structuring, issuing and placing debt products, the revenues from which finance the Bank's own activities. Fund raising, supported by the Bank's high credit rating, takes place primarily through the issuance of securities, both plain vanilla and structured. Securities are placed with retail investors through public offers (executed using the proprietary networks of CheBanca!, through individual third banks including that of BancoPosta either on an exclusive basis or via groups of banks in syndicates) and direct sales are made over the screen-based bond market (MOT) operated by Borsa Italiana. Demand from institutional investors is met via public offers of securities on the Euromarket and private placements of products customized to meet the subscribers' specific needs.

## Specialty Finance

Our Specialty Finance activities include managing and financing credit and working capital. We have operations in factoring with MBFacta and in the credit management sector with MBCredit Solutions.

- MBCredit Solutions has for many years performed credit recovery activities (on behalf of the Group companies and third parties) and NPL portfolio acquisitions. The 2016-19 strategic plan envisages the company growing from niche operator to leading player in the credit management sector (servicing inter alia for third parties) and in the acquisition of non-performing loans (NPLs).
- MBFacta provides trade receivables sale and discount services (with and without recourse, maturity, supply credit) to refinance corporate working capital. As well as the financial benefits, this service can also include an insurance component (guarantee against insolvency or delays in payments) and/or a management component (portfolio management, accounting, collection and recovery). The factoring platform's factoring offering will be tailored specifically to developing the Mid Corporate segment in synergy with the other services offered by CIB to this category of firm.

## Consumer Credit - Compass

Mediobanca has operated in the consumer credit sector since the 1960s through its subsidiary Compass.

Compass today is one of the leading consumer credit operators on the Italian market, with a market share of 10.5% calculated on the basis of the overall financings granted in the Italian consumer credit market.

Compass offers a wide range of products (personal loans, special purpose loans for acquisition of consumer durable goods, credit cards and salary-backed finance), using a highly diversified distribution network consisting of some 166 own branches, distributing agreements with banking partners and retailers, and BancoPosta.

As at the balance-sheet date it had approx. €11.8bn in loans outstanding, plus a total of 1,405 staff on the books.

## Affluent & Premier - CheBanca!

Mediobanca has been operative in retail banking through CheBanca! This subsidiary, launched in 2008, effectively served as retail deposit gatherer for the Mediobanca Group throughout the financial crisis. In the last three years it has developed a distribution model which is innovative, transparent and with high technology content, while at the same time refocusing its mission from deposit gather to asset gatherer,

raising €4bn in AUM (€7bn including the recent acquisition of Barclays' Italian retail activities) and breaking even at the operating level.

Today CheBanca! is distinguished by its:

- High brand recognition;
- Effective, innovative multi-channel distribution (internet, 141 own branches, direct banking);
- Simple, transparent products;
- Substantial customer base (approx 800,000 customers);
- Strong commercial results: €13.4bn in deposits, €7.1bn in assets under management, and €7.5bn in mortgages disbursed.

At 30 June 2017 the company employs a total of 1,401 staff.

In the past next years, CheBanca! will leverage on its competitive advantage as first mover to seal its definitive transformation to wealth manager focused on the affluent and premier client bracket. In detail the bank will seek to:

- Valorize the business acquired from Barclays in Italy, starting with the 220,000 clients acquired, optimizing the distribution network and using the €240m in badwill received to cover restructuring costs and relaunch commercial activities;
- Strengthen its proprietary distribution network while maintaining its unique market position (advisory approach integrated with cutting-edge technology infrastructure in distribution via digital channels);
- Construct a new network of financial advisors, destined to increase assets under management further in the medium term.

#### Private & HNWI

The range of services offered to clients is split between.

- Banca Esperia, as from this year 100%-owned by the Group, will be merged into Mediobanca and will offer private banking services under the Mediobanca brand. The 75 bankers and eleven branches at the same time will work to develop their asset management activity and the mid-cap platform, acting as a bridge between corporate and private activities in conjunction with Spafid, the Mediobanca Group multi-family office. The Banca Esperia product offering for high net worth clients includes portfolio management, advisory and financing services. Independence, operational autonomy, focus on private banking activities, and excellence and quality of service, are the hallmarks of a bank which has approx €19bn in assets under management at its branches in Bergamo, Bologna, Brescia, Cesena, Florence, Genoa, Milan, Padua, Parma, Rome, Turin and Treviso.
- Compagnie Monégasque de Banque ("CMB") is 100%-owned by Mediobanca. CMB is market leader in the Principality of Monaco, with total deposits of approx. €10bn. Its geographical position, indepth knowledge of markets and absolute independence make it a player of primary importance, able to provide exclusive services to its customers, ranging from loans to asset management.
- Spafid, 100%-owned by Mediobanca, this company provides fiduciary administration services in respect of equity investments, securities market investments and fiduciary services for issuers. Spafid currently has assets under administration worth some 64bn.

#### MB Asset Management

As part of the reorganization of the Wealth Management division, a new MB Asset Management product factory has been set up bringing together Cairn Capital, Duemme SGR (formerly Banca Esperia) and Compagnie Monégasque de Gestion (formerly CMB). In this division the individual companies' support units will be centralized (Human Resources, Legal and Compliance, etc.) and a dedicated sales force will be set up with responsibility for distribution of all product lines.

Cairn Capital, a 51% stake having been acquired in this company in December 2015. Cairn Capital is the largest company in this division, and is an asset manager and advisor based in London specializing in credit products. Assets managed by the company total some €2.5bn, plus a further €3.9bn under long-term advice.

## Principal Investing

Mediobanca has an equity portfolio of investments made over time, consisting of minority stakes in leading Italian and international companies, most of which are listed. As a result of the recent introduction of tighter regulations on regulatory capital and the Bank's desire to concentrate more on highly-specialized banking activities, this portfolio of investments is in the process of being reduced. Disposals were completed during the course of FY 2016/17: stakes worth approx. €340m were sold, yielding gains of almost €160m. In view of the size of the investments and the role played by Mediobanca in the governance of the companies concerned, the shareholdings in Generali, RCS MediaGroup and Atlantia are assigned to the Principal investing division.

Company	Sector	% of share capital	Book value as at 30/6/17 €m
Assicurazioni Generali	Insurance	13.0%	2,997
RCS Mediagroup	Publishing – media	6.6%	42
Atlantia	Infrastructure	1.4%	276

## Leasing

Mediobanca owns a direct 60% stake in the SelmaBipiemme Leasing group, with the other 40% held by the Banca Popolare di Milano. The group operates in financial leasing.

In the twelve months to 30 June 2017, the Group disbursed some €418m in leases, on leases outstanding totalling approx. €2.3bn.

As at 30 June 2016, the net value of finance disbursed by the group amounted to some €2.5bn, with a headcount numbering 146 staff employed at the head office and 8 branch offices.

Brief description of the Mediobanca's principal activities, with an indication of the main categories of products sold and/or services provided

As stated in Article 3 of Mediobanca's Articles of Association, Mediobanca's purpose is to raise funds and provide credit in any of the forms permitted, especially medium- and long-term credit to corporates.

Within the limits laid down by current regulations, Mediobanca may execute all banking, financial and intermediation-related operations and services, and carry out any transaction deemed to be instrumental to or otherwise connected with the achievement of Mediobanca's purpose.

There are no significant new products and/or services that have been introduced and no development of new products and services has been disclosed.

## Principal markets

The Mediobanca Group's activities are principally focused on the domestic market (from a geographical standpoint Italy accounts for approx. 80% of the Group's loan book). In particular:

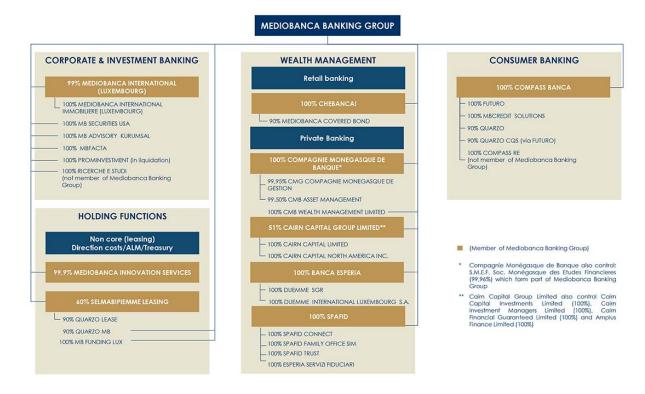
- (1) Corporate & Investment Banking (CIB): half the revenues and loan book for this division is originated by the Italian market, the other half by other countries (notably France, Germany, Spain and the United Kingdom): the division employs some 590 staff, around 160 of whom are based outside Italy;
- (2) Consumer banking: activities focus exclusively on the Italian market, and employ approx. 1,400 staff at more than 160 branches;
- Wealth Management (WM): this division's activity is focused primarily on the Italian market, with the exception of CMB (which operates in the Principality of Monaco) and Cairn Capital (which operates in the United Kingdom); and employs over 2,000 staff at over 140 branches;
- (4) Leasing activities chiefly target the domestic market.

## Organizational Structure

Description of organizational structure of group headed up by Mediobanca

The Mediobanca Group is registered as a banking group in the register instituted by the Bank of Italy.

The following diagram illustrates the structure of the Mediobanca Group as at the date hereof.



## Subsidiaries and main investee companies

Mediobanca is parent company of the Mediobanca Banking Group. No individual or entity controls Mediobanca within the meaning of Article 93 of the Italian Consolidated Finance Act.

A list of the main Group companies included in the area of consolidation for the consolidated financial statements as at the date of this document is shown below:

## Group companies

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COMPASS S.p.A.	Italy	100%	(dir)
CHEBANCA! S.p.A.	Italy	100%	(dir)
SELMABIPIEMME LEASING S.p.A.	Italy	60%	(dir)
COMPAGNIE MONEGASQUE DE BANQUE S.A.M.	Principality of Monaco	100%	(dir)
MEDIOBANCA INTERNATIONAL (Luxembourg) S.A.	Luxembourg	99%	(dir)
SPAFID S.p.A.	Italy	100%	(dir)
SPAFID TRUST S.r.l.	Italy	100%	(indir)
ESPERIA SERVIZI FIDUCIARI S.p.A.	Italy	100%	(indir)
SPAFID CONNECT S.p.A.	Italy	100%	(indir)
MEDIOBANCA SECURITIES USA LLC	United States	100%	(dir)
BANCA ESPERIA S.p.A.	Italy	100%	(dir)
DUEMME SGR S.p.A.	Italy	100%	(indir)
DUEMME INTERNATIONAL (LUXEMBOURG) S.A.	Luxembourg	100%	(indir)
MBCREDIT SOLUTIONS S.p.A.	Italy	100%	(indir)
RICERCHE E STUDI S.p.A.	Italy	100%	(dir)
MEDIOBANCA INNOVATION SERVICES S.c.p.A	Italy	99.95%	(dir)
FUTURO S.p.A.	Italy	100%	(indir)
PROMINVESTMENT S.p.A. in liquidation	Italy	100%	(dir)
MBFACTA S.p.A.	Italy	100%	(dir)
QUARZO S.r.l.	Italy	90%	(indir)
MEDIOBANCA COVERED BOND S.r.l.	Italy	90%	(indir)
QUARZO LEASE S.r.l.	Italy	90%	(indir)
QUARZO CQS S.r.l.	Italy	90%	(indir)
C.M.B. ASSET MANAGEMENT S.A.M.	Principality of Monaco	99.30%	(indir)
C.M.G. COMP. MONEG. D.G. S.A.M.	Principality of Monaco	99.92%	(indir)
S.M.E.F. SOC. MONEG. DE ET.FIN. S.A.M.	Principality of Monaco	99.96%	(indir)
CMB WEALT MANAGEMENT	Principality of Monaco	100%	(dir)
QUARZO MB S.r.l.	Italy	90%	(dir)

## Group companies

COMPASS RE S.A.	Luxembourg	100%	(indir)
MB ADVISORY KURUMSAL DANISMANLIK HIZMETLERI A.S.	Turkey	100%	(dir)
MEDIOBANCA INTERNATIONAL IMMOBILIERE S.à r.l.	Luxembourg	100%	(indir)
CAIRN CAPITAL GROUP Ltd	United Kingdom	51%	(dir)
CAIRN CAPITAL Ltd	United Kingdom	100%	(indir)
CAIRN CAPITAL NORTH AMERICA Inc.	United States	100%	(indir)
CAIRN FINANCIAL GUARANTEE Ltd.	United Kingdom	100%	(indir)
CAIRN CAPITAL INVESTMENTS Ltd.	United Kingdom	100%	(indir)
CAIRN INVESTMENTS MANAGERS Ltd.	United Kingdom	100%	(indir)
AMPLUS FINANCE Ltd.	United Kingdom	100%	(indir)
MB FUNDING LUX S.A.	Luxembourg	100%	(dir)
SPAFID FAMILY OFFICE SIM S.p.A.	Italy	100%	(indir)

In view of the size of the investment and the role played by the Bank in the companies' governance, as at 30 June 2016, the values reflected by the investments in Assicurazioni Generali were as follows:

Company	Sector	% of share capital	Book value as at
			30/6/17
			€m
Assicurazioni Generali	Insurance	17.0%	3,080.5

## Forecasts or estimates of profits

No substantial adverse changes have taken place in Mediobanca's or the Group's prospects since 30 June 2017.

Mediobanca is not aware of any information on trends, uncertainties, requests, commitments or facts known which could reasonably have a significant impact on Mediobanca's prospects for the current financial year.

## Bodies Responsible for governance, management and supervision of Mediobanca

The Board of Directors appointed on 28 October 2015 for the 2015, 2016 and 2017 financial years consists of seventeen members (following the resignation of Ms Marina Natale effective as of 21 July 2017), eleven of whom qualified as independent under Article 148, paragraph 3 of Italian Financial Services Act, and among them ten qualified as independent under the voluntary code of corporate governance issued by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. (the "Code of Conduct") in respect of listed companies. Its composition also reflects the legal requirements in terms of gender balance.

## **Board of Directors**

## Composition of Board of Directors

Name	Post held	Place and date of birth	Term office expires	of Posts held in other companies
Renato Pagliaro	Chairman ***	Milan, 20/2/57	28/10/20	-
Maurizia Angelo Comneno*	Deputy Chairman	Rome, 18/6/48	28/10/20	-
Alberto Pecci	Deputy Chairman	Pistoia, 18/9/43	28/10/20	Chairman, Pecci Filati Chairman, Tosco-Fin Director, El.En.
Alberto Nagel*	Chief Executive Officer ***	Milan, 7/6/65	28/10/20	-
Francesco Saverio Vinci *	General Manager ***	Milan, 10/11/62	28/10/20	
Cesar Alierta	Director	Zaragoza (Spain), 5/5/45	28/10/20	Director, Telefònica Audiovisual Digital
Marie Bollorè	Director	Neully sur Seine, 8/5/88	28/10/20	Director, Bolloré Director, Financière de l'Odet Director, Bolloré Participations Director, Financière V Director, Omnium Bollor Director, Blue Solutions Director, Société Inustrielle et Financire del l'Artois Member of Supervisory Committee, Sofibol
Maurizio Carfagna	Director	Milan, 13/11/47	28/10/20	Chief Executive Officer, H-Invest Diector, Compagnia Immobiliare Azionaria Director, Futura Invest
Maurizio Costa	Director	Pavia, 29 October 1948	28/10/20	Director, Amplifon
Angela Gamba	Director	Palazzolo sull'Oglio (BS), 15/8/70	28/10/20	Director, Parmalat
Valérie Hortefeux	Director	Aulnay (France), 14/12/67	28/10/20	Director, Blue Solutions Director, Ramsay – Generale de Santé
Alberto Lupoi	Director	Rome, 21/3/70	28/10/20	-
Elisabetta Magistretti	Director	Busto Arsizio, 21/7/47	28/10/20	Director, Luxottica Group Director, Smeg
Massimo Tononi	Director	Trento, 22/8/64	28/10/20	Chairman, Prysmian Chairman, Istituto Atesino di Sviluppo Director, Italmobiliare Director, Il Sole 24 Ore
Gabriele Villa*  * Member o	Director  FEXECUTIVE Comm	Milan, 18/6/64	28/10/20	Director, Space2 Chairman Board Statutory Auditors, Westfield Milan Standing Auditor, Edison Standing Auditor, Otis Servizi Standing Auditor, Transalpina di Energia

<sup>\*</sup> Member of Executive Committee.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Member of Mediobanca senior management

All Board members are in possession of the requisites to hold such office by law, in terms of fitness, professional qualifications and independence (in the latter case applicable only to the independent directors).

The address for all members of the Board of Directors for the duties they discharge is: Piazzetta E. Cuccia 1, Milan, Italy.

## **Statutory Audit Committee**

## **Composition of Statutory Audit Committee:**

Name	Post held	Place and date of birth	Term expires	Principal outside activities
Natale Freddi	Chairman	Rho, 6/6/52	FY 28/10/20	None
Francesco Carlo	Di Standing auditor		FY 28/10/20	Director, Pitagora Director, Milano Investment Partners SGR Chairman Board of Statutory Auditors, Italmobiliare Standing Auditor, Equita SIM Standing Auditor, Equita Group Standing Auditor, Clessidra SGR Standing Auditor, Cerved Master Service
				Standing Auditor, Lauro 48 Alternate Auditor, Generali Italia Alternate Auditor, Telecom Italia Alternate Auditor, Sace
Laura Gualtieri	Standing auditor	Reggio Emilia, 18/10/68	, FY 28/10/20	Standing Auditor, Prysmian
Alessandro Trotter	Alternate auditor	Vimercate, 09/06/40	FY 28/10/20	-
Barbara Negri	Alternate auditor	Alessandria, 13/06/73	FY 28/10/20	-
Stefano Sarubbi	Alternate auditor	Milan, 6/12/65	FY 28/10/20	Chairman Board of Statutory Auditors, Coca Cola Italia Chairman Board of Statutory Auditors, Comfactor

All Statutory Audit Committee members are in possession of the requisites to hold such office by law, in terms of fitness, professional qualifications and independence; and are all registered as auditors.

The address for all members of the Statutory Audit Committee for the duties they discharge is: Piazzetta E. Cuccia 1, Milan, Italy.

## General Manager and senior management

Renato Pagliaro Chairman, Alberto Nagel Chief Executive Officer, Francesco Saverio Vinci General Manager, Alexandra Young, Executive Director of Mediobanca and Emanuele Flappini, Head of Company Financial Reporting.

The address for the General Manager and the senior management for the duties they discharge is: Piazzetta E. Cuccia 1, Milan, Italy.

Conflicts of interest among bodies responsible for governance, management and supervision

A ban was instituted pursuant Article 36 of Italian Decree Law 201/11, as converted into Italian Law 214/11, on representatives of banks, insurers and financial companies from holding positions in companies which operate in the same sectors. Each year the Board of Directors assesses the positions of the individual directors, which may have changed as a result of changes in the activities or size of the other companies in which they hold posts. To this end, each director, including in order to avoid potential conflict of interest, shall inform the Board of any changes in the positions assumed by them in the course of their term of office.

Mediobanca also adopts the procedure recommended under Article 136 of the Italian Consolidated Banking Act for approval of transactions involving individuals who perform duties of management and control in other companies controlled by such parties.

Transactions with "related parties" are described in part H of the financial statements for the twelve months ended 30 June 2017.

The members of the Board of Directors and the Statutory Audit Committee of Mediobanca do not have any conflicts or potential conflicts of interest between their duties to Mediobanca and their private interests or other duties.

## Share capital

Amount of share capital issued

As at the date of this Base Prospectus, Mediobanca's share capital, fully subscribed and paid up, totalled &440.617.579 made up of &881,235,158 par value &60.50 shares.

#### Main Shareholders

Information on ownership structure

Individuals or entities who based on the shareholders' register and publicly available information own directly or indirectly financial instruments representing share capital with voting rights in excess of 3% of the company's share capital, directly or indirectly, are listed below:

	Shareholder	% of share capital
1	UniCredit group	8.56
2	Bolloré group	8.0
3	Mediolanum group	3. 43

Mediobanca shareholders representing, as at 30 June 2017, 30.69% of the Bank's share capital entered into a shareholders' agreement in respect of Mediobanca's share capital expiring on 31 December 2017.

The general meeting held on 22 September 2017 duly noted the notice of withdrawal from the Shareholders Agreement that had been received from Pirelli S.p.A. (in respect of 15.8 million Mediobanca shares, or 1.79% of the company's share capital) and from Zannoni Group (in respect 0f 2.205.000 Mediobanca shares -0,25% syndicated to the Shareholders Agreement through Cinca S.A. -0,14%- and Arca S.p.A. -0,11%-), effective as of the date on which the Agreement expires, namely 31 December 2017. The deadline for sending notice of withdrawal was 30 September 2017.

Finally, the parties in general meeting adopted a resolution, in the event of renewal, allowing each Party to give advance notice of its intention to withdraw by 30 September 2018 with effect from 31 December 2018. In this case, the Shareholders Agreement shall remain in force until its final expiry date of 31 December 2019 by and between parties representing at least 25% of Mediobanca's share capital.

The Shareholders Agreement, which is filed with the Milan companies' register, is a block shareholders' agreement aimed at preserving a stable shareholder base combined with representative governing bodies to ensure consistent management objectives. In order to achieve these objectives, these shareholders, divided into three groups, concur in seeing the traditional system of corporate governance which

leverages on the management and provides greater clarity in the roles of the various governing bodies within the company, as fundamental to safeguarding the characteristics, function and traditional independence of Mediobanca and to ensuring that consistent management objectives are pursued.

An excerpt from the Shareholder Agreement may be found on the Issuer's website at www.mediobanca.it.

Agreements the performance of which may result in a change of control subsequent to the date hereof

Mediobanca is not aware of any agreements aimed at bringing about future changes regarding the ownership structure of Mediobanca.

#### Auditors of the Financial Statements

External auditors and auditors responsible for auditing the financial statements

At an annual general meeting held on 27 October 2012, the shareholders of Mediobanca appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers S.p.A. to audit the Bank's separate and consolidated full-year and interim financial statements up to and including the financial year ending 30 June 2021.

PricewaterhouseCoopers S.p.A. a company with its registered offices in via Monte Rosa 91, Milan, Italy, has audited the separate and consolidated financial statements of Mediobanca as at 30 June 2017 and 2016. PricewaterhouseCoopers S.p.A is registered under No. 119644 in the Register of Accounting Auditors (*Registro dei Revisori Legali*) maintained by MEF (*Ministero dell'Economia e delle Finanze*) in compliance with the provisions of Legislative Decree No. 39 of 27 January 2010 (the "**Decree 39/2010**").

External supervisory bodies other than the external auditors

There are no external supervisory bodies other than the external auditors.

Information regarding resignations, dismissals or failures to renew the appointment of the external auditors or the auditors responsible for auditing the financial statements

No resignations, dismissals or failures to renew the appointment of the external auditors have occurred during the period under review.

## Legal and arbitration proceedings

The most significant litigation still pending against Mediobanca is as follows:

• For the alleged failure to launch a full takeover bid for La Fondiaria in 2002, a total of sixteen claims had been made against Mediobanca and UnipolSai. Of this total just two are still pending, with total damages claimed jointly from the defendants (known as the petitum in Italian law), of approx. €1m (plus interest and expenses); Mediobanca's share of this amount is approx. €300,000 (plus interest and expenses);

The state of proceedings in these two claims is as follows:

- For one, the date of the hearing at the Court of Cassation has still to be set. The appeal was submitted by a former shareholder of Fondiaria S.p.A. against the ruling issued by the Court of Appeal in Milan which partly revised the first degree ruling, reducing the amount of the damages to be refunded to the former shareholder; and
- For the other, the terms for submission of an appeal against the Court of Appeal in Milan's ruling against Mediobanca and Unipol to the Court of Cassation are still pending; but an agreement has now been reached with the plaintiff for out-of court settlement;
- Claim for damages by Monte dei Paschi di Siena ("FMPS") against inter alia Mediobanca, in respect of participation with criminal intent by virtue of an alleged non-contractual liability, jointly with the other twelve lender banks, for alleged damages to FMPS in connection with the

execution of the Term Facility Agreement on 4 June 2011 and the consequent breach of FMPS's Articles of Association (20% limit on debt/equity ratio) in a total amount of €286m. The case is currently pending with the court of Florence. At the first hearing, the judge upheld the objection made by the former members of the administrative body and the former superintendent regarding the failure to obtain the necessary authorization from the Italian Ministry for the Economy and Finance to take action against them, and set a deadline of 15 November 2017 for the said authorization to be obtained. The judge's decision regarding the preliminary objection to non-Italian arbitration raised by the defendant banks is also still pending.

With reference to the disputes outstanding with the Italian revenue authorities, as at 30 June 2017 the Mediobanca Group had cases pending in respect of higher tax worth a notified amount of  $\epsilon$ 24.5m, plus interest and fines, down sharply on the  $\epsilon$ 43.2m reported last year with no new addition save in respect of those for the Esperia group companies which totalled  $\epsilon$ 1.7m (against a provision for risks and charges totalling  $\epsilon$ 1.5m).

During the twelve months under review SelmaBipiemme chose to avail itself of the simplified procedure introduced pursuant to Italian decree law 193/16 to shorten the timescales for tax litigation, in respect of the yacht leasing disputes in which the company has been unsuccessful at both stages of the proceedings. This decision has enabled the company, in return for a payment of £24.9m, £17.4m of which by way of tax, to settle its debts with the Italian revenue authority in respect of all the positions involved which amounted to a total risk (including fines, interest and collection charges) of £61.2m.

The Issuer audited consolidated annual financial statements in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2017 contains a more detailed description of the tax remain outstanding.

There is no other significant litigation pending as at the date of this Base Prospectus.

The provision for risks and charges amply covers any charges that may be payable as a result of the claims made against Mediobanca and the Group companies.

Significant changes in the Issuer's financial position

There have been no significant changes to financial or commercial position of Mediobanca, Mediobanca International or the other companies forming part of the Group since the most recent financial information available was disclosed in the consolidated financial statements as at 30 June 2017.

## **Material Agreements**

Neither Mediobanca nor any of the companies controlled by Mediobanca has entered into or participates in agreements outside of their normal course of business which could result an obligation or entitlement for Group members that would impact significantly on the Issuer's ability to meet its obligations in respect of the holders of financial instruments issued or to be issued.

#### **Recent Events**

Notice of call of Mediobanca ordinary shareholders' meeting

The Mediobanca ordinary shareholders' meeting was convened on 28 October 2017 and (i) approved Mediobanca separate financial statements as at and for the financial year ended 30 June 2017, together with the relevant reports, (ii) resolved upon the distribution of a gross dividend of €0.37 per share; (iii) appointed the Board of Directors; (iv) appointed the Board of Statutory Auditors; (v) approved the remuneration policies and (vi) increased the compensation payable to external auditors in respect of the audit of Mediobanca financial statements for the 2017-2021 period.

Appointment of Mediobanca ChiefFinancial Officer

On 15 September 2017, the Board of Directors appointed Mr Emanuele Flappini as Head of Company Financial Reporting with effect from 30 September 2017, subject to the Board of Statutory Auditors' favourable opinion. Mr Emanuele Flappini has worked for Mediobanca since 1998 and is currently head of Accounting and Financial Reporting. He will replace Massimo Bertolini who will take up the role of

Head of Group Corporate Affairs and Mediobanca.	Group Treasury. M	r Emanuele Flappini does	s not own any shares of

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF MEDIOBANCA - BANCA DI CREDITO FINANZIARIO S.P.A.

The consolidated annual financial statements of Mediobanca as at and for the years ended 30 June 2017 and 2016 were prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the European Union.

The above consolidated annual financial statements, prepared in each case together with the notes thereto, are incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus. See "Documents Incorporated by Reference".

The annual consolidated financial statements as at 30 June 2017 and 2016 have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers S.p.A., whose reports thereon are attached to such annual financial statements.

## INFORMATION ON MEDIOBANCA INTERNATIONAL (LUXEMBOURG) S.A.

#### General Information

Name: Mediobanca International (Luxembourg) S.A. ("Mediobanca

International").

Date of Incorporation: Mediobanca International was incorporated in 1990 and its

registered office was transferred to Luxembourg by a resolution of the Shareholders before a notary on December 21, 2005 and the articles of incorporation were published in the *Mémorial Recueil des Sociétés et Associations* number 567 on 17 March 2006. The articles of association were amended on 5 October 2007 and were published in the *Mémorial Recueil des Sociétés et Associations* number 2995 on 24 December 2007. The articles of association were further amended on 30 January 2017 and were published in the *Recueil électronique des Sociétés et Associations* number

RESA 2017 042 of 16 February 2017.

**Legislation:** Mediobanca International operates under Luxembourg law.

Registered Office and Telephone

Number:

4, Boulevard Joseph II, L-1840 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of

Luxembourg, Tel. No.: (00352) 267303-1.

Registration: Registre de Commerce et des Sociétés Luxembourg number B

112885.

Financial Year: Mediobanca International's financial year ends on 30th June of

each year.

**General Meetings:** General Meetings are held at least once a year.

**Share Information** 

Authorised and Issued Capital: EUR 10,000,000 divided into 1,000,000 ordinary shares of EUR

10.00 each.

**Reserves:** EUR 297,773,199 as at 30 June 2017.

Controlling Shareholders: Mediobanca - Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A.

Change of control: Mediobanca International is not aware of any agreements aimed

at bringing about future changes regarding the ownership

structure of Mediobanca International.

Management

**Board of Directors:** The Articles of Association provide for a Board of Directors

consisting of at least three members elected by the general meeting of shareholders for a term of office not to exceed six

years.

**Directors:** The Board of Directors is responsible for setting authorisation

levels, defining organisational structure, defining the system of internal control and reviewing it on a regular basis, and approving the bank's accounts and interim statements. The Board of

Directors consists of the following seven Directors:

Director Place and date of Posts held inside birth Mediobanca

Mediobanca International

Massimo Di Carlo	Rovereto on 25 June 1963	Director
Stefano Biondi	Rome on 6 April 1977	Managing Director
Peter Gerrard (Chairman)	New York on 21 October 1947	Chairman
Piero Pezzati	Milan on 23 March 1953	Director
Paola Schneider	Naples on 17 September 1961	Director
Stéphane Bosi	Monticelli d'Ongina on 27 April 1953	Director
Giovanni Mancuso	Turin on 5 December 1954	Director

The business address of each of the directors is 4, Boulevard Joseph II, L-1840 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg with the exception of Massimo Di Carlo whose business address is 1 Piazzetta E. Cuccia, 20121 Milan.

The assessment of the Board of Directors by the ECB (which is responsible for taking decisions on the appointment of all members of the management bodies of the significant credit institutions that fall under its direct supervision) is on-going and the ECB decision has not been issued yet. According to the relevant guidelines issued by the ECB on May 2017, the ECB has the power to include recommendations, conditions or obligations in positive decisions regarding the appointment of directors of significant credit institutions falling under its direct supervision and, where concerns cannot be adequately addressed by means of these tools, a negative decision can be taken by the ECB, and in this case a new director will be appointed by Mediobanca International replacing the previous one whose relevant appointment has not been approved by the ECB.

There are no potential conflicts of interests between any of the Directors' duties to Mediobanca International and their private interests or other duties.

Authorised managers:

Day-to-day management is entrusted to two authorised managers: Edoardo Reitano (CFO) and Stefano Biondi (Managing Director and CEO). The "four-eyes-principle" is set out in article 7(2) of the Luxembourg law of 5 April 1993 on the financial sector (as amended) and requires at least two persons to be in charge of the management, with the power to effectively determine the direction of the activity, and having appropriate professional experience.

Approved independent auditors:

PricewaterhouseCoopers, Société coopérative, incorporated under the laws of Luxembourg, with its registered office at 2, rue Gerhard Mercator, L-2182 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and registered with the Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register under number B.65477 ("PwC Luxembourg"), was designated, during a meeting of the Board of

Directors held on 11 September 2012, the Mediobanca International's independent auditors (réviseur d'entreprises agréé). Their mandate was renewed by the Board of Directors on 14 December 2016 for a period ending at the shareholders' annual general meeting which will be held in 2021.

PwC Luxembourg, has audited the non-consolidated financial statements of Mediobanca International as at and for the years ended 30 June 2017 and 30 June 2016 and will audit the non-consolidated financial statements of Mediobanca International as at and for the year ending 30 June 2018.

PwC Luxembourg is registered as a *cabinet de révision* with the public register of company auditors drawn up by the Luxembourg Ministry of Justice and is a member of the Institute of Independent Auditors (*l'Institut des Réviseurs d'Entreprises*) and is approved by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier ("CSSF") in the context of the law dated 23 July 2016 on the audit profession.

Corporate governance:

Mediobanca International is not subject to any compulsory corporate governance code of conduct or respective statutory legal provisions. The Luxembourg law dated 10 August 1915 on commercial companies, as amended, does not make the application of a corporate governance code mandatory to Mediobanca International. The Ten Principles of Corporate Governance of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange do not apply because the shares of Mediobanca International are not listed on a regulated market operated by the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

### Object and General Business Policy

**Business Operations:** 

Risk Management:

Article 3 of Mediobanca International's Article of Association provides, among other things, that the sole object of Mediobanca International is to carry out, either within or outside the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, any banking or financial operations authorised by the law relating to the financial sector.

Mediobanca International's principal activity consists of raising funds on international markets, by issues of bonds chiefly under a short and medium term notes programme guaranteed by Mediobanca. Mediobanca International is also engaged in compared loading operations

corporate lending operations.

All interest rate, currency, credit and other risks are managed

within the Mediobanca Group.

Tax Treatment: See "Taxation - (B) Tax Regime for Mediobanca International

issues – Luxembourg".

### Main financial information of Mediobanca International

**Selected annual financial information**. The summary audited balance sheet, profit and loss account and cash flow statement of Mediobanca International as at 30 June 2017 are shown below, along with comparative data for the year ended 30 June 2016.

MAIN STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION ITEMS	30/6/17	30/6/16	CHANGES 2017/2016 %
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	€m	€m	
Assets			
Loans and advances to credit institutions	1,290.1	1,801.7	-28.4%
Loans and advances to customers	3,299.9	3,404.3	-3.1%
Financial assets*	582.7	1,061.3	-45.1%
Total Assets	5,191.7	6,281.9	-17.4%
Liabilities			
Debt securities in issue	1,317.4	2,200.4	-40.1%
Amounts due to credit institutions	2,248.9	1,928.2	16.6%
Amounts due to customers	962.5	1,275.0	-24.5%
Trading liabilities	319.2	559.6	-43.0%
Net equity**	307.8	288.7	6.6%
of which: share capital	10.0	10.0	0.0%
Profit for the period	20.8	19.0	9.5%
Total Liabilities	5,191.7	6,281.9	-17.4%

<sup>\*</sup> Includes Financial Assets held for trading, Financial Assets held to maturity and Hedging derivatives.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes reserves and share capital.

MAIN STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ITEMS	30/6/17	30/6/16	CHANGES 2017/2016 %
	€m	€m	
Net interest income	38.6	30.3	27.4%
Net fee and commission income	1.0	0.8	25.0%
Total income	36.2	33.7	7.4%
Net income from banking activities	37.0	34.7	6.6%
Administrative expenses	-8.5	-7.7	10.4%
Profit of the ordinary activity before tax	28.5	27.0	5.6%
Profit for the year	20.8	19.0	9.5%

CASH FLOW STATEMENT	Year ended 30 June	
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2017	2016
	(€thoi	isands)
Operating activities	81,740	11,214
Cash generated/(absorbed) by financial assets	580,864	-1,117,162
Cash (generated)/absorbed by financial liabilities	-663,951	919,212
Net cash flow (outflow) from operating activities	-1,347	-186,736
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES		
Net cash flow (outflow) from investment activities	-	194,989
FUNDING ACTIVITIES		
Net cash flow (outflow) from funding activities	-	-

NET CASH FLOW (OUTFLOW) DURING YEAR/PERIOD	-1,347	8,253
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### FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF MEDIOBANCA INTERNATIONAL (LUXEMBOURG) S.A.

Mediobanca International only produces non-consolidated financial statements.

The non-consolidated financial statements of Mediobanca International as at and for the years ended 30 June 2017 and 2016, in each case together with the notes thereto, are incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus. See "Documents Incorporated by Reference".

The non-consolidated financial statements of Mediobanca International as at and for the years ended 30 June 2017 and 2016 have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the European Union.

The non-consolidated financial statements as at and for the years ended 30 June 2017 and 2016 have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers, *Société coopérative*, whose reports thereon are attached to such annual non-consolidated financial statements.

### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

References in this Base Prospectus to "Permanent Dealers" are to the persons listed in the paragraph headed "Dealers" in the section headed "General Description of the EUR 40,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme" above and to such additional persons which are appointed from time to time as dealers in respect of the whole Programme (and whose appointment has not been terminated) and references to "Dealers" are to all Permanent Dealers and all persons appointed from time to time as a dealer solely in respect of one or more Tranches.

Subject to the terms and conditions contained in a dealer agreement dated 24 January 2018 as further amended or supplemented from time to time (the "Dealer Agreement") between each Issuer, the Guarantor, the Arranger and the Permanent Dealers, the Notes will be offered on a continuous basis by each Issuer to the Permanent Dealers. However, the relevant Issuer has reserved the right to sell Notes directly on its own behalf to Dealers which are not Permanent Dealers. The relevant Issuer may also offer and sell Notes directly to investors without the involvement of any Dealer. The Notes 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 Notes may also be sold by the relevant Issuer through the Dealers, acting as agents of such Issuer. The Dealer Agreement also provides for Notes to be issued in syndicated Tranches which are jointly and severally underwritten by two or more Dealers.

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Dealer Agreement, the relevant Issuer, failing whom, where applicable, the Guarantor, has agreed to reimburse the Dealers for certain liabilities (including fees and expenses) in connection with the establishment of the Programme, the offer and sale of the Notes and to indemnify the Dealers against certain liabilities incurred by them in connection therewith. The Dealer Agreement may be terminated in relation to all the Dealers or any of them by Mediobanca and Mediobanca International, acting together or, in relation to itself and Mediobanca and Mediobanca International only, by any Dealer, at any time on giving not less than ten Business Days' notice.

#### General

The selling restrictions described below may be supplemented or modified by the agreement of the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (where applicable) and the Dealers following a change in a relevant law, regulation or directive. Any such supplement or modification shall be set out in a supplement to this Base Prospectus.

No action has been taken in any jurisdiction that would permit a public offering of any of the Notes, or possession or distribution of the Base Prospectus or any other offering material or any Final Terms, in any country or jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required.

Each Dealer has represented, warranted and agreed that it has complied and will comply with all applicable laws, regulations and directives in each country or jurisdiction in or from which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or possesses, distributes or publishes this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms or any related offering material, in all cases at its own expense, and will obtain any consent, approval or permission required by it for the purchase, offer, sale or delivery by it of Notes under the laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction to which it is subject or in which it makes such purchases, offers, sales or deliveries and neither the relevant Issuer, the Guarantor (where applicable), nor any other Dealer shall have responsibility therefor. Other persons into whose hands this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms comes are required by the Issuer, the Guarantor 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 possess, distribute or publish this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms or any related offering material, in all cases at their own expense.

The Dealer 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) or 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 this sub-section headed "General".

#### Ireland

Each Dealer has represented, warranted and agreed that it will not underwrite, offer, place or do anything with respect to the Notes:

- (a) otherwise than in conformity with the provisions of the European Union (Markets in Financial Instruments) Regulations 2017 (the "MiFID II Regulations"), if operating in or otherwise involving Ireland; and of Regulation (EU) No. 600/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014, Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments and Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2017/593 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 April 2016 (together, the "MiFID II") and all implementing measures, delegated acts and guidance in respect thereof;
- (b) if acting under and within the terms of an authorisation for the purpose of MiFID II, otherwise than in accordance with the terms of such authorisation thereunder any applicable rules or codes of conduct or practice made pursuant to implementing measures in any relevant jurisdiction and any applicable requirements of the MiFID II Regulations and any applicable rules or codes of conduct or practice imposed or approved, any conditions or requirements imposed, or deemed to have been imposed, by the Central Bank of Ireland pursuant to the MiFID II Regulations;
- (c) otherwise than in conformity with the provisions of Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on market abuse (as amended), the Market Abuse Directive on criminal sanctions for market abuse (Directive 2014/57/EU) and the European Union (Market Abuse) Regulations 2016 of Ireland and any rules made by the Central Bank of Ireland in connection therewith, including all rules issued under Section 1370 of the Companies Act 2014 of Ireland (as amended) by the Central Bank of Ireland; and
- (d) otherwise than in conformity with (i) the provisions of the Prospectus (Directive 2003/71/EC) Regulations 2005 of Ireland (as amended) and the Prospectus (Directive 2003/71/EC) (amendment) Regulations 2012 of Ireland, (ii) the provisions of the Companies Act 2014 of Ireland (as amended) and all rules issued under Section 1363 of the Companies Act 2014 of Ireland by the Central Bank of Ireland, (iii) the Central Bank Acts 1942 to 2015 of Ireland (as amended) and any codes of conduct or practice made under Section 117(1) of the Central Bank Act 1989 of Ireland (as amended) or any regulations issued pursuant to Part 8 of the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 of Ireland (as amended) and (iv) every other enactment that is to be read together with any of the foregoing Acts.

### United States of America

Neither the Notes nor the Guarantee thereof have been nor will they 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 under the Securities Act.

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

The applicable Final Terms will identify whether Regulation S Compliance Category 2, TEFRA C rules or TEFRA D rules apply or whether TEFRA is not applicable.

Each Dealer has represented, warranted and agreed that, except as permitted by the Dealer Agreement, it will not offer, sell or deliver the Notes, (i) as part of their distribution at any time or (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the completion of the distribution of the Notes comprising the relevant Tranche, as certified to the relevant Issuer or the Fiscal Agent by such Dealer (or, in the case of a sale of a Tranche of Notes to or through more than one Dealer, by each of such Dealers as to the Notes of such Tranche purchased by or through it, in which case the Fiscal Agent or the Issuer shall notify each such Dealer when all such Dealers have so certified) within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons, and such Dealer will have sent to each dealer to which it sells Notes during the distribution compliance

period relating thereto 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 Notes comprising any Tranche, any offer or sale of Notes within the United States by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act if such offer or sale is made otherwise than in accordance with an applicable exemption from registration under the Securities Act.

### Prohibition of sales to EEA Retail Investors

Unless the Final Terms in respect of any Notes specifies "Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors" as "Not Applicable", 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 European Economic Area. For the purposes of this provision:

- (a) the expression "retail investor" means a person who is one (or more) of the following:
  - (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, the "Insurance Mediation Directive"), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or
  - (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended, the "Prospectus Directive"); and
- (b) the expression an offer includes the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Notes.

If the Final Terms in respect of any Notes specifies "Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors" as "Not Applicable", in relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a "Relevant Member State"), each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the Relevant Implementation Date) it has not made and will not make an offer of Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Base Prospectus as completed by the final terms in relation thereto to the public in that Relevant Member State except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of such Notes to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (b) at any time to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or
- (c) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, provided that no such offer of Notes referred to in paragraphs (a) to (c) above shall require any of the Issuers or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive, or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

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

implemented in the Relevant Member State), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State.

### United Kingdom

Each Dealer has represented, warranted and agreed that:

- (a) *No deposit-taking*: in relation to any Notes having a maturity of less than one year:
  - (i) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business; and:
  - (ii) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Notes other than to persons:
    - (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 Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (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, or, in the case of the Issuer or the Guarantor would not, if it was not an authorised person, apply to the Issuer or the Guarantor; 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.

### Republic of Italy

The offering of the Notes has not been registered pursuant to Italian securities legislation and, accordingly, each Dealer has represented, warranted and agreed that, save as set out below, it has not offered or sold, and will not make an offer of any Notes to the public in the Republic of Italy and that sales of the Notes in the Republic of Italy shall be effected in accordance with all Italian securities, tax and exchange control and other applicable laws and regulations.

Each of the Dealers has represented, warranted and agreed that it will not offer, sell or deliver any Notes or distribute copies of this Base Prospectus or any other document relating to the Notes in the Republic of Italy except:

- that each Dealer may make an offer of Notes to the public if the final terms in relation to the Notes specify that a Non-exempt Offer may be made in the Republic of Italy, including without limitation, by means of an offer of Notes to the public following the date of publication of a prospectus in relation to such Notes and **provided that** such prospectus has been (i) approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to CONSOB and (ii) completed by final terms expressly contemplating such Non-exempt Offer, in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in the Republic of Italy under Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as amended ("Financial Services Act") and CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as amended ("Regulation No. 11971/1999"), in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified in such prospectus or final terms, as applicable;
- 2. to "qualified investors" (investitori qualificati), as referred to in Article 100, letter a), of the Financial Services Act as implemented by Article 34-ter, first paragraph, letter b) of Regulation

No. 11971/1999 and Article 26, paragraph 1(d) of CONSOB Regulation NO. 16190 of 29 October 2007; or

in any other circumstances which are exempted from the rules on public offerings, as provided under Financial Services Act or Regulation 11971/1999.

Any such offer, sale or delivery of the Notes or distribution of copies of the Base Prospectus or any other document relating to the Notes in the Republic of Italy must be:

- (a) made by investment firms, banks or financial intermediaries permitted to conduct such activities in the Republic of Italy in accordance with Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993, as amended from time to time (the "Italian Banking Act"), Financial Services Act, CONSOB Regulation No. 16190 of 29 October 2007, as amended from time to time, and any other applicable laws and regulations;
- (b) in compliance with Article 129 of the Italian Banking Act and the implementing guidelines of the Bank of Italy, as amended from time to time, and/or by an Italian person outside the Republic of Italy; and
- (c) in compliance with any other applicable laws and regulations or requirements imposed by CONSOB or the Bank of Italy or any other Italian regulatory authority.

### Provisions relating to the secondary market

Potential investors should also note in connection with the subsequent distribution of Notes in the Republic of Italy, in accordance with Article 100-bis of the Financial Services Act, where no exemption from the rules on public offerings applies under paragraphs (2) and (3) above, the subsequent distribution of the Notes on the secondary market in the Republic of Italy must be made in compliance with the public offer and the prospectus requirement rules provided under the Financial Services Act and Regulation No. 11971/1999. Failure to comply with such rules may result in the sale of such Notes being declared null and void and in the intermediaries transferring the Notes being liable for any damages suffered by investors or potential investors.

### 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" or the "Financial Instruments and Exchange Act"). Accordingly, each Dealer has represented, warranted and agreed that it has not, directly or indirectly, and will not, directly or indirectly, offer to sell any Notes in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any Japanese Person or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to any Japanese Person 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 in effect at the relevant time. For the purposes of this paragraph, "Japanese Person" shall mean any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organised under the laws of Japan.

### GENERAL CONSENT — THE AUTHORISED OFFEROR TERMS

These terms (the "Authorised Offeror Terms") will be relevant in the case of any Tranche of Notes, if (and only if) Part B of the applicable Final Terms specifies "General Consent" as "Applicable". They are the Authorised Offeror Terms which will be referred to in the "Acceptance Statement" to be published on the website of any financial intermediary which (a) is authorised to make such offers under MiFID II and (b) accepts such offer by publishing an Acceptance Statement on its website.

### 1. General

The relevant financial intermediary:

- (a) Applicable Rules: acts in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, regulations and guidance of any applicable regulatory bodies (the "Rules") including, without limitation and in each case, Rules relating to both the appropriateness or suitability of any investment in the Notes by any person and disclosure to any potential Investor;
- (b) Subscription and sale: complies with the restrictions set out under "Subscription and Sale" in this Base Prospectus which would apply as if it were a relevant Dealer and with any further relevant requirements as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (c) Fees, commissions and benefits: ensures that any fee, commission, benefits of any kind, rebate received or paid by that financial intermediary in relation to the offer or sale of the Notes does not violate the Rules and is fully and clearly disclosed to Investors or potential Investors;
- (d) Licences, consents, approvals and permissions: holds all licences, consents, approvals and permissions required in connection with solicitation of interest in, or offers or sales of, the Notes under the Rules;
- (e) Violation of Rules: it will immediately inform the Issuer, the Guarantor and any relevant Dealer if at any relevant time it becomes aware or suspects that it is or may be in violation of any Rules;
- (f) Anti-money laundering, bribery and corruption: complies with, and takes appropriate steps in relation to, applicable anti-money laundering, anti-bribery, prevention of corruption and "know your client" Rules, and does not permit any application for Notes in circumstances where the financial intermediary has any suspicions as to the source of the purchase monies;
- (g) Record-keeping: retains investor identification records for at least the minimum period required under applicable Rules, and shall, if so requested and to the extent permitted by the Rules, make such records available to the Issuer, the Guarantor and the relevant Dealer or directly to the appropriate authorities with jurisdiction over the Issuer, the Guarantor and/or the relevant Dealer in order to enable the Issuer, the Guarantor and/or the relevant Dealer to comply with anti-money laundering, anti-bribery and "know your client" Rules applying to the Issuer, the Guarantor and/or the relevant Dealer;
- (h) Breach of Rules: does not, directly or indirectly, cause the Issuer, the Guarantor or the relevant Dealer to breach any Rule or subject the Issuer, the Guarantor or the relevant Dealer to any requirement to obtain or make any filing, authorisation or consent in any jurisdiction;
- (i) Publicity names: does not use the legal or publicity names of the Issuer, the Guarantor or the relevant Dealer(s) or any other name, brand or logo registered by an entity within their respective groups or any material over which any such entity retains a proprietary interest or in any statements (oral or written), marketing material or documentation in relation to the Notes:
- (j) Information: does not give any information other than that contained in this Prospectus (as may be amended or supplemented by the Issuer from time to time) or make any

representation in connection with the offering or sale of, or the solicitation of interest in, the Notes:

- (k) Communications: agrees that any communication in which it attaches or otherwise includes any announcement published by the Issuer (via any relevant applicable methods) at the end of the Offer Period will be consistent with the Base Prospectus, and (in any case) must be fair, clear and not misleading and in compliance with the Rules and must state that such Authorised Offeror has provided it independently from the Issuer and must expressly confirm that the Issuer has not accepted any responsibility for the content of any such communication;
- (l) Legal or publicity names: does not use the legal or publicity names of the relevant Dealer, the Issuer or any other name, brand or logo registered by any entity within their respective groups or any material over which any such entity retains a proprietary interest or in any statements (oral or written), marketing material or documentation in relation to the Notes:
- (m) Any other conditions: agrees to any other conditions set out in paragraph 10 of Part B of the relevant Final Terms.

### 2. Indemnity

The relevant financial intermediary agrees that if either of the Issuer or the Guarantor incurs any liability, damages, cost, loss or expense (including, without limitation, legal fees, costs and expenses and any value added tax thereon) (a "Loss") arising out of, in connection with or based on any inaccuracy of any of the foregoing representations and warranties or any breach of any of the foregoing undertakings then the relevant financial intermediary shall pay to the Issuer or the Guarantor (as the case may be) on demand an amount equal to such Loss.

### 3. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

The relevant financial intermediary agrees that:

- (a) the contract between the Issuer, the Guarantor and the financial intermediary formed upon acceptance by the financial intermediary of the offer of the Issuer and the Guarantor to use this Base Prospectus with their consent in connection with the relevant Public Offer (the "Authorised Offeror Contract"), and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Authorised Offeror Contract, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law:
- (b) the courts of England are to have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with the Authorised Offeror Contract (including a dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Authorised Offeror Contract) and accordingly the relevant financial intermediary submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts;
- (c) each relevant Dealer will, pursuant to the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, be entitled to enforce those provisions of the Authorised Offeror Contract which are, or are expressed to be, for their benefit but, subject to this, a person who is not a party to the Authorised Offeror Contract has no right to enforce any term of the Authorised Offeror Contract; and
- (d) the parties to the Authorised Offeror Contract do not require the consent of any person not a party to the Authorised Offeror Contract to rescind or vary the Authorised Offeror Contract at any time.

### FORM OF FINAL TERMS

### (A) Form of Final Terms for Notes with a denomination less than Euro 100,000

The following form of Final Terms shall be used for the issue of Notes having a denomination of less than Euro 100,000 (or the equivalent amount in any other currencies in which the Notes are denominated).

The Final Terms in respect of each Tranche of Notes will be substantially in the following form, duly completed to reflect the particular terms of the relevant Notes and their issue. Text in this section appearing in italics does not form part of the form of the Final Terms but denotes directions for completing the Final Terms.

[PRIIPS Regulation / Prospectus Directive / 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"); (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive 2002/92/EC (as amended, the "Insurance Mediation Directive"), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended, the "Prospectus Directive"). 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 / Retail investors, professional investors and ECPS target market - Solely for the purposes of 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, professional clients and retail clients, each as defined in Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "MiFID II"); and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Notes to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate and (iii) the following channels for distribution of the Notes to retail clients are appropriate, including; investment advice, portfolio management, non-advised sales and pure execution services, subject to the distributor's suitability and appropriateness obligations under MiFID II, as applicable. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a "distributor") should take into consideration the manufacturers' 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 manufacturers' target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels, subject to the distributor's suitability and appropriateness obligations under MiFID II, as applicable.

### Final Terms

[MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A./ MEDIOBANCA INTERNATIONAL (Luxembourg) S.A.]

Issue of [currency] [aggregate principal amount] Notes due [maturity]

[guaranteed in the case of Notes issued by

MEDIOBANCA INTERNATIONAL (Luxembourg) S.A. by

MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A.] under the

Euro [40,000,000,000]

Euro Medium Term Note Programme

Issue Price: [•] per cent.

### [Dealer(s)][•]]

### The date of these Final Terms is [•]

[This document constitutes the Final Terms relating to the issue of Notes described herein. Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 24 January 2018 [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus dated [insert date] [delete if not applicable],] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (as amended). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with such Base Prospectus [as supplemented from time to time]. Full information on the Issuer [and the Guarantor] and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus. The Base Prospectus [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus] [is/are] available for viewing at [address] and [website] and copies may be obtained [upon request] from the [Issuer] [Dealer(s)]/ [Distributor(s)].

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

[This document constitutes the Final Terms relating to the issue of Notes described herein. Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the "Conditions") set forth in the Base Prospectus dated [11 January 2007][4 December 2007][12 December 2008][16 December 2009][13 January 2011][30 November 2011][23 January 2013][27 January 2014][19 December 2014][11 December 2015][22 December 2016]. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (as amended) (the "Prospectus Directive") and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus dated 24 January 2018 [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus dated [•]], which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive, save in respect of the Conditions which are extracted from the Base Prospectus dated [original date] which is incorporated by reference to the Base Prospectus dated 24 January 2018. Full information on the Issuer [and the Guarantor] and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectuses dated [date of original base prospectus] and [•][and the supplement to the Base Prospectus dated [•]]. The Base Prospectuses [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus] [is/are] available for viewing at the registered office[s] of the Issuer [and of the Guarantor] [at [•].] The Base Prospectus and, in the case of Notes admitted to trading on the regulated market of the Irish Stock Exchange, the applicable Final Terms will also be published on the website of the Irish Stock Exchange (http://www.ise.ie/).]

[A summary of the individual issue is annexed to these Final Terms.]

[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "not applicable". Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if individual items are deleted.]

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

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

### PART A - GENERAL

1. (1) Series Number:	[•	']
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(ii) Tranche Number: [•]

[(iii) Date on which the Notes
] will be consolidated and
form a single Series:]

[The Notes will be consolidated and form a single Series with [identify earlier tranches] on [the Issue Date] [exchange of the Temporary Global Note for interests in the Permanent Global Note, as referred to in paragraph 24 below, which is expected to occur on or about [date]] [Not Applicable]

(Only relevant if the Notes are fungible with an existing Series).

- 2. Specified Currency or [•] Currencies:
- 3. Aggregate Nominal Amount of Notes admitted to trading:

(i) Series: [Up to] [•]

(ii) Tranche: [Up to] [•]

[The Aggregate Nominal Amount will not exceed [•] and will be determined at the end of the Offer Period (as defined in paragraph [11] of Part B below) and such final amount will be filed with the Central Bank of Ireland as competent authority and published on the website of the Irish Stock Exchange (www.ise.ie) pursuant to Articles 8 and 14(2) of the Prospectus Directive. [provided that, during the Offer Period the Issuer will be entitled to increase the Aggregate Nominal Amount as more fully described under paragraph 10 of Part B below.]]

10 of Part B below.]

4. Issue Price: [[•] per Note] [[•] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [insert date] (in the case of fungible issues only, if applicable)]]

5. (i) Specified Denominations: [•] [and integral multiples of [•] in excess thereof up to and including [•]. No Notes in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [•].]

(Notes including Notes denominated in Sterling, in respect of which the issue proceeds are to be accepted by the Issuer in the United Kingdom or whose issue otherwise constitutes a contravention of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and which have a maturity of less than one year must have a minimum redemption value of £100,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies).)

(ii) Calculation Amount: [•] (If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination. If more than one Specified Denomination, insert the highest common factor. There must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations.)

**6.** (i) Issue Date: [•

(ii) Interest Commencement [Specify/Issue Date/Not Applicable]

Date:

7. Maturity Date: [Specify date or (for Floating Rate Notes) Interest Payment Date falling in relevant month and year.]

(N.B. Unless otherwise permitted by current laws, regulations, directives and/or the Bank of Italy's requirements applicable to the issue of Subordinated Notes by the Issuer must have a minimum maturity of five years.)

(If the Maturity Date is less than one year from the Issue Date and either (a) the issue proceeds are received by the Issuer in the United Kingdom or (b) the activity of issuing the Notes is carried on from an establishment maintained by the Issuer in the United Kingdom, (i) the Notes must have a minimum redemption value of £100,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies) and be sold only to "professional investors" or (ii) another applicable exemption from section 19 of the FSMA must be available.)

### 8. Interest Basis:

[[•] per cent. Fixed Rate]

(Condition 3(d) (Interest Rate on Fixed Rate Notes) or Condition 3(f) (Interest Rate on Floating Rate Notes) or Condition 3(k) (Late payment on Zero Coupon Notes) of the Terms and Conditions)

[Fixed Rate Notes]

[[EURIBOR] [LIBOR] [LIBID] [LIMEAN] [CMS] [specify relevant yield of Government securities] +/- [•] per cent. per annum Floating Rate]

[Zero Coupon]

9. Redemption/Payment Basis:

[Redemption at par]

[Instalment]

10. Change of Interest:

[Applicable - Condition 3(m) (Interest Rate Switch) shall

apply]

[Not Applicable - Condition 3(m) (Interest Rate Switch)

shall not apply]

Interest Rate Switch Date:

[•] [Not Applicable]

[Insert description of change of interest rate]

11. Put/Call Options:

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

((Condition 4(f) (Redemption at the option of the Issuer) or (Condition 4(h) (Redemption at the option of holders of Notes) of the Senior Notes Conditions or (Condition 4(f) (Redemption at the option of the Issuer) of the Subordinated Notes Conditions))

[Issuer Call]

[Investor Put]

12. (i) Status of the Notes:

[Senior Preferred] [Subordinated]

(ii) (In respect of Senior Preferred Notes only):

[Waiver of set-off rights:]

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

[(iii) [Date [Board] approval for issuance of Notes [and Guarantee] obtained:

[•] [and [•], respectively]] [Not Applicable]

(N.B. Only relevant where Board (or similar) authorisation is required for the particular tranche of Notes or related guarantee of the Notes)

13. Method of distribution: [Syndicated] [Non-syndicated]

[Gross Up is applicable pursuant to paragraph (viii) of 14. [Taxation:]

Condition 6(a) (Taxation - Gross Up) of the Terms and

Conditions of the Notes]

[Gross Up is not applicable pursuant to paragraph (viii) of Condition 6(a) (Taxation - Gross Up) of the Terms and

Conditions of the Senior Preferred Notes]

15. [In case of Senior Preferred Notes specify if there are **Events of Default** 

Events of Default which are not applicable]

16. [English law applicable] [Italian law applicable] [except for Governing Law:

> Conditions 2 (Status and Special Provisions), 4(b) (Maturities/Final Redemption), 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)) and 8 (Events of Default), which are governed by, and shall be construed in

accordance with, Italian law.]

### PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

17. **Fixed Rate Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of

this paragraph 17)

[•] per cent. per annum [payable [annually/semi-(i) Interest Rate(s):

annually/quarterly/monthly] in arrear]

[•] in each year [adjusted in accordance with [specify Interest Payment Date(s): (ii)

Business Day Convention and any applicable Business

Centre(s) for the definition of "Business Day"

(N.B. This will need to be amended in the case of long or

short coupons)

[The Interest Accrual Dates are [•] in each year up to and (iii) Interest Accrual Dates(s):

including the Maturity Date.] [The Interest Accrual Dates

shall be the Interest Payment Dates.]

[[•] per Calculation Amount payable on [each Interest (iv) Fixed Coupon Amount[(s)]:

Payment Date [the Interest Payment Date(s) falling [in/on]

[•]] [Not applicable]

[•] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest (v) Broken Amount(s):

Payment Date falling [in/on] [•] [Not Applicable]

[Following Business Day Convention [Modified Following (vi) Business Day Convention:

Business Day Convention] [Preceding Business Day

Convention] [adjusted] [unadjusted]

[1/1] [Actual/Actual] [Actual/Actual (vii) Day Count Fraction:

(ISDA)] [Actual/Actual (ICMA)] [Actual/365 (Fixed)]

[Actual/360] [30/360] [360/360] [Bond Basis] [30E/360]

[Eurobond Basis] [30E/360 (ISDA)]

#### 18. Floating Rate Note Provisions

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph 18.)

(i) Interest Payment Dates:

[•]

First Interest Payment (ii) Date:

[•]

(iii) Interest Accrual Dates(s): [The Interest Accrual Dates are [•] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date.] [The Interest Accrual Dates

shall be the Interest Payment Dates.]

(iv) Business Day Convention:

[Following Business Day Convention] [Modified Following Business Day Convention] [Preceding Business Day Convention] [adjusted] [unadjusted]

Additional Business (v) Centre(s):

[Not Applicable] [•]

Manner in which the (vi) Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined:

[Screen Rate Determination] [ISDA Determination]

Party responsible for (vii) calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and Interest Amount(s) (if not the Fiscal Agent):

[•] [Name] shall be the Calculation Agent (no need to specify if the Fiscal Agent is to perform this function)]

(viii) Screen Rate Determination: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph (viii))

Reference Rate:

[EURIBOR] [LIBOR] [LIBID] [LIMEAN] [CMS] [specify relevant yield of Government securities]

Specified

Duration:

[•] [Not Applicable]

Multiplier

[•] [Not Applicable]

Reference Rate Multiplier

[•] [Not Applicable]

Interest Determination Date(s):

[The Interest Determination Date in respect of each Interest Period is [the first day of each Interest Period] [the second day on which TARGET2 is open prior to the first day of each Interest Period] [the day falling two Banking Days prior to the first day of each Interest Period] [•]] Typically second London business day prior to the start of each Interest Period if LIBOR (other than Sterling or euro LIBOR), first day of each Interest Period if Sterling LIBOR and the second TARGET Settlement Day prior to the start of

each Interest Period if EURIBOR or euro LIBOR)

Relevant Screen [For example, Reuters page EURIBOR01)]

Page:

Relevant Time

[For example, 11.00 a.m. [London/Brussels] time]

[For example, London/Euro-zone (where Euro-zone means Relevant Financial the region comprised of the countries whose lawful Centre *currency is the euro)*] ISDA Determination: [Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph (x)Floating [•] [Not Applicable] Rate Option: Designated [•] [Not Applicable] Maturity: Reset Date: [•] [Not Applicable] Margin(s): [[+/-][•] per cent. per annum] [Not Applicable] Minimum Interest Rate: [•] [Not Applicable] Maximum Interest Rate: [•] [Not Applicable] [Actual/Actual] [Actual/Actual (ISDA)] Day Count Fraction: [1/1][Actual/Actual (ICMA)] [Actual/365 (Fixed)] [Actual/360] [30/360] [360/360] [Bond Basis] [30E/360] [Eurobond Basis] [30E/360 (ISDA)] Interest calculation method [Linear Interpolation, in respect of the Interest Period for short or long Interest beginning on (and including) [•] and ending on (but Periods: excluding) [•]] [Not Applicable - there are no short or long Interest Periods] **Zero Coupon Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph 19) Accrual Yield: [•] per cent. per annum. Calculated as [include details of method of calculation in summary form] on the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Reference Price: [•]

### PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

(x)

(xi)

(xii)

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(xiv)

(xv)

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(ii)

19.

20. **Call Option** [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of

this paragraph 20)

(i) European Style [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of

this paragraph (i))

Notice Period(s): [•] (at least 5 business days prior notice)

(ii) American Style [Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph (ii))

• Exercise Period(s): [•]

(iii) Optional Redemption [•]

Date(s):

(iv) Optional Redemption [•] per (Amount(s) (Call):

[•] per Calculation Amount

(v) Partial Redemption:

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of

this paragraph (v))

[Not Applicable]

(vi) Minimum Redemption [•] per Calculation Amount [Not Applicable]

Amount

(vii) Maximum Redemption [•] per Calculation Amount [Not Applicable]

Amount:

## 21. Regulatory Call / Redemption for taxation reasons

(i) Regulatory Call [Applicable/Not Applicable]

 $(if not \ applicable \ delete \ sub-paragraphs \ (ii) \ and \ (iii) \ of this$ 

[[•] per Calculation Amount/specify other]

paragraph (i))

(ii) Early Redemption Amount payable on redemption for regulatory reasons (subject to prior approval of the Relevant Authority) as

Relevant Authority) as contemplated by Condition 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)) of the Subordinated Notes Conditions and/or the

method of calculating the

same (if required)

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

(iii) Redemption for taxation reasons

[Modification following a MREL/TLAC

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

Disqualification Event / Regulatory Event or Tax

Event]

(iv)

**22. Put Option** [Applicable] Not Applicable]

(if not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of

this paragraph 22)

(i) European Style [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(if not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph (i))

• Notice Period(s): [•] (at least 5 business days prior notice)

(ii) American Style [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(if not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph (ii))

• Exercise Period(s): [•]

(iii) Optional Redemption [•]

Date(s):

(iv) Optional Redemption [•] per Calculation Amount Amount(s) (.Put):

(if not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph (iv))

(v) Partial Redemption: [Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph (v))

(vi) Minimum Redemption [[•] per Calculation Amount] [Not Applicable]
Amount

(vii) Maximum Redemption [[•] per Calculation Amount] [Not Applicable]
Amount

### 23. Final Redemption Amount of [•] per Calculation Amount each Note

### 24. Early Redemption Amount

Early Redemption Amount(s) payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on event of default:

[•] per Calculation Amount

[An amount in the Specified Currency being the Nominal Amount of the Notes]

[An amount in the Specified Currency being the higher of (i) the Nominal Amount of the Notes and (ii) the fair economic value of the Notes at the date of redemption, as determined and calculated by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner as representing the fair economic value of the Note at the date of redemption].

[An amount in the Specified Currency which the Calculation Agent will determine and calculate in its sole discretion in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner as representing the fair economic value of the Note at the date of redemption, without making any reduction to such value by reason of the financial condition of the Issuer but taking into account (without duplication) any costs and expenses incurred by the Issuer in connection with the termination of any agreement or instrument entered into by the Issuer for the purposes of hedging the risk arising from the entering into and performance of its obligations under the Notes.]

[The Early Redemption Amount Payable on Event of Default shall be Euro [•] for each Note of Euro [•] Specified Denomination.]

### GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

### 25. Form of Notes:

### **Bearer Notes:**

[Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes on [•] days' notice/at any time/in the limited circumstances specified in the Permanent Global Note.]

[Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on [•] days' notice.]

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

[The Notes will be issued and held in book-entry form by [Monte Titoli S.p.A/ include the name of any other custodian appointed by the Issuer], as Centralised Custodian.]

26. New Global Note form:

[Yes/No]

27. Additional Financial Centre(s) relating to Payment Business
Dates:

[Not Applicable] [•]

[Note that this item relates to the date and place of payment and not to interest period end dates]

28. Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to Definitive Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature):

[No]

[Yes. As the Notes have more than 27 coupon payments, Talons may be required if, on exchange into definitive form, more than 27 coupon payments are left. The dates on which such Talons mature are [•].]

29.		8	[Not Applicable]
	(i)	Instalment Date(s):	[•]
	(ii)	Instalment Amount(s):	[•] per Calculation Amount
30.		Repurchase Option / Partial chase Option	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
			(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph 30)
	(i)	Total Repurchase Option date / Partial Repurchase Option date(s):	[•]
	(ii)	Repurchase amount(s) and method(s):	[•] per Calculation Amount
	(iii)	Notice period:	[•] (at least 5 business days prior notice)
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By: .			By:
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[Signe	ed on be	chalf of the Guarantor:	
		thorised	Duly authorised]
		PART B-	OTHER INFORMATION
1.	LIST	ING AND ADMISSION TO	TRADING
	(i)	Listing:	[Official List of Irish Stock Exchange/Luxembourg Stock Exchange/Italian Stock Exchange/None]
	(ii)	Admission to trading:	[Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on [the Irish Stock Exchange] [the Luxembourg Stock Exchange] [the Italian Stock Exchange] [specify relevant regulated market] 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 Irish Stock Exchange] [the Luxembourg Stock Exchange] [the Italian Stock Exchange] [specify relevant regulated market] with effect from [•].]

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

### 2. RATINGS

[Applicable / Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph 2)

[The Notes to be issued [[have been]/[are expected to be]] rated [insert details] by [insert the legal name of the relevant credit rating agency entity(ies)].

[Depending on the status of the credit rating agency with respect to the CRA Regulation, the wording below should be considered.]

## [Option 1 - CRA established in the EEA and registered under the CRA Regulation]

[Insert legal name of particular credit rating agency entity providing rating] is established in the EEA and registered under Regulation (EU) No 1060/2009, as amended (the "CRA Regulation").

# Option 2 - CRA established in the EEA, not registered under the CRA Regulation but has applied for registration

[Insert legal name of particular credit rating agency entity providing rating] is established in the EEA and has applied for registration under Regulation (EU) No 1060/2009, as amended (the "CRA Regulation"), although notification of the corresponding registration decision has not yet been provided by the [relevant competent authority]/[European Securities and Markets Authority].

# Option 3 - CRA established in the EEA, not registered under the CRA Regulation and not applied for registration

[Insert legal name of particular credit rating agency entity providing rating] is established in the EEA and is neither registered nor has it applied for registration under Regulation (EU) No 1060/2009, as amended (the "CRA Regulation").

### 3. NOTIFICATION

[Not applicable.] / [The Central Bank of Ireland [has been requested to provide/has provided - include first alternative for an issue which is contemporaneous with the establishment or update of the Programme and the second alternative for subsequent issues] the [Commissione Nazionale per la Società e la Borsa] [Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier] [names of competent authorities of host Member States] with a certificate of approval attesting that the Base Prospectus

Ratings:

[and the supplement thereto dated [•]] has been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Directive][and, in the case of an offer to the public, the Base Prospectus [and the supplement thereto dated [•]] have been/will be filed with the competent authority of the host Member State.]

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

[Save for the fees payable to the managers [and as discussed in [•],] so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue/offer of the Notes has an interest material to the offer.] [Amend as appropriate if there are other interests]

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

[(i) [Reasons for the offer: [Not applicable] [•] [(If the proceeds are intended to be

used for the purposes of Eligible Green Projects, specify

details of the relevant Eligible Green Project)]

[(ii) Estimated net proceeds: [Not applicable] [•]

(If proceeds are intended for more than one use will need to split out and present in order of priority. If proceeds insufficient to fund all proposed uses state amount and

sources of other funding.)] \*

(iii) Estimated total expenses: [Not applicable] [•]

[Include breakdown of expenses.]

6. [Fixed Rate Notes only] YIELD

[Applicable / Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of

this paragraph 6)

Indication of yield: [•]

Yield is calculated on the basis of the Issue Price[,] [and]

the Fixed Coupon [and the Broken Amount].

### 7. [Floating Rate Notes only] HISTORIC INTEREST RATES

[Applicable / Not Applicable]

 $({\it If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of }$ 

this paragraph 7)

Details of historic [EURIBOR/LIBOR/LIBID/LIMEAN] rates can be obtained from [Reuters][•] [insert relevant code of information providers].]

### 8. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

ISIN: [•]

Common Code: [•]

New Global Note 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 recognized 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.]]

Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme and the relevant identification number(s):

[Not Applicable/give name(s) number(s) and address(es)]

Delivery:

Delivery [against/free of] payment

Initial Paying Agents:

[•]

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

[•] [Not Applicable]

### 9. **DISTRIBUTION**

(i) If syndicated, names and addresses of Managers and underwriting commitments:

[Applicable / Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph (i))

(if applicable give names and addresses and underwriting commitments)

(Include names and addresses of entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis and names and addresses of the entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or on a "best efforts" basis if such entities are not the same as the Managers.)

[(ii) [Date of [Subscription] Agreement:

[Not Applicable / [•]]

(iii)] Stabilising Manager(s) (if any):))

[Not Applicable/give name]

If non-syndicated, name of Dealer:

[Not Applicable/give name]

US Selling Restrictions:

[Reg. S Compliance Category 2; TEFRA C/ TEFRA D/ TEFRA not applicable]

Non-exempt offer:

[Not Applicable] [An offer of the Notes may be made by the Managers and [specify if applicable] other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in [specify relevant Member State(s) -which must be jurisdictions where the Prospectus and any supplements have been passported] ("Public Offer Jurisdictions") during the period from [specify date] until [specify date] ("Offer Period"). See further Paragraph 10 (Terms and Conditions of the Offer) of Part B below.

Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors:

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If the Notes clearly do not constitute "packaged" products, "Not Applicable" should be specified. If the Notes may constitute "packaged" products, "Applicable" should be specified.)

[PRIIPs Regulation / Prospectus Directive / 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"); (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive 2002/92/EC (as amended, the "Insurance Mediation Directive"), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended, the "Prospectus Directive"). 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 / target market - [appropriate target market legend to be included]

### 10. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER

[Applicable / Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph 10)

Offer Period: [•] to [•]

Offer Amount:

[•] [provided that, during the Offer Period, the Issuer will be entitled [(following consultation with the relevant Dealer(s)[Distributor(s))] to increase such Offer Amount up to [•]] [provided [further] that, during the Offer Period the Issuer will be entitled [(following consultation with the relevant Dealer(s) [Distributor(s)])] to extend the length of the Offer Period]. The Issuer [and the relevant Dealer(s) [Distributor(s)])] shall forthwith give notice of any such [increase] [and/or] [extension] pursuant to Condition 12 (Notices) of the [Senior / Subordinated] Conditions and comply with any applicable laws and regulations.] [specify]

Offer Price: [Issue Price][specify]

Conditions to which the offer is [Not Applicable] [•]

subject:

Description of the application [Not Applicable] [•]

process:

Description of possibility to reduce subscriptions and manner for refunding excess amount paid by applicants: [Not Applicable] [•]

Details of the minimum and/or maximum amount of application:

[Not Applicable] [•]

Details of the method and time limits for paying up and delivering the Notes:

[Not Applicable] [•]

Manner in and date on which results of the offer are to be made public:

[Not Applicable] [•]

Procedure for exercise of any right of pre-emption, negotiability of subscription rights and treatment of subscription rights not exercised: [Not Applicable] [•]

Process for notification to applicants of the amount allotted and the indication whether dealing may begin before notification is made:

[Not Applicable] [•]

Amount of any expenses and taxes specifically charged to the subscriber or purchaser:

[Not Applicable] [•]

Name(s) and address(es), to the extent known to the Issuer, of the placers in the various countries where the offer takes place:

[None] [•]

### 11. CONSENT TO THE USE OF PROSPECTUS

[Applicable / Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph 11)

Consent to the use of Base Prospectus:

[The Issuer consents to the use of the Base Prospectus in [Italy] [and] [or] [Ireland] [and] [or] [Grand Duchy of Luxembourg] by all financial intermediaries (general consent).]

[General consent for the subsequent resale or final placement of the Notes in [Italy] [and] [or] [Ireland] [and] [or] [Grand Duchy of Luxembourg] by the financial intermediary[y][ies] is given in relation to [].]

[The Issuer consents to the use of the Base Prospectus in [Italy] [and] [or] [Ireland] [and] [or] [Grand Duchy of Luxembourg] by the following financial intermediary[y][ies] (individual consent): [insert names] and address[es]].]

[Individual consent for the subsequent resale or final placement of the Notes in [Italy] [and] [or] [Ireland] [and] [or] [Grand Duchy of Luxembourg] by the financial

intermediary[y][ies] is given in relation to [] to [insert names] and address[es]] and [give details].]

[The Issuer[s]'s consent to the use of the Base Prospectus by each [Dealer] [and] [financial intermediary] is subject to the condition that such [Dealer] [and] [financial intermediary] complies with the applicable selling restrictions as well as the terms and conditions of the offer.]

[Such Issuer[s]'s consent to the use of the Base Prospectus is also subject and given under condition that the [Dealers] [and] [financial intermediaries] using the Base Prospectus commit[s] [themselves] [itself] towards [their] [its] customers to a responsible distribution of the Notes. This commitment is made by the publication of the [Dealers] [and] [financial intermediaries] on [their] [its] website stating that the prospectus is used with the consent of the Issuer and subject to the conditions set forth with the consent].] [Beside, such consent is not subject to and given under any condition.]

[The subsequent resale or final placement of the Notes by financial intermediaries in [Italy] [and] [or] [Ireland] [and] [or] [Grand Duchy of Luxembourg] can be made [as long as the Base Prospectus is valid in accordance with Article 9 of the Prospectus Directive] [•].]

### PART C-SUMMARY OF THE SPECIFIC ISSUE

[Insert Summary of the specific issue]

### (B) Form of Final Terms for Notes with a denomination of at least Euro 100,000

The following form of Final Terms shall be used for the issue of Notes having a denomination of at least Euro 100.000 (or the equivalent amount in any other currencies in which the Notes are denominated).

The Final Terms in respect of each Tranche of Notes will be substantially in the following form, duly completed to reflect the particular terms of the relevant Notes and their issue. Text in this section appearing in italics does not form part of the form of the Final Terms but denotes directions for completing the Final Terms.

[PRIIPS Regulation 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, the "Insurance Mediation Directive"), 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 Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "MiFID II"); and (ii) all channels for distribution of the [Notes] to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. 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

### [MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A./ MEDIOBANCA INTERNATIONAL (Luxembourg) S.A.]

Issue of [currency] [aggregate principal amount] Notes due [maturity]

[guaranteed in the case of Notes issued by MEDIOBANCA INTERNATIONAL (Luxembourg) S.A. by
MEDIOBANCA - Banca di Credito Finanziario S.p.A.]

under the

Euro [40,000,000,000]

Euro Medium Term Note Programme

Issue Price: [•] per cent.

[Dealer(s)][•]]

The date of these Final Terms is [•]

The Base Prospectus referred to below (as [supplemented by the supplement to the Base Prospectus dated [•] and] completed by these Final Terms) has been prepared on the basis that any offer of Notes in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (2003/71/EC) (as amended) (each, a "Relevant Member State") will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offer of the Notes. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of the Notes may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer. Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Notes in any other circumstances.

[This document constitutes the Final Terms relating to the issue of Notes described herein. Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the [Senior / Subordinated] Conditions set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 24 January 2018 [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus dated [insert date] [delete if not applicable],] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (as amended). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with such Base Prospectus [as supplemented from time to time]. Full information on the Issuer [and the Guarantor] and the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus. The Base Prospectus [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus] [is/are] available for viewing at [address] and [website] and copies may be obtained [upon request] from [address]]

[The Notes cannot be sold, offered or distributed to any retail client as defined pursuant to Article 4(1), number 12 of Directive 2004/39/EC in any EEA Member State.]

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

[This document constitutes the Final Terms relating to the issue of Notes described herein. Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the [Senior / Subordinated] Conditions

(the "Conditions") set forth in the Base Prospectus dated [11 January 2007][4 December 2007][12 December 2008][16 December 2009][13 January 2011][30 November 2011][23 January 2013][27 January 2014][19 December 2014][11 December 2015][22 December 2016]. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (as amended) (the "Prospectus Directive") and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus dated 24 January 2018 [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus dated [•]], which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive, save in respect of the Conditions which are extracted from the Base Prospectus dated [original date] which is incorporated by reference to the Base Prospectus dated 24 January 2018. Full information on the Issuer [and the Guarantor] and the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectuses dated [date of original base prospectus] and 24 January 2018 [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus dated [•]]. The Base Prospectuses [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus] [is/are] available for viewing at the registered office[s] of the Issuer [and of the Guarantor] [at [•].] The Base Prospectus and, in the case of Notes admitted to trading on the regulated market of the Irish Stock Exchange, the applicable Final Terms will also be published on the website of the Irish Stock Exchange (http://www.ise.ie).]

[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "not applicable". Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if individual items are deleted.]

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

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

		PART A -	GENERAL
1.	(i)	Series Number:	[•]
	(ii)	Tranche Number:	[•]
	[(iii)]	Date on which the Notes will be consolidated and form a single Series:]	[The Notes will be consolidated and form a single Series with [identify earlier tranches] on [the Issue Date] [exchange of the Temporary Global Note for interests in the Permanent Global Note, as referred to in paragraph 24 below, which is expected to occur on or about [date]] [Not Applicable]
			(Only relevant if the Notes are fungible with an existing Series).
2.	Specifi	ed Currency or Currencies:	[•]
3.		gate Nominal Amount of Notes ed to trading]:	
	(i)	Series:	[•]
	(ii)	Tranche:	[•]
4.	Issue P	rice:	[[•] per Note] [[•] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [insert date] (in the case of fungible issues only, if applicable)]]
5.	(i)	Specified Denominations:	[100,000] [•] [and integral multiples of [•] in excess thereof up to and including [•]. No [Senior Preferred] [Subordinated] Notes in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [•].]

([Senior Preferred] [Subordinated] Notes including [Senior Preferred] [Subordinated] Notes denominated in Sterling, in respect of which the issue proceeds are to be accepted by the Issuer in the United Kingdom or whose issue otherwise constitutes a contravention of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and which have a maturity of less than one year must have a minimum redemption value of £100,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies).)

[250,000] [•] [and integral multiples of [•] in excess thereof up to and including [•]. No Senior Non Preferred Notes in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [•].]

(ii) Calculation Amount:

[•] (If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination. If more than one Specified Denomination, insert the highest common factor. There must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations.)

- **6.** (i) Issue Date:
  - (ii) Interest Commencement Date:

[Specify/Issue Date/Not Applicable]

[•]

7. Maturity Date:

[Specify date or (for Floating Rate Notes) Interest Payment Date falling in relevant month and year.]

(N.B. Unless otherwise permitted by current laws, regulations, directives and/or the Bank of Italy's requirements applicable to the issue of Subordinated Notes by the Issuer must have a minimum maturity of five years.)

(If the Maturity Date is less than one year from the Issue Date and either (a) the issue proceeds are received by the Issuer in the United Kingdom or (b) the activity of issuing the Notes is carried on from an establishment maintained by the Issuer in the United Kingdom, (i) the Notes must have a minimum redemption value of £100,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies) and be sold only to "professional investors" or (ii) another applicable exemption from section 19 of the FSMA must be available.)

8. Interest Basis:

[[•] per cent. Fixed Rate]

(Condition 3(d) (Interest Rate on Fixed Rate Notes) or Condition 3(f) (Interest Rate on Floating Rate Notes) or Condition 3(l) (Late payment on Zero Coupon Notes) of the Terms and Conditions)

[Fixed Rate Notes]

[[•] per cent. to be reset on [•] [and [•]] and every [•] anniversary thereafter]

[[EURIBOR] [LIBOR] [LIBID] [LIMEAN] [CMS] [specify relevant yield of Government securities] +/- [•]per cent. per annum Floating Rate]

[Zero Coupon]

9. Redemption/Payment Basis: [Redemption at par]

[Instalment]

10. Change of Interest: [Applicable - Condition 3(m) (Interest Rate

Switch) shall apply]

[Not Applicable - Condition 3(m) (Interest Rate

Switch) shall not apply]

Interest Rate Switch Date: [•] [Not Applicable]

[Insert description of change of interest rate]

11. Put/Call Options: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

((Condition 4(f) (Redemption at the option of the Issuer) or (Condition 4(h) (Redemption at the option of holders of Notes) of the Senior Notes Conditions or (Condition 4(f) (Redemption at the option of the Issuer) of the Subordinated Notes Conditions))

 $[Investor\,Put]$ 

[Issuer Call]

12. (i) Status of the Notes:

[Senior Preferred Notes] [Senior Non Preferred

Notes] [Subordinated Notes]

(ii) (In respect of Senior Notes only):

[Waiver of set-off rights:] [Applicable/Not Applicable]

[(iii) [Date [Board] approval for issuance of Notes [and Guarantee] obtained:

[•] [and [•], respectively]] [Not Applicable]

(N.B. Only relevant where Board (or similar) authorisation is required for the particular tranche of Notes or related guarantee of the Notes)

13. Method of distribution:

[Syndicated] [Non-syndicated]

14. [Taxation:] [Gross Up is applicable pursuant to paragraph (viii)

of Condition 6(a) (Taxation - Gross Up) of the

Terms and Conditions of the Notes]

[Gross Up is not applicable pursuant to paragraph (viii) of Condition 6(a) (Taxation - Gross Up) of

the Terms and Conditions of the Notes]

15. Business Day Convention [Following Business Day Convention [Modified

Following Business Day Convention] [Preceding Business Day Convention] [adjusted] [unadjusted]

16. Events of Default [In case of Senior Preferred Notes specify if there

are Events of Default which are not applicable]

#### 17. Governing Law:

19.

**Reset Note Provisions** 

[English law applicable] [Italian law applicable] [except for: (A) with respect to the Senior Non Preferred Notes, Conditions 2(c) (Status of the Senior Non Preferred Notes), (Maturities/Final Redemption) and 8(b) (Events of Default of the Senior Non Preferred Notes) of the Senior Notes Conditions, which are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, Italian law and (B) with respect to the Subordinated Notes, Conditions 2 (Status and Special Provisions), 4(b) (Maturities/Final Redemption), 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)) and 8 (Events of Default), which are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, Italian law]

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PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE			
18.	Fixed R	ate Note Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
			(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub- paragraphs of this paragraph 18)
	(i)	Interest Rate(s):	[•] per cent. [per annum] [payable [annually/semi-annually/quarterly/monthly] in arrear]
	(ii)	Interest Payment Date(s):	[•] [in each year[]] starting from (and including)[] up to(and including)[] [and including the Maturity Date] / [specify other] [adjusted in accordance with [specify Business Day Convention and any applicable Business Centre(s) for the definition of "Business Day"]/not adjusted]
			(N.B. This will need to be amended in the case of long or short coupons)
	[(iii)]	Interest Accrual Dates(s):	[The Interest Accrual Dates are [•] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date.] [The Interest Accrual Dates shall be the Interest Payment Dates.]
	(iv)	Fixed Coupon Amount[(s)]:	[[•] per Calculation Amount payable on [each Interest Payment Date] [the Interest Payment Date(s) falling [in/on] [•]] [Not applicable]
	(v)	Broken Amount(s):	[•] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] [•] [Not Applicable]
	(vi)	Business Day Convention:	[Following Business Day Convention [Modified Following Business Day Convention] [Preceding Business Day Convention] [adjusted] [unadjusted]
	(vii)	Day Count Fraction:	[1/1] [Actual/Actual] [Actual/Actual (ISDA)] [Actual/Actual (ICMA)] [Actual/365 (Fixed)] [Actual/360] [30/360] [360/360] [Bond Basis] [30E/360] [Eurobond Basis] [30E/360 (ISDA)]

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

paragraphs of this paragraph 19)

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-

(i)	Initial Rate of Interest:	[•] per cent. per annum payable in arrear [on each Interest Payment Date]
(ii)	First Margin:	[+/-][•] per cent. per annum
(iii)	Subsequent Margin:	[[+/-][•] per cent. per annum] [Not Applicable]
(iv)	Interest Payment Date(s):	[•] [and [•]] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date [until and excluding [•]]
(v)	Fixed Coupon Amount up to (but excluding) the First Reset Date:	[[•] per Calculation Amount][Not Applicable]
(vi)	Broken Amount(s):	[[•] per Calculation Amount payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] [•]][Not Applicable]
(vii)	First Reset Date:	[•]
(viii)	Second Reset Date:	[•]/[Not Applicable]
(ix)	Subsequent Reset Date(s):	[•] [and [•]]
(x)	Relevant Screen Page:	[•]/[Not Applicable]
(xi)	Mid-Swap Rate:	[Single Mid-Swap Rate/Mean Mid-Swap Rate]
(xii)	Mid-Swap Maturity:	[•]
(xiii)	Day Count Fraction:	[Actual/Actual / Actual/Actual(ISDA)] [Actual/365 (Fixed)] [Actual/365 (Sterling)] [Actual/360] [30/360/360/360/Bond Basis] [30E/360/Eurobond Basis] [30E/360 (ISDA)] [Actual/Actual ICMA]
(xiv)	Determination Dates:	[•] in each year
(xv)	Business Centre(s):	[•]
(xvi)	Calculation Agent:	[the Agent]/[•]
Floati	ng Rate Note Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
		(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub- paragraphs of this paragraph 20)

20.

(i) Interest Payment Dates: [•]

(ii) First Interest Payment Date: [•]

[(iii)] Interest Accrual Dates(s): [The Interest Accrual Dates are [•] in each year up

to and including the Maturity Date.] [The Interest Accrual Dates shall be the Interest Payment Dates.]

(iv) Business Day Convention: [Following Business Day Convention] [Modified

Following Business Day Convention] [Preceding Business Day Convention] [adjusted] [unadjusted]

(v) Additional Business Centre(s): [Not Applicable] [•]

(vi) Manner in which the Rate(s) of [[S] Interest is/are to be determined: Determined:

he Rate(s) of [[Screen Rate Determination] [ISDA etermined: Determination] (for Senior Preferred Notes and Subordinated Notes) / [Screen Rate Determination]

(for Senior Non Preferred Notes)]

(vii) Party responsible for calculating [
the Rate(s) of Interest and Interest to
Amount(s) (if not the Fiscal fi

Agent):

[•] [Name] shall be the Calculation Agent (no need to specify if the Fiscal Agent is to perform this function)]

(viii) Screen Rate Determination: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-

paragraphs of this paragraph (viii))

• Reference Rate: [EURIBOR] [LIBOR] [LIBID] [LIMEAN] [CMS]

[specify relevant yield of Government securities]

• Specified Duration: [•] [Not Applicable]

• Multiplier [•] [Not Applicable]

• Reference Rate Multiplier [•] [Not Applicable]

• Interest Determination

Date(s):

[The Interest Determination Date in respect of each Interest Period is [the first day of each Interest Period] [the second day on which TARGET2 is open prior to the first day of each Interest Period] [the day falling two Banking Days prior to the first day of each Interest Period] [•]] Typically second London business day prior to the start of each Interest Period if LIBOR (other than Sterling or euro LIBOR), first day of each Interest Period if Sterling LIBOR and the second TARGET Settlement Day prior to the start of each Interest Period if Sterling LIBOR and the second TARGET Settlement Day prior to the start of each Interest Period in the start of each Interest Peri

Period if EURIBOR or euro LIBOR)

• Relevant Screen Page: [For example, Reuters page EURIBOR01]

• Relevant Time [For example, 11.00 a.m. [London/Brussels] time]

• Relevant Financial Centre [For example, London/Euro-zone (where Euro-

zone means the region comprised of the countries

whose lawful currency is the euro)]

[[Applicable/Not Applicable] (for Senior Preferred ISDA Determination: (x) Notes and Subordinated Notes) / [Not Applicable] (for Senior Non Preferred Notes)] (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph(x))[•] [Not Applicable] Floating Rate Option: [•] [Not Applicable] Designated Maturity: Reset Date: [•] [Not Applicable] (xi) Margin(s): [[+/-][•] per cent. per annum] [Not Applicable] Minimum Interest Rate: [[•] [Not Applicable] (for Senior Preferred Notes (xii) and Subordinated Notes)/Not Applicable(for Senior Non Preferred Notes)] [[•] [Not Applicable](for Senior Preferred Notes (iiix) Maximum Interest Rate: and Subordinated Notes)/Not Applicable(for Senior Non Preferred Notes)] [1/1] [Actual/Actual] [Actual/Actual (ISDA)] (xiv) Day Count Fraction: [Actual/Actual (ICMA)] [Actual/365 (Fixed)] [Actual/360] [30/360] [360/360] [Bond Basis] [30E/360] [Eurobond Basis] [30E/360 (ISDA)] Interest calculation method for [Linear Interpolation, in respect of the Interest (xv) Period beginning on (and including) [•] and ending short or long Interest Periods: on (but excluding) [•]] [Not Applicable — there are no short or long Interest Periods] **Zero Coupon Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph 21) (i) Accrual Yield: [•] per cent. per annum. Calculated as [include details of method of calculation in summary form] on the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. Reference Price: (ii) [•]

#### PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

21.

22. **Call Option** [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-

paragraphs of this paragraph 22)

(i) European Style [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-

paragraphs of this paragraph (i))

Notice Period(s): [•] (at least 5 business days prior notice) (ii) American Style [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-

paragraphs of this paragraph (ii))

• Exercise Period(s): [•]

(iii) Optional Redemption Date(s): [•]

(iv) Optional Redemption Amount(s) (Call) and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s):

[•] per Calculation Amount

(v) Partial Redemption: [Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-

 $paragraphs \ of \ this \ paragraph \ (v))$ 

(vi) Minimum Redemption Amount [•] per Calculation Amount

(vii) Maximum Redemption Amount: [•] per Calculation Amount

23. Regulatory Call / Redemption for taxation reasons

(i) Regulatory Call [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete sub-paragraph (ii) of this

paragraph (i))

(ii) Early Redemption Amount payable on redemption for regulatory reasons (subject to the prior approval of the Relevant Authority) as contemplated by Condition 4(g) (Redemption for regulatory reasons (Regulatory Call)) of the Subordinated Notes

[[•] per Calculation Amount/specify other]

(iii) Redemption for taxation reasons

Conditions

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

(iv) Modification following a [MREL/TLAC Disqualification Event / Regulatory Event or Tax Event]

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

24. Put Option

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-

paragraphs of this paragraph 24)

(i) European Style [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-

paragraphs of this paragraph (i))

• Notice Period(s): [•] (at least 5 business days prior notice)

(ii) American Style [Applicable/Not Applicable]

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

• Exercise Period(s): [•]

(iii) Optional Redemption Date(s): [•]

(iv) Optional Redemption Amount(s) [•] per Calculation Amount

(*Put*):

(v) Partial Redemption: [Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-

paragraphs of this paragraph (v))

(vi) Minimum Redemption Amount: [•] per Calculation Amount

(vii) Maximum Redemption Amount: [•] per Calculation Amount

25. Final Redemption Amount of each Note [•] per Calculation Amount

26. Early Redemption Amount

Early Redemption Amount(s) payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on event of default:

[•] per Calculation Amount

[An amount in the Specified Currency being the Nominal Amount of the Notes]

[An amount in the Specified Currency being the higher of (i) the Nominal Amount of the Notes and (ii) the fair economic value of the Notes at the date of redemption, as determined and calculated by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner as representing the fair economic value of the Note at the date of redemption].

[An amount in the Specified Currency which the Calculation Agent will determine and calculate in its sole discretion in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner as representing the fair economic value of the Note at the date of redemption, without making any reduction to such value by reason of the financial condition of the Issuer but taking into account (without duplication) any costs and expenses incurred by the Issuer in connection with the termination of any agreement or instrument entered into by the Issuer for the purposes of hedging the risk arising from the entering into and performance of its obligations under the Notes.]

[The Early Redemption Amount Payable on Event of Default shall be Euro [•] for each Note of Euro [•] Specified Denomination.]

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

#### **27.** Form of Notes:

#### **Bearer Notes:**

[Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes on [•] days' notice/at any time/in the limited circumstances specified in the Permanent Global Note.]

[Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on [•] days' notice.]

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

[the Permanent Global Note representing the Notes shall only be exchangeable for Definitive Notes in the limited circumstances of (1) closure of the ICSDs; and (2) default of the Issuer]

[The Notes will be issued and held in book-entry form by [Monte Titoli S.p.A/ include the name of any other custodian appointed by the Issuer], as Centralised Custodian.]

**28.** New Global Note form:

[Yes/No]

29. Additional Financial Centre(s) relating to Payment Business Dates:

[Not Applicable] [•]

[Note that this item relates to the date and place of payment and not to interest period end dates]

**30.** Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to Definitive Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature):

[No]

[Yes. As the Notes have more than 27 coupon payments, Talons may be required if, on exchange into definitive form, more than 27 coupon payments are left. The dates on which such Talons mature are [•].]

31. Details relating to Instalment Notes: (amount of each instalment, date on which each payment is to be made):

[Not Applicable]

(i) Instalment Date(s):

[•]

(ii) Instalment Amount(s):

[•] per Calculation Amount

32. Total Repurchase Option / Partial Repurchase Option

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph 32)

- (i) Total Repurchase Option date / [
  Partial Repurchase Option date(s):
- (ii) Repurchase amount(s) and [•] p
  - Repurchase amount(s) and [•] per Calculation Amount method(s):

(iii) Notice period:

[•] (at least 5 business days prior notice)

33. US Selling Restrictions:

[Reg. S Compliance Category 2; TEFRA C/TEFRA D/TEFRA not applicable]

34. Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail [Applicable/Not Applicable]

[Investors:

(If the Notes clearly do not constitute "packaged" products, "Not Applicable" should be specified. If the Notes may constitute "packaged" products, "Applicable" should be specified.)

[PRIIPs Regulation PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EEA RETAIL INVESTORS - The Notes are

[PRIIPs Regulation 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, the "Insurance Mediation Directive"), 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 / target market - [appropriate target market legend to be included]

# RESPONSIBILITY [AND THIRD PARTY INFORMATION]

[The Issuer [and the Guarantor] accept[s] responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms.] [The third party information contained in these Final Terms [[•] has been extracted from [•].] [[Each of the] [The] Issuer [and the Guarantor] confirms that such third party information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware, and is able to ascertain from information published by [•], no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.].]

Sign	ed on behalf of the Issuer:		
By:	Duly authorised	By:	Duly authorised
[Sign	ned on behalf of the Guarantor:		
By:	Duly authorised	By:	Duly authorised]

# PART B-OTHER INFORMATION

#### 1. LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING

(i) Listing: [Official List of Irish Stock Exchange/Luxembourg Stock Exchange/Italian Stock Exchange/None]

(ii) Admission to trading: [Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its

behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on [the Irish Stock Exchange] [the Luxembourg Stock Exchange] [the Italian Stock Exchange] [specify

relevant regulated market] 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 Irish Stock Exchange] [the Luxembourg Stock Exchange] [the Italian Stock Exchange] [specify relevant regulated market] with effect from [•].]

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

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

[•]

#### 2. RATINGS

[Applicable / Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph 2)

[The Notes to be issued [[have been]/[are expected to be]] rated [insert details] by [insert the legal name of the relevant credit rating agency entity(ies)].

[Depending on the status of the credit rating agency with respect to the CRA Regulation, the wording below should be considered.]

[[Insert the legal name of the relevant credit rating agency entity] is established in the European Union and registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended). As such [insert the legal name of the relevant credit rating agency entity] is included in the list of credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its website in accordance with such Regulation – see www.esma.europa.eu/page/List-registered-and-certified-CRAs.]

[[Insert the legal name of the relevant non-EU credit rating agency entity] is not established in the European Union and it is not registered in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended). [Insert the legal name of the relevant non-EU credit rating agency entity] is therefore not included in the list of credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its website in accordance with such Regulation.]

[[Insert the legal name of the relevant non-EU credit rating agency entity] is not established in the European Union and has not applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended) (the "CRA Regulation"). The ratings [[have been]/[are expected to be]] endorsed by [insert the legal name of the relevant EU-registered credit rating agency entity] in accordance with the CRA Regulation. [Insert the legal name of the relevant EU-registered credit rating agency entity]

Ratings:

is established in the European Union and registered under the CRA Regulation. As such [insert the legal name of the relevant EU credit rating agency entity] 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 — see www.esma.europa.eu/page/List-registered-and-certified-CRAs.]

[[Insert the legal name of the relevant non-EU credit rating agency entity] is not established in the European Union and has not applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended) (the "CRA Regulation"), but it [is]/[has applied to be] certified in accordance with such Regulation [and it 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 see www.esma.europa.eu/page/List-registered-andcertified-CRAs // [although notification of the corresponding certification decision has not yet been provided by the relevant competent authority and [insert the legal name of the relevant non-EU credit rating agency entity] is not 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].]

[[Insert the legal name of the relevant credit rating agency entity] is established in the European Union and has applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended), although notification of the corresponding registration decision has not yet been provided by the relevant competent authority and [insert the legal name of the relevant credit rating agency entity] is not included in the list of credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its website in accordance with such Regulation.]]

[[Insert the legal name of the relevant non-EU credit rating agency entity is not established in the European Union and has not applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended) (the "CRA Regulation"). However, the application for registration under the CRA Regulation of [insert the legal name of the relevant EU credit rating agency entity that applied for registration], which is established in the European Union, disclosed the intention to endorse credit ratings of [insert the legal name of the relevant non-EU credit rating agency entity][, although notification of the corresponding registration decision has not yet been provided by the relevant competent authority and [insert the legal name of the relevant EU credit rating agency entity] is not 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].]

#### 3. NOTIFICATION

[Not applicable] / [The Central Bank of Ireland [has been requested to provide/has provided – include first alternative for an issue which is contemporaneous with the establishment or update of the Programme and the second alternative for subsequent issues] the [Commissione Nazionale per la Società e la Borsa] [Surveillance du Secteur Financier] [names of competent authorities of host Member States] with a certificate of approval attesting that the Base Prospectus [and the supplement thereto dated [•]] has been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Directive.]

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

[Save for the fees payable to the managers [and as discussed in [•],] so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue/offer of the Notes has an interest material to the issue/offer.] [Amend as appropriate if there are other interests]

	[Amena as appropriate if there are other interests]		
5.	REASONS FOR THE OFFER, ESTIMAT	ED NET PROCEEDS AND TOTAL EXPENSES	
[(i)	[Reasons for the offer:	[Not applicable] [•] [(If the proceeds are intended to be used for the purposes of Eligible Green Projects, specify details of the relevant Eligible Green Project)]	
[(ii)	Estimated net proceeds:	[Not applicable] [•]	
		(If proceeds are intended for more than one use will need to split out and present in order of priority. If proceeds insufficient to fund all proposed uses state amount and sources of other funding.)]*	
[(iii)]	Estimated total expenses:	[•]	
		[Include breakdown of expenses.]	
6.	[Fixed Rate Notes only] YIELD	[Applicable / Not Applicable]	
		(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub- paragraphs of this paragraph 6)	
	Indication of yield:	[•]	
7.	[Floating Rate Notes only] HISTORIC INTEREST RATES	[Applicable / Not Applicable]	
		(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub- paragraphs of this paragraph 7)	
	Details of historic [FURIBOR/LIBOR/LIBID	/LIMEAN] rates can be obtained from [Reuters][•]	

8. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

ISIN:	[•]
Common Code:	[•]

[insert relevant code of information providers].]

New Global Note 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 recognized 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.]]

Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* and the relevant identification number(s):

[Not Applicable/give name(s) number(s) and address(es)]

Initial Paying Agents:

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

[•] [Not Applicable]

# 9. SECONDARY MARKET PRICING

[Applicable] [Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraph of this paragraph 9)

[In the event that the Issuer decides to purchase the Notes from the Noteholder prior to the Maturity Date, the secondary market pricing provided by the Issuer on the Notes will reflect [•] (give details of hedge unwinding costs and/or loss of profit related to such hedging portfolio)]

#### 10. SPECIFIC BUY BACK PROVISIONS

[Applicable] [Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraph of this paragraph 10)

[The value of the Notes shall reflect and shall be calculated on the basis of the Market Value of the Underlying Transactions.

The Market Value of the Underlying Transactions affects the repurchase price (Buy Back Price), if any, of the Notes, before their maturity.]

Underlying Transactions:

Information on the composition (unbundling) of the Interest Basis, in particular the Extra-Yield with respect to the yield of Notes with equal payoff but without Specific Buy Back Provisions, and the composition of the Underlying Transactions, and any relevant changes thereof, shall be published on [the website of Mediobanca www.mediobanca.it] [the website of Mediobanca International www.mediobanca.it] [the website of Luxembourg Stock Exchange] [the website of the Irish Stock Exchange] [specify alternative method of publication]].]

#### **TAXATION**

The following is a general overview of certain Italian, Luxembourg and Irish tax aspects of the purchase, the ownership and the disposal of the Notes. It does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all the tax issues which may be relevant to a decision to subscribe for, purchase, own or dispose of the Notes and does not purport to deal with the tax consequences applicable to all categories of investors and of Notes, some of which may be subject to special rules.

Prospective purchasers of the Notes are advised to consult in any case their own tax advisers concerning the overall tax regime of their purchase, ownership and disposal of the Notes.

This overview assumes that Mediobanca and Mediobanca International are resident for tax purposes in the Republic of Italy and in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg respectively and are structured and conduct their business in the manner outlined in this Base Prospectus. Changes in Mediobanca and/or Mediobanca International's organisational structure, tax residence or the manner in which each of them conducts its business, as well as in case of substitution of the relevant Issuer or the Guarantor as more fully set out in Condition 13 (Substitution of the Issuer) of the Terms and Conditions of the Senior Notes and of the Subordinated Notes, may invalidate this overview. This overview also assumes that each transaction with respect to the Notes is at arm's length.

Where in this overview English terms and expressions are used to refer to Italian, Luxembourg and Irish concepts, the meaning to be attributed to such terms and expressions shall be the meaning to be attributed to the equivalent Italian, Luxembourg and Irish concepts under Italian, Luxembourg and Irish tax laws.

This overview is based upon the laws and/or practice in force as at the date of this Base Prospectus, which are subject to any changes in law and/or practice occurring after such date, which could be made on a retroactive basis.

Neither Mediobanca nor Mediobanca International will update this summary to reflect changes in law and/or practice. If any such change should occur, the information in this overview could become obsolete.

References to "Noteholders" herein are references to the holders of the Subordinated Notes and/or the Senior Non Preferred Notes and/or the Senior Preferred Notes.

#### (A) Italian Taxation of the Notes issued by Mediobanca

# Tax on interest, premiums and other proceeds

Decree No. 239 regulates the tax treatment of interest, premiums and other income including the difference between the redemption amount and the issue price from certain securities issued, *inter alia*, by Italian resident banks (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Interest"). The provisions of Decree No. 239 only apply to Notes which qualify as *obbligazioni* (bonds) or *titoli similari alle obbligazioni* (securities similar to bonds) pursuant to Article 44 of Decree No. 917.

# 1. Notes qualifying as bonds or similar securities.

## Italian resident investors

Pursuant to Decree No. 239, payments of Interest accrued on Notes issued by Mediobanca will be subject to a substitute tax (*imposta sostitutiva*) at the rate of 26 per cent. in the Republic of Italy if made to beneficial owners who are:

- (1) individuals resident in the Republic of Italy for tax purposes, holding the Notes not in connection with entrepreneurial activities;
- (2) Italian resident partnerships (other than "società in nome collettivo", "società in accomandita semplice" or similar partnerships), de facto partnerships not carrying out commercial activities;
- (3) professional associations;

- (4) Italian resident public and private entities, other than companies, not carrying out commercial activities; and
- (5) Italian resident entities exempt from corporate income tax,

(unless the relevant Noteholder has entrusted the management of its financial assets, including the Notes, to an authorised intermediary and has opted for the so-called *risparmio gestito* regime (the "Asset Management Option"), according to Article 7 of Decree No. 461).

In the event that the Noteholders described above under (1) and (4) are engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Notes are connected, the *imposta sostitutiva* applies as a provisional tax. As a consequence, Interest on the Notes is subject to ordinary final income tax and the substitute tax may be recovered as a deduction from the final income tax due.

Pursuant to Decree No. 239, the 26 per cent. *imposta sostitutiva* is applied by banks, *società di intermediazione mobiliare* (so-called "SIMs"), fiduciary companies, *società di gestione del risparmio*, stockbrokers and other qualified entities resident in Italy ("Intermediaries" and each an "Intermediary") or by permanent establishments in Italy of banks or intermediaries resident outside Italy that intervene in any way in the collection of the Interest or, also as transferees, in the transfers or, disposals of the Notes. Interest payments will not be subject to the 26 per cent. substitute tax if made to beneficial owners who are:

- (1) Italian resident corporations or permanent establishments in Italy of non resident corporations to which the Notes are effectively connected;
- (2) Italian resident undertakings for collective investment (i.e., investment funds, SICAVs, and SICAFs other than real estate funds and real estate SICAFs), Italian resident pension funds subject to the regime provided for by Article 17 of the Legislative Decree No. 252 of 5 December 2005 (the "Pension Funds"), Italian resident real estate investment funds established pursuant to Article 37 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as amended and supplemented, and Article 14-bis of Law No. 86 of 25 January 1994 (the "Real Estate Fund") and Italian resident SICAFs to which the provisions of Article 9 of Legislative Decree No. 44 of 4 March 2014 (the "Decree No. 44") apply;
- (3) Italian residents holding Notes not in connection with entrepreneurial activity who have entrusted the management of their financial assets, including the Notes, to an Italian authorised financial intermediary and have opted for the Asset Management Option.

To ensure payment of Interest in respect of the Notes without the application of substitute tax, the investors indicated here above under (1) to (3) must be the beneficial owners of payments of Interest on the Notes and timely deposit the Notes together with the coupons relating to such Notes directly or indirectly with an Italian authorised financial Intermediary.

Special rules apply if the Notes are part of an investment portfolio managed on a discretionary basis by an authorised intermediary and the beneficial owners of the Notes opt for the Asset Management Option and if the Notes are in the portfolio of Italian undertakings for collective investment, Pension Funds, Real Estate Funds and real estate SICAFs.

Italian residents holding Notes not in connection with entrepreneurial activity who have opted for the Asset Management Option in connection with their investment in the Notes are subject to a 26 per cent. annual substitute tax (the "Asset Management Tax") on the increase in value of the managed assets accrued at the end of each tax year (which increase would include Interest accrued on the Notes during the holding period). The Asset Management Tax is applied on behalf of the taxpayer by the managing authorised intermediary.

Payments of Interest in respect of the Notes made to Italian resident undertakings for collective investment are subject neither to substitute tax nor to any other income tax in the hands of the undertaking. A withholding tax of 26 per cent. applies on proceeds distributed by the undertaking or received by certain categories of unit holders or shareholders upon redemption or disposal of the units or shares.

Italian resident Pension Funds are subject to a 20 per cent. tax (the "Pension Fund Tax") on the increase in value of the managed assets accrued at the end of each tax year (which increase would include Interest accrued on the Notes during the holding period).

Payments of Interest in respect of the Notes made to Italian resident Real Estate Funds and to Italian resident SICAFs to which the provisions of Article 9 of the Decree No. 44 apply are subject neither to substitute tax nor to any other income tax in the hands of a real estate investment fund. A withholding tax may apply in certain circumstances at the current rate of 26% on distributions made by Real Estate Funds and real estate SICAFs.

Interest accrued on the Notes by beneficial owners who are Italian resident corporations and permanent establishments in Italy of foreign corporations to which the Notes are effectively connected or Italian resident individual engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Notes are connected are subject to tax in Italy in accordance with ordinary tax rules and would be included, respectively, in the taxable income for (a) corporate income tax purposes (IRES) currently applicable at a rate of 24 per cent. (27.5 per cent. in case the Noteholder is a credit or a financial institution other than a management company of an undertaking for collective investment), or (b) personal income taxation as business income (IRPEF), as the case may be. In certain circumstances, depending on the status of the Noteholder, Interest may also have to be included in the taxable base for regional income tax on the value of production (IRAP), currently applicable at a rate of 3.9 per cent. (which may be increased by each Italian Region by up to 0.92 per cent.) or at the increased of 4.65 per cent. and 5.90 per cent. for the categories of companies indicated, respectively, under Article 6 (banks and other financial institutions) and Article 7 (insurance companies) of Legislative Decree No. 446 of 15 December 1997).

Where the Notes and the relevant coupons are not deposited with an Intermediary, the substitute tax is applied and withheld by any Italian intermediary (or permanent establishment in Italy of foreign intermediary) that intervenes in the payment of Interest to any Noteholder or by the Issuer and Noteholders who are Italian resident companies or permanent establishments in Italy of foreign corporations to which the Notes are effectively connected are entitled to deduct the substitute tax suffered from income taxes due.

## Non-Italian resident investors

Pursuant to Decree No. 239, payments of Interest accrued on Notes issued by Mediobanca will be subject to a substitute tax at the rate of 26 per cent. in the Republic of Italy if made to beneficial owners who are non-Italian resident entities or individuals without a permanent establishment in Italy to which the Notes are effectively connected, which are not eligible for the exemption from substitute tax and/or do not timely and properly comply with the requirements set forth in Decree No. 239 and the relevant application rules in order to benefit from the exemption from substitute tax. As to non-Italian resident beneficial owners, the substitute tax may apply at lower or nil rate under double taxation treaties entered into by Italy, where applicable, and in any case subject to proper compliance with relevant subjective and procedural requirements.

The 26 per cent. (or the lower rate provided for by the relevant applicable double taxation treaty) substitute tax will be generally applied by any Italian resident qualified financial intermediaries that will intervene, in any way, in the collection of Interest on the Notes or in the transfer of the Notes.

Interest will not be subject to the 26 per cent. substitute tax if made to beneficial owners who are non-Italian resident beneficial owners of Notes not having a permanent establishment in Italy to which the Notes are effectively connected, **provided that**:

- such non-Italian resident beneficial owners are resident for tax purposes in a country which recognises the Italian fiscal authorities' right to an adequate exchange of information, as indicated below; and
- all the requirements and procedures set forth in Decree No. 239 and the relevant implementing rules in order to benefit from the exemption from the substitute tax have been promptly and properly complied with.

Decree No. 239, as amended and restated, also provides for additional exemptions from the substitute tax for payments of Interest in respect of the Notes made to:

- international bodies and organisations established in accordance with international agreements ratified in Italy;
- foreign institutional investors set up in countries which allow for an adequate exchange of information with Italy as indicated below, even if they do not have the "status" of taxpayer; and
- Central Banks or entities managing official State reserves.

To ensure payment of Interest in respect of the Notes without the application of the substitute tax, non Italian resident investors must:

- be the beneficial owners of payments of Interest on the Notes or foreign institutional investors not subject to tax;
- timely deposit the Notes together with the coupons relating to such Notes directly or indirectly with an Italian authorised financial Intermediary or with a non-Italian resident entity participating in a centralised securities management system which is in contact, via computer, with the Italian Ministry of Economics; and
- promptly file with the relevant depository a self-declaration stating, *inter alia*, to be resident, for tax purposes, or established, as the case may be, in a country which recognises the Italian fiscal authorities' right to an adequate exchange of information. Such self-declaration which is requested neither for international bodies nor for entities set up in accordance with international agreements ratified by Italy nor for foreign Central Banks or entities managing official State reserves must comply with the requirements set forth by Italian Ministerial Decree of 12 December 2001 and is valid until withdrawn or revoked. Additional statements may be required for non-Italian resident Noteholders who are institutional investors.

For the purposes of the above, the currently applicable "white list" of countries allowing for an adequate exchange of information with Italy is provided for by Italian Ministerial Decree 4 September 1996, as recently amended by Ministerial Decree of 9 August 2016 (the "White List Decree"). Pursuant to Article 11, para. 4, let. c) of Decree 239, the Ministry of Finance should update the White List Decree on a semi-annual basis.

# 2. Notes qualifying as atypical securities

Interest payments relating to Notes issued by Mediobanca that are not deemed to fall within the category of bonds (obbligazioni) or securities similar to bonds (titoli similari alle obbligazioni), but qualify as atypical securities (titoli atipici) for Italian tax purposes, may be subject to a withholding tax, levied at the rate of 26 per cent.. For this purpose, as indicated above, pursuant to Article 44 of Decree No. 917, securities similar to bonds are securities that (i) incorporate an unconditional obligation to pay, at maturity, an amount not lower than their nominal value and (ii) do not grant to the relevant holders any right to directly or indirectly participate to the management of the issuer or of the business in relation to which they are issued or to control the same management.

Where the Noteholder is (i) an Italian resident individual engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Notes are connected, (ii) an Italian resident company or a similar Italian resident commercial entity, (iii) a permanent establishment in Italy of a foreign entity to which the Notes are effectively connected, (iv) an Italian resident commercial partnership or (v) an Italian resident commercial private or public institution, the above-mentioned 26 per cent. withholding tax applies as a provisional withholding tax In all other cases, including when the Noteholder is a non-Italian resident, the withholding tax is a final withholding tax. Double taxation treaties entered into by Italy may apply allowing for a lower (or, in certain cases, nil) rate of withholding tax in case of payments to non Italian resident Noteholders, subject to proper compliance with relevant subjective and procedural requirements.

#### 3. Capital gains tax

Any gain obtained from the sale or redemption of the Notes would be treated as part of the taxable business income (and, in certain circumstances, depending on the "status" of the Noteholder, also as part of the net value of the production for IRAP purposes) if realised by an Italian resident company or a similar commercial entity (including the Italian permanent establishment of foreign entities to which the Notes are connected) or Italian resident individuals engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Notes are connected.

Where an Italian resident Noteholder is an individual not engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Notes are connected and certain other persons, any capital gain realised by such Noteholder from the sale or redemption of the Notes would be subject to a substitute tax (*imposta sostitutiva*), levied at the current rate of 26 per cent.. Noteholders may generally set-off capital losses with gains of the same nature.

For the purposes of determining the taxable capital gain, any Interest on the Notes accrued and unpaid up to the time of the purchase and the sale of the Notes must be deducted from the purchase price and the sale price, respectively.

In respect of the application of such substitute tax, taxpayers may opt for one of the three regimes described below.

Under the tax declaration regime (regime della dichiarazione), which is the default regime for Italian resident individuals not engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Notes are connected, the imposta sostitutiva on capital gains will be chargeable, on a cumulative basis, on all capital gains, net of any incurred capital loss of the same nature, realised by the Italian resident individual Noteholder holding the Notes not in connection with an entrepreneurial activity pursuant to all sales or redemptions of the Notes carried out during any given tax year. Italian resident individuals holding the Notes not in connection with an entrepreneurial activity must indicate the overall capital gains realised in any tax year, net of any relevant incurred capital loss of the same nature, in the annual tax return and pay imposta sostitutiva on such gains together with any balance income tax due for such year. Capital losses in excess of capital gains may be carried forward against capital gains of the same nature realised in any of the four succeeding tax years.

As an alternative to the tax declaration regime, Italian resident individual Noteholders holding the Notes not in connection with an entrepreneurial activity may elect to pay the imposta sostitutiva separately on capital gains realised on each sale or redemption of the Notes under the risparmio amministrato regime. Such separate taxation of capital gains is allowed subject to (i) the Notes being deposited with Italian banks, SIMs or certain authorised financial intermediaries (or permanent establishments in Italy of foreign intermediaries) and (ii) an express election for the risparmio amministrato regime being timely made in writing by the relevant Noteholder. The depository is responsible for accounting for imposta sostitutiva in respect of capital gains realised on each sale or redemption of the Notes, net of any incurred capital loss of the same nature, and is required to pay the relevant amount to the Italian tax authorities on behalf of the taxpayer, deducting a corresponding amount from the proceeds to be credited to the Noteholder or using funds provided by the Noteholder for this purpose. Under the risparmio amministrato regime, where a sale or redemption of the Notes results in a capital loss, such loss may be deducted from capital gains of the same nature subsequently realised, within the same securities management relationship, in the same tax year or in the following tax years up to the fourth. Under the risparmio amministrato regime, the Noteholder is not required to declare the capital gains in the annual tax return.

Any capital gains on Notes held by Italian resident individuals holding the Notes not in connection with an entrepreneurial activity who have entrusted the management of their financial assets, including the Notes, to an authorised intermediary and have opted for the Asset Management Option will be included in the computation of the annual increase in value of the managed assets accrued, even if not realised, at year end, subject to a 26 per cent. Asset Management Tax, to be paid by the managing authorised intermediary. Under the Asset Management Option, any depreciation of the managed assets accrued at year end may be carried

forward against increase in value of the managed assets accrued in any of the four succeeding tax years. Under the Asset Management Option, the Noteholder is not required to declare the capital gains realised in the annual tax return.

Any capital gains on Notes held by Noteholders who are Italian undertakings for collective investment will not be subject to taxation in the hands of the undertakings. A withholding tax of 26 per cent. may apply on proceeds distributed by the undertakings or received by certain categories of unit holders or shareholders upon redemption or disposal of the units or shares.

Any capital gains on Notes held by Noteholders who are Italian Pension Funds will be included in the result of the relevant portfolio accrued at the end of the tax period, to be subject to the 20 per cent. Pension Fund Tax.

Any capital gains realised by Italian resident Real Estate Funds or by Italian resident SICAFs to which the provisions of Article 9 of the Decree No. 44 apply on the Notes are not taxable at the level of the same Real Estate Funds or real estate SICAFs.

Capital gains realised by non-Italian-resident Noteholders without a permanent establishment in Italy to which the Notes are effectively connected from the sale or redemption of Notes traded on regulated markets in Italy or abroad are not subject to the *imposta sostitutiva*, regardless of whether the Notes are held in Italy. In such a case, in order to benefit from this exemption from Italian taxation on capital gains, non-Italian resident Noteholders who hold the Notes with an Italian authorised financial intermediary and elect to be subject to the Asset Management Option or are subject to the *risparmio amministrato* regime according to Article 6 of Decree No. 461, may be required to produce in due time to the Italian authorised financial intermediary an appropriate self-declaration that they are not resident in Italy for tax purposes.

Capital gains realised by non-Italian resident Noteholders without a permanent establishment in Italy to which the Notes are effectively connected from the sale or redemption of Notes not traded on regulated markets issued by an Italian or non-Italian resident issuer may in certain circumstances be taxable in Italy, if the Notes are held in Italy.

However, non-Italian resident beneficial owners of Notes without a permanent establishment in Italy to which the Notes are effectively connected are not subject to the imposta sostitutiva on capital gains realised upon sale or redemption of the Notes, provided that the effective beneficiaries: (i) are resident in a country which allows for an adequate exchange of information with Italy; or (ii) are international entities or bodies set up in accordance with international agreements which have entered into force in Italy; or (iii) are Central Banks or entities which manage, inter alia, the official reserves of a foreign State; or (iv) are institutional investors which are set up in a country included in the White List Decree, even if they do not have the "status" of taxpayer. In such cases, in order to benefit from the exemption from Italian taxation on capital gains, non-Italian resident Noteholders who hold the Notes with an Italian authorised financial intermediary and elect to be subject to the Asset Management Option or are subject to the risparmio amministrato regime according to Article 6 of Decree No. 461, may be required to produce in due time to the Italian authorised financial Intermediary an appropriate self-declaration stating that they meet the subjective requirements indicated above. Additional statements may be required for non-Italian resident Noteholders who are institutional investors.

For the purposes of the above, the currently applicable "white list" of countries allowing for an adequate exchange of information with Italy is provided for by the White List Decree, as recently amended by Ministerial Decree of 9 August 2016. Pursuant to Article 11, para. 4, let. c) of Decree 239, the Ministry of Finance should update the White List Decree on a semi-annual basis.

Moreover, in any event, non-Italian resident individuals or entities without a permanent establishment in Italy to which the Notes are connected that may benefit from a double taxation treaty with Italy providing that capital gains realised upon the sale or redemption of Notes are to be taxed only in the country of tax residence of the recipient, will not be subject to *imposta sostitutiva* in Italy on any capital gains realised upon the sale or redemption of Notes. In such a case, in order to benefit from this exemption from Italian taxation on capital gains, non-Italian resident Noteholders who hold the Notes with an Italian authorised financial intermediary and elect to be subject to the Asset Management Option or are subject to the *risparmio amministrato* 

regime according to Article 6 Decree No. 461, may be required to produce in due time to the Italian authorised financial intermediary appropriate documents which include, *inter alia*, a statement of residence from the competent tax authorities of the country of residence of the non-Italian resident.

Please note that for a non-Italian resident, the *risparmio amministrato* regime provided for by Article 6 of Decree No. 461 shall automatically apply, unless it expressly waives this regime, where the Notes are deposited in custody or administration with an Italian resident authorised financial intermediary or permanent establishment in Italy of a foreign intermediary.

# (B) Tax regime of the Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca International

# 1. Tax treatment of the Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca International in Luxembourg

# Luxembourg tax residency of the holders of the Senior Notes

A holder of the Senior Notes will not become resident, or be deemed to be resident, in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg by reason only of the holding of the Senior Notes, or the execution, performance, delivery and/or enforcement of the Senior Notes (holding of the Notes includes receipt of interest and repayment of the principal).

#### Withholding tax

All payments of interest and principal by the Issuer in the context of the holding, disposal, redemption or repurchase of the Senior Notes can be made free and clear of any withholding or deduction for or on account of any taxes of whatsoever nature imposed, levied, withheld, or assessed by Luxembourg or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, in accordance with the applicable Luxembourg law, subject however:

- (i) with respect to Luxembourg resident investors, to the application as regards Luxembourg resident individuals of the Luxembourg law of 23 December 2005, as modified, which foresees a 20% final withholding tax (which is final when Luxembourg resident individuals are acting in the context of the management of their private wealth) on interest payments made by Luxembourg paying agents to Luxembourg individual residents. This withholding tax also applies on accrued interest received upon sale, redemption or repurchase of the Senior Notes. Luxembourg resident investors not holding Senior Notes as a business assets may benefit, under conditions, from such final 20% withholding tax for interest payments that are made through a paying agent established in another EU-Member State or in a Member State of the European Economic Area; and
- (ii) responsibility for the withholding of tax in application of the above-mentioned Luxembourg modified law of 23 December 2005, as modified, is assumed by the Luxembourg paying agent within the meaning of these laws.

#### Income taxation of the holders of the Senior Notes

# Taxation of Luxembourg non-residents

Holders of the Senior Notes who are non-residents of Luxembourg and who do not have a permanent establishment or a permanent representative in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to which the Senior Notes are attributable are not liable to any Luxembourg income tax, whether they receive payments of principal, payments of interest (including accrued but unpaid interest), payments received upon the redemption of the Senior Notes, or realize capital gains on the sale of any Senior Notes.

Holder of the Senior Notes who are non-resident of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and who have a permanent establishment or a permanent representative in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to which the Senior Notes are attributable on the sale or disposal, in any form

whatsoever, of the Senior Notes are subject to Luxembourg income tax and municipal business tax.

Taxation of Luxembourg residents

Interest Income

Holders of the Senior Notes who are residents of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, or non-resident holders of the Senior Notes who have a permanent establishment or a permanent representative in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to which the holding of the Senior Notes is attributable, must, for income tax purposes, include any interest received in their taxable income. They will not be liable to any Luxembourg income tax on repayment of principal.

For individuals resident in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the 20% tax withheld at source constitutes a final taxation to the extent the Senior Notes do not constitute business assets.

Capital Gains

Luxembourg resident individuals

Luxembourg resident individuals who are holders of the Senior Notes and who are acting in the course of the management of their private wealth are not subject to taxation on capital gains upon the disposal of the Senior Notes, unless the disposal of the Senior Notes precedes the acquisition of the Senior Notes or the Senior Notes are disposed of within six months of the date of acquisition of these Senior Notes. Upon redemption of the Senior Notes, individual Luxembourg resident holders of the Senior Notes must however include the portion of the redemption price corresponding to accrued but unpaid interest in their taxable income except if (a) withholding tax has been levied on such payments in accordance with the law of 23 December 2005, as amended, or (b) the individual holder of the Senior Notes has opted for the application of a 20% tax in full discharge of income tax in accordance with the law of 23 December 2005, as amended, which applies if a payment of interest has been made or ascribed by a paying agent established in an EU Member State (other than Luxembourg), or in a Member State of the European Economic Area.

Luxembourg resident individuals who are holders of the Senior Notes and who are acting in the course of the management of their professional or business undertaking to which the Senior Notes are attributable, on the sale or disposal, in any form whatsoever, of the Senior Notes are subject to Luxembourg income tax and municipal business tax.

Luxembourg resident companies – Luxembourg permanent establishment of foreign entreprises

Luxembourg resident companies (sociétés de capitaux) that are holders of the Senior Notes or foreign entreprises which have a permanent establishment in Luxembourg to which the Senior Notes are attributed, must include in their taxable income the difference between the disposal price (including accrued but unpaid interest) and the book value of the Senior Notes disposed of.

Luxembourg resident entities benefiting from a special tax regime

Holders of the Senior Notes who are undertakings for collective investment governed by the amended law of 17 December 2010, specialized investment funds governed by the amended law of 13 February 2007, or family wealth management companies governed by the amended law of 11 May 2007, are tax exempt entities in Luxembourg, and are thus not subject to any Luxembourg direct taxes (i.e. corporate income tax, municipal business tax and net wealth tax) with respect to the Senior Notes.

Companies subject to the amended law of 15 June 2004 on venture capital investment companies might enjoy an exemption on income and gains from the Senior Notes in accordance with, and subject to, the requirements of such law.

#### Net Wealth Tax

Luxembourg net wealth tax will not be levied on a holder of a Note unless: (i) such holder is, or is deemed to be, resident in Luxembourg for the purpose of the relevant provisions; or (ii) such

Note is attributable to an enterprise or part thereof which is carried on through a permanent establishment or a permanent representative in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

As from 1 January 2016 the minimum corporate income tax regime has been replaced by a minimum net wealth tax levied either at a fixed amount of EUR 4,815 as from 1 January 2017 (EUR 3,210 as from 1 January 2017) for Luxembourg corporate taxpayers holding financial assets exceeding 90% of their balance sheet and a total balance sheet of EUR 350,000 or at a progressive scale (the "Minimum Net Wealth Tax"). Effective as from that date the Minimum Net Wealth Tax also applies to securitization companies and undertakings for collective venture capital investments (SICAR).

A corporate holder of a Note, whether resident of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for tax purposes or maintaining a permanent establishment or a permanent representative in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to which such Notes are attributable, is not subject to Luxembourg wealth tax if the holder is governed by the law of 11 May 2007 on family estate companies, as amended, by the law of 17 December 2010 on undertakings for collective investment (except for the Minimum Net Wealth Tax), as amended, by the law of 13 February 2007 on specialised investment funds, as amended, or is a securitisation company governed by the law of 22 March 2004 on securitisation (except for the Minimum Net Wealth Tax), as amended, or a capital company governed by the law of 15 June 2004 on venture capital vehicles, as amended.

In respect of individuals, the Luxembourg law of 23 December 2005 has abolished the net wealth tax with effect from 1 January 2006.

#### Other Taxes

#### 1. Registration duties

It is not compulsory that the Notes be filed, recorded or enrolled with any court, or other authority in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg or that registration tax, transfer tax, capital tax, stamp duty or any other similar tax or duty be paid in respect of or in connection with the execution, delivery and/or enforcement by legal proceedings (including any foreign judgment in the courts of Luxembourg) of the Notes, in accordance therewith, except that, in case the Notes are, either voluntarily or by order of a Luxembourg court in case of legal proceedings, attachments (annexés) to a public deed or to any other document subject to mandatory registration in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, a fixed or an ad valorem registration duty of 0.24% calculated on the amounts mentioned in the Notes will be due. In practice such kind of registration is rarely ordered.

### 2. *VAT*

There is no Luxembourg value-added tax payable in respect of payments in consideration for the issue of the Notes or in respect of the payment of interest or principal under the Notes or the transfer of Notes, provided that Luxembourg value-added tax may, however, be payable in respect of fees charged for certain services rendered to the Issuer, if for Luxembourg value-added tax purposes such services are rendered, or are deemed to be rendered, in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and an exemption from Luxembourg value-added tax does not apply with respect to such services.

# 3. Inheritance and gift tax

No Luxembourg inheritance tax is levied on the transfer of Senior Notes upon the death of a Noteholder in cases where the deceased was not a resident of Luxembourg for inheritance tax purposes.

Luxembourg gift tax will be levied in the event that the gift is made pursuant to a notarial deed signed before a Luxembourg notary.

#### 2. Tax treatment of the Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca International in Italy

#### Tax on interest, premium and other proceeds

#### (i) Senior Notes qualifying as bonds or similar securities

Italian resident Noteholders

Pursuant to Decree No. 239, a substitute tax at a rate of 26 per cent. is applied on Interest on Senior Notes qualifying as bonds (*obbligazioni*) or securities similar to bonds (titoli similari alle obbligazioni) within the meaning of Article 44 of Decree No. 917 issued by a non-Italian resident issuer accrued during the relevant holding period, if received by:

- (1) an Italian resident individual not engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Senior Notes are connected:
- (2) Italian resident non-commercial partnerships;
- (3) Italian resident non-commercial private or public entities; or
- (4) Italian resident investors exempt from Italian corporate income taxation;

If the Noteholders described under paragraphs (1) and (3) above are engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Senior Notes are connected, the substitute tax applies as a provisional tax. As a consequence, the Interest is subject to the ordinary income tax and the substitute tax may be recovered as a deduction from the final income tax due.

Substitute tax is generally applied by an Intermediary.

Where the Senior Notes and the relevant coupons are not deposited with an Intermediary, the substitute tax is applied and withheld by any Italian intermediary (or permanent establishment in Italy of foreign intermediary) that intervenes in the payment of Interest to any Noteholder. Where Interest on Senior Notes beneficially owned by the subjects from paragraphs (1) to (4) above are not collected through the intervention of an Italian resident intermediary and as such no substitute tax is applied, the above Italian resident beneficial owners will be required to declare Interest in their yearly income tax return and subject them to final substitute tax at a rate of 26 per cent. (only limited to those Noteholders not engaged in a business activity to which the Senior Notes are effectively connected), unless option for a different regime is allowed and made. Italian resident Noteholders that are individuals not engaged in entrepreneurial activity may elect instead to pay ordinary personal income taxes at the progressive rates applicable to them in respect of Interest on such Senior Notes: if so, the beneficial owners should be generally entitled to a tax credit for withholding taxes applied outside Italy, if any.

Where an Italian resident Noteholder is an individual who has not qualified as an Italian tax resident for at least 9 of the past 10 years, who transferred the tax residence to Italy and who opted for the application of a yearly  $\in$  100,000 substitute tax on the foreign-sourced income pursuant to Article 24-bis of Decree No. 917/1986, as introduced by the Law No. 232 of 11 December 2016 (the "2017 Budget Law"), the payment of such substitute tax will replace any income tax on the foreign-sourced income, including Interest on Senior Notes.

Where an Italian resident Noteholder who is beneficial owner of the Senior Notes is a company or similar commercial entity, or a permanent establishment in Italy of a foreign company to which the Senior Notes are effectively connected and the Senior Notes and relevant coupons are timely deposited with an Intermediary, Interest from the Senior Notes will not be subject to the substitute tax, but must be included in the relevant Noteholder's annual income tax return and are therefore subject to general Italian corporate taxation (and, in certain circumstances, depending on the "status" of the

Noteholder, also to IRAP). In such cases, the beneficial owners should be generally entitled to a tax credit for withholding taxes applied outside Italy, if any.

For those categories of Noteholders not specifically mentioned in this paragraph and for Noteholders who are Italian Pension Funds, Italian undertakings for collective investment please refer to paragraph "Italian Taxation of Notes issued by Mediobanca – Tax on interest, premium and other proceeds – Notes qualifying as bonds or similar securities - Italian resident investors" above.

#### Non-Italian resident Noteholders

No Italian substitute tax is applied on payments to a non-Italian resident Noteholder not having a permanent establishment in Italy to which the Senior Notes are effectively connected of Interest relating to Senior Notes issued by a non-Italian resident issuer.

If Senior Notes issued by a non-Italian resident issuer and beneficially owned by non-Italian residents are deposited with an Italian bank or other resident intermediary (or permanent establishment in Italy of foreign intermediary) or are sold through an Italian bank or other resident intermediary (or permanent establishment in Italy of foreign intermediary) or in any case an Italian resident intermediary (or permanent establishment in Italy of foreign intermediary) intervenes in the payment of Interest on such Senior Notes, to ensure payment of Interest without application of Italian taxation a non-Italian resident Noteholder may be required to produce to the Italian bank or other intermediary a self-declaration stating that he or she is not resident in Italy for tax purposes.

# Capital gains tax

Any gain obtained from the sale or redemption of the Senior Notes would be subject to the same tax regime as described under (A).3. "Capital gains tax", above.

Where an Italian resident Noteholder is an individual who has not qualified as an Italian tax resident for at least 9 of the past 10 years, who transferred the tax residence to Italy and who opted for the application of a yearly  $\in$  100,000 substitute tax on the foreign-sourced income pursuant to art. 24-bis of Decree No. 917/1986, as introduced by the 2017 Budget Law, the payment of such substitute tax will replace any income tax on the foreign-sourced income, including capital gains on the sale or redemption of Senior Notes held out of the Italian territory.

# (ii) Notes qualifying as atypical securities

Interest payments to Italian resident Noteholders relating to Senior Notes issued by a non-Italian resident issuer that are not deemed to fall within the category of bonds (obbligazioni) or securities similar to bonds (titoli similari alle obbligazioni), but qualify as atypical securities (titoli atipici) for Italian tax purposes, may be subject to Italian withholding tax, levied at the rate of 26 per cent. For this purpose, as indicated above, pursuant to Article 44 of Decree No. 917, securities similar to bonds are securities that (i) incorporate an unconditional obligation to pay, at maturity, an amount not lower than their nominal value and (ii) do not grant to the relevant holders any right to directly or indirectly participate to the management of the issuer or of the business in relation to which they are issued or to control the same management.

If the Senior Notes are issued by a non-Italian resident issuer, a 26 per cent. "entrance" withholding tax may apply in Italy if the Senior Notes are placed ("collocate") in Italy and Interest payments on the Notes are collected through an Italian bank or other qualified financial intermediary. However, the 26 per cent. "entrance" withholding tax does not apply to Interest payments made:

(a) to a non-Italian resident Noteholder. If Senior Notes issued by a non-Italian resident issuer and beneficially owned by non-Italian residents are deposited with an Italian bank or other resident intermediary (or permanent establishment in Italy of foreign intermediary) or are sold through an Italian bank or other

resident intermediary (or permanent establishment in Italy of foreign intermediary) or in any case an Italian resident intermediary (or permanent establishment in Italy of foreign intermediary) intervenes in the payment of Interest on such Senior Notes, to ensure payment of Interest without application of Italian taxation a non-Italian resident Noteholder may be required to produce to the Italian bank or other intermediary a self-declaration stating that he or she is not resident in Italy for tax purposes; and

(b) to an Italian resident Noteholder which is (i) a company or similar commercial entity (including the Italian permanent establishment of foreign entities to which the Senior Notes are effectively connected), (ii) a commercial partnership, or (iii) a commercial private or public institution. In particular, in such cases, Interest must be included in the relevant Noteholder's annual income tax return, to be therefore subject to general Italian corporate taxation (and, in certain circumstances, depending on the "status" of the Noteholder, also to IRAP) according to the ordinary rules and the beneficial owners should be generally entitled to a tax credit for withholding taxes applied outside Italy, if any.

Where an Italian resident Noteholder is an individual who has not qualified as an Italian tax resident for at least 9 of the past 10 years, who transferred the tax residence to Italy and who opted for the application of a yearly  $\in$  100,000 substitute tax on the foreign-sourced income pursuant to art. 24-bis of Decree No. 917/1986, as introduced by the 2017 Budget Law, the payment of such substitute tax will replace any income tax on the foreign-sourced income, including Interest payments relating to Senior Notes.

With respect to the other categories of Italian resident Noteholders, if Interest payments on Senior Notes issued by a non-Italian resident issuer are not collected through an Italian resident bank or other qualified financial intermediary, and as such no "entrance" withholding tax is required to be levied, such Noteholders will be required to report the payments in their yearly income tax return and subject them to a final substitute tax at rate of 26 per cent. (only limited to those Noteholders not engaged in a business activity to which the Senior Notes are effectively connected). Italian resident individual beneficial owners holding Senior Notes not in connection with a business activity may elect instead to pay ordinary personal income tax at the progressive rates applicable to them in respect of Interest payments: if so, the beneficial owners should generally benefit from tax credit for withholding taxes applied outside Italy, if any.

In case Senior Notes issued by a non-Italian resident issuer are held by an Italian resident individual engaged in a business activity and are effectively connected with same business activity, the Interest will be subject to the 26 per cent. "entrance" withholding tax on a provisional basis and will be included in the relevant income tax return. As a consequence, the Interest will be subject to the ordinary income tax and the withholding tax may be recovered as a deduction from the income tax due.

# 3. Payments made by the Guarantor under the Guarantee

There is no authority directly regarding the Italian tax regime of payments on notes made by an Italian resident guarantor. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the Italian tax authorities will not assert an alternative treatment of such payments than that set forth herein or that the Italian courts would not support such an alternative treatment.

With respect to payments on the Senior Notes made to Italian resident Noteholders by an Italian resident guarantor, in accordance with one interpretation of Italian tax law, any such payments may be subject to Italian withholding tax at the rate of 26 per cent. levied as a final tax or a provisional tax ("a titolo d'imposta o a titolo di acconto") depending on the "status" of the Noteholder, pursuant to Decree No. 600. Double taxation treaties entered into by Italy may apply allowing for a lower (or, in certain cases, nil) rate of withholding tax in case of payments to non-Italian residents, subject to proper compliance with relevant subjective and procedural requirements. In accordance with another interpretation, any such payment made by the Italian

resident guarantor should be treated, in certain circumstances, as a payment by the relevant issuer and should thus be subject to the tax regime described in the previous paragraphs of this section.

# (C) Inheritance and gift taxes

Pursuant to Law Decree No. 262 of 3 October 2006, as converted in law, with amendments, pursuant to Law No. 286 of 24 November 2006, transfers of Notes as a result of death or donation of Italian residents and of non-Italian residents, but in such latter case limited to Notes held within the Italian territory (which, for presumption of law, includes bonds issued by Italian resident issuers), are generally taxed in Italy as follows:

- (i) transfers in favour of spouses and direct descendants or direct ancestors are subject to an inheritance and gift tax applied at a rate of 4 per cent. on the value of the inheritance or the gift exceeding €1,000,000.00 for each beneficiary;
- (ii) transfers in favour of relatives to the fourth degree or relatives-in-law to the third degree are subject to an inheritance and gift tax at a rate of 6 per cent. on the entire value of the inheritance or the gift;
- (iii) transfers in favour of brothers/sisters are subject to the 6 per cent. inheritance and gift tax on the value of the inheritance or the gift exceeding €100,000.00 for each beneficiary; and
- (iv) any other transfer is subject to an inheritance and gift tax applied at a rate of 8 per cent. on the entire value of the inheritance or the gift.

If the beneficiary has a serious disability recognised by law, inheritance and gift taxes apply on its portion of the net asset value exceeding €1,500,000.00.

A tax credit may be available for the inheritance and gift tax paid in Italy under the applicable double tax treaty on inheritance and gift, if any.

## (D) Transfer tax

Contracts relating to the transfer of securities are subject to the following registration tax: (i) public deeds and notarised deeds are subject to a fixed registration tax at a rate of  $\in$  200.00; (ii) private deeds are subject to registration tax at a rate of  $\in$  200.00 only if they are voluntary registered or if the so-called "caso d'uso" or "enunciazione" occurs.

#### (E) Stamp Duty

Pursuant to Article 19(1) of Decree No. 201 of 6 December 2011 ("Decree No. 201"), a proportional stamp duty applies on an annual basis to the periodic reporting communications sent by financial intermediaries, carrying out their business activity within the Italian territory, to their clients for the Notes deposited therewith. The stamp duty applies at the current rate of 0.2 per cent.; this stamp duty is determined on the basis of the market value or – if no market value figure is available – the nominal value or redemption amount of the Notes held. The stamp duty can be no lower than  $\mathfrak E$  34.20. If the Noteholder is not an individual, the stamp duty cannot exceed  $\mathfrak E$  14,000.00.

# (F) Wealth tax on Notes deposited abroad

Pursuant to Article 19(18) of Decree No. 201, Italian resident individuals holding the Notes outside the Italian territory are required to pay an additional tax at the current rate of 0.2 per cent.

This tax is calculated on the market value of the Notes at the end of the relevant year or — if no market value figure is available — the nominal value or the redemption value of such financial assets held outside the Italian territory. Taxpayers are entitled to an Italian tax credit equivalent to the amount of wealth taxes paid in the State where the financial assets are held (up to an amount equal to the Italian wealth tax due).

#### (G) Tax Monitoring

Pursuant to Law Decree No. 167 of 28 June 1990 ("Decree No. 167"), as amended by Law of 6 August 2013, No. 97 (Legge Europea 2013), individuals, non-commercial institutions and non-commercial partnerships resident in Italy, under certain conditions, will be required to report in their yearly income tax return, for tax monitoring purposes, the amount of investments (including the Notes) directly or indirectly held abroad during each tax year. Inbound and outbound transfers and other transfers occurring abroad in relation to investments should not be reported in the income tax return.

This obligation does not exist in case the financial assets are given in administration or management to Italian banks, SIMs, fiduciary companies or other professional intermediaries, indicated in Article 1 of Decree No. 167, or if one of such intermediaries intervenes, also as a counterpart, in their transfer, **provided that** income deriving from such financial assets is collected through the intervention of such an intermediary.

# (H) Irish Taxation of the Notes issued by Mediobanca and Mediobanca International

The following is a summary of the Irish withholding tax treatment of the Notes. The summary does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all of the Irish tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to purchase, own or dispose of the Notes.

The summary is based upon the laws of Ireland and the published practices of the Revenue Commissioners of Ireland as in effect on the date of this Base Prospectus. Prospective investors in the Notes should consult their own advisers as to the Irish or other tax consequences of the purchase, beneficial ownership and disposition of the Notes including, in particular, the effect of any state or local law taxes, if applicable.

#### 1. Irish Withholding Tax

Irish withholding tax applies to certain payments including payments of:

- Irish source yearly interest (yearly interest is interest that is capable of arising for a period in excess of one year);
- Irish source annual payments (annual payments are payments that are capable of being made for a period in excess of one year and are pure income-profit in the hands of the recipient); and
- Distributions (including interest that is treated as a distribution under Irish law) made by companies that are resident in Ireland for the purposes of Irish tax;

at the standard rate of income tax (currently 20 per cent).

On the basis that the relevant Issuer is not resident in Ireland for the purposes of Irish tax, nor does the relevant Issuer operate in Ireland through a branch or agency with which the issue of the Notes is connected, nor are the Notes held in Ireland through a depository or otherwise located in Ireland, then to the extent that payments of interest or annual payments arise on the Notes, such payments should not be regarded as payments having an Irish source for the purposes of Irish taxation.

Accordingly, the relevant Issuer or any paying agent acting on behalf of the relevant Issuer should not be obliged to deduct any amount on account of Irish tax from payments made in connection with the Notes.

Separately, for as long as the Notes are quoted on a stock exchange, an investor should not be obliged to deduct any amount on account of Irish tax from a payment made by it in connection with the purchase of the Notes.

#### 2. Irish Encashment Tax

Payments on any Notes paid by a paying agent in Ireland or collected or realised by an agent in Ireland acting on behalf of the beneficial owner of Notes will be subject to Irish encashment tax at the standard rate of Irish tax (currently 20 per cent), unless it is proved, on a claim made in the required manner to the Revenue Commissioners of Ireland, that the beneficial owner of the Notes entitled to the interest or distribution is not resident in Ireland for the purposes of Irish tax and such interest or distribution is not deemed, under the provisions of Irish tax legislation, to be income of another person that is resident in Ireland.

# (I) Exchange of information under Directive on Administrative Cooperation in the field of Taxation

Under EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments (the "EU Savings Directive"), each Member State is required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest or other similar income paid by a person within its jurisdiction to, or collected by such a person in favour of, a beneficial owner that is, an individual resident in that other Member State. The EU Savings Directive was applicable in the Italian Tax system starting from 1 July 2005 (see Legislative Decree 18 April 2005, No. 84).

On 10 November 2015, the Council of the European Union enacted Directive 2015/2060/EU repealing the EU Savings Directive (the "Repealing Directive") from 1 January 2017 in the case of Austria and from 1 January 2016 in the case of all other Member States (subject to on-going requirements to fulfil administrative obligations such as the reporting and exchange of information relating to, and accounting for withholding taxes on, payments made before those dates). This is to prevent overlap between the EU Savings Directive and a new automatic exchange of information regime to be implemented under Council Directive 2011/16/EU on Administrative Cooperation in the field of Taxation (as amended by Council Directive 2014/107/EU) as of 30 September 2017. The new regime under Council Directive 2011/16/EU (as amended) is in accordance with the Global Standard released by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development in July 2014. Council Directive 2011/16/EU (as amended) is generally broader in scope than the EU Saving Directive, although it does not impose withholding taxes.

Following the repeal of the EU Saving Directive and the adoption of the above mentioned Directive 2014/107/EU on the new automatic exchange of information regime, Italy implemented such latter Directive 2014/107/EU through Ministerial Decree 28 December 2015, in force as of 1 January 2016 and, consequently, repealed the Legislative Decree 18 April 2005, No. 84.

#### (L) Proposed European Financial Transactions Tax (FTT)

The European Commission has published a proposal for a Directive for a common FTT in Belgium, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia and Slovakia (the participating Member States).

The proposed FTT has very broad scope and could, if introduced in its current form, apply to certain dealings in the Notes (including secondary market transactions) in certain circumstances.

Under current proposals the FTT could apply in certain circumstances to persons both within and outside of the participating Member States. Generally, it would apply to certain dealings in the Notes where at least one party is a financial institution, and at least one party is established in a participating Member State. A financial institution may be, or be deemed to be, "established" in a participating Member State in a broad range of circumstances, including (a) by transacting with a person established in a participating Member State or (b) where the financial instrument which is subject to the dealings is issued in a participating Member State.

The FTT proposal remains subject to negotiation between the participating Member States and is the subject of legal challenge. 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.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1. Listing and Admission to Trading

This Base Prospectus has been approved by the Central Bank of Ireland as competent authority under the Prospectus Directive. Application has also been made to the Irish Stock Exchange for Notes issued under the Programme to be listed on the Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the regulated market of the Irish Stock Exchange. The Irish Stock Exchange's regulated market is a regulated market for the purposes of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (Directive 2004/39/EC).

However, Notes may be issued pursuant to the Programme which will not be listed or admitted to trading on the Irish Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange or which will be listed or admitted to trading on such stock exchange as the Issuers and the relevant Dealer(s) may agree.

The Central Bank of Ireland may, at the request of the relevant Issuer, send to the competent authority of another European Economic Area Member State: (i) a copy of this Base Prospectus; (ii) a Certificate of Approval of a Prospectus; and (iii) if so required by such competent authority, and in relation to Senior Notes only, a translation of the section of this Base Prospectus headed "Summary of the Programme".

- 2. Each Issuer and the Guarantor has obtained all necessary consents, approvals and authorisations in Ireland and the Republic of Italy in connection with the establishment and update of the Programme and the issue and performance of the Notes and the guarantee relating to the Senior Notes. The update of the Programme, including the giving of the Guarantee with respect to the Senior Preferred Notes issued by Mediobanca International, was authorised by a circular resolution of the Board of Directors of Mediobanca International passed on 18 December 2017, resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee of Mediobanca passed on 23 November 2017 and the decision (determina) assumed by the Managing Director (Directore Generale) of Mediobanca on 16 January 2018.
- 3. The price and amount of Notes to be issued under the Programme will be determined by the relevant Issuer and the relevant Dealer at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions.
- 4. Save as disclosed in this Base Prospectus at page 164, Mediobanca International (where Mediobanca International is the Issuer) is not and none of Mediobanca and its consolidated subsidiaries (where Mediobanca is the Issuer or the Guarantor) is or has been involved in any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings relating to claims or amounts of money which may have, or have had in the recent past, significant effects on each of the Issuers' financial position or profitability and, so far as Mediobanca or, as the case may be, Mediobanca International is aware, no such governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings are pending or threatened.
- 5. Neither Mediobanca nor Mediobanca International nor any of Mediobanca's subsidiaries has entered into any contracts in the last two years outside the ordinary course of business that have been or may reasonably be expected to be material to such Issuer's ability to meet its obligations to Noteholders.
- 6. In the case of Mediobanca, since 30 June 2017 (being the last day of the financial period in respect of which the most recent audited annual financial statements of Mediobanca have been prepared) there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of Mediobanca or its subsidiaries.
- 7. In the case of Mediobanca International, since 30 June 2017 (being the last day of the financial period in respect of which the most recent and available audited financial statements of Mediobanca International have been prepared) there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of Mediobanca International.

- 8. There have been no significant changes to the financial or trading position of Mediobanca or the other companies forming part of the Group since the most recent financial information available was disclosed in the financial statements as at 30 June 2017.
- 9. There have been no significant changes to the financial or trading position of Mediobanca International since the most recent financial information available was disclosed in the non-consolidated financial statements as at 30 June 2017.
- 10. For so long as the Programme remains in effect or any Notes remain outstanding, the following documents will be available in electronic form (unless the investor requests physical copies), and in the case of paragraphs (vii), (viii), (ix) and (x) below, may be obtained free of charge during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays and public holidays excepted), for inspection at the office of the Fiscal Agent and the Paying Agent:
  - (i) the Issue and Paying Agency Agreement;
  - (ii) the Deeds of Covenant;
  - (iii) the Deed of Guarantee;
  - (iv) the Programme Manual (being a manual signed for the purposes of identification by the Issuers and the Fiscal Agent, containing suggested forms and operating procedures for the Programme, including the forms of the Notes in global and definitive form);
  - (v) the By-laws (*Statuto*) of Mediobanca and articles of incorporation of Mediobanca International;
  - (vi) the Mediobanca Registration Documen;
  - (vii) the published annual financial statements of Mediobanca International as at and for the years ended 30 June 2017 and 2016;
  - (viii) the consolidated annual financial statements of Mediobanca as at and for the years ended 30 June 2017 and 2016;
  - (ix) Final Terms for Notes which are listed on the Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange;
  - (x) a copy of this Base Prospectus together with any Supplement to this Base Prospectus or further Base Prospectus;
- 11. Physical copies of the latest annual consolidated financial statements of Mediobanca and annual financial statements of Mediobanca International may be obtained upon request at the specified office of the Paying Agent during normal business hours, so long as any of the Notes is outstanding.
- 12. The Notes have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (which are the entities in charge of keeping the records). The appropriate Common Code and the International Securities Identification Number (ISIN) for each Tranche of Notes allocated by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. If the Notes are to clear through an additional or alternative clearing system the appropriate information will be specified in the applicable Final Terms.
- 13. The address of Euroclear is Euroclear Bank SA/NV, 1 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, B-1210 Brussels and the address of Clearstream, Luxembourg is Clearstream Banking, 42 Avenue JF Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. The address of Monte Titoli S.p.A. is Piazza degli Affari 6, 20123 Milan, Italy.
- 14. 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, Mediobanca and their affiliates in the ordinary course of business. Certain of the Dealers and their affiliates may have positions, deal or make markets in the Notes issued under the

Programme, related derivatives and reference obligations, including (but not limited to) entering into hedging strategies on behalf of the Issuer and its affiliates, investor clients, or as principal in order to manage their exposure, their general market risk, or other trading activities. In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the Dealers and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of Mediobanca or Mediobanca's affiliates. Certain of the Dealers or their affiliates that have a lending relationship with Mediobanca routinely hedge their credit exposure to Mediobanca consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such Dealers and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in securities, including potentially the Notes issued under the Programme. Any such positions could adversely affect future trading prices of Notes issued under the Programme. The Dealers and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments. For the purpose of this paragraph 14 the term "affiliates" includes also parent companies.

With respect to Article 3 (2) of the Prospectus Directive the Issuers consent, to the extent and under the conditions, if any, indicated in the Final Terms, to the use of the Base Prospectus as long as the Base Prospectus is valid in accordance with Article 9 of the Prospectus Directive and accepts responsibility for the content of the Base Prospectus also with respect to subsequent resale or final placement of the Notes by any Dealer and/or financial intermediary which was given consent to use the prospectus.

Such consent may be given to all (general consent) or only one or more (individual consent) specified Dealers and/or financial intermediaries and/or for a limited or indefinite period, as stated in the Final Terms, and for Italy, Ireland and/or the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg as member states in which the Base Prospectus has been passported and which will be indicated in the relevant Final Terms.

Such consent by the Issuers is subject to each Dealer and/or financial intermediary complying with the terms and conditions described in this Base Prospectus and the relevant Final Terms as well as any applicable selling restrictions. The distribution of this Base Prospectus, any supplement to this Base Prospectus, if any, and the relevant Final Terms as well as the offering, sale and delivery of the Notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law.

Each Dealer and/or each financial intermediary, if any, and/or each person into whose possession this Base Prospectus, any supplement to this Base Prospectus, if any, and the relevant Final Terms come are required to inform themselves about and observe any such restrictions. The Issuers reserve the right to withdraw its consent to the use of this Base Prospectus in relation to certain Dealers and/or each financial intermediary.

In case of an offer being made by a Dealer or a financial intermediary, such Dealer or financial intermediary will provide information to investors on the terms and conditions of the offer at the time the offer is made.

If the Final Terms state that the consent to use the Base Prospectus is given to all Dealers or financial intermediaries (general consent), any Dealer or financial intermediary using the Base Prospectus is required to state on its website that it uses the Base Prospectus in accordance with the consent and the conditions attached thereto.

If the Final Terms state that the consent to use the prospectus is given to one or more specified Dealers or financial intermediaries (individual consent), any new information with respect to Dealers or financial intermediaries unknown at the time of the approval of the Base Prospectus or the filing of the Final Terms will be published on the website www.mediobanca.it.

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